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"DECEIVE THE ELECT"

THE Lord has told us that Satan would work with such power just before the second coming of Christ, that if possible he would deceive the very elect. He has not only told us that Satan would work, but he has told us some of the means that he would use in his work.

For many years we have been told that some who have stood as bright stars in our ranks would apostatize,—that in the closing work there would be a shaking time. And the Lord has also told us what would cause this shaking. Forty years ago the Lord caused His servant to write the following: "I asked the meaning of the shaking I had seen, and was shown that it would be caused by the straight testimony called forth by the counsel of the true witness to the Laodiceans. . . . Some will not bear this straight testimony. They will rise up against it, and this is what will cause a shaking among God's people." If this testimony had

been written a week ago, or a month ago, it could not have stated more plainly the present situation.

It is sad indeed to see these things come, and to see those whom we have loved and respected, turn from us and oppose our denominational work, and assail some of the foundation principles of our faith.

Elder A. T. Jones has now sent forth his fifth leaflet, entitled "The Final Word and A Confession." One would suppose that when a person sends forth the final word, this would be the end of the controversy. Elder Jones may think so. Elder D. M. Canright once said that he would never oppose the Seventh-day Adventist church; but when a man once starts on the downward road, he knows not where he will end. Elder D. M. Canright became one of the most bitter opponents that Seventh-day Adventists have ever had to meet. Unless there is an entire reformation, Elder A. T. Jones will do the same thing. One would suppose from the title of this tract that Elder Jones had really made a confession, but all who read it will see that it is simply a justification of his present course.

Many of our people may think that Elder Jones has just recently begun to depart from the denomination, because they have heard nothing about it before, and because of this profession of loyalty; but this is not so. A man does not go to such an extreme in a week, a month, or a year. I have personally known for several years that Elder Jones was losing his influence in the denomination, and that there was an alienation coming in. Men do not go to such extremes in a few weeks. The straight testimonies which have come to Elder Jones have not been received, and as the Testimony of forty years ago states "he has risen up against it," and is now in opposition to it.

I quote from a Testimony to Elder Jones two years ago, printed in Series B., No. 2: "The words and at-

titude of Brother A. T. Jones at Berrien Springs meeting struck an inharmonious note, a note that was not inspired of God. It created a state of things which resulted in harm that they did not anticipate. . . . The impulsive disposition of Brother Jones has led him many times to make wrong movements which have called for correction and reproof." In a recent Testimony, published in Series B. No. 7, we have the following statement: "If Elder A. T. Jones had been wise to that extent that he could reason from cause to effect, he would have followed a different course. When he sanctioned the reopening of the school in Battle Creek, the message that God had given was made of no effect by the tradition of men. Had a different course been followed, provision would have been made to obviate sufficiently the difficulties that would have to be met after years of dallying. But the work and cause of God have been hindered by the unconsecrated elements in the characters of those connected with the work." Elder Jones states plainly in his tracts that he does not believe Sister White to be a prophet, and that he does not believe that everything sent out as testimony is testimony from the Lord. And yet, in almost the very next sentence, he says: "But the truth is, that nowhere in the world can there be found any charge by Elder A. T. Jones against the Spirit of Prophecy. Nor have I attacked the Testimonies." Any one so blind as this certainly needs our prayers, but never should he be taken as a leader. He is in the mist and fog, and will mystify our brethren and sisters if they accept as truth the things contained in his tracts.

The facts are, that in his last tract he does not attempt a reply to the main questions considered in the tract sent out by the General Conference. While he charges the General Conference Committee with techni-

cality, he himself plays upon words in such a manner that it is calculated to muddle our people and make them suspicious. All that is necessary for any of our brethren to do in reply to this last tract, is to simply take the tract already written by the General Conference Committee and read it again carefully, and it will answer the most of Elder Jones's quibbles. There are one or two minor points in his recent tract where he makes a great display of words without any meaning, that I have no doubt will be answered in due time and in a proper manner.

Elder Jones, in closing his remarks, makes an appeal to our people, and says: "Are you going to pay your money and the Lord's tithe for the preaching of anything else than the preaching of the Third Angel's Message direct as it is in the Bible and as it is now so sorely needed by the people of the world? Are you going to sanction the expenditure of your gifts and the Lord's tithe in men's traveling from end to end of the land carrying on a controversy with the people who are just as true Seventh-day Adventists as themselves, and who love the Third Angel's Message as truly as themselves do?" This is an important question, but it is a question which I think ought to be easily settled. First, do those who love the Third Angel's Message try to destroy confidence in the instrument through whom God brought a knowledge of this message to this denomination? Elder Jones and his associates at Battle Creek reject all the recent Testimonies regarding the work in Battle Creek, unless it be a few sentences taken here and there out of their connection, which would seemingly justify their course. No man in this denomination has ever garbled the Testimonies in a worse manner than in these recent tracts sent out from Battle Creek. Second, there never was a time when men traveled as little "from end to end of the land" as they do at the present time because of the reorganization and the division that has been made in our work through the organization of our union conferences. I remember well of being on the General Conference Auditing Committee when the account of the one making this appeal was audited, and he had in his account \$300 expense for traveling and moving over the country,

not directed by the General Conference, but done to carry out his own plans, which have been in opposition to the General Conference. A man who has pursued that course ought not to arraign some one else for obeying the direction of the Lord, to present definite messages that have been sent to this people. And he is now spending money to tear down that which for fifty years we have been laboring to build up.

Elder Jones seems to be laboring with all the influence and power of his being to tear down the influence of Elder Daniells, the president of our General Conference, and to cause distrust and dissatisfaction throughout the denomination. But in a recent Testimony found on page 41, Series B., No. 2, we find the following: "I know that Elder Daniells is the right man in the right place. He has stood nobly for the truth, and has striven earnestly to deal in a right way with the controversies arising regarding the relation of the medical work to the evangelical work." Our brethren who have been the most intimately associated with Elder Daniells know that the charges made by Elder Jones against him, of one-man power, are entirely false; and if I mistake not, our brethren can readily see the different spirit that pervades the tract sent out from Battle Creek, and the pamphlet sent out by the General Conference Committee.

I do not believe that Seventh-day Adventists are yet ready to throw away the Spirit of Prophecy because one man or half a dozen men who are apostatizing from the truth, have set up a warfare against the Testimonies and the General Conference. Keep on the main line, brethren and sisters, with the message. Only a few months and God will vindicate the right and show to all our people the spirit that is leading in this opposition. I am sad at heart, and sorry for Elder Jones and his associates, but when the cause of truth is assailed it is greater than any man and must be defended. Let us stand true to the great message that God has committed to this denomination to give to the world.

W. J. STONE.

"Some preachers think they are slaying the devil because they are raising a big dust in the pulpit."

THE MID-SUMMER OFFERING

THERE is sufficient reason for the mid-summer offering being a liberal one. The lack of means in the treasury may be assigned first, and at all times, as a reason for liberal offerings; for, if the Foreign Mission Board were assured of abundant means, there would be little difficulty in finding men to fill the calls for help in other lands. As it is, our brethren who have gone to these lands, find themselves in the midst of a vast heathen population, without means to provide suitable places for the people to attend worship, with no means to attract them from their own heathen temples; and perhaps it is necessary for the missionary to acquire a language, and very naturally they conceive the difficulties very great to be borne single handed.

If the work of warning is to be accomplished in this generation, it must become the business of this people. That means that we whom God has blessed with the privilege of living where we are surrounded with plenty, will not permit one or two, or a half dozen, to struggle along in the midst of a population of three or four millions, without power to reach them. But on the other hand we will rise up in the might of our Heavenly Father, and provide the means for carrying the message quickly to a lost world. This would constitute the best evidence in the world that we love the message of truth. Love for the Author of truth, love of the truth, and love for those to whom God sends the truth, but whom it has not yet reached, is manifested in the aid we render, and the interest we take in the cause of truth in the earth.

The time for the offering is June 30, and there is none too much time to plan for it. Let parents plan for the children to earn something for a missionary offering, no matter if it is a small amount. The children will appreciate more fully an offering made from their own earnings. Let liberality characterize all our offerings.

ALLEN MOON.

FIVE tents are now pitched in different parts of the state, where gospel meetings are being conducted and the Third Angel's Message is being preached.

THE USE OF AN ENEMY

In his Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "Love your enemies." Matt. 5:44. In order to appreciate this requirement of the Lord, and enjoy the performance of this plainly stated duty, let us briefly study the benefit to be derived from the service of an active enemy.

1. "The having one is a proof that you are somebody. Wishy-washy, empty, worthless people never have enemies. Men who never move never run against anything; and when a man is thoroughly dead and utterly buried, nothing ever runs against him. To be run against is proof of existence and position; to run against something is proof of motion.

2. An enemy is, to say the least, not partial to you. He will not flatter. He will not exaggerate your virtues. It is very probable that he will slightly magnify your fault. The benefit of that is twofold—it permits you to know that you have faults, and are, therefore not a monster, and it makes them of such a size as to be visible and manageable. Of course, if you have fault, you desire to know it: when you become aware that you have a fault, you desire to correct it. Your enemy does for you this valuable work which your friend cannot perform.

3. In addition, your enemy keeps you wide awake. He does not let you sleep at your post. There are two that always keep watch, namely the lover and the hater. Your lover watches that you may sleep. He keeps off noise, excludes light, adjusts surroundings, that nothing may disturb you. Your hater watches that you may *not* sleep. He stirs you up when you are napping. He keeps your faculties on the alert. Even when he does nothing, he will have put you in such a state of mind that you cannot tell what he will do next, and this mental condition must be worth something.

4. He is a detective among your friends. You need to know who are your friends, and who are not, and who are your enemies. The last of these three will discriminate the other two. When your enemy goes to one who is neither friend nor enemy, and assails you, the indifferent one will have nothing to say or chime in, because it is easier to assent than to oppose, and espec-

ially to refute. But your friend will take up cudgels for you on the instant. He denies everything and insists on proof, and *proving* is very hard work. There is scarcely a truthful man in the world who could afford to undertake to prove one-tenth of all his truthful assertions. Your friend will call your enemy to the proof, and if the indifferent person, through carelessness, repeats the assertions of your enemy, he is soon made to feel the inconvenience thereof by the zeal which your friend manifests.

Follow your enemy around and you will find your friends, for he will have developed them so that they cannot be mistaken."

To have an enemy, then, is no discredit to anyone. In fact it is an unfavorable indication not to have one. No man of decided convictions ever made any progress in life without stirring up the unsolicited aid of such persons. Joseph's brethren said with an air of triumph after selling him to the Ishmaelites, "Now we will see what will become of his dreams." Gen. 37:20. But the work to which he had been called was not hindered by the enmity of his brethren, and in due time they were privileged to see the fulfillment of the dreams they so much hated, to their full satisfaction. So like Joseph let us love our enemies. H. H. B.

MARION, MICHAEL, AND ANDERSON

SINCE returning from the Lake Union Conference I have visited the Marion and Michael churches in the interest of the Young People's work. I held three meetings at Marion, and two at Michael. I was much encouraged with the work at the latter place. The children and youth have been recently organized, but they are full of zeal and earnestness, and I trust they will do much good in their community. They are handling the "Earthquake Special" *Signs*. There are at least two young people there who ought to go to our school, and I hope the way may open for them to go.

At Marion we completed the organization of the children into a Junior Society, with Sister Turner as leader. I think these children have an intelligent understanding of what they have entered upon, and they seem to have an earnest desire

to help in giving the message of truth to the world. I am glad that the Lord has not left out the children in calling workers to carry forward the finishing work in the earth.

The Marion church has adopted a plan for discharging its indebtedness to the Tract Society office that might be followed with profit by others who do not know how to meet their similar indebtedness. They are paying five cents a week per member. Thus each week they are adding to a fund that will, they hope, wipe out the debt by the close of the year. They are also faithful in carrying out the plan of giving weekly offerings for the foreign mission work. Last Sabbath, being the time for the second Sabbath missionary service, they had a double offering for this purpose. The Lord will correspondingly bless all who will "bring an offering and come into His courts."

The work at Anderson is moving forward nicely, and we are hopeful of some good resulting from the efforts that are being put forth in the lines of work that are now being carried out. Brother Fattic is doing house to house work, distributing literature, selling the "Special Earthquake" *Signs*, and holding Bible readings with the interested ones. Sister Murphy is having good success with her books, canvassing among the colored people.

My own courage and faith in the ultimate triumph of the message were never stronger, and I feel encouraged to press forward with renewed vigor, in the work that God is permitting me to do.

Yours in the most precious faith,
MRS. R. W. McMABAN.

MID-SUMMER OFFERING FOR 1906

THE General Conference Committee has appointed June 30, as the Sabbath when the mid-summer offering for Foreign Mission work shall be taken up in our churches.

It is true that we have just made a collection for the Pacific Coast sufferers, and yet this fund, of course, does not in any wise assist or maintain the large number of workers we have in foreign fields. Our working forces in foreign fields have been considerably increased this year, and other workers are planning to go, or will be on their way soon.

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NEWS AND NOTES

THE outlook is good for our canvassing work. There will be 25 or 30 canvassers in the field by July 1.

ELDER HAGLE held a ten-days meeting at Linton recently. Four new ones, he reports, made a start. The church was much revived.

THE tent company at Goshen reports a fair attendance although the weather has been unfavorable. There were about sixty in attendance the first night.

ELDER J. C. HARRIS has been laboring in Peru since the Lake Union Conference meeting. He has sold a goodly number of the Special issue of the *Signs of the Times*.

THE \$8,000 Fund is still growing. Hereafter we wish to publish the list in every issue of the REPORTER. Let every church begin to contribute to this fund, and thus increase the flow until it can be said we have enough.

ELDERS STONE and Young were with the Elnora church, beginning meetings on Friday night, June 1, and continuing until Sunday night. Six meetings were held, and the church seemed to appreciate very much the instruction given.

SABBATH, June 9, Elder Young was with the Franklin church. One person was baptized and united with the church, and one awaits baptism. He went to Pleasant View and held a business meeting with that church evening after the Sabbath.

OUR tent companies are now all on the ground, and doubtless before this paper reaches our readers their meetings will be in progress. Shall we not remember these efforts in our daily prayers, that God may abundantly bless the seed sown?

ELDER STONE answered a call to come and conduct the funeral of Moses Good, four miles south of Middletown, Friday, June 8. He remained with the Middletown church, and spoke both forenoon and afternoon, Sabbath, the 9th. All seemed to appreciate very much this visit.

WE trust that all have read the tract sent out by the Conference, en-

titled "God's Ownership, and Man's Stewardship." We have endeavored to place this tract in the hands of every Adventist in the state. If any have not received it, notify us, and we will be pleased to mail you one.

OUR readers who do not have *Life and Health* should have a copy of the June number. It will prove to be of value to them. In fact every number of this health journal is valuable to all classes. It is appreciated by the general public, and those who solicit for it meet with good success. Write the publishers for Suggestive Canvass, and special rates to agents.

THE tent in Indianapolis was pitched last week and meetings were announced to begin on Wednesday night. It rained all afternoon, and was raining at night. Notwithstanding this there were about twenty in attendance. Tuesday night although there was a shower just before meeting, there were about fifty in attendance who gave excellent attention to a sermon by Elder Stone. Pray for the work at Indianapolis.

DONATIONS TO THE \$8,000 FUND

Previously reported.....	\$948.53
Huntington.....	1.00
Pleasant View.....	1.00
Marion.....	2.00
Michael.....	10.60
North Liberty.....	1.31
Muncie.....	.20
Mt. Zion.....	1.00
Middletown.....	1.10
Martha Murphy.....	50.00
Total.....	\$1016.74

THE SPECIAL "SIGNS"

THE orders are not coming in quite as rapidly as they have been for the Special *Signs*, but we wish to assure our brethren and sisters that these papers will still sell. I know of a number of our brethren and sisters who are still selling, and expect to sell for the month to come. My daughter has sold 250, and expects to sell a number more. Brother Charles Allen has sold 500, and expects to sell at least that many more. We have on hand at our office still several hundred copies of the second edition, which contains 15 illustrations and some new articles, one of which describes graphically the sufferers at

Santa Rosa. With this second edition we are giving a beautiful scene of the fire that followed the earthquake. The price of the paper is the same as heretofore including the picture.

1,000 or more copies, two and one-half cents each; in less than 1,000 copies, three cents, post paid. Order from our office at Indianapolis.

W. J. STONE.

Mid-Summer Offering

(From page three)

WE have already sent several workers to different fields this present spring. Brother O. E. Davis and wife, recently called to British Guiana, opening up work among the Indians in the Demerara District; Brother Bond and wife left a few weeks since for Spain; Brother Jewell has gone to India; Dr. Marsh, Sister Krutz, and Sister Whaley will sail June 2 for India; Brother Benson and Brother Anderson will soon leave for China and Japan; Elder Svensson left a few weeks ago for his home in Sweden, where he will spend some time in the interests of the work among his native people; Brother Geo. R. Israel and wife will soon leave for South Africa; and others are under appointment and will arrange to go at the earliest possible date.

The increased number of workers and the maintenance of those in the field, make increased demands upon the mission funds, and of course, necessitates the raising of larger donations for missionary work year by year.

WE are all anxious to see the work closed up. The reign of sin has wrought great havoc among men; sorrow and dissatisfaction are on every hand; convulsions of nature, war, and trouble seem thickening. Everything indicates that our Master soon will come.

WE hope our brethren will respond liberally to the Mid-summer Offering on June 30, and make it the largest that has ever been collected for our missionary work.

WE wish the blessing of God to be with our dear people everywhere, and give them liberal hearts in carrying forward the message that He has committed to our trust.

I. H. EVANS.

"THE liberal soul shall be made fat."