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Behavior in the House of God

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Parents, elevate the standard of Christianity in the minds of your children; help them to weave Jesus into their experience; teach them to have the highest reverence for the house of God, and to understand that when they enter the Lord's house, it should be with hearts that are softened and subdued by such thoughts as these: "God is here; this is his house. I must have pure thoughts and the holiest motives. I must have no pride, envy, jealousy, evil surmising, hatred, or deception in my heart; for I am coming into the presence of the holy God. This is the place where God meets with and blesses his people. The high and holy One who inhabiteth eternity looks upon me, searches my heart, and reads the most secret thoughts and acts of my life."

Brethren, will you not devote a little thought to this subject, and notice how you conduct yourselves in the house of God, and what efforts you are making by precept and example to cultivate reverence in your children? You roll vast responsibilities upon the preacher, and hold him accountable for the souls of your children, but you do not sense your own responsibility as parents and as instructors, and, like Abraham, command your household after you, that they keep the statutes of the Lord. Your sons and daughters are corrupted by your own example and lax precepts; and notwithstanding this lack of domestic training, you expect the minister to counteract your daily work, and accomplish the wonderful achievement of training their hearts and lives to virtue and piety. After the minister has done all he can do for the church by faithful, affectionate admonition, patient discipline, and fervent prayer to reclaim and save the soul, yet is not successful, the mothers and fathers often blame him because their children are not converted, when it may be because of their own neglect. The burden rests with the parents; and will they take up the work that God has intrusted to them, and with fidelity perform it? Will they move onward and upward, working in a humble, patient, persevering way, to reach the exalted standard themselves, and to bring their children up with them? No wonder our churches are feeble, and do not have that deep, earnest piety in our borders that they should have. Our present habits and customs which dishonor God, and bring the sacred and heavenly down to the level of the common, are against us. We have a sacred, testing, sanc-

tifying truth; and if our habits and practices are not in accordance with the truth, we are sinners against great light, and are proportionately guilty. It will be far more tolerable for the heathen in the day of God's retributive justice than for us.

A much greater work might be done than we are now doing in reflecting the light of truth. God expects us to bear much fruit. He expects greater zeal and faithfulness, more affectionate and earnest efforts, by the individual members of the church for their neighbors, and for those who are out of Christ. Parents must begin their work on a high plane of action. All who name the name of Christ must put on the whole armor, and entreat, warn, and seek to win souls from sin. Lead all you can to listen to the truth in the house of God. We must do much more than we are doing to snatch souls from the burning.

It is too true that reverence for the house of God has become almost extinct. Sacred things and places are not discerned; the holy and exalted are not appreciated. Is there not a cause for the want of fervent piety in our families? Is it not because the high standard of religion is left to trail in the dust? God gave rules of order, perfect and exact, to his ancient people. Has his character changed? Is he not the great and mighty God who rules in the heaven of heavens? Would it not be well for us often to read the directions given by God himself to the Hebrews, that we who have the light of the glorious truth shining upon us, may imitate their reverence for the house of God? We have abundant reason to maintain a fervent, devoted spirit in the worship of God. We have reason even to be more thoughtful and reverential in our worship than had the Jews. But an enemy has been at work to destroy our faith in the sacredness of Christian worship.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

(To be continued.)

Let us Remember the Jews in our Labors

There are many omens which indicate that our brethren and sisters are becoming more interested in bringing the precious third angel's message to the Jewish people. Many questions have arisen in the minds of our people how to overcome the deep-seated prejudices of the Jews; and some are coming to learn that there is a way how we can reach the Jewish heart, and draw it towards the message, so that he will come to see that this truth is unlike what he has known as Christianity.

Some time ago while walking along with one of our ministering brethren, we met a Jew, and this brother said to the son of Abraham, "Shalom Alechem," which means, "Peace to thee." The Jew immediately smiled, and responded, "Alechem Shalom," "to thee be also peace." At once there was a kindly feeling aroused, and the Jew felt that in this man he had a friend.

The Jewish people are naturally afraid of the Gentiles, for there have been so many things done to them in the name of Christianity which were so cruel that they almost fear to go near a Christian. Since the European war broke out, the Russians have treated the Jews horribly, even though the Czar did promise the Jewish people reforms, and a large measure of freedom.

Just a short time ago one of our brethren received a letter from his father in Russian Poland, in reply to a letter telling his parent of his new-found faith. His father replied with bitter sarcasm, and told him that one Russian officer told some Jews in a certain place in Poland, since the war had begun this one Russian officer had already commanded nearly forty Jews to be put to death, and the officer prayed to God that there would be still more to follow.

Roman and Russian Christianity is a terrible thing to the Jews, but many have come to believe that there is a difference here in America in what the people teach and believe than in Russia. However, when the Jews come to learn about Seventh-day Adventists, their belief in the Sabbath, their views on the pork question, and their faith in the Bible as a whole, they feel very friendly towards our people, and seem willing to read more of what we believe, and are inclined somewhat to attend our services.

Recently in conversations with Jews they have been surprised to know that such a people as Seventh-day Christians exist in America. It often puts the Jews to shame when they learn that Gentiles have faith in the God of Abraham, while the Jews have lost this faith. They are interested to know that there is a people who are still waving the torch of truth, and who believe in the law of God as it was given on Mt. Sinai. The interesting part is when we can connect the teaching of Moses with that of the Messiah. The Jew is delighted to learn the Sabbath is part of the Christian religion. F. C. GILBERT.

(To be continued)

Condition of Mrs. White

Dear Editor,—

During the past two weeks there has been but little change in mother's condition. She continues to say that she has but little suffering, and when told of the messages of love from many friends, she says: "Tell them I am doing well."

Last Sabbath she was too weak for any conversation until evening. Then, when I told her of the blessing bestowed upon the meetings held at the sanitarium by Elder MacGuire, she said, "Thank the Lord for his blessing." When I asked if she was comfortable, she said, "I am not

suffering very much. I am thankful that things are as well as they are."

Sunday evening, April 18, mother was sitting in her big bay window, with a copy of "Desire of Ages" in her hands. I sat down beside her and spoke of the precious truths which the book contains and of the good that is being accomplished by it and her other books in bringing souls to Christ. I told her that her books are being circulated more and more. To this she replied:—

"Keep it up, keep it up. Do not be discouraged. Do what you know to be right, though others may object.

"I want the truth to stand out in its beauty. I get terribly tired of nonentities. Let us not serve the devil in that way.

"I do not say that I am perfect, but I am trying to be perfect. I do not expect others to be perfect; and if I could not associate with my brothers and sisters who are not perfect, I do not know what I should do.

"I try to treat the matter the best that I can, and am thankful that I have a spirit of uplifting and not a spirit of crushing down. Yes, I am going to make that appear just as much as possible. No one is perfect. If one were perfect, he would be prepared for heaven. As long as we are not perfect, we have a work to do to get ready to be perfect. We have a mighty Saviour."

In answer to the question if she had had a comfortable day, she said, "I cannot say that I have been uncomfortable. I am very thankful that the day has passed so pleasantly.

"I am going to keep my mind as much as ever I can on the prominent things of eternal life. They are not dwelt upon enough. I rejoice that I have that faith that takes hold of the promises of God, that works by love and sanctifies the soul. A sanctified soul will not blunder a great deal. It will not keep talking, talking, talking about what this one should do, and what that one should do. The Lord wants us each to do all we possibly can, and fight the good fight of faith. That is what I mean to do. I will not give up to a mind of despondency."

After prayer, she said, "I try to keep my eyes fixed upon the blessings, fixed upon that to which I wish to be conformed. Let us think and talk more of the things that pertain to salvation. Thus we can be a help and a blessing to others."

Those who know her experience feel that the Lord is very merciful to mother, as she suffers so little, and her courage and faith are steadfast. W. C. WHITE.

Home Missionary Notes

Miss Mabel Hillyard is still having good experiences in connection with her work in Espanola, Ontario. A gentleman sent word asking her to come to his home and help him to a better understanding of the Bible. His wife and family have taken their stand for the truth.

Mrs. Martin Keirstead of Norton, N. B. has been spending considerable time aside from her household

duties in distributing literature and visiting interested people in the neighborhood. In some instances this sister has walked several miles to give light to someone who has become interested, and whom she feels she can help. The Lord is going before her and opening the way. A Catholic woman who never would accept books from her before is now anxious to read them. Where she is not successful in selling a book to the people she leaves with them a tract. She has given away more than a thousand papers and extras in the last year. Surely this sister is setting our people a splendid example in missionary endeavor.

The Value of Good Literature

(Concluded)

What books are you reading, my dear young people? Are you reading a book now? If not why not begin to read one from the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course? It is not how much you read; it is what you read. The purpose of the Missionary Volunteer Course is to provide the most ennobling,—the supreme,—as one of our educators recently said, "Time is so short that we have not time to read good books; we cannot afford to read the best books; we have now time for only the supreme books." Supreme books should then constitute our libraries. Build your libraries of the best material. From the presses today are hundreds, thousands, yes, millions of pages of literature pouring in upon us like a flood. But what is it? Eighty to ninety percent of all the literature read in the libraries throughout our civilized land is fiction, shown in historical and theological lore, myths and fancy tales, sensational literature, romance and so called high-class fiction. From Ministry of Healing we read, "Even fiction which contains no suggestion of impurity and which is intended to teach excellent principles is harmful. It is often urged that in order to win the youth from sensational or worthless literature we should supply him with a better class of fiction. This is like trying to cure the drunkard by giving him in the place of whisky or brandy, the milder intoxicants, such as beer, wine, or cider. The only safety is total abstinence, and so for the love of fiction." Especially, for the young mind which receives readily, but retains forever. From gleanings I read that Carey was led to give himself to India after reading Cook's voyages, and Fuller's tract together with a constant study of the Bible; John Wesley attributes his Christian life to the book "Imitation of Christ"; Gibbon valued his early love for reading above the treasures of India. It is said that Voltaire at the age of five years read a skeptical poem which decided his views in favor of infidelity. Can one afford to spend his time in that which is not profitable either to himself or to others? There are more than a hundred books worth reading: Biographical books on Christian work, Description and Travel, Devotional, Doctrinal, History, Missions, Nature; and many others. But the Book of books is the Bible. Ruskin said that the scriptures he memorized established his soul in life. From Steps to Christ, "If God's word

were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose that is rarely seen in these times."

From the *Testimonies Vol. 5*, I quote, "There are many of our youth whom God has endowed with superior capabilities. He has given them the very best talents, but their powers have been enervated, their minds confused, and enfeebled, and for years they have made no growth in grace and in the knowledge of the reasons of our faith, because they have gratified a taste for story reading."

"Say firmly, I will not spend precious moments in reading that which will be of no profit to me, and which only unfits me to be of service to others. I will devote my time and thoughts to acquiring a fitness for God's service." *Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7*.

In conclusion let us remember that a seed sown today is eternal in its results. E. V. JOHNSTON.

Ontario Conference

Lynden

I met with the Lynden Church last Sabbath and Sunday. They were pleased to have me with them. We enjoyed the Sabbath-school lesson very much. In the after meeting we had a study on the second coming of our Lord. Sunday night we held a cottage meeting at Brother Hunt's home. The room was well filled with attentive listeners. They urged me to return as soon as I could and continue the Bible studies. While there I secured some subscriptions for "Our Able Minister" the *Review* and obtained orders for other literature. The *Review* has such excellent articles just now from Mrs. E. G. White on Old Testament history—those with a special application at the present time. Elder W. A. Spicer is presenting the leading doctrines held by us with additional and valuable historical data. Elder J. O. Corliss is placing the Bible searchlight on "Pastor" Russell's age-to-come theory. Then, it keeps us in touch with the progress and development of the message in all parts of the world. No member of any church or company, and certainly no isolated person, should think of depriving himself of its benefits. Could I only afford one paper, it would be the *Review*. Subscription rates: 3 months 50 cents; 6 months \$1.00; 12 months \$2.00. Order of Can. Pub. Assn. J. CAPMAN.

A Few Words Gleaned from the Field

Brother T. H. Robinson of London writes, "I went out two afternoons and took eight orders for 'Coming King.' I sold at the same time two 'World's Crisis.' I have instructed Sister Olive Smith to order for me one hundred 'World's Crisis.'"

Brother John Heaver of Petrolia said, "On Thursday the Lord helped me secure five orders for 'Daniel and Revelation.' At one home the lady asked me what church

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Mission Funds Statement

ONTARIO

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$1,432 60
Amount received 904 95
Shortage to date..... \$527 65

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$605 80
Amount received..... 348 43
Shortage to date..... \$259 37

MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$403 00
Amount received 315 68
Shortage to date \$87 32

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents to March 31..... \$158 60
Amount received 71 79
Shortage to date \$86 81

I belonged to. I frankly told her the Seventh-day Adventist. She said, "I thought so. I met one of your people in Toronto. She gave me an order for a full morocco binding. At another home I found a man who has been ill for five years and is suffering much pain. He complained of everything and everybody, and after an interesting canvass, I spoke to him about his spiritual condition, and read to him from the Bible. I had forgotten about my book and was ready to go when he gave me an order for half morocco binding. I find much to praise the Lord for and to help me on my way."

While at Hamilton last week, I thought I would try to see how the book entitled, "The World's Crisis" would

sell. I had never sold it before. I find it sells quite readily. Many people are ready to listen to anyone who has anything that can throw light on the great European conflict. People are stirred. I never saw such interest among people. This book can readily be sold, if presented in an intelligent manner. I simply told the people that I was engaged in home missionary work and had brought them the book entitled "The World's Crisis," or what the Bible has to say about the present war, and the battle of Armageddon. Then, showed them the chapter headings and told the price. What I could not sell for cash I took orders to be delivered Monday. I delivered every book. You can get them for 12½ cents each, with postage or express extra, in lots of ten or more from the Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa. Just the thing for the people. Gives the message. Anybody can buy. The price is small. Try it. Send today.

J. CAPMAN, Miss. Sec.

Maritime Conference

Pledging or Signing the Card

Many have formed this rule, never to pledge. I do not think that any one should make hasty promises, or promise to stand good for a large amount which he cannot pay. It would be wrong for you to rent a house and promise to pay \$100.00 a month when your income would only pay \$10.00, but would you reason that because you do not think it wise to rent the \$100.00 house that you would rent no house at all? Many times I have heard people say that they would never pledge, especially when it came to giving to missionary work of some kind. Now listen,—When you rented that house did you not promise to pay a definite amount each month? When you bought that sewing machine, sideboard, stove, or other article of furniture, did you not pay so much a week? Did you ever borrow some amount of money and agree to pay a certain rate of interest each year? Yet when you are asked to say that you will be willing to give to the cause of God, you say, "I do not believe in making any promises or pledges." If you do not pay your rent which you promised to pay, the landlord takes your goods. God gives you manifold blessings and you say that you will not promise him any thing, yet he is better than your landlord, he still gives you the blessings. My brothers and sisters if any of us have had this mistaken idea be willing to do all that God will help you to do.

Be as willing to promise God as you are your landlord or your merchant.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending April 17, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total
John Pengelly	C. K.	45	13	\$19 25	\$17 25	\$36 50
John Heaver	D. R.	28	5	18 00	2 50	20 50
Totals		73	18	\$37 25	\$19 75	\$57 00