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Who Constitute the 144,000?

Just before Christ comes, when the heavens are shaken by the voice of God, "Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12:2; Matthew 26:64; Rev. 1:7. At that time "All who have died in faith under the third angel's message come forth from the tomb glorified, to hear God's covenant of peace with those who have kept his law." "Great Controversy" Vol. 4, p. 454. These people will be the only righteous persons raised from the dead at that time. All others will be brought up in the general resurrection.

They come forth in the same stature and features with which they went down into the grave. They are not yet made immortal, but will be at the translation of the living saints.

After the special resurrection the seven thunders will utter their voices, declaring the covenant of God with his people, the doom of the wicked, and the day and hour

of Christ's coming. This will probably occur seven days before Christ appears. Compare Matthew 24:36-39 with Gen. 7:1, 4. See also "Great Controversy," Vol. 4, pp. 452, 453, 455; "Early Writings" p. 11. At that time all who have died under the third angel's message will be living, and included in the sealed company.

Every person living on the earth at that time will be a saint or a sinner. "Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming. The living saints, 144,000 in number, knew and understood the voice." "Early Writings" p. 11.

The shaking of the powers of heaven, the special resurrection, and the seven thunders occur at the pouring out of the seventh plague. Compare Rev. 16:17 with "Great Controversy" pp. 453, 454.

The seventh plague embraces the final complete destruction of sin and sinners at the end of the 1,000 years, the time they sleep in death not being taken into account. "In them, (the seven last plagues) is FILLED UP the wrath of God."

A. SMITH.

Selections From the "Testimonies" in Regard to Camp-meetings.

"There is need of camp-meetings like those held in the early stages of the work,—camp-meetings separate from the business work of the conference. At a camp-meeting the workers should be free to give the knowledge of the truth to those who attend from outside.

"At our camp-meetings arrangements should be made so that the poor can obtain wholesome, well-prepared food as cheaply as possible. There should be a restaurant in which healthful dishes are prepared and served in an inviting manner. This will prove an edu-

cation to many not of our faith. Let not this line of work be looked upon as separate from other lines of camp-meeting work. Each line of God's work is closely united with every other line, and all are to advance in perfect harmony."

"The object of a camp-meeting is to lead all to separate from business cares and burdens, and devote a few days exclusively to seeking the Lord. We should occupy the time in self-examination, close searching of heart, penitential confession of sins, and renewing our vows to the Most High. If any come to these meetings for lessworthy objects, we hope the character of the meeting will be such as to bring their minds to its proper objects."

"These camp-meetings are of importance. They cost something. The servants of God are wearing out their lives to help the people, while many of them appear as if they did not want help. For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of very little importance. Let all who profess to believe the truth respect every privilege that God offers them to obtain clearer views of His truth and His requirements, and the necessary preparation for His coming. A calm, cheerful, and obedient trust in God is what He requires.

"You need not weary yourselves with busy anxieties and needless cares. Work on for the day, faithfully doing the work which God's providence assigns you, and He will have a care for you. Jesus will deepen and widen your blessings. You must make efforts if you have salvation at last. Come to these meetings prepared to work. Leave your home cares, and come to find Jesus, and he will be found of you. Come with your offerings as God

has blessed you. Show your gratitude to your Creator, the Giver of all your benefits, by a free-will offering. Let none who are able to give, come empty-handed. 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in Mine house, and prove Me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'

Missionary.

What A Paper Did.

While at the Conference I had a talk with Bro. W. C. Sisley, manager of the International Tract Society, London, during which he told me the following story:

"An agent who was somewhat discouraged, but who was selling the "PRESENT TRUTH," accosted a gentleman whom he soon found was interested in the Coming of the Lord. After purchasing a paper, he learned from the agent that tracts could be secured on the same subject. The result was he ordered fifty thousand copies of a pithy leaflet on the Sabbath question and hired the agent from whom he had received the paper to circulate them for him. Later he ordered fifty thousand more of the tract treating on the subject of the Sabbath, and the Second Coming of Christ. He also hired these distributed by the same agent.

"One of these leaflets was put through the door of a house where lived a man who had become somewhat interested in our principles through reading our literature. The leaflet so fully convinced him of the Truth of our Message that he in turn ordered fifty thousand copies of another tract and hired a regular commercial agency to circulate them for him. Both of these gentlemen are now fully in the Truth."

So we see what a bountiful harvest a small sowing will sometimes bring forth. H. H. HALL.

Educational.

How to Make Our Sabbath School More Interesting and Effective for Our Children and Youth.

(Concluded)

When the hour arrives for the opening song, every one should be in his place. It may not seem to be a great matter to come in during the opening exercises, but promptness is an essential feature of success. And though it may seem a little thing, yet punctuality in response to the superintendent's bell, will avoid much confusion. One other point in regard to deportment, and that is the habit so frequently seen in our Sabbath-schools and churches—children running about eating bread, crackers, and fruit. To say this is disgraceful, is putting it mildly. To be sure, when the habit is once formed, it will doubtless be hard to break, but parents should not allow their children to eat between meals. It is not in accordance with our recent Sabbath-school lessons on healthful living, and if the child is never allowed to have food at home at improper times, he will not expect it at the house of worship.

The lack of reverence for the house of God among us as a people is deplorable. Many times when the most important, most beautiful thoughts are being brought out, the attention of the entire company will be diverted by some neglected child. Some of the other churches, though not blessed with the light we have, are examples to us of reverence for the house of worship. Our God is worthy of our best service, and we should each conduct ourselves becoming those so greatly blessed.

The usual way of opening the school with hymn No. 368, and so on, is very apt to become monotonous. This may be varied by having a short song service to open with, or after the prayer have a quartet or duet sung. Spend a little time

occasionally learning a new song. Sister White says, "Music can be a great power for good, yet we do not make the most of this branch of worship. The singing is generally done from impulse, or to meet some special case. And at other times the singers are left to blunder along, and the music loses its proper effect upon the minds of those present. Music should have beauty, pathos, and power. Let the voices be lifted in songs of devotion and praise, and call to your aid, if practicable, instrumental music, and let the glorious harmony ascend to God, an acceptable offering."

The review is often hard to give and lacking in interest to those who grow tired of hearing the same thing repeated so often. This may be varied at times by reading passages from some good book, or taking up some interesting points in the lives of different missionaries, especially those who have been in countries where we now have missionaries of our own faith. Having some changes occasionally of this kind, the secretary will find it easier to write an interesting report, one not so mechanical as to allow the whole school to join in unison as the report is read.

In the Sabbath-school work, as in any worldly business or social gathering of every-day life, we must have enthusiasm. All nature is alive with energy, and every thing and every body that attains to success and holds the attention and interest, is brim full of enthusiasm. So let us not be half hearted and asleep in our Sabbath-school work, but fully awake and anxious to do all in our power to make it a success.

While these are all important points to be considered, let none of us forget that the perfection of Christian character depends wholly upon the grace and strength found alone in God. The Sabbath-school teacher should be a laborer together with Christ. Do not be content with a lifeless, formal religion. If

the children and youth are not brought to Christ, the school is a failure: for unless souls are brought to Christ they become more and more unimpressionable under the influence of formal religion. Heart and flesh would fail in the round of ceremonies and in carrying out our plans, without the power to inspire and give courage to perform.

Let us awaken as never before to the possibilities of the Sabbath-school, for God only knows what the result of our work will be in the great reckoning day.

JESSIE E. COUNSELMAN.

Music.

"The melody of praise is the atmosphere of heaven; and when heaven comes in touch with the earth, there is music and song,—'thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.'

"Above the new-created earth, as it lay, fair and unblemished, under the smile of God, 'the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.' So human hearts, in sympathy with heaven, have responded to God's goodness in notes of praise. Many of the events of human history have been linked with song."

A MEANS OF EDUCATION.

"As the people journeyed through the wilderness, many precious lessons were fixed in their minds by means of song. At their deliverance from Pharaoh's army the whole host of Israel had joined in the song of triumph. Far over desert and sea rang the joyous refrain, and the mountains re-echoed the accents of praise, 'Sing ye to Jehovah, for He hath triumphed gloriously'. Often on the journey was this song repeated, cheering the hearts and kindling the faith of the pilgrim travelers. The commandments as given from Sinai, with promises of God's favor and records of His wonderful works for their deliverance, were by divine direction expressed in song, and were chanted to the sound of in-

strumental music, the people keeping step as their voices united in praise.

"Thus their thoughts were uplifted from the trials and difficulties of the way, the restless, turbulent spirit was soothed and calmed, the principles of truth were implanted in the memory, and faith was strengthened. Concert of action taught order and unity, and the people were brought into closer touch with God and with one another."

"It is one of the most effective means of impressing the heart with spiritual truth. How often to the soul hard-pressed and ready to despair, memory recalls some word of God's,—the longforgotten burden of a childhood song,—and temptations lose their power, life takes on new meaning and new purpose, and courage and gladness are imparted to other souls!

"The value of song as a means of education should never be lost sight of. Let there be singing in the home, of songs that are sweet and pure, and there will be fewer words of censure, and more of cheerfulness and hope and joy. Let there be singing in the school, and the pupils will be drawn closer to God, to their teachers, and to one another.

"As a part of religious service, singing is as much an act of worship as is prayer. Indeed, many a song is prayer. If the child is taught to realize this, he will think more of the meaning of the words he sings, and will be more susceptible to their power."

"WITH SINGING UNTO ZION."

"The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

"They shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the Lord; and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all."

POWER OF SONG.

"The history of the songs of the Bible is full of suggestion as to the uses and benefits of music and song. Music is often perverted to serve purposes of evil, and it thus becomes one of the most alluring agencies of temptation. But, rightly employed, it is a precious gift of God, designed to uplift the thoughts to high and noble themes, to inspire and elevate the soul.

"As the children of Israel, journeying through the wilderness, cheered their way by the music of sacred song, so God bids his children to-day gladden their pilgrim life. There are few means more effective for fixing His words in the memory than repeating them in song. And such song has wonderful power. It has power to subdue rude and uncultivated natures; power to quicken thought and to awaken sympathy, to promote harmony of action, and to banish the gloom and foreboding that destroy courage and weaken effort."

THE ANGELS' SONG.

"As our Redeemer leads us to the threshold of the Infinite, flushed with the glory of God, we may catch the themes of praise and thanksgiving from the heavenly choir round about the throne; and as the echo of the angels' song is awakened in our earthly homes, hearts will be drawn closer to the heavenly singers. Heaven's communion begins on earth. We learn here the keynote of its praise."

THE SCHOOL OF THE HEREAFTER.

"There will be music there, and song, such music and song as, save in the visions of God, no mortal ear has heard or mind conceived.

"As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there.' 'They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of Jehovah.'

"For the Lord shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden; and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy

and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.'

"There every power will be developed, every capability increased. The grandest enterprises will be carried forward, the loftiest aspirations will be reached, the highest ambitions realized, new wonders to admire, new truths to comprehend, fresh objects to call forth the powers of body and mind and soul." Education.

Etiquette.

"Love suffereth long, and is kind;
Love envieth not;
Love vaunteth not itself,
Is not puffed up.
Doth not behave itself unseemly,
Seeketh not its own,
Is not provoked,
Taket not account of evil;
Rejoiceth not in unrighteousness,
But rejoiceth with the truth;
Beareth all things,
Believeth all things,
Hopeth all things,
Endureth all things.
Love never falleth."

Medical.

Grand Rapids.

The medical work in Grand Rapids was never in a more prosperous condition than at present. The smallpox epidemic has enabled us to meet a number of new patients who have come to us for vaccination. As we have seen how frightened the people become fearing this dreaded disease, it has led us to think how terrible it will be when the plagues become more general.

The house we are occupying is none too large for our work. We feel thankful for the certain evidences that the Lord is in this work, and pray that his blessing will continue with it as it enlarges and more workers become connected with it.

We have the medical rooms settled and ample appliances for giving treatments in the most approved manner. When we see with what enthusiasm the people take hold of the medical light that has been entrusted to us as a people,

should it not stimulate us to greater earnestness and diligence along these important lines?

Mr. W. Goss, one of our nurses, and Miss Cornelia Berger, a graduate nurse from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, were united in marriage at Franklin, Michigan, June 7. They came here Monday, June 12, and on Tuesday evening we gave them a reception and invited in all of our conference workers. Elder Parkhurst, Mr. Kneeland, and Miss Margaret Bilz made appropriate remarks for the occasion. We give Mrs. Goss a hearty welcome to our numbers.

The state W. C. T. U. convention was held in this city June 6-9. Doctor Caroline Geisel of the Battle Creek Sanitarium was present and gave the closing address. On Sabbath, June 10, she spoke to our young people.

PATIENCE S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

News and Notes.

Elder Hansen baptized four persons at Kalamazoo Sabbath.

Miss Mabel Jaffray will spend a little time laboring in Covert.

Sabbath, July 1, is the day for the regular mid-summer offering for missions to be taken.

Elder A. G. Haughey met with the executive board of the Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs the first of last week.

The church-school boards that have not secured a teacher for next year should notify us at once, as there is likely to be a scarcity of teachers.

Miss May Mosebar of Bellevue, Mich., who has been teaching the past year in Yakima, Wash., expects to return to Michigan to teach the coming year.

Elder A. G. Haughey and Miss Margaret Haughey went to Mecosta last Friday to attend a two-days'

meeting. We hope to have a report for our next issue.

Elder Hansen is still continuing his meetings in Kalamazoo with a fair attendance. Two have already promised to keep the Sabbath, and others are favorable.

The Charlotte, Grand Ledge, Potterville and Eaton Rapids churches will hold a meeting July 1 and 2 at the first named place. Elder A. G. Haughey will be present.

Elder M. S. Burnham left Otsego Monday for Penton Harbor, where he will assist Elder R. C. Horton and J. C. Brower in a tent effort. May the blessing of God attend this faithful veteran. He will be especially missed at our prayer-meetings.

"The Great Second Advent Movement" is the title of the book written by Elder J. N. Loughborough. This volume is now in the press and will be ready for shipment within the next sixty days. It will contain about 500 pages. Price \$1.50. Address Southern Publishing Association, 1025-27 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn.

The annual summer school for teachers is to be held this year at Berrien Springs, beginning June 28 and lasting until August 9. We hope that all the teachers of the West Michigan Conference will plan to attend. The conference has made provision to pay the traveling expenses of those who are now teaching, both to and from the school. The expense while there will be very reasonable. The board will be furnished as cheaply as possible, and the other charge of \$1.00 per week may be made up in work. The annual teachers' examination will be held sometime during the summer school.