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Let Faith Lighten Your Way

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For you this is a great moment. Your church needs you and the service that you are prepared to give. As you seek to serve God and His cause with the new tools of knowledge you now possess, I most humbly beseech you to "let faith lighten your way."

These are times of national and international frustration. The stature of man has diminished morally and spiritually, and the end is not yet. The powerful crosscurrents in the political, economic, and social thinking of man have thrown the world into a state of perplexity. In these hard-to-be-understood times you will need the guiding hand of faith to lead you and give you courage, certainty, and conviction.

As religious leaders, ministers of the remnant church, with the last warning message of hope to a troubled world, you are going forth to work at a time that calls for supreme effort and divine wisdom.

In the world today political, economic, and scientific developments of revolutionary proportions have effected significant changes in man's living habits. New patterns of living have been forced upon communities, and even upon nations. The impetus of postwar reconversion, technological advances, court decisions, and ideals of world reconstruction have accelerated these changes. As we view the signs ahead they seem to forecast further significant changes in the accustomed patterns of social

relations. You will be compelled to discover ways of living and working effectively and successfully under these new conditions.

To see a sermon rather than to hear one is no longer poetry but a living, breathing reality. Today the church is addressing itself to that which is its acknowledged concern: the translation of creed into deed, and it must be provided with sterling leadership for times like these.

The skies of the world are rapidly graying, and a tinge of inky blackness appears on the horizon. You will need Jesus as your Counselor and His Divine Spirit as your guide.

Men in high places are seeking to tamper with your freedom of speech and your freedom of worship. Chief Justice Earl Warren said, "The emotional influences of the times, coupled with latent suspicion and prejudice inherent in human nature, are capable of threatening the basic rights of every one, unless those emotions are controlled by self-discipline, community spirit, and governmental action."

In the world today there is a chronic craze for all varieties of fun and pleasure, and all manner of contrivances and mechanical devices are being utilized, which will detract from church services and interfere with your evangelistic meetings.

From the pen of inspiration I quote: "Jesus calls for young men who will volunteer to carry the

truth to the world. Men of spiritual stamina are wanted, men who are able to find work close at hand, because they are looking for it. The church needs new men to give energy to the ranks, men for the times, able to cope with its errors."

You are some of the new men whom God is calling for today to give energy to the ranks and cope with the errors of these times. In accepting the call of God to preach the gospel, you have committed your lives to a great task.

Your business is to preach to the world the righteousness of Christ and to demonstrate by holiness of living that you have been overcome and conquered by the precious love of God as it is manifested in Jesus Christ. You are to bring men back to God by His saving power that they might be inspired by the blessed hope to live in obedience to all His commands.

You must not only preach the gospel but also live the gospel. The world needs reactivated the spirit of the good Samaritan. Let the world know that Christianity is not made up of systems, creeds, or rituals, but is "the word of him who liveth and abideth for ever."

This is no time for timid or fearful souls. Each one of you must be a flaming fire for God. There is no work comparable in worth, beauty, and power to that of rescuing the perishing or lifting up the fallen. The man who keeps him-

self in the presence of Christ, and his hands in His service, will discover his true self and the great possibilities that lie within him.

If you will allow the Spirit of God to fill your life, you will find the path of duty, and your hands will find a place for service.

"What the church needs in these days of peril is an army of workers who, like Paul, have educated themselves for usefulness, who have a deep experience in the things of God, and who are filled with earnestness and zeal. Sanctified, self-sacrificing men are needed; men who are brave and true; men in whose hearts Christ is found "the hope of glory," and who with lips touched with holy fire will preach the Word."

Sympathy Helps But Pays No Bills

The Christian Benefit F. & P. Association, Inc., was organized over eight years ago with the following motto: "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak" (Rom. 15:1), and "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2).

It is a perpetual, nonprofit burial assistance plan, that is financed through the payment of dues and assessments of its members. It is an assistance plan, and wherever it is presented it bears the approval of our leading brethren of the Regional department, many of whom are members.

It is not an insurance plan, but is a "savings plan," assuring one of financial aid when needed most—at death. During its eight years of existence it has done an immense good. Claims are always paid promptly. Seventh-day Adventists and members of their immediate families who have a fair degree of good health and upon the recommendation of their church or pastor, may join.

An individual over 64 years of age is eligible to join provided another joins at the same time under the age of 50. Children may thus put in their parents and grandparents when they join

Konola Academy Students Give Concert in Capital

The winning voices of the Seventh-day Adventist Konola Academy choir have caught the fancy of the music-loving Monroviaans of Liberia with their repeat performance of 1953. The spirit and the pathos of their musical renditions have put them in a class by themselves.

It was on United Nations Day, October 24, 1954, that thirty-three young men and women filed across the stage of the Centennial Memorial Pavilion before an audience of over eight hundred persons. Professor P. E. Giddings, principal of the Konola Academy, made the introductory remarks, after which Elder C. D. Henri, mission president, introduced Elder Cammack, who gave the opening prayer.

Mrs. Violet B. Giddings conducted the choir and was assisted by Mrs. Jane H. Hughes at the piano. The choir opened the program with "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte. Among eleven selections rendered by the choir were, "Let Us Break Bread Together," "Lord, Oh, Hear Me Praying," and "A Little Talk With Jesus." Elder David H. Hughes was guest soloist. He sang, "O! Man River," "Trees," and "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You," which thrilled the audience.

Near the close of the program Elder C. D. Henri made remarks and asked for the offering. The choir sang as its closing number "Ride the Chariot," which was a request number. The program was a real success.

Adventism is on the march in the four corners of the earth. The Konola Academy choir with their "winning voices" has chosen the universal language of music to tell the good news of Christ's soon coming kingdom. These 33 melodious voices are not alone in the task of witnessing for Christ. They represent only one of the 4,594 colleges, academies, and intermediate and elementary Seventh-day Adventist schools located in many parts of the world, engaged in promoting a Christ-centered education for the youth.

Adventist Leaders Attend Fete Honoring Tubman

At the invitation of the General Conference committee, J. I. Robison of the Secretarial Department and C. E. Moseley, Jr., associate departmental secretary, represented the denomination at a luncheon in honor of His Excellency William V. W. Tubman, the president of Liberia, at New York City, November 1, 1954.

Men and women from across the nation gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria for the luncheon. Several diplomats, a dozen or so bishops and financiers, and numerous organizational representatives were on hand to dine and to hear the president.

His Excellency, Mr. Tubman, arrived and the receiving line formed. It was headed by Dr. Fredrick D. Patterson, former president of Tuskegee Institute, and Dr. Emory Ross, who was master of ceremonies for the luncheon. The president received each guest informally and gave a gentle slap on the shoulder to a few intimates. To Elder Moseley, he said, "I am happy to see you again." Their first meeting was more than two years ago at the executive's mansion in Monrovia.

A simple but tasty dinner was served; and while dessert was eaten, Dr. Ross presented several persons of note who sat at the president's table, including Bishop Harris of the A.M.E. church in Liberia, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, undersecretary of the United Nations Organization, and the Honorable Clarence L. Simpson, Liberian Ambassador to the United States.

Three short speeches preceded that of the president. These included a brief sketch of the founding and settling of the Republic of Liberia by American Negroes and whites, and the statements of what the several organizations have done and hope to do in furthering the development of Liberia and other smaller nations. In his speech President Tubman praised those organizations for their "worthy efforts," and especially for what is being done for his Liberia. He ended his spe-



Master Guides of the Meharry church in Nashville, Tennessee.

After a savory meal was served by Mrs. T. Haddox, MV leader for 1954, and Mrs. F. Hardison, the assistant Sabbath school superintendent for 1955, gifts were exchanged by the group. Elder Freeman, a Master Guide, served as Father Good-will and passed out the gifts.

Two Master Guides, Mrs. Emma Jordan and Elder P. C. Winley, who is now Home Missionary secretary of the Central States Conference, were not present for the banquet.

Many interesting plans are now under way for 1955, including a large investiture service before the year ends. The group spent an evening recently in a study of astronomy at the Nashville Museum. Miss A. Dorris Merideth, a South Central Conference secretary, is president of the Master Guide Club, and Mrs. Gladys Rucker is secretary-treasurer.

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Council in Denver

● The first of a series of church officer councils to be conducted throughout the Central States Conference was held in the Denver church district on the first Sabbath the New Year.

Under the direction of the confer-

ence president, F. L. Bland, and assisted by H. T. Saulter, secretary-treasurer, and departmental leaders, the work of all key church officers will be reviewed in the council. This first meeting was attended by persons from Pueblo and Denver.

Obituary

Funeral services for Mrs. Georgia Mae Wright Slater, the wife of Elder Frederick B. Slater, were held in the Glendale church in Minneapolis, on January 26, 1955. Mrs. Slater, who had been ill for several months, passed away January 22 at the Lady of Good Counsel Rest Home.

Mrs. Slater was born in Columbus, Georgia. At the age of 13 she accepted the message and was baptized by the evangelist J. G. Thomas. Later she attended Oakwood College, and after graduating in 1934 served as teacher and Bible worker in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference.

In 1936, she was married to Elder Slater. The wedding ceremony was performed by Elder H. W. Kibble, and under his guidance the young couple began their work together in the Lord's vineyard.

Mrs. Slater was a woman of many talents, and she used them all in the Lord's service. She was teaching school in Montgomery, Alabama, when she and Elder Slater were invited to Minneapolis in 1953. She was an efficient secretary, teacher,

and Bible instructor, as well as an accomplished musician and skillful seamstress.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Slater's survivors include a daughter, Joyce Marie, her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Wright of Columbus, Georgia, and three sisters and a brother.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder H. W. Kibble, president of the Lake Region Conference, who was assisted by other ministerial brothers in the area. Mrs. Slater was buried in the Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis, where she awaits the trumpet sound of God, when the dead in Christ shall rise.

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Rest Home for Aged Built in Oberlin

On Saturday night, December 11, it was my privilege to be shown through the new Carter's Rest Home at 284 East Lorain Street in Oberlin, Ohio.

Brother and Sister E. U. Carter are to be congratulated for this wonderful accomplishment. Their sixty-bed nursing home will be a benediction in the lives of hundreds of elderly men and women who may be privileged to spend their declining years in such beautiful and comfortable surroundings.

In the November 25 issue of the Oberlin *News-Tribune*, four pages were devoted to pictures, articles, and expressions of appreciation to the Carters by the Oberlin community for their new and attractive establishment and for the humanitarian work to which it has been dedicated.

The home is licensed to care for sixty patients. Ten nurses, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Carter, and Dr. C. J. Cooley, who serves when needed as house physician, comprise the Carter's Rest Home staff.

The building was designed by H. D. Dobbins, brother of Sister Carter and was built by Brother Carter at

a cost of approximately \$40,000. Brother Luther Palmer, another member of the family, had charge of the brickwork.

The Carters are faithful members of the Oberlin church. They are Oakwoodites, and have served as members of the college staff.

MV Society Brings Services to Shut-ins

Sabbath, February 12, was a cold and icy day in Washington, D.C., but the shut-in members of the Ephesus church heard the choir sing "We Shall Walk Through Valley in Peace," and heard Douglas Tate, a student at the Seminary, preach the morning sermon based on Psalms 121. Afterward, they listened to Miss Margaret Montgomery sing a solo.

The program was the first Sabbath service to be carried to the absent members on a tape recording machine. The project, engineered and recorded by Roy McCoy, is sponsored by the Ephesus MV society. The transportation is furnished by Bernard Smith, another member of the society.

The shut-ins were very appreciative of the service. One sister heard her first sermon in almost four years. Another member, who had relied upon an able-bodied member to tell her what previous sermons were about, heard a service for herself.

Since the tape used to record the service can be reused, the expenses for the project are very small. Plans have been made with the telephone company to broadcast the recorded service to all of the members at the same time by a simultaneous hook-up. This will eliminate the need for a car, and save time needed now for replays.

Oakwood College

Garland Millet, Pres.
Huntsville, Ala.

New President and Six Teachers Join Faculty

Along with its new president, Elder Garland Millet, Oakwood College added six other members

to its faculty. Two teachers were assigned to the academy staff, and four added to the college roster.

From Kansas City, Missouri, the college obtained the husband-and-wife team of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Alexander, both graduates of Union College. Mr. Alexander, who left a private business to serve the school, is an instructor in the Biology department.

His wife, Arthelia, who received a master's degree in business education from Kansas State Teachers College, is working as an instructor in the secretarial science department. Before coming to Oakwood, Mrs. Alexander taught at a Kansas City high school, and served as a coordinator of distributive education at another school.

The other husband-and-wife team to join the teaching staff is Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pierre-Louis. Professor Pierre-Louis, a native of Haiti, who formerly taught at the Haitian Seventh-day Adventist Seminary, is the new head of the Romance Languages department. He received both his bachelor and master's degrees from the University of Haiti, and has studied at Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Mrs. Pierre-Louis, the former Miss Johnnie Mae Robinson, rejoined the academy faculty as choir director and instructor of voice. She is a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College and has done graduate work at Northwestern University in Chicago.

The new academy English teacher is Mrs. Florence M. Winslow, a graduate of Knoxville College and Atlanta University. Mrs. Winslow, who became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1946, has served on the faculty of three other colleges during her teaching career.

One of the youngest members to join the college faculty is Mr. Mylas Martin, of Cleveland, who is serving as an instructor in the English and speech department.

Mr. Martin was a student at Oakwood during his freshman college year, and later graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College. In 1954, he received a master's degree in

history from the University of Michigan, where he was a State scholar. Mr. Martin is faculty sponsor of the United Student Movement.

E. E. Cleveland Conducts Evangelism Workshop

Visiting Oakwood for the third successive year to head the important annual evangelism workshop, January 24-31, Elder E. E. Cleveland, Montgomery, Alabama, evangelist and associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association, told students and faculty that the "biggest aim of Seventh-day Adventist education is still to train young people to win souls for Christ.

"No force is more powerful and upon no group is the Advent Movement more dependent in accomplishing this goal than upon well-trained young people in our colleges."

During the seven-day workshop, Elder Cleveland, an Oakwood graduate, illustrated the proper procedures and techniques utilized by leading S.D.A. ministers in public evangelism (evangelistic efforts). He was assisted by Elder Charles Dudley, of Montgomery, and Pastor Ralph Peay, both of whom are also Oakwood graduates.

Internships Given to Five Ministers

Five young ministers were recently appointed to internships in conferences on the East and West coasts.

In California, Pastor Glenn Douglas Howell was appointed to serve in the Central California Conference. In the Northern California Conference a second year's internship was granted to Pastor Isadore D. Evans.

Two ministers, Pastor Everett Alexander and S. A. Hutchins, were appointed to posts in the Northeastern Conference.

Pastor A. Nelson Bliss received an internship in the Allegheny Conference, and is working in Delaware. Before his appointment Pastor Bliss taught at Union Academy in Washington, D.C.