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"Then They that Feared the Lord Spake Often One to Another."

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## The Church

### Mercy's Final Call

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When the trumpet loud resounding  
Shall like thunder rend the sky;  
And the wicked, pale with terror,  
To the rocks and mountains cry;  
There will be a people waiting,  
Clad in garments clean and white;  
Waiting for the night's departing  
And the glorious dawning bright.

Chorus—

O be ready, O be ready,  
For the coming of that glorious day;  
For the dawning of that morrow  
When the mists have cleared away.

There is heard in every nation  
Tidings of that coming day;  
And a pleading with the wicked  
From their sins to turn away;  
One by one we see them coming  
Like the doves returning home;  
Happy in a Saviour's pardon—  
O my brother, will you come?

Chorus.

When we heard this message ringing  
Like a warning call from heaven,  
And the story of a Saviour  
To a world of sinners given,  
With what gladness we responded,—  
What a hope our hearts possessed!  
What a peace we found believing,—  
In our Lord what perfect rest!

Chorus.

Soon the door of mercy closing  
Seals the doom of wicked men;  
For the angel offering pardon  
Ne'er returns to them again.  
Lost forever, ever,—  
'Tis the saddest thought of all;  
'Christian, e'er the day is ended,  
Sound to all the gracious call.

### Sketches of the Past—No. 19

In our school writing exercises, there was one circumstance that, to my mind, shows the importance of having our school books free from sentiments which are directly contrary to the teachings of the Bible. As to style in letter writing, I quote the following sample. It was a letter from Benjamin Franklin to Miss Hubbard, on the death of his brother, Mr. John Franklin, and reads:

"Madam, I condole with you. We have lost a most dear and valuable relation. But it is the will of God and nature, that these mortal bodies be laid aside, when the soul is to enter into real life. This is rather an embryo state, a preparation for living. A man is not completely born till he be dead. Why then should we grieve that a new child is born among the immortals, a new member added to their happy society?"

"We are spirits. That bodies should be lent us, while they can afford us pleasure or doing good to our fellow creatures, is a kind and benevolent act of God. When they become unfit for these purposes, and afford us pain instead of pleasure, instead of an aid become an encumbrance, and answer none of the intentions for which they were given, it is equally kind and benevolent that a way is provided in which we may get rid of them. Death is that way. We ourselves, in some cases choose a partial death. A wounded painful limb, which can not be restored, we willingly cut off. He who plucks out a tooth, parts with it freely, since the pain goes with it; and he who quits the whole body, parts at once with all pains and diseases it is liable to or capable of making him suffer.

"Our friend and we were invited abroad on a party of pleasure which is to last forever. His chair was ready first, and he is gone before us. We could not all conveniently start together, and why should we be grieved at this, since we are so sure to follow, and know where to find him?"

As a model of polite form in expressing one's self in letter-writing, this was very good. But as a matter of theology, it is most glaringly averse to the teach-

ings of the Bible. In our childhood days Benjamin Franklin, the man who "chained the lightnings," was extolled as one of "earth's most noted philosophers." What he said would naturally be accepted by us as truth.

After study of the Bible teaching that death is an "enemy," even the "last enemy" that is to be destroyed for God's people, and that death came in consequence of sin, it took all the apparent seraphic beauty out of Franklin's letter, and spoiled his statement of death being a "kind act of God" to usher us into Elysian fields of endless bliss.

So, also, has the Scripture truth of life eternal only through Christ, and no future life except by a resurrection from the dead, spoiled much of our seraphic hymning of earlier years, as in the following instance:

"Why should we start and fear to die?  
What timorous worms we mortals are;  
Death is the gate to endless joys,  
And yet we dread to enter there."

And another which was sung with equal zest:

"A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never-dying soul to save,  
And fit it for the sky.

"Help me to watch and pray,  
And on Thyself rely;  
Assured if I my trust betray,  
I shall forever die."

If an inquiring mind asked, "How can a 'never-dying soul' die?" he was cautioned of his danger of becoming an infidel. A later version of the hymn has been suggested that relieves the contradiction, and harmonizes with the Scrip-

ture, "Simply remove one letter, so that it will read, 'an *ever-dying* soul.'" "

After I began to preach among the First-day Adventists, while on a visit to my grandparents, grandfather overheard me talking with some of the younger members of the family relative to the nature of man, and the future life. When bowed in the evening family worship, one of his petitions was, "Lord, teach us each that we have a soul that must *die, forever die, and never die.*" The expression so resembled the endless torment that he talked to me in boyhood days that I had lost all desire to *study* the contradictory terms of his prayer.

J. N. Loughborough.

### To Ministers and Teachers

Those who teach the word need not feel that they must search up some new and intricate subject to present to the churches. The most profitable subjects that can be presented are those that Christ dwelt upon when teaching His disciples and the multitudes that daily followed Him. His lessons seemed always new and interesting. The common people heard Him, gladly.

When our ministers seek to present something that is new and strange to the common people, they are not following the custom of Christ. Sometimes the things that they endeavor to present they do not themselves understand, and they lead minds away from the path of truth and righteousness. Self, self! When will self die, and when shall we learn what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus!

Let us as ministers and teachers study the sermons of Christ, and by prayerful effort learn to comprehend the very spirit of these discourses. They are to be presented so that the common people can understand them. Let us study over and over again the fourteenth to the seventeenth chapters of John. The last sermons of Christ and His last prayer for His disciples, contain precious instruction, the treasures of which, study as we may, we can never exhaust.

The work to be done in our churches should begin with the leaders. When they humble their souls before God, when they confess their sins and become truly converted, their lives will reveal the transformation within. Selfishness will be emptied from their hearts, self-confidence

will die, the disposition to dominate and control will disappear.

"Thus saith the Lord, Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh." This is a representation of the man who does not humble his heart before the Lord, and give up his will to the will of God. This man has lost his discernment, and can not be trusted. And because he has rejected the warnings of God, he has greatly hindered the work of the Lord. He shall "inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited."

Another class is represented in the next words of the prophet: "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

The prophet continues: "O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake Thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the Fountain of Living Waters. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for Thou art my praise.

"Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord? Let it come now. As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow Thee; neither have I desired the woful day; Thou knowest, that which came out of my lips was right before Thee. Be not a terror unto me: Thou art my hope in the day of evil. Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let me not be confounded: let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed; bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction."

We need to understand these Old Testament figures and representatives. Let us give them earnest consideration. We are slow to realize that these things foretold by the Lord's servants have been fulfilled, and are being fulfilled in our present history.

God has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen

our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts. He means that sufficient facilities shall be provided for the working out of His plans. My ministering brethren, I bid you seek counsel from God. Seek Him with the whole heart, and "whatsoever He saith unto you, do."

Ellen G. White.

### Service

The joy of service is the doing; some deed performed, a kindness shown, even a smile or a "word spoken in due season, how good it is."

"As we meet and touch each day  
The travelers on our way,  
Let every such brief contract be  
A glorious, helpful ministry."

This is gospel service, and the sentiment of the true Christian can not be other than that of the Master: "Not to be ministered unto, but to minister." We can not then live for ourselves and be Christlike.

There are many ways of helping others; but the truest and best help any one can give to others is not in material things only, but in ways that make for strength of character and betterment in right living. Money is good when given heartily, as unto the Lord, but in comparison with the better gifts of hope, friendship, courage, sympathy, and love, it is paltry and poor.

The best thing we can do for others is not always to take their load, or to perform their task. Strength comes by exercise; activity is the very condition of life; so if we can be the means of getting the burden-bearer to take to his task with a firmer hold, a more determined resolve, a rekindled hope, it is a service that works not in vain. We should never do anything for another which we can *inspire* him to do for himself, for in so doing we might tend to pamper weakness, to encourage dependence, to debilitate manliness and womanliness. To overhelp makes drawfs, and robs the individual of material for strong character-building. To put the gospel of *go* and *do* into the heart is a service wisely rendered. In the world's work both friend and foe are to be met, and our loyalty to Christ bids us work for those who are enemies.

"It was at Fredericksburg after a bloody battle. Hundreds of Union sol-

Report of the Home Agents for Two Weeks Ending March 13, 1908

Miscellaneous Books and Papers

Agent	Hours' Work	Books Sold	Value Books	Papers Sold	Value Papers	Total Value
Mrs. Myrtle Cushman	34			417	\$28.25	\$28.25
Mrs. Phebe Press	11			135	9.40	9.40
<sup>1</sup> J. R. Ferren	½			17	.85	.85
<sup>2</sup> James Harvey				10	1.00	1.00
<sup>3</sup> Ray Colvin		3	10.75			10.75
<sup>3</sup> Mrs. M. J. Nunes		4	3.00			3.00
<sup>3</sup> Samuel Neal		9	4.70			4.70
<sup>4</sup> Eureka Society						
		16	\$18.45	582	\$39.50	\$57.95

<sup>1</sup> Weeks ending Feb. 28 and March 6; 5 papers given away.

<sup>2</sup> Report for month of February, distributed 447 Signs, 200 Leaflets, 164 tracts.

Brethren, let us work while it is day. Let us remember the examples of the wisdom and importance of being on time. To-day is yours; to-morrow—?—R. J. Bryant, in "Atlantic Union Gleaner."

Being Lights

Being lighted is never the end of the Christian's life; not even being lighted from above. Being "lights"—that is the end. The moon is bright when it happens to be in a bright place; when the earth comes between it and the sun, it is dark. There are moonlight Christians who are bright enough when lighted by God's manifest favor, but if the darkness of earth—a sorrow or a burden—rises between them and God, they are black and dark. . . . Christ would have us so "dwell in the light" that we may become "children of the light," in whom there is "no darkness at all."—Selected.

Forget Yourself

Forget yourself. You will never do anything great until you do. Self-consciousness is a disease with many. No matter what they do, they can never get away from themselves. They become wrapped up in the subject of self-analysis, wondering how they look, and how they appear, what others think of them, how they can enhance their own interests. In other words, every thought and every effort seems to focus upon self; nothing radiates from them. The mind which accomplishes things looks out, not in; it

is focused upon its object, not upon itself.—Success.

<sup>2</sup> Week ending March 6; papers distributed, 688; March 13, papers distributed, 1044; pages of tracts, 7404.

<sup>3</sup> Order.

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"Do not pass by the little things and look for a large work. You might do successfully the small work, but fail utterly in attempting a large work, and fall into discouragement. Take hold wherever you see that there is work to be done. Whoever and wherever you are, O youth, God calls you into active service for Him. No one but yourselves can do your work. If you withhold your light, some one must be left in darkness through your neglect. Every day there are souls going down to ruin—lost for want of a word—a word you might have spoken."

Saint Helena Sanitarium Training School

The next training class for Missionary Nurses begins April 6, 1908. We desire to correspond with consecrated young people who desire a training as missionary workers. Exceptional opportunities for experience offered to persons of promise.

Address Dr. H. F. Rand, or Mrs. S. J. Whitney, Sanitarium, Napa Co., Cal.

Papers Wanted

Clean copies of the Signs of the Times, Review and Herald, Life and Health, Liberty, Watchman, and Youth's Instructor for use in reading-racks in Oakland, Berkeley, and vicinity.

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"Great Controversy"

	Hrs.	Ords.	Value
Clarence Bean	61	11	\$45.00
"Heralds of the Morning"			
J. V. Pierson	26	29	58.50
"Bible-Readings"			
L. L. Hutchinson	27	21	54.00
H. M. Witbeck	22	1	3.50
		62	\$161.50

Total Sales for Two Weeks Ending March 13, 1908

By the King's Messengers	\$161.50
By the Home Agents	57.95
	\$219.45

Brother James Harvey who is in charge of this work writes: "I am now supplying seven reading-racks. One of these is in Berkeley. I am supplying the Sixteenth Street Depot rack, Oakland, regularly twice a week. Our librarian has just ordered a large metal rack for this location, as it is one of the most important distributing-places in the city." Address all publications to James Harvey, 1055 Brush St., Oakland, Cal.

Literature Wanted for Indians

I wish Signs, Watchman, Liberty, Life and Health, and tracts to use among five tribes of Indians in a new growing town where the truth is unknown. Also new or second-hand bound books, pamphlets, etc., on present truth. Send well wrapped and securely tied, all post-paid. Also Youth's Instructor, and Little Friend for the children. Sumner B. Taft (Wheelwright), Kiowa Agency, Anadarko P. O., Okla.

Annual Meeting of the Arizona Conference Corporation

The fifth annual session of the Arizona Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at Phoenix, Ariz., in the Seventh-day Adventist church, at 10 A.M., April 7, 1908 (the first Tuesday following the first Monday in April), to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such business as may be necessary.

H. G. Thurston, Pres.  
M. T. Poston, Sec'y.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 1908

Elder John S. Wightman and wife, who are laboring in Searchlight, Nev., report a very encouraging outlook there.

A number of the workers from Mountain View attended the Pacific Educational Association meeting at Healdsburg last Thursday.

Recent word from Elder H. G. Thurston, of Arizona, states that the interest and attendance are good in their meetings in Phoenix. The attendance has reached as high as 125.

Two nurses from the St. Helena Sanitarium are planning to sail from New York about the middle of April for South Africa to connect with the new mission to be opened by Elder Sturdevant.

A conference committee and workers' council meeting for the Southern California Conference has been appointed for April 5, at Los Angeles. It is expected that Elders H. W. Cottrell and W. C. White will be in attendance.

A copy of the new Year Book has just come to our desk. A new feature this year is thirty-seven outline maps, showing the territory of each union conference and mission field. The book is somewhat larger than former Year Books, but may be obtained at the usual price—25 cents per copy. Address your tract society.

A recent letter from Mrs. L. McPherson, of Provo, Utah, contains the following: "I canvassed from last April up to December 17, and sold \$700 worth of our books, papers, and *Life and*

*Health*. I trust they have done much good. I expect to go out again in April if all goes well."

Elder S. Hare, of the Southern California Conference, who is under appointment by the Pacific Union Conference for Utah, writes that he is planning on leaving for his new field sometime during the month of May. He also reports two accepting the truth where he has been laboring within the past few weeks.

"Wherever the work of selling 'Christ's Object Lessons' has been taken hold of in earnest, the book has done good. And the lessons that have been learned by those who have engaged in the work, have well repaid their efforts. And now our people should all be encouraged to take part in this special missionary effort."

We have recently received from Elder Chas. P. Whitford, copies of two new songs, entitled "Mersey's Final Call," and "Joyful News." On our first page will be found the words of the first named. The words and music of these songs can be obtained in folio form for 25 cents by addressing the publisher, Chas. P. Whitford, Orlando, Fla. We believe that all lovers of sacred music will be glad to add these songs to their collections.

A Christian worker in London, once a criminal, was asked when his reformation began, replied, "With my talk with Lord Shaftsbury." "What did he say to you?" "I don't remember much, except that he took my hand in his and said, 'Jack, you'll be a man yet.'" O, the power there is in the touch of the human hand! There never yet has been found for distressed humanity a substitute for Christian sympathetic manhood and womanhood. When a man is down, he needs something that can think and feel for him.—*Selected*.

The general testimony from our leading brethren is that the World's Missions Number of the *Signs of the Times* is the best special ever issued. The following is an extract from a letter received from the president of the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, dated Jan. 5, 1908:

"I wish to tell you that I think the World's Missions Number of the *Signs*

*of the Times* is one of the grandest numbers that ever came from your office. I have been sending copies of it to friends of mine before whom I have longed to get the truth. I could not do it with other periodicals in the past on account of their opposition; but the extremely interesting way in which that is gotten up, which appeals to every lover of truth, has made it a most desirable number to send to those whom I have wished to interest in our work and its progress in the world."

Are there not many others who would like to embrace the opportunity of sending this Missions Number to their friends? There is still an opportunity. Five or more papers will be mailed direct from the *Signs* office to names and addresses furnished, at eight cents per copy.

## Notice to Canvassers to Be

King's Messengers Institute commences at Healdsburg, Cal., April 15, 9:10 A. M. A most thorough study will be given on such books as "Great Controversy;" and a special campaign on "Story of Daniel the Prophet," and such other books as those attending may desire to handle.

W. H. Covell.

## For Sale

I have on sale anywhere from 140 to 640 acres of good farming and timber land at a bargain. It is situated in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. The climate is delightful, and there is an abundance of good wood and water. This is a splendid opportunity for one with limited means. Would take a small home in some town in exchange.

Wish to sell in order that I may give my time undividedly to the Master's work. Address, J. R. Patterson, Coulterville, Cal.

## San Francisco Workers' Institute

An institute for city workers will be held in the San Francisco church, 916 Laguna Street, beginning March 29, and continuing one week.

Meetings will be held each evening at seven o'clock, leaving the day free for work in the city.

We hope all our brethren and sisters who are interested in the work in San Francisco will attend these meetings.

S. N. Haskell.