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Be Not Weary In Well-Doing

Our churches are often appealed to for gifts and offerings to aid missionary enterprises in the home field, and to sustain foreign missionary work. Let us not become impatient because we are often asked to give a portion of the means entrusted to us, for the up-building of the cause of God. Just now the work in Washington demands our immediate consideration. Recent developments in Washington show that the removal of the General Conference offices to that city was a right move, and a move made none too soon.

As soon as the sum asked for the work in Washington is made up, other important cities must receive consideration.

Our churches have shown much liberality, but they have not done all that they are able to do. Some have carried very heavy burdens, but there are others who are not willing to deny self. I appeal to every family of believers in our ranks to consecrate themselves to the work of soul-saving, pledging themselves to advance the Lord's work by every means within their power. Let the older ones repress the desire to gratify self, and let the children be taught to save their pennies for the Lord. Let parents take up the cross of self-sacrifice, which lies so plainly in the pathway to holiness. Let the young men and young women who are tempted to expend means to gratify self, say, "No! I will not rob the cause of God by spending money for that which is useless."

Let the students in our schools and the children in our Sabbath-schools be diligently

trained in liberality. Short, interesting articles should be prepared for their study,— articles that will arouse in them a desire to give to the cause of God. The habit of liberality should grow with their growth and strengthen with their strength. They should early be taught to lay by their pennies, so that they will have something to give when God's servants make a call for help. Let them be taught that they can be the helping hand of the Lord by adding their gifts to the means placed in the treasury. The work to be done in our world should be kept before them, and they should be encouraged and helped to prepare themselves for active service. Let them be dedicated to God's service while the dew of youth is yet upon them.

Let not our church-members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprise? Shall we, by refusing to give, retard the growth of these enterprises? Shall we forget that we are labourers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality.

Those whose hearts are knit together with the heart of Christ will be glad to do what they can to help the cause of God. They will say, "I will do my best. Whatever others may do, my duty is clear." They will rejoice in the continual expansion and advancement that means larger and more frequently-given offerings.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

The True Church

Dear Brethren and Sisters,—

We are blessed with greater light than has ever been given to any other people. In our Christian lives we ought therefore to be in advance of all others. We believe the Lord is coming soon to take us to heaven, into the society of holy angels, into the immediate presence of God. We believe that all who are to be translated, must be "without fault", pure, holy, Christlike; that our natural defects of character must be supplanted by the divine character; that all selfishness, pride, evil-thinking, evil-speaking, envy, jealousy, fault-finding, etc., must be overcome; and that love, even the love of Christ, must be the controlling power in our lives. Isn't this correctly stated? Isn't this what we preach? Are we placing the standard too high? Isn't this the teaching of the Bible?

When people read our papers and books, when they study the truths we advocate, when they see in the truth a complete reformation, they naturally expect to see in us something more than persons who can argue and explain difficult passages of Scripture,—they look for the peculiarities of true Christianity; and this is what they ought to see. In the home, in society, in our business, in our schools, in our churches—everywhere, we should be as much in advance of others as the light we have is in advance of theirs.

The Lord has given us instruction, which, if heeded, will unite us in Christian love and unity, and will make us "the light of the world." I would like to consider this instruction with all our brethren in this field through the columns of the MISSIONARY, and so am requesting Brother Fortner to place this June number in the hands of every Seventh Day Adventist in this land, in order that you may know what is coming and subscribe for the paper *at once*. The MISSIONARY also contains reports and letters from all our workers and missions, in which you will be interested.

I wish to write a letter on these special themes to our brethren every month, and so

I hope you will *all* take the paper. Send your subscription to O. O. Fortner, Kenilworth, Cape, at once. Only 2/6 postpaid for a whole year.

I. J. HANKINS.

Our Words

"If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body." James 3:2. How many Seventh Day Adventists can say, I am a perfect man?

Our speech should be "with grace, seasoned with salt,"—favouring and preserving the reputation and character of our fellow men. Col. 4:6.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue." Prov. 18:21. Kind words are life-giving; unkind words are like wounds unto death—reflecting back upon the speaker also in a similar manner.

By our words we shall be justified or condemned; for God will save him who orders his conversation aright. Matt. 12:36, 37; Ps. 50:23.

We should speak only for edification. Eph. 4:29. To go up and down among brethren as a talebearer is strictly forbidden, as is also the receiving of a false report. Lev. 19:16; Ex. 23:1; and to answer a matter before hearing it, or simply from "hear-say," is folly and shame unto us. Prov. 18:13.

Evil words against a man show an unkind feeling in the heart toward him; for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. Luke 6:45. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. Prov. 23:7.

Don't talk too much; for "in the multitude of words there wanteth not sin;" "therefore let thy words be few." Prov. 10:19; Eccl. 5:2.

We are to speak *the truth* only, so we must know for certain what is the truth. When unnecessary to speak painful truth, speak only in love. When presenting Bible truths to opposers or scoffers, let love be the controlling power. Zech. 8:16; Eph. 4:15.

Adventists should be peculiar in all holy

conversation, looking for Christ's coming.
2 Peter 3:11.

God's remnant people, who are translated, will not be backbiting with their tongues, taking up a reproach against their neighbours, or doing them evil in any way. Ps. 15:1-3.

Evil speaking follows evil thinking, but love thinketh no evil; therefore love is the antidote for this evil use of the tongue. I Cor. 13:4-7.

When I have ought against my brother, or he has ought against me, how shall we settle the matter? Matt. 5:23, 24: 18:15-17.

Now brethren and sisters, do not lay this paper aside, and drop this subject. It is of too great importance to be disposed of in that way. Study these scriptures till you have their full meaning, then follow the instruction, and mark your spiritual growth.

I. J. HANKINS.

More Questions on Tithing

1. Mr. A owns a house which he lets for £100 a year. Taxes, insurance, rates, repairs, etc., amount to £20 a year. What is his tithe?

2. Instead of letting this house, Mr. A occupies it himself, in which case his income is in his lodgings instead of money. What is his tithe?

3. Suppose Mr. A's house has been built with money already tithed, should he then tithe the rent of the property, above expenses? If he occupies the house himself, is the tithe the same? If not, why not?

4. Mr. B lets a house for £100 a year on which he has placed a bond of £500 at six per cent interest. The rates, etc., amount to £20 a year. What is his tithe?

5. Mr. C withholds his tithe, using it in his regular business, to be paid at his convenience. When he feels that he can spare it, he finds that it amounts to £100. Does the £100 then satisfy the Lord's requirement? Lev. 27:31.

6. A owes B £10. Would it be right for him to take money belonging to C, without C's consent, to pay this debt? Put the Lord

in the place of C, and is the case the same?

7. A owes B £10. He also owes the Lord £10 tithe. Which shall he pay first? Suppose he can pay only £10 on the whole, how shall he apply it?

"God reserves to Himself a portion of *all that we receive*. When this is returned to Him, the remaining portion is blessed; but when it is withheld, the whole is sooner or later cursed. God's claim is first; *every other is secondary*."—*Testimony 31, page 146*.

I. J. H.

The Sentinel Work in Johannesburg

[The following are a few extracts from an interesting letter.]

I will relate some of my experiences in selling the *Sentinel*. Last Monday, as I went from house to house, I came to a young man to whom I offered one of the *Sentinels*. I showed him the article on page 8, on Spiritualism, and explained its contents to him. He was very much interested and told me that he once had something to do with Spiritualism, but since he had seen it in its true light he had left it alone. He said that it is the greatest deception existing, and he was glad it is being exposed to the world in its true light. The young man gave me his subscription and wished me much success in working with the paper.

I met a lady yesterday, and when she saw the article on page 8 she bought a copy at once. I sell more copies every day with the June number. The people seem to be especially interested in this number, because it speaks for the truth. The Dowieites are busy here with the *Leaves of Healing*. These papers are scattered broadcast, but by the help of God I want to bring the truth to the people. I have prayed and plead with God for victory, and He has wonderfully blessed me this week.

I thank the Lord for the rich experience he gives me as I go from house to house. I love this blessed work more and more every day.

H. B. FIEDELER.

Our Sabbath School

Object of Sabbath-School Work

1. "The object of Sabbath-school work should be the ingathering of souls. . . . If the children and youth are not brought to Christ, the *school is a failure.*"

2. "The Sabbath-school should be a place where the jewels of truth are searched for and rescued from their environment of error, and placed in their true setting in the framework of the gospel."

3. "There is a broad field in Sabbath-school work, that needs to be diligently cultivated, and that is to inspire our youth to give themselves wholly to the Lord, to be used by him in his cause."

4. "The Sabbath-school should be the place where, through a living connection with God, men and women, youth and children, may be so fitted up that they shall be a strength and blessing to the church."—*Selections from the Testimonies.*

BRIEF SUMMARY

1. Ingathering of souls.
2. Searching for truth.
3. Inculcating of missionary spirit.
4. Upbuilding of the church.

The four points quoted above cover the whole object of Sabbath-school work. The first and most important is the conversion of souls,—the bringing into living touch with Christ "the infants with lisping lips, the youth and the aged." Unless this is done, our schools, we are told, are "a failure;" and not even a large attendance, entertaining exercises, good order, fine singing, or interesting lessons can make them a success in God's sight.

In our study, too, we see that there should be a special incentive; viz., the rescuing of truths from their "environment of error."

There is much truth in the world to-day, but Satan's purpose is to mix or cover it with error. Knowing this, every member of every Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath-school should be taught how to unfold these truths, and to present them to the world in their dazzling purity. No one should be left incapable in this respect; for we shall be called to explain these things before all classes of society; and the command is, "Be ready *always* to give an answer to *every* man . . . a reason of the hope that is in you."

But it is not enough to know truth ourselves; we must pass it on to others; and here it is that many need help and encouragement, especially our youth. Naturally a knowledge of the truth begets a desire to impart it; and the time when this knowledge is being obtained is the opportune moment to persuade the youth and timid ones to give themselves wholly to the Lord's work. If this opportunity is not improved, many lose their missionary desire; for it is by giving to others that our own souls are watered.

Men and women, youth and children, who have this missionary spirit, are a "strength and blessing" to any church. They have no time nor inclination for dry exercises, prosy talks, evil speaking, and bitter feelings,—the characteristics which prove so ruinous to a living church. No, they manifest the opposite of these, and it is in the Sabbath-school that these better qualities should be planted, nurtured, and cultivated. The seed will bear fruit "after its kind."

EVA MILLER HANKINS.

The Field Work

A Visit With Our Dutch Companies

We went to Bonnie Vale on the 4th of May and commenced meetings the same evening. Brother Peter Meiring and his wife are the only two Sabbath-keepers here who

have been baptised. There are about nine others who have commenced to keep the Sabbath recently. About six miles from here, at Drew, there is another family of Sabbath-keepers who accepted the truth and were baptised about fifteen years ago. On the 17th of May, my wife and I went to Drew where we spent a week very pleasantly and profitably, having Bible studies with our people, and holding a public service on Sunday. Two of Brother Trytman's Daughters at Drew are also Sabbath-keepers who will shortly desire baptism.

From Drew we went to Muiskraal, in the District of Riversdale. Here we were very much pleased to find Sister C. J. Louwrens, and her daughter, Sister Labauchagne, both widows, with their two little daughters, ages about eleven and thirteen, and an old coloured sister who has been blind for a good many years; in fact was blind when she became soundly converted to the truth. This blind sister is also a widow. These are all truly converted and sincere and exemplary believers in the truth, walking faithfully in all the light they have received. Sister Louwrens, although well advanced in years, is quite a medical missionary in all that neighbourhood. Our faithful sisters here are a real light set on a hill, and are held in esteem by every one. They pay tithes faithfully, but did not know anything about offerings, and not much, if anything, about health reform. Readings on these subjects were received with all gladness, and we believe the light gained will be carried out in their daily lives. Although these sisters are poor, yet all acknowledge that the blessing of God especially rests upon them, and they are provided for better than those who are considered rich in this world's goods. The Lord is demonstrating through them that He still cares for the widows and fatherless, and that the poor can keep all His commandments, not excepting the fourth, and pay an honest tithe too, as well as the rich, if not perhaps better. See 1 Tim. 6:17; Mark 10:24.

On the Sabbath we celebrated the ordi-

nances, which privilege they had not had for a good many years. God came very near to us, and we were full of joy for His goodness and blessings. There are several other families on the farm, and several excellent meetings were held, the people freely giving their houses to hold meetings in. A good interest was created, and doors left open for us to come again. There are good prospects for the message at Muiskraal.

From Sister Louwrens we learned about another Sabbath-keeping sister, Mrs. Zwart, at Heidelberg. I had the privilege of getting acquainted with her husband at Muiskraal, where he passed through on business. He is a very nice and open-hearted man, convinced of the truth, which he always defends when there is an opportunity to do so. He does not yet keep the Sabbath himself, however. On our return we stopped over at Heidelberg for one day. We were very much pleased to find Sister Zwart an honest and sincere Christian, anxiously reaching out for more truth and light. We also visited her mother-in-law, a dear old lady who is also convinced of the truth, and desirous of following her Saviour in all things. We believe that earnest efforts should be made at all these places to preach the message, and that many precious souls will be gathered out. The harvest is ripe everywhere, but where are the labourers?

These dear people whom we have visited have been sadly neglected. They have not been fully instructed in all points of the faith, they have not been in touch with our people, and as they have not been getting our papers, they have not been able to keep pace with the advancing light of the message, and need much instruction yet on proper Sabbath-keeping, tithes, and offerings, and health reform.

My wife has been a very great help to me on this trip; she has made, or helped to make ten health waists for the sisters, besides giving them much helpful advice which was very much appreciated. We were glad to meet Brother A. H. van Eeden at Drew. It did us both good to talk again about our former

associations in the work. He invited us to visit them at Swellendam, which we wish to do soon. Dear brethren and sisters, pray for us and all those mentioned in this report.

Yours in the Blessed Hope,

D. H. GROENFWALD.

The New Church at Maritzburg

[The following article is taken from the *Natal Witness* of May 27.]

In another column will be found the announcement of the opening, to-morrow evening, of the newly-erected Seventh Day Adventist Church, which for the past five months has been in course of erection.

The building is situated in Stranach Street, on the left-hand side going down and occupies two building sites which were recently sold for the purpose by the Municipality, at a cost of £450. The plan of the whole structure is cruciform in shape, with the arms of the cross elongated to include, on the one side the Tract Society's office and vestry, and on the other side a school-room. Each of these has a separate entrance from Stranach Street, with communication to the church. The school-room forms one arm of the cross, and is placed on the lower side of the site, and is separated from the church by folding-doors, which can be thrown open so that the school-room may be used as a part of the church during special services.

The church itself is placed in the centre of the building, with a main entrance through a porch situated on one side of the building, which is approached direct from Stranach Street.

The exterior of the edifice is very pleasing, and forms an exceedingly good group when seen from the opposite side of the road. It was the design of the architects that this building should have a special and distinctive character, and they have treated the plans on simple lines. The building possesses a deep base of pointed brickwork, with the walls rough-casted above, tinted a pale colour, and separated from the base by a string course,

supported on corbels. The steeply-pitched roof, painted red, with its broken, overhanging and half timbered gable in front, and overhanging eaves, casts a welcome shade on the tinted rough-cast.

A NEW DEPARTURE

The whole scheme bears evidence that an attempt has been made to depart from the stereotyped, and often mutilated, so-called Gothic style of architecture, usually adopted for buildings of this description. The architects have thus departed from the ordinary course, and presented something to the committee at once distinct and uncommon, yet in keeping with the purposes for which the building is intended.

The interior of the church is enhanced by an open timber roof, lending it a lofty and cool effect, the roof trusses being supported by neat corbels. At the eaves level, cross ventilation is provided across both ways of the building by opening the dormers at the sides, and by windows at each end. A neatly painted dado of wood lines the building, with the walls treated in three simple colours above, presenting a restful appearance to the eye. A baptistry is provided under the rostrum, with steps leading to the same from the church, and a motto with the words, "Enter His Courts with Praise," is suitably inscribed in gold and red lettering over the rostrum.

The church will comfortably seat two hundred persons, but by using the school-room, seating can be arranged to accommodate three hundred and fifty people. Messrs. Scott and Kirkby, A. R. I. B. A., the architects, are to be congratulated on their success in designing a building that is at once convenient, inexpensive and pretty; and the builder, Mr. F. W. Lawrence, of Woodhouse Street, must be commended for the very efficient manner in which he has carried out his contract. The building of this handsome edifice undoubtedly marks a new era in the history of Adventism in Natal, as it gives permanency to their work as a Christian denomination in our midst.

For The Japanese Soldiers

A few months ago a brother sent us £2-2-0 with the request that it should be forwarded to Japan and be used to purchase copies of the New Testament for the sick and wounded Japanese soldiers in the hospitals. We sent the money to Elder F. W. Field, superintendent of our work in Japan, and received a reply from Tokyo, of which the following is a part:—

"Your favour came to hand a short time ago, and I wish to express to the brother sending the money our interest and thanks. We will do the very best we can to carry out his desire. One of our brethren has been called to act as nurse among the sick and wounded, and for a time was stationed at Nagoya, between here and Kobe, but he has now been transferred nearer to the scene of action. We will be able to supply him with Scripture portions. There are many soldiers in the hospitals here in Tokyo, and we will be able to reach them. We can secure Scripture portions very cheap, a gospel in paper covers costing only one-half penny, English money. We will probably distribute gospels rather than whole testaments, as so many more can be obtained for the money."

Attention

"The wants of the cause will continually increase as we near the close of time. Means

is needed to give young men a short course of study in our schools, to prepare them for efficient work in the ministry and in different branches of the cause. We are not coming up to our privilege in this matter. *All schools among us will soon be closed up.*" Testimony 31, page 152.

"Get out of the large cities as fast as possible." Volume 6, page 195.

"Serious times are before us, and there is great need for *families to get out of the cities* into the country. . . . Much depends upon laying our plans according to the word of the Lord, and with persevering energy carrying them out." Volume 6, page 178.

"The time is coming when we cannot sell at any price." Testimony 31, page 148.

"The reasons that have led us in a few places to turn away from cities, and locate our schools in the country, hold good with the schools in other places." Volume 6, page 177.

—The last few numbers of the MISSIONARY have been very late. We have been trying to get the MISSIONARY out after the *Sentinel*, but as the staff in the printing office was greatly reduced a few months ago, the papers were unavoidably late. But now we are pleased to say that the work is well in hand, and we will hereafter print the MISSIONARY in advance of the *Sentinel*, which will be about the middle of each month. The copy for either paper should be in our hands by the 1st of the month.

Cape Colony Canvassing Report, May, 1905

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—Brother and Sister Mason, of the Cape Town church, have been visiting in America for several months, but we are pleased to announce their return by the *Saxon*, which will arrive at Cape Town next Tuesday morning, the 20th inst. We gladly and heartily welcome them home again.

—While Brother Groenewald was working among the Sabbath-keepers in the District of Swellendam, he received an earnest request to go to Caledon to nurse Mr. De. Villiers, the mayor of that town, who had been taken seriously ill. He accepted the call, and is now at Caledon for a short time.

—Elder Hankins has begun a series of letters of instruction to the church. In this issue we have No. 1, "Our Words." This would be a good subject for a Sabbath service. There is in it important instruction which we may study together with profit. We hope church elders and leaders of meetings will accept this suggestion. This subject is too important to pass with a casual reading.

—The Union Conference office was recently favoured by Elder Edmed with a splendid photo of the new church building in Maritzburg. We are exceedingly grateful for this portrait of the substantial and handsome structure which now preaches the truth to the people of Maritzburg as they pass along Stranach Street. In another column of this paper we print a descriptive article which appeared in the *Natal Witness* of May 27. For an interesting account of the opening exercises, we refer our readers to the July number of the *Sentinel*, which will soon be published.

—We have received a letter from a lady in Seychelles, an island in the Indian Ocean, assuring us of her interest in the *Sentinel*. She writes also of others who are interested in the paper, and asks the price of a club of a dozen papers monthly.

—Sister Anderson and her little girl, Naomi, and Brother Anderson's mother, left the Cape last Sunday evening on their way north. They will stop over at Kimberley and also at the mission near Bulawayo, and then continue their journey to Barotseland. Brother Anderson has preceded them in order to prepare a temporary dwelling for the mission family. He took with him three native boys who have had the benefit of an education and training at the Solusi Mission.

—The Sanitarium at Plumstead is prospering. Even at this time of the year, when the patronage is usually at the lowest ebb, the institution is full all the time. The greatest problem under consideration is the need for more room. Last Monday Dr. Thomason successfully performed one of the most serious of operations, by which a lady patient was relieved of a large, internal tumour. The Lord is blessing that institution by making it a blessing to those who are suffering from the curse of disease in all its varied forms.

—We believe there is no one among us who does not feel that we as a people are woefully lacking in many of the fruits and graces of the Holy Spirit that the Lord desires to see in His church. The articles of instruction which Elder Hankins has begun to write, and which will continue to appear in future numbers of the *MISSIONARY*, will be of the greatest value to every Seventh Day Adventist. We are sending this number of the *MISSIONARY* to every Sabbath-keeper in South Africa whose address we have, and we earnestly ask all who are not now subscribers to the paper to send in their subscription for one year, which will cost only 2/6. We ask church officers and leaders of companies to see that every member is taking the *MISSIONARY*.