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WHO MAY ABIDE THE DAY OF HIS COMING.

In Mal. 3:2 the prophet asks the question "Who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like the refiners fire, and like Fuller's soap."

Christ is now sitting as a refiner, and has been ever since 1844, when the investigative judgment began, and all who are gathered when He comes to make up His jewels, mentioned in verse 17, will have all the dross and sin separated from them and they will reflect the image of the alchemist who was without sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.

Only those who are pure will be able to stand in that day; as when he comes, in three-fold glory, all the counsels of the heart will be made known and those that have not on the wedding garment will be speechless. They will be self-condemned. The enormity of their sins will be vividly called to mind, and they will desire to be hid from the glory of His presence. Awful day! fraught with sad realities to all who are unprepared, the basely corrupt, the covetous, dishonest and the hypocrite will stand without excuse. Their sins will find them out. Those that have defrauded God and man will wail and lament when it is too late. No place of repentance will be found for them though it be sought earnestly, with tears. In this short period of probationary time we should "walk uprightly and shun the gain of oppression." "We should deal justly and walk humbly with our God." God loves honesty and he also loves a cheerful giver.

At the end of the 2300 days, in 1844, He came near to His people in judgment, and he will be a swift witness against those that deal unjustly with their fellow creatures, as expressed in verse 5. He will also be a swift witness against those that deal unjustly with Him, as expressed in verse 8, "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But, ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings." And in the ninth verse He plainly states that such will be cursed with a curse, and in Matt. 25:46 we read that the finally cursed will depart into everlasting fire. God forbid that any Seventh-day Adventist should be found robbing God. It is sad indeed that any man professing to love Him should be found guilty in this respect. How must their profession of love appear to Him? as everything is naked and open before His eyes, and he knows the hearts of all, Such

professions must appear as the rankest hypocrisy. Vain will be the profession of every one that is found guilty of so doing when He comes. Brethren, I beseech you, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, "Be honest with God." It pays in this life, and if faithful to His requirements, here, we will be privileged to share in the life immortal.

Jesus plainly teaches that if you make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness you shall be received into everlasting habitations. That will be when Jesus comes, with His angels, to gather the faithful ones, or to make up His jewels, as expressed in Mal. 3:17, but, brethren, can it be possible that one of us will be counted jewels when we are going contrary to the plain instruction that is given in the Word? O, that we may all be faithful, —rendering unto the Lord that which is His in willing service and that which is His in tithes and offerings.

Your brother in Christian love,

E. T. RUSSELL.

P. S.—I am pleased to know that the brethren and sisters of the Kansas Conference have improved in faithfulness in rendering to the Lord that which is His due, as the Conference receipts have been much better this year than last, all things considered, and I am sure that God is blessing His people, Israel, on account of their faithfulness, for He is the same God today that He was in Hezekiah's time. Please read 1st Chr. 31:4-10.

E. T. R.

LET US RETURN, No. 1.

R. W. PARMELE, (SEC'Y S. W. U. C.)

As the space of the WORKER is limited, I will come at once to the point in this article. There has been of late years a perceptible departure from former principles in our missionary enterprises. Formerly the missionary society in the church was, so to speak, the "working bee." Missionary meetings were held weekly for the purpose of reporting the work done, devising plans for future work, and in most cases to wrap and send out a club of missionary papers, (usually the Signs of the Times.) The names of individuals to whom the Signs were thus sent were parceled among the members and they were expected to conduct a correspondence with them; reporting the results of such correspondence, and reading the letters in the missionary meeting. In this way life was brought into the meeting, and so into the entire church. In many cases, when the papers were prepared for the mail, the company kneeled around them, and earnest prayers were offered for the blessing of God to attend the silent messengers, and make them fruitful in the conversion of souls.

May I ask, what has happened, brethren, that we now seem to consider ourselves excused from this work? Is the truth less important? Are the souls of men less precious in the sight of God? Have we accomplished all that is necessary? Or were we too zealous formerly? I cannot think that anyone would consider that we are excused from

service yet, but on the other hand, I believe all will agree that we have really become careless as to our duty in these matters. The purpose of this article is not to lay plans for work, but simply to call attention to faults that I believe exist.

I know that I am speaking the truth when I say that many of our local societies have almost become "cash buyers' unions,"—a sort of combination through which supplies may be furnished the members at a reduction. Am I putting it too strongly? Let me give my reasons for saying this: The Signs of the Times has been furnished at club rates at a loss to the publishers, in order that it might be used by our churches as a missionary paper. The single subscriptions, in a measure, make up the deficit. In some of our churches, with which I have become acquainted, our brethren have discontinued their single subscriptions, and have clubbed together for perhaps 25 copies, and imposed upon their librarian the task of remailing the papers each week to the members who have thus subscribed. Thus they obtain the papers at one twenty-fifth of the entire cost of the club.

The only object that the Signs publishers have had in making a club rate is so that the brethren might be able to take a large number to send to those who would not have interest enough to subscribe for the paper. They have expected that the single subscriptions of our brethren, together with the subscriptions of those who might thus become interested in the paper, would in a measure make up for the loss sustained by making the club rate. Is it missionary work, brethren, for us to take advantage of this, and head off the object of the publishers, cutting off the revenue from single subscriptions, by taking our papers through the club? Since we know these things, can we longer pursue this course?

Similar errors are committed in regard to subscription books and tracts; but I believe that these were committed unthoughtedly, and this gives me courage to point them out.

WORK FOR ALL.

We are living in an age when a great work is to be accomplished. May the Lord grant that we may sense the time in which we are living, and not only the times, but especially the responsibility that is resting upon us, who are professing to be the people of God. Many of us were brought up with not a ray of heavenly light shining upon us; with our mental faculties beclouded by a wrong way of living and taught from our youth a perverted gospel, till we doubted the inspiration of the Bible. But, the morning star has arisen and the truth in its purity is shining upon us and continues to shine brighter and brighter.

As we study these precious truths we find that we are living in the generation when the earth's history will be closed. Then will be fully demonstrated the awful consequences of transgression which is now filling our little, unfortunate world with so much violence, crime and suffering.

The attention of the sin-sick soul is called to the most precious promises that the Lord is waiting so anxiously to fulfill for his people,—for those who accept these divine commandments. Our hearts are filled with joy and gladness as we learn the precious truth that our glorious Redeemer is about to return in the clouds of heaven. The question at once comes to us,—are we ready? Have I done that which it was my duty to do? Here we are engaged in carrying the last message of mercy to the world, and Oh, the responsibility that rests upon us! The salvation of souls depends upon our efforts. Are we warm with zeal for the salvation of others, or are we lukewarm? Are we really doing our best? Per-

haps some one may say, "Yes, I and my sons are working hard every day on my farm; and if I pay my tithes that will spread the message." That is a good work, but will paying tithe alone spread the message? The Lord only knows how many souls are perishing while you and your sons are working with your wheat.

In Luke 10:2 we read that we should pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the field for the harvest is ripe but the laborers are few, and money alone will not do the work. There are many young men and women who should be out in the canvassing field, thus carrying the Third Angel's Message into the very homes of the people and we would enjoy many more rich blessings that we do not now possess.

By working for God we will become better Christians. We will become purified as the message flows through us to others and by being thus engaged we will not become tired of waiting for the Saviour's appearing, but time will go fast and we will have the joy of seeing souls saved in the kingdom through our efforts. So, let us pray that the Lord may send laborers into the field and say ourselves "Here am I, send me."

J. F. BALZER.

THE SALE OF CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS DEVELOPS CANVASSERS.

When the plan to have our church members everywhere take hold of the sale of Christ's Object Lessons was first inaugurated, we firmly believed that the work would not only prove a sweet blessing to all those who engaged in it; but that it would eliminate the bitterness between brother and sister, and bring unity and peace into our churches, but that it would also inspire our people with a love for the work of placing our publications in the hands of their friends and neighbors.

We are glad to learn that our expectations concerning this phase of Christ's Object Lessons work are being met at the present time in Oklahoma territory, and that a canvasser's institute is being held there with an attendance of 45 persons, who are preparing themselves to go forth to sell our regular publications. Elder Rupert, the president of the conference, in a recent letter states that these people have received their love for the canvassing work and desire to go into it from having taken hold of the sale of Christ's Object Lessons, and then he adds:—"Our whole Conference seems to be on a boom in the book business at present."

Many times have we been told by the Spirit of Prophecy that the plan for Christ's Object Lessons was given by God himself. Not only did God give the plan, but when He gave it He told us what the results would be. We are now reading the first fruits of this blessed work and the joy of the experience is welling up in many thankful hearts. The hearts of humble brethren and sisters who have gained an experience in selling these books are going forth in praises to God for what He has wrought. The hearts of some of the managers of our publishing houses and the presidents of our conferences are also making melody to the Lord, as they see this work raising up strong men and women to carry our other publications to the world.

We must all join in returning thanks to our Heavenly Father who has stirred our hearts to do this work in the words of two ancient prophets:—"This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts. He is wonderful in council, and excellent in work. . . . Behold thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm. There is nothing too hard for thee. Thou showest loving kindness unto thousands and recompenseth the iniquity of the fathers in the bosom of their children after them. The Great, the Mighty God and Lord of hosts is His name. Great in counsel and Mighty in work."

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THE WATER OF LIFE.

There are things to be seen that these natural eyes of our body cannot discern. With these eyes we cannot see God, for they are but physical and spiritual things are spiritually discerned; but we are to be spiritual now and here, before we receive spiritual bodies, and so are to be able to discern spiritual things. With our natural eyes we can see the springs of water coming from the rocks in the mountains, or gushing out of the earth in the plain, but when we use the reason that God has given us we know that the earth is not the real source of that water. Whence does the water come that we see springing forth so pure and refreshing from the rock? The answer is given in the Bible and if we really thought, we should know it without being told. When the children of Israel were in the desert and were famishing for water, God told Moses to smite the rock in Horeb, the dry place, and as he did so, water gushed forth and ran like a river. The rock itself had no water, but the Lord stood upon it and the people "drank of that spiritual rock that went with them; and that Rock was Christ." 1 Cor. 10:4. He is the producer of all things. From Him everything comes. The water that we drink day by day comes from Him as directly as does the river of water of life that John saw, and is in reality the overflow from it. If we believe this simple truth and know that we drink only of the river of life we shall have new life day by day, and that daily life will be the life of heaven. Only so can we live pure Christian lives.

We must consciously receive the life of the Lord, and then we shall allow Him to direct it in his own way. Then will He see to it that our ways are right. But we must remember that the life has been perverted and put to base uses, and that therefore it is necessary for us to be careful that we take the life in its purity "fresh from the throne of glory."

In the case in the desert there was not room for all at one time to take the water as it gushed forth; but all can come at one and the same time to the throne of grace, and all can take the life that is given before it is defiled by the curse. We cannot afford to be indifferent in this matter. God gives His life to us by various means, and under various forms—in food and drink and light and air, as well as by the Holy Spirit aside from any of these agencies; and in taking these gifts from God, we should be most solicitous to receive them directly from His hand. We must see that we get the life in the simplest and purest form possible, before it has been loaded with the curse. Our diligence and care in this matter will indicate and be the measure of our desire to receive the holy spirit, which seals us children of the everlasting Father.

E. J. WAGGONER.

APPOINTMENTS.

A General Meeting will be held at the following places: Lehigh, March 14-16; Ellsworth, March 17-20; Otis, March 21-23. Meetings will begin on the evening of the date named. Elders McReynolds, president of the Southwestern Union Conference; S. H. Lane, Battle Creek, Michigan; and E. T. Russell, president of Kansas Conference, will be at each place to give instruction. Let as many as possible plan to attend at least one meeting.

A GREAT MEETING.

The first biennial session of the Southwestern Union Conference will be held in the Auditorium in the city of Topeka. This building was erected by the City at a cost of \$104,000 00, and has a seating capacity of four thousand persons. Through the "good hand of our God upon us," we have been able to secure this building for our meeting. Although we have not yet received definite word in regard to rates, yet we have assurances that railroad tickets to attend the meeting will be sold at a rate of one fare for the round trip.

Last spring many of our brethren from Kansas went to Battle Creek to attend the General Conference. The session of the Southwestern Union Conference to be held in Topeka, April 16 to 26 will be of really more vital importance to the work in the state of Kansas, and to all of the other states composing the Union Conference, than was the General Conference. Will not our brethren in Kansas make a special effort to be present? Instruction in all branches of our work will be given, and we feel assured that all will feel paid for coming.

I would like to urge our young people especially to attend as instruction will be given which will enable them to engage more intelligently in the work of the Lord. Are there not many of our young people who would like to come to Topeka soon and canvass here for the Midwinter Good Health until after the Conference? I shall be glad to hear from any who may feel so moved. All questions concerning the Conference will be cheerfully answered.

R. W. PARMELE,

Secretary Southwestern Union Conference,
821 West 5th Street, Topeka.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

Last spring four families organized a Sabbath-school in the Enterprise school house, five miles west of Aurora and nine miles south of Concordia. On October 18, Bro. Brown and I commenced meetings here which were continued until the holidays. As the result of these meetings six of the young people in the Sabbath-school sought forgiveness of sins and received the peace of God in their hearts. Five others, adults, received the message and commenced for the first time to keep the Sabbath and were added to the Sabbath-school.

This was a new Sabbath-school and felt their need of instruction. The brethren and sisters at Miltonvale, Clyde, Forty-eight and Concordia were invited to meet here in Sabbath-school convention February 8 and 9. Owing to continued snow and bad roads, not many were able to come from a distance, but those who did come enjoyed the study of the Sabbath-school work.

The following subjects were freely discussed by those present:

- The Importance of Sabbath-school Work.
- The Need of Searching the Scriptures.
- Danger of Formalism in Sabbath-school Work.
- The Need of Devoted Teachers.
- Co-operation of Parents and Teachers.
- Treatment of Erring Pupils.

Another important feature of the convention was the Question Box, which received many queries which often arise in the mind of Sabbath-school Workers.

Sister Emerson's instruction to parents and children was much appreciated by all.

This convention was a blessing, not only to the older Sabbath-keepers, but to those who are just taking hold of the message at this place. They realize that brethren and sisters of "like precious faith" elsewhere are interested in their souls and thus their hearts are knit to ours and made to rejoice in the bond of Christian love.

B. E. HUFFMAN,
Sabbath-school Superintendent.

THE KANSAS WORKER.

Brother A. F. Harder, of Hillsboro, writes us that his future address will be Shattuck, Woodward county, O. T.

Remember that the Canvassers' Institute, at Atchison, will commence March 20 and close April 3. Let as many as possible attend.

Elder G. F. Haffner has now come to this state and will labor among the German churches. He will be at the general meeting at Lehigh, Sabbath, March 14-16.

We have now received a supply of "The Master's Greatest Monosyllables." This is a fine volume to present to a friend. Price only 50 cents.

B. E. Huffman, state superintendent, Church and Sabbath-school and Young Peoples' work, made us a pleasant call last week. He went from here to Mapleton.

H. C. Becker of Lehigh, who has been attending the Topeka Business College, while staying with his brother, J. C. Becker and his wife of this office, returned home last week.

A CORRECTION.—In the last issue of the WORKER the article written by Bro. Surber, stating the time of the Atchison Institute, was given "Beginning April 3," but should read beginning March 20 and close April 3.

OBITUARY.

Died February 9, 1902, Mande Griffin, little daughter of Bro. B. K. Griffin of Clay Center, Kansas, aged nearly 8 years. Our dear Saviour will never forget these little ones. The busy, heartless world may leave them unnoticed, but He knows them all by name. Word of comfort by the writer.

I. A. CRANE.

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NOTICE.

A Canvassers' Institute will be held at Atchison, beginning March 20 and closing April 3. All that have not yet made arrangements should do so at once. We very much desire that all who feel impressed to enter the canvassing work, in our state, should avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain instruction in this line of the work.

W. F. SURBER,
State Missionary.

NOTICE TO CHURCH OFFICERS.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that I have failed to receive reports for the quarter ending December 31, 1901, from 34 churches in the state. In order that I may know to whom to send report blanks, it is necessary that reports be received. If any of the church officers who have not received blanks, will send me a card stating the fact, the blanks will be sent promptly. The time will soon be here for the report blanks to be sent out for the present quarter, but it is necessary that I get a report for the last quarter so I will know where to send them. Please see to this at once. Please read Romans 12:11 and Prov. 18:9.

T. J. EAGLE,
Conference Secretary.

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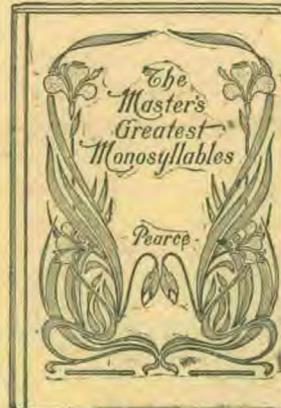
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