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Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man

BY THE EDITOR

RECENTLY several questions have been asked me regarding the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. I shall therefore attempt to place before you a few Bible texts and a few quotations from the Spirit of prophecy which, I trust, will help to elucidate the subject.

The plural expression in the prayer which Jesus taught His disciples, so commonly referred to as the Lord's prayer, establishes the principle of one fatherhood of all God's children. The prayer is addressed to "our Father which art in heaven." Matt. 6:9.

The two words, "our Father," speak in all innocent trustfulness, instinctive expectation, grateful expanded prospect, of the vast family, of an ever-swelling brotherhood made one in Christ. Note the prayer of Jesus: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they all may be one in us: that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me." John 17:20, 21.

All believers in Christ have a common brotherhood. This is further emphasized by Jesus in the expression, "All ye are brethren" (Matt.

1), which establishes equality and fraternity of the disciples of our Lord. When this doctrine is believed and practiced, there will be neither superiority nor inferiority of races or nationalities among believers.

The Word of Inspiration declares,

"God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted of Him." Acts 10:34, 35. Our Lord Jesus Christ did not teach that God was the Father of one class, presumably the Jew, at the exclusion of other nationalities. Instead, when the individual of any race or nationality puts off the old man with his deeds and puts on the new man (Eph. 4:22, 24), this genuine conversion unites man with the "whole family" of God (Eph. 3:15). In that new creation "there can be neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free man, but Christ is all and in all." Col. 3:11, Weymouth.

After the resurrection, Jesus, in talking with Mary at the sepulcher, said, "I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My God, and your God." John 20:17. God is Father of Christ by nature, and of man by grace; notwithstanding, all men are, literally, "His offspring" (Acts 17:28), which fact means that God is Father of all men—American, German, Russian, Italian, African, and Chinese by creation. But man, because of his sinful nature, has separated himself from the family of heaven. God, however, has made provision for man that through the acceptance of Jesus he can come boldly to the throne of grace crying, "Abba, Father." Gal. 4:6. The two words, one Hebrew and the other Greek, are a fitting type of the union

of all believers in Christ—"for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2:11. This fact should produce equality and democracy in the church.

The dearest conception in Christianity is the "fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." The servant of the Lord states, "We are one great brotherhood, and the welfare of our fellow-men should be our great interest."—*Testimonies*, vol. 3, p. 209.

"From age to age the Lord has been seeking to awaken in the souls of men a sense of their divine brotherhood."—*Ministry of Healing*, p. 159.

"In that age of caste, when the rights of men were often unrecognized, Paul set forth the great truth of human brotherhood, declaring that God 'hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth.' In the sight of God, all are on an equality; and to the Creator every human being owes supreme allegiance."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 238.

"Christ recognized no distinction of nationality, or rank, or creed. The scribes and Pharisees desired to make a local and national benefit of the gifts of heaven, and to exclude the rest of God's family in the world. But Christ came to break down every wall of partition. . . . The life of Christ established a religion in which there is no caste, a religion by which Jew and Gentile, free and bond, are linked in a common brother-

erhood, equal before God. No question of policy influenced His movements. He made no difference between neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies. That which appealed to His heart was a soul thirsting for the water of life. . . . Though he was a Jew, Jesus mingled freely with the Samaritans, setting at naught Pharisaic customs of his nation. In face of their prejudice he accepted the hospitality of this despised people. He slept with them under their roofs, ate with them at their tables,—partaking of the food prepared and served by their hands,—taught in their streets, and treated them with the utmost kindness and courtesy.”—*Ministry of Healing*, pp. 25, 26.

“Speaking to His disciples, the Saviour said, ‘All ye are brethren.’ God is our common Father, and each of us is our brother’s keeper.”—*Review and Herald*, Jan. 21, 1896.

“Those who accept Christ as their personal Saviour are not left as orphans, to bear the trials of life alone. He receives them as members of the heavenly family; He bids them call His Father their Father. . . . Adopted into the family of God, should we not honor our Father and our kindred?”—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 327.

“Christ linked himself in brotherhood to all nationalities. He made no distinction between the white race and the black race in His plan of salvation. He bought the meanest of humanity with an infinite price, and He notes when we leave the naked unclad, the poor unfed, the destitute unrelieved, the despised forsaken.”—*Review and Herald*, Feb. 4, 1896.

When our Lord Jesus came among men as the divine teacher, He corrected the exclusive spirit of the Jews by blessing Roman centurions, Samaritan villagers, and Syrophenician women; and commanded that His gospel should be preached to the whole world. After His ascension Jesus sent Paul far hence unto the Gentiles, called Cornelius into the fellowship of the redeemed, saved the eunuch of an African queen, and moved Paul to witness for the

universal redeeming love of God in Athenian Agora, and before Roman tribunals. Paul adds in his letter to the Ephesians, “One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Eph. 4:6.

To me it is plain that the Lord’s prayer and other references given recognize a universal brotherhood. “Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us?” Mal. 2:10.

He who comes to God in prayer addressing Him as “our Father” confesses at the outset that all men are created equal. The fatherhood of God overlaps all racial prejudices, all national boundaries, all narrow provincialisms, and all intolerant sectarianisms.

“With Christ there is no East or West,
In Him no South or North
But one true fellowship of love
Around the whole wide earth.”

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Market Street Church

THE evangelistic and missionary work of Market Street Seventh-day Adventist church in Oakland, California, has taken on new zeal during the past months. There were ten converts in the baptismal class the first quarter, composed of young, middle-aged, and elderly people. Our Bible instructor is Sister Jessie Gully.

The Sabbath school has increased its membership and at present numbers 234. Each member is taking an active part in the work, especially in giving freely as God has blessed him. The Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, March 31, amounted to \$403.06.

The first Sabbath in each month at the Market Street church is known as “college day.” Services are turned over to the students of Pacific Union College. These young people are very earnest and will be among

the future evangelists, leaders, and teachers of our denomination.

The Missionary Volunteer Society has been fervent in its work, and is responsible for several outstanding speakers on various programs. Among the programs to be remembered are the Quiet Hour Radio, with Elder J. L. Tucker and his staff, and the talk given by Brother Charles Thomas, a native of India and a student of Pacific Union College. Dressed in his native costume, Brother Thomas vividly told of the needs of his fatherland and related many hardships which had been encountered by the natives there. He finally assured the congregation that with the help of their Thirteenth Sabbath Offering a decided change was being realized.

Market Street rallied to the call of the *Signs of the Times* campaign, and gave \$111.75 in cash and pledges. In answer to the call for funds to help equip Riverside Sanitarium, \$271.18 was collected. The Temperance and Religious Liberty Society, under the leadership of Brother Ridgeway, reported that seventy members signed the pledge and donated sixty-four dollars.

The home missionary society leader, Sister Maud Nash, and the secretary, Sister Abbie Richardson, along with others, have kept the distribution of Christian literature in this area constantly going. They have placed in offices and business places *The Message Magazine*, *Signs of the Times*, and other denominational periodicals. The colporteurs have done an excellent job in getting

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the message to the public through the sale of our valuable books.

Elder Nelson, our district leader, has been active in evangelistic work. As a result of his tent meetings held in neighboring towns, the Beacon

Light church in Richmond, California, came into being. Elder A. T. Johnson, of Market Street church, was given the pastorate. Sister Veve Knox, the Bible instructor, is carrying on faithfully at her new post in Richmond. In the short life of the church thirteen persons have been baptized. Elder Nelson is now fostering the Heralds of the Future, which is composed of students from Pacific Union College. These meetings are attracting numbers of Richmond people. Evangelist M. C. White is responsible for the inspiring lectures; and the junior choir of Market Street church, directed by Sister J. Orme, furnishes music for special occasions.

The seating capacity of Market Street church is now inadequate for the large number attending the services. Elder Nelson will announce plans for a building campaign in the near future.

EDITH CALHOUN, *Press Secretary.*

Pacific Union News Notes

ELDER W. C. WEBB, baptized six in a very beautiful service held in the Compton Avenue church of Los Angeles on Sabbath, April 10. O. A. Troy preached the baptismal sermon. At that time Elder Webb reported that there were six others preparing for the next baptism. Despite Elder Webb's illness, he has organized his church for aggressive work.

SISTER B. HARMON, of Los Angeles, is assisting Elder H. A. Lindsey as Bible instructor in the effort he is conducting in the Sunset Avenue church of Pasadena. This effort is being coordinated with the Sweet Ariot Hour broadcast.

IN the tent effort that Elder V. A. Joseph is to conduct in Bakersfield, he will have the assistance of Sister Ruth Woodson during the summer to work as Bible instructor.

BROTHER THEODORE DAWSON and a group of laymen are conducting a well-attended series of evangelistic meetings in the Shiloh church of San Bernardino on Sunday evenings.

THE Zion church of Elsinore, under the leadership of Brother C. C. Arbuthnott, is planning to build a house of worship on a newly acquired piece of property in this well-known resort, which was recently publicized in *Ebony* magazine. Sorrow came to this company when Brother Burgess, a new member in whose large home the church has been meeting, died rather unexpectedly. Sister Lucy Lark-Burgess was for years the leader of the branch Sabbath school out of which this church of over forty members grew.

Open for Business

RECENTLY, the Eastside Community Clinic opened for business. As to its objective, Pastor William Galbreth said, "The clinic is dedicated to the health of all needy people, regardless of race or religion. The institution is nonprofit, but a small fee

will be charged for services rendered."

Young LeRoy Jackson (see picture) was the first patient to enter the doors of the clinic. Dr. E. C. Christenson, of Loma Linda Sanitarium, is the attending physician, and Miss Ethel Smith, of the County Hospital staff, is the nurse. The clinic is located in the Riverside Emmanuel Seventh-day Adventist church building at Eleventh and High streets, and is dedicated to the medical care and health education of the community. It opens two afternoons weekly, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Beacon Light Church

THE Missionary Volunteer Society of the Beacon Light Seventh-day Adventist church of Richmond, California, sponsored an unusual program in April. Many visitors and members were present to encourage these young people in their missionary efforts.

The Missionary Volunteer room was transformed into a radio studio, and Brother Campbell served as announcer for the broadcast. The



First Patient to Be Examined at Eastside Community Clinic

meeting included prayer and gospel singing; a responsive reading from the first chapter of Hebrews; a sketch from the Morning Watch by seven young ladies, each representing a day of the week; a duet by Brother and Sister Lust; and a Bible quiz which concluded the program.

This society, which was organized December, 1947, now has a membership of sixty. Brother Newby is efficiently leading out in this work.

Beacon Light is maintaining a cooking school that meets each Monday night. The attendance is fifteen. Those who want to know how to prepare a well-balanced, vegetarian meal attend these classes. Mrs. A. T. Johnson is the instructor.

The church meetings are now held in a hall at 50th and Jefferson Streets, Richmond. Elder Johnson and his co-workers are looking forward to a larger and permanent church home in the near future.

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Pipe Organ Dedicated

SABBATH, April 17, 1948, will long be remembered as one of the most outstanding Sabbaths in the history of the Ephesus S.D.A. church. Members, friends, and visitors filled the seats, the aisles, the corridors, and every available standing place, as Elder Webb and those officiating solemnly dedicated the new organ for service in the Lord's cause.

The ribbon was cut and the organ uncovered by Sister Tibbs and Sister Racks, leaders of the King's Daughters Number One. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Elder L. H. Bland, president of the Northeastern Conference. Elder G. E. Peters, secretary of the North American Colored Department of the General Conference, directed the attention of his listeners to the progress made by colored Seventh-day Adventists. During his sermon he also spoke of

the history of the organ, emphasizing especially its use in church services. "Music was ordained in heaven; and has as its chief purpose the lifting of the souls of men heavenward," said Elder Peters.

Elder F. E. Roy Jeffries, pastor of the Tabernacle S.D.A. church, was the speaker for the afternoon service.

The Ephesus church was fortunate in acquiring the services of Mr. Carloyd Thomas, professor of music at the Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama, as organist during this two-day ceremony. He climaxed the dedication with a masterful recital on Sunday evening, April 18.

The Song of Time

TODAY is the full bloom of life. The petals of yesterday have shriveled into the past; tomorrow is an unopened bud that may be blackened by frosts of fate. The future is but a seed, not yet planted, of unknown quantity. But today—today is a gorgeous blossom of beauty and fragrance.

Today is a new page in the book of life. Upon it, and upon it alone, you can write a record of your accomplishments. But once turned, it is gone forever.

Yesterday is a page turned. You cannot add one line to it, nor erase one word from it. It is closed forever, and can affect the new page only in so far as it has affected your heart and your courage. Your mistakes and fears of yesterday need not be carried forward in the ledger of life. The past holds no mortgage on today.

Today is yours, an unmeasurable treasure house of golden opportunities, a sea of unfathomed possibilities, a forest of building prospects. Today is the clear note in your song of time.

There are fourteen good, active hours in today, and each day. This leaves ten hours for thought and rest. No man has yet discovered the limit of accomplishment that may be crowded into a day. Today is yours—use it.

Eye Openers

"SINCE 1936 the U.S. has had 41 major coal mine explosions. Coal mines are almost weatherproof, but Meteorologist Charles L. Hosler of Penn State nevertheless suspected that the explosions had some connection with the weather. Last week he had what looked like proof. Hosler investigated all 41 explosions to find out what the weather had been outside the mines at the time. In all cases except one there had been sharp drops in barometric pressure (due to an approaching cold front or a low-pressure area). Two-thirds of the mine explosions, he found, took place a day or so after the pressure minimum."

—*Time*, May 3, 1948.

The cost of World War II to all nations amounted to one trillion and fifty-two million dollars.

"In the museums . . . there are only pictures that have failed . . . Are you smiling? Think it over. . . . Those which today we consider "masterpieces" are those which departed most from the rules laid down by the masters of the period."

—*Time*, May 3, 1948.

"Are Americans getting bigger? Not much, reports the U.S. Army, which has been measuring them for uniforms for a long, long time. Last week Dr. F. E. Randall, who works for the quartermaster general, compared the sizes of large groups of U.S. soldiers in the Civil War and in World Wars I & II. There was no startling difference."

"The total number of people which inhabit the earth number over two billion, and the increase is about 1% (20,000,000 people) a year since 1630."

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

—ROBERT BROWNING.

Rest. If God wants you He will send for you.—McCHEYNE.

Of Christian souls, more have been
Wrecked on shore than ever were
lost at sea.

—CHARLES HENRY WEBB.

CENTRAL STATES MISSION

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Activities in Saint Joseph, Missouri

THE Dorcas Society of the Saint Joseph Seventh-day Adventist church has been unusually active in recent months. Several large boxes of clothing have been shipped overseas through our Yugoslav warehouse in New York City. Several other boxes of clothing have been sent to needy families here in the State of Missouri.

MRS. JUEL MONTGOMERY, the Dorcas secretary, reports that pot holders, lunch cloths, aprons, and ladies' skirts have been made and sold by the members of the society. They are now making a most beautiful quilt, which they hope to finish soon. The money from the sale of these items is being contributed toward the building of our new church, the basement of which is now nearing completion. The Dorcas leader, Mrs. L. Drake, one of our oldest members, has been ill for the past two years, but she has not ceased to be active in the affairs of the church.

THE members of the Saint Joseph Sabbath school gave a very liberal Thirteenth Sabbath offering. They gave in cash an average of \$2 per member. This was unusual, because they had given \$150 toward the local church building fund. They have raised to date the largest Ingathering offering in the history of this church.

How glorious it is—and also how
painful—to be an exception.

—ALFRED DE MUSSET.

News Notes

THE Bethel church of Kansas City, Kansas, was filled to capacity Sabbath, March 13, as Elder Owen A. Troy, of Pasadena, California, spoke. Special music was given by the choir. The following Sabbath he spoke at the Beacon Light church in Kansas City, Missouri.

THE total Ingathering raised by the Beth Haven church in Denver, Colorado, is \$1,200. Their Ingathering goal for this year is a little over \$500.

PASTOR AND MRS. XAVIER BUTLER, of Topeka, Kansas, were guests at the Kansas City, Kansas, church, Sabbath, March 20. A very timely and interesting sermon was given by Pastor Butler.

Home on Furlough

ELDER G. N. BANKS is the superintendent of our work in the Liberian Mission, which is located in the West African Union Mission. The Banks' family arrived in the States three weeks ago for a much-needed furlough, after having spent three years in the insalubrious climate of West Africa.

Because of limited space on the steamship leaving from Monrovia, Elder Banks could not secure passage for the whole family on the same boat, so our brave Sister Banks and the two children traveled alone, and arrived in New York, April 16. Elder Banks followed about five days later, arriving in Norfolk, Virginia. After a brief period of rest in New York City, the Bankses will proceed to their home in California.

From a letter received from Elder Banks May 1, I quote the following:

"It is a real refreshing treat to be back on the American side again and to be able to visit with friends and relatives from whom we have been separated for the last few years. . . . We plan to leave for the West Coast about May 10, if our reservations come through."

The American missionaries as-



G. Nathaniel Banks and Family,
Returned Missionaries on Furlough

sociated with Elder Banks are C. D. Henri, evangelist and Sabbath school departmental secretary; and P. E. Giddings, educational and Y.P.M.V. secretary. Each of these brethren conducts a school, assisted by his wife and native workers. G. E. P.

As Unto Him

I think that one who cleans the floor
And sweeps the walk before his
door,
Attends his flock and tills the sod,
And does it all as unto God,
Is serving Him. At set of sun
One such may find that work well
done
Has brought him joy, made him con-
tent,
And sure each task was Heaven sent.

—EDNA O. ELDRID.

Too True

"The Lord and soldier we adore
In time of danger—not before.
Danger past, all things righted—
God forgotten, soldier slighted!"

If you think well of me, and ever
would be kind, be so today while I
yet live upon this earth.

—YU HSIEN.



Group of South Atlantic Conference Workers at Recent Workers' Meeting

News Notes

ELDER E. E. CLEVELAND, who some months ago was appointed by the conference committee as the South Atlantic Conference evangelist, has now begun his work. He has purchased a brand new trailer which he and his wife will use as living quarters while moving about the conference. His first tent effort is being held in Gainesville, Florida. This effort opened Sunday night, March 28, and although the weather was very cold, there was a good attendance. Elder Cleveland has associated with him in addition to his wife, who plays for the meetings, Brother Maurice Battle, of Oakwood College, and Misses Vivian Perry and Fannie McDaniels, Bible instructors.

ELDER W. M. STARKS opened a tent effort in Dade City, Florida, on

Sunday night, March 21. He reports a good attendance. He has working with him Mrs. Blanche Brumwell, Bible instructor, as well as other helpers. We have no church in Dade City, and pray that as a result of this effort a nice company will be raised.

WE are very happy to welcome in the South Atlantic Conference Elder W. E. Adams, formerly of the South Central Conference, who is assisting in the publishing department. He is especially concerned with the promoting of the *Message Magazine*.

ELDER M. C. STRACHAN, one of our veteran workers, who has been retired from active service in recent years, has had to go to Riverside Sanitarium for treatment. The last report that we received was that he is improving. We are urging that

the believers throughout the South Atlantic field pray earnestly for Elder Strachan's full recovery.

WE congratulate Elder and Mrs. W. M. Starks on the birth of a baby girl, February 19.

ON Sunday night, February 29, Elder J. F. Street opened a large effort in the city of Miami, Florida. He has associated with him Brother and Sister Charles Miller. About 400 persons were present the opening night. Elder Street has an excellent location on a prominent street, and we believe that the Lord will bless the effort.

Two Years in the Tampa District

GOD has not forgotten the work in the Tampa, Florida, district. During

the intervening years from 1945 to the present, more than one hundred souls have been won to Christ throughout the district. A new church has been completed and is now occupied at Fort Meyers, Florida.

A NEW company of believers has been established at Florence Villa, Florida. A lot has been acquired, which is now paid for, and funds are being raised for a church building.

AN effort is now in progress in Dade City, Florida, a small citrus town. We feel confident that the work will be established here, and that there are fields white with souls to be harvested.

W. M. STARKS, *District Leader.*

SOUTHWESTERN MISSION

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A New Church Organized

JUST a few months ago, in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas, the seed of truth was sown among our colored people through the sale of our truth-filled books by one of the white colporteurs, Brother Spivia. Because of the interest that had been awakened through the reading of the printed page, an effort last summer was held in this city, conducted by Pastor H. J. Fordham, to proclaim in a greater scope the third angel's message. As a result of these meetings, and through the untiring efforts of Pastor and Mrs. H. J. Fordham and their co-workers, Mr. L. R. Proctor and Mrs. Z. Duncan, sixty-four precious souls embraced the truth.

We are happy to say that on Sabbath, April 10, the believers of Wichita Falls experienced a high day in the organization of their company into a church. This service was conducted by Elder W. W. Fordham, mission superintendent; and Elder V. L. Roberts, secretary-treasurer of the Southwestern Mission. After the delivery of a powerful sermon by Elder Fordham, in which he gave the cardinal beliefs of Seventh-day Adventists, Elder Roberts

read the principles of the message to the believers. Following this, a nucleus of three members was voted to form the newly organized church, and one by one those present followed and were voted in as members.

This newly organized church has already begun a great work in this city. Each Sunday morning its pastor, Brother H. J. Fordham, is broadcasting the truths of God's word over the ether waves. A site is being purchased for the erection of a church edifice and a school.

We are grateful to God for the establishment of this lighthouse in the city of Wichita Falls, Texas.

Word From Monrovia

WE have recently received word from Pastor Dunbar Henri of Liberia that things are progressing satisfactorily in the absence of Superintendent Banks and Brother Giddings from the field. Brother Henri is serving as acting superintendent until Elder Banks returns from his furlough some time in late summer.

The work in the Grand Bassa area has been greatly strengthened by the addition of a new school. Pastor and Mrs. Henri, along with other workers, have worked untiringly to erect this modern and spacious building in order that the youth of this vicinity might have adequate educational facilities.

Pastor Henri writes:

"The world is in a critical condition, isn't it? The signs of the end are so plain that even the godless should know. Perhaps Africa is a good place to be in these last days. But even here the moral corruption and the craze for money and power are a great sign. Few seem interested in the things of God. When we return, after our furlough we are planning definitely on going into evangelism.

"We are well and taking precautions to stay that way. The doctor says we do not have any malaria even in our blood. We thank God for that.

"We are hoping to see you soon. Pray for us.

"C. D. HENRI."

I Am Hungry . . . and Cold . . .

(Reprinted from *The Indian Missionary*)

A SHORT time ago we met this well-to-do Indian man at a store where we were shopping. It had been several years since he had attended some of our meetings at his reservation, and as we had been working at other reservations, we had seldom met him since then.

After passing the time of day, and inquiring about each other's family, our friend solemnly said:

"We don't see you at our reservation any more. Why don't you come out to visit me? I need someone to help me. I am hungry, and thirsty, and cold, and nobody comes to help me any more."

Then looking me squarely in the face, he said:

"You know what I mean. As you know, I have plenty to supply all my material needs. But doesn't the Bible you used to teach us from say something about feeding the hungry, and giving drink to the thirsty, and clothing the naked? Doesn't that mean something more important than physical food, drink, and clothing? Yes, I am hungry, and thirsty, and cold—and I need help."

How vividly flashed into my mind the words of our Master when He said, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me." Matt. 25:35, 36, S.R.V. And we agree with our Indian friend that primarily, spiritual food, and drink, and clothing was meant.

"All over the world [including our Indian reservations] men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in."—MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Leave All and Follow Him

THERE are certain fundamental matters that we as members of God's world-wide Advent family must keep clearly in mind. We must not permit trivial or secondary matters to absorb our time and attention.

It is vital in these days of self-seeking and carelessness regarding spiritual matters that soon "He that shall come will come," and that soon the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ. If the things we see and hear today mean anything to us—and they should mean a very great deal—they mean that the glorious day of our Saviour's coming cannot long be delayed. What a blessed hope and thought it is to know that very soon the things which now annoy and perplex us will come to an end. There are so many things here which we wish were different—things which cause us sorrow and heartache. These will all be made right when Jesus comes. We should constantly pray for that blessed day and work for it with all our ability.

We must ever remember that a spirit of devotion and consecration must characterize God's remnant people. God's people today must be under the direction and control of the Holy Spirit. When God calls upon them to do something for Him, they must respond quickly and willingly. The Sacred Record tells us that when Jesus asked Levi Matthew to follow Him, Matthew "left all, rose up, and followed Him." Luke 5:28. In reference to the lesson we should learn from the experience of Levi Matthew, we have the following from the messenger of God:

"There was no hesitation, no questioning, no thought of the lucrative business to be exchanged for poverty and hardship. It was enough for him that he was to be with Jesus, that he might listen to His words, and unite with Him in His work. . . .

"Principle is always exacting. No man can succeed in the service of God unless his whole heart is in the work, and he counts all things but loss for the excellency of the knowl-

edge of Christ. No man who makes any reserve can be the disciple of Christ, much less can be His co-laborer. When men appreciate the great salvation, the self-sacrifice seen in Christ's life will be seen in theirs. Wherever He leads the way, they will rejoice to follow."—*The Desire of Ages*, p. 273.

The measure of our devotion to duty and the fullness of our consecration to the service of God should today be the same as was that of Levi Matthew of old. When God speaks to us, we must gladly obey. The hour of earth's history is too late for divided service. Trying to serve God and the world is an unhappy experience. In our hearts and conduct there must never be any tendency to testify that we feel our Lord is delaying His coming. It is our privilege and duty to live so that people may know that we really believe those things we profess and teach, and we shall be such devoted, happy Christians that others will want to join us in God's service.

N. C. WILSON, Vice-President,
North America.

Coming! Special!

The June Issue of "Life and Health"

Among many pertinent articles, note the article by J. Mark Cox, M.D., on page 10.

The special subscription offer to this journal is still open for a limited time as follows: One year, \$1.37½—two years, \$2.75. *Life and Health* for one year with source chart of the Ellen G. White books, \$1.50.

For further information, consult your Book and Bible House.

G. E. P.

Someone Is Looking to You

LET your light shine wheresoe'er you go;
Someone is looking to you.
Brighter each day let it gleam and glow;
Someone is looking to you.

Someone is groping his way to God.
Someone is looking to you,
Following on where your feet have trod.
Someone is looking to you.

Someone your counsel will surely take.
Someone is looking to you,
And by your life his decision make.
Someone is looking to you.

Someone has almost accepted Him.
Someone is looking to you,
And may be lost if your light grows dim.
Someone is looking to you.

Looking to you? Yes, looking to you.
Let your light shine the darkness through.
Oh, be faithful, be loyal, and true;
For someone is looking to you.

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"He also serves who only stands and waits."—MILTON.

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