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Evangelical Department

A Successful Tent Meeting

How to conduct a successful tent meeting is the great question that comes to almost every Seventh-day Adventist minister, over and over again, while the warm days of spring and summer are passing. I do not claim to be able to fully answer this question, but I desire to offer a few suggestions, hoping that they may be helpful to some one.

THE COMPANY

Let two workers labor together. Where one is weak in his presentation of the truth the other may be strong. When possible, sisters should compose a part of the company, the wife or daughter of the minister being the most appropriate lady helper. All these workers should know God, and should work harmoniously together with him.

THE LOCATION

The workers should have a district or territory assigned to them, and then together should ask God to lead them to the part of that territory or field which is ripe unto the harvest. Then enter it in faith, and quietly secure a site for the tent, always remembering that the Lord does not begin the establishment of his work in the ill-kept portion of the town or city. In no case advertise the meetings till you are upon the ground, to remain.

EQUIPMENTS

A medium-sized tent, say 24x36 ft., rectangular in shape, with a double top, is usually the most suitable. Family tents sufficient to provide quarters for all the laborers are necessary equipments. The large tents should be well lighted and neatly seated with portable seats. An organ is also a great help when properly used. In most cases a lady from the village or

city, can be obtained to act as organist. Secure such help if possible. Then get all those who can sing to help with the music, but never allow yourself to think you can sing people into the truth. The message must be proclaimed.

THE EFFORT

To keep the faith of Jesus is to see the fruitage of your work, a harvest of souls. Nothing but the teaching of the Word will bring this result. The Word is profitable; the Word received has power to convict and convert. The power is not in the minister except as he has the Word; so be sure that you preach the Word. The apostle gives the order: the "doctrine," "reproof," "correction," "then instruction in righteousness."

VISITING

Much visiting must be done as you begin your effort. More visiting with the people is needed as the work progresses. The most visiting and praying with the interested individuals is essential as they are deciding to obey, and while they are "babes in Christ."

LENGTH OF EFFORT

Never leave newly born babes in Christ till they learn to walk. Stay by your work, even if it takes all summer and winter to establish the standard of truth in your field. One soul saved is worth many who have been warned yet left uninstructed to wander about.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

The Australian Donation

It has been decided to make a call to our people on the Fourth of July for the work in Australia. All the proceeds derived from this donation will be appropriated to the work in Australia.

It is desired that our people everywhere take an interest in this donation, and endeavor to raise not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for their work at this time. Misfortunes have come to that field from a variety of sources. Long protracted droughts in portions of the country have made it hard for many to live,

to say nothing about being able to sustain the work. Enterprises have been started that must be pushed to completion, and the work must receive financial help in order to succeed.

We can readily recall the early days in the United States when we started many of our institutions, how that call after call was made in order to make an enterprise succeed.

The United States is at present enjoying a period of great financial prosperity. No other country on earth to-day presents a parallel to ours in this regard. Farm products are in good demand. Labor is commanding unprecedented wages; the manufacturing industries were never farther behind in filling their orders—in fact we are in the midst of a great financial boom, when to get money is not difficult, and where great opportunities are always open before us.

Why should not every Seventh-day Adventist, during this time of prosperity, set himself to getting out of debt, and to help lift the cause of God from debt? What others lack and cannot raise, are we not obligated to assist in raising? Australia appeals to America to assist her at this time.

We trust that the experiences of the past may be realized again in our donation of July 4, that is, that our people are always ready to give when a field is in need.

The future of God's cause never looked brighter than to-day. Success is crowning the preaching of the gospel in all lands. Europe will soon be able to carry all of its own work, and so will Australia. The mighty hand of God is leading his people on day by day. Behind us lie the wilderness wanderings, while before us are the inviting Beulah fields beckoning us homeward. Let us all do our best to make the hearts of our Australian brethren glad by sending them a liberal donation.

Do not forget the date—Sabbath, July 4.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

"BLESSED are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

Educational Department

Science on the End of the World

THIS is a question in which all mankind has a vital interest, for all will be involved in the catastrophe when it occurs. Hence it is not strange that there should be much discussion of the subject both by religionists and scientists. But if it were not for the seriousness of the question some of the discussion would be positively amusing. Thus in a recent publication, which has quite an extensive circulation, three university professors attempt to give a scientific explanation of the means by which the final crisis will be brought about.

Prof. Albert H. Walker tells us that the "earth will be ground into pieces by the moon." He maintains that, in the course of time, "the moon will be approaching the earth, through a spiral course, instead of revolving about the earth in a connected orbit. That approach will bring the moon nearer and nearer to the earth, so that eventually it will revolve around the earth only a thousand miles away, and then only a hundred miles away, and then only one mile away, until it will reach contact with the surface of the globe, and then grind harder and harder around it, crushing mountains, and cities, and continents into atoms, and transforming the whole coherent globe, as well as its own substance, into superheated gas."

He tells us, however, that we possess no means as yet of knowing when this appalling fatality will take place, and gives us a grain of comfort by assuring us that it is a "far-distant catastrophe."

According to Prof. Simon Newcomb, the astronomer of Johns Hopkins University, the inhabitants of the world are destined to perish from the intense heat that will be generated by the impact of a wandering star against the face of our sun. The fiery flood thus produced will be poured upon the earth, causing a universal conflagration in which every combustible thing will be consumed. Following this, gales of terrific magnitude, traveling at inconceivable velocity, will destroy all vestige of the works of man and of nature. Great torrents of boiling water will fall upon the earth, and, penetrating to the basements and vaults, will scald to death the miserable remnants of humanity who have fled

hither to escape the fury of the flame and the gale.

Thus will perish all things earthly. But, according to the professor, this is the normal course of evolution. The sun is dying out, and in time will sink into a state of utter exhaustion, from which it can be recovered only by such a catastrophe as described. Many ages will elapse while life is reappearing on the earth, but when it does finally come it will probably be far superior to that which was destroyed.

The astronomer of Northwestern University, Prof. G. W. Hough, takes exactly the opposite view of the destruction of the world. According to him the volume of heat poured upon the earth is slowly diminishing, and in the lapse of ages will cease altogether. Then everything will freeze up. "The last vestige of life will be obliterated by cold."

But he also allays our fears by telling us that "we are not going to freeze to death, nor are our children, nor are our children's children for a thousand generations yet to come. But the earth cannot last forever; its life must go."

We do not refer to these contradictory statements for the sake of disparaging the authors. They are all earnest and talented gentlemen whose researches have added to the world's knowledge of the stellar regions. We give them as examples of the conclusions to which men are led who come to the study of science without the aid of divine wisdom.

S. M. BUTLER.

The Missionary Band

WE have received the names of several more Bands, which we give below. We now have sixty-seven members in our Missionary Band. We are pleased to see how well our young friends are responding to the call to devote some of their time this summer to doing missionary work. We trust this number will be increased until all of our Sabbath school children are engaged in this practical missionary work. I would suggest, dear children, that when you have planted your garden, or whatever you have decided to do, that you remember that you are now working for the Lord, and do your work well. When your potatoes, onions, beets, etc., come up, do not neglect them and allow the weeds to grow but say, "I

am working for the Lord now, and I must not neglect my work." The Lord tells us to be "diligent in business." He also says, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently (marginal reading)." Let us remember these texts this summer.

MRS. S. M. BUTLER.

Grand Rapids Band

WHEN the matter of the Missionary Band was presented to the children of the Grand Rapids church, they all expressed themselves very enthusiastically concerning the work, and nearly all said that they would join the Band and do what they can to earn money this summer for missionary purposes. We give the names of those who have said what they will do, and hope to have more names to add to the list soon.

"I am going to have an onion patch and raise onions."

HAZEL FURNEY.

"I have not yet decided how I shall do it, but I expect to try my best to earn some money for missionary purposes."

EMMIT HAUGHEY.

"I shall keep my eyes open for every opportunity; that is the way I expect to earn some money."

ELSIE HAUGHEY.

"I have a pretty large piece of ground to plant to whatever I wish; and I am also going to sell *Life Boats*."

HELEN MCCOLLUM.

Bass River Band

BROTHER D. D. Hunt sends us the names of those who will join the Missionary Band at Bass River. This is the largest Band yet heard from.

Ezuba Wilson, one brood of chickens; Ezuba Wilson, one row of potatoes, ten rods long; Laura Sheffield, one brood of chickens; D. D. Hunt, two rows of potatoes, ten rods long; Flora Hunt, one row of potatoes, ten rods long; Fred Hunt, one row of potatoes, ten rods long; Vernie Hunt, one row of potatoes, ten rods long; Lewis Thompson, one row of potatoes, ten rods long; Eber Sheffield, one row of potatoes, ten rods long; Henry Wilson, \$1.00; Nettie Wilson, 50c; Enos Parish, 50c; Erva Parish, 25c; Herbert Parish, 25c; Homer Parish, 25c; Orilla Allen, 25c; Rose Sheffield, 25c; Eunice Guild, 25c; Earl Judd, 25c.

"YE are the light of the world."

Medical Department

Antediluvian Vegetarians

FLESH EATING AND RACE DETERIORATION

BEFORE the flood, when men were living upon the heaven-appointed bill of fare of nuts, fruits, and grains, the average life was nearly one thousand years. After the flood flesh eating commenced, and with flesh eating began a rapid decline in the length of human life.

Noah lived nine hundred and fifty years; Shem, six hundred years; Salah, four hundred and thirty-three years; Rue, two hundred and thirty-nine years; Terah, two hundred and five years; Joseph, one hundred and ten years. When we come to David's time the average age of man had been still further reduced to seventy years, and at the present time the average is forty-two years, or less than one twentieth of man's original lease of life.

Without doubt no other cause has been as potent in the reduction of the length of human life as has been consumption of the flesh of animals. It is the accumulation of animal poisons in the body of an animal that weakens its life processes.

Because Adam hearkened not to the voice of God, and did eat of the forbidden fruit, the Lord said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee. In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread." Gen. 3: 17, 18, 19. Can we not see scarcity, famine, drouth, and failure of the usual supply of natural foods foreshadowed in these verses? The "herb of the field" is now permitted, which was the original diet of the ox, and still later, in times of greater necessity, when the flood had devastated and wrecked the earth and rendered it still more barren, and possibly destroyed many species of fruit and seed bearing plants, man was given permission to eat "every moving thing that liveth." Gen. 9: 3. This could be eaten when even herbs had failed.

FLESH EATING SHORTENS LIFE

God does nothing in vain, nor without wise reasons; therefore when he permitted meat to be eaten after the flood, may not another reason be because he knew that as the race would

become more and more wicked, it would be an act of mercy to shorten their lives, thereby keeping them from accumulating guilt, to be met with corresponding punishment? "After the flood, the people ate largely of animal food. God saw that the ways of man were corrupt, and that he was disposed to exalt himself proudly against his Creator, and to follow the inclination of his own heart; and he permitted that long-lived race to eat animal food to shorten their sinful lives. Soon after the flood, the race began to rapidly decrease in size and in length of years." *Facts of Faith.*

Have we not in the permission to eat flesh an illustration of the principle expressed in Eze. 20: 25? "Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live." See also Matt. 19: 8. Many regulations not in themselves good, have been made necessary on account of sin. God will not interfere with man's free moral agency. In the beginning God gave man laws, obedience to which would have insured him life. Through failure to live in harmony with God's original plan, conditions have been established unfavorable to life and health.

THE FUTURE IMMORTAL STATE

The prophet Isaiah gives us a picture of Eden restored, when the life of man shall be again "as the days of a tree," and when "the wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain." Isa. 65: 25. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:4.

DR. P. S. BOURDEAU.

"The gospel and the medical missionary work are to advance together. The gospel is to be bound up with the principles of true health reform. Christianity is to be brought into the practical life. Earnest, thorough reformatory work is to be done. True Bible religion is an outflowing of the love of God for fallen man. God's people are to advance in straightforward lines to impress the hearts of those who are seeking for truth, who desire to act their part aright in this intensely earnest age. We are to present the principles of health reform before the people, doing all in our power to lead men and women to see the necessity of these principles, and to practice them."

Missionary Department

Time for Action

WE thank God for the foothold that he has given us in the many lands abroad. This truth is sounding out. It stirs our hearts to see the ranks move forward. Most heart-stirring of all, however, we must confess, is the array of unoccupied fields. We face obligations to-day such as never before pressed upon any people.

The Lord is coming. The world is dying before our eyes. We must show the true-hearted in every land the way of salvation from all the evil yet to come upon the earth. The visible breaking up of things has been preparing the minds of men to give attention to the advent warning. Among the millions of the East, where half the world lies in darkness, there is a growing conviction that the end of the age is at hand. A swift crusade through the waiting lands, one grand rally to plant the standard in every unoccupied field, and the work is done.

It is a time for action rather than talk. It is a frightful crime to sit at home, and thank God for blessings received, while a world is perishing unwarned. "There is a world to be saved!" The missionary who goes down into the depths of humanity's need must put his life and his all into the hand of God for service. The believer who remains to work and pray and hold the ropes at home must likewise live for but the one purpose of doing the Lord's business in the earth. Every energy of the soul and every resource on earth must be held absolutely subject to God's call. Anything less than this is treason to High Heaven at the very crisis in the great controversy. In the way in which we are facing this problem of our world-wide work today, in the response we are giving to the calls for help, we are deciding our eternal destiny. W. A. SPICER.

Mission Notes

A NEAT little sanitarium will soon be in operation in Kobe, Japan. A house has been secured, well adapted to our work. The Doctors Lockwood will be in charge. They will be assisted by Dr. Kumashiro—a native lady physician—and several Japanese nurses; so that they will be able to work for the Japanese even before they have acquired the language.

FOR a number of years Brother Henry Williams and his wife have stood alone as witnesses for the truth in the island of Hayti. A recent report from Brother Williams brings the good news that their number is increased to seven. A mother and four children are keeping the Sabbath with them.

"FROM India, from Africa, from China, from the islands of the sea, from the down-trodden millions of so-called Christian lands, the cry of human woe is ascending to God. That cry will not be long unanswered."

THE Anglo-Chinese school in Hong Kong has a membership of twenty-one. They are being taught the truths of God's word. In the interior of China, in the province of Honan, where our first church has been organized, a boys' school was recently opened. One of those lately baptized has charge of the school:

Special Christian Endeavor Number

The *Sentinel of Christian Liberty* of July 9 will be a number of particular value for circulation among that large society of earnest young people known as the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Their International Convention will be held at Denver, Colorado, July 9th to 13th, and this makes the present an opportune time to work, not only among the delegates, but also among the members of the society, said to be nearly four million, who will not be able to be present.

This special Christian Endeavor number of the *Sentinel* will contain articles discussing the principles of True Christian Endeavor and Christian Citizenship, which will, in a kindly helpful way, point out where and how our endeavor should be put forth for Christ.

In order to secure the hearty cooperation of the readers of the *Sentinel* and of all who are interested in placing these principles of truth in the hands of Endeavorers everywhere, we offer this special Christian Endeavor number at the following very low prices: 10 copies, 15 cents; 25, 35c; 50, 70c.; 100, \$1.25; 1,000, \$10; and 5,000 or more, \$8 per 1,000. Order through the West Michigan Conference.

News from the Field

Kinderhook

I VISITED this church June 2nd and remained until June 8th. My heart was made glad to see the zeal and earnestness manifested by the whole company, and their willingness to engage in any line of work that promises to advance the message. There is perfect love and unity among the members. Each one is paying a full tithe. Several meetings were held, and the word spoken brought comfort, hope, and good cheer to all.

R. E. HARTER.

Clifford Lake

JUNE 1st I delivered in the township of Ferris, Montcalm county, the following books: four "Heralds of the Morning"; two "Marvel of Nations"; two "Looking unto Jesus"; two "Power for Witnessing"; one "Matthew Twenty-Four"; three "Best Stories"; one "Christ's Object Lessons". I also took the following orders for books to be delivered October 15: three "Marvel of Nations"; one "Christ's Object Lessons"; one "Gospel Primer".

I am interested in this line of work, and I know that the Lord has blessed me in doing it. I wish I could spend all of my time in it, and I think shall in the near future. A. L. EVANS.

Obituary

SISTER J. P. Dopp, formerly of McBride, more recently of Wyman, was born in the city of Montreal, Canada, March 2, 1838; died in Chicago, May 24, 1903, aged 65 years, 2 months and 22 days. An aged husband, one sister, three nephews, and five nieces, with a host of other friends, mourn her loss.

Nearly all her life Sister Dopp has been an earnest Christian. Some years ago she accepted the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and united with the believers at Cedar Lake Mich., and remained a consistent member of that church until the time of her death. During all of her sickness she was surrounded by loving friends, and the Lord in whom she trusted was her comfort. She was fully resigned to his will, and of her it can truly be said, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth." A large number of friends and neighbors assembled at the funeral services in the church at McBride.

J. G. LAMSON.

News and Notes

—Brother and Sister Ingersoll, of West Olive, called at the office last last week.

—The church school at Grand Ledge closed June 12. Plans are being laid for school another year.

—We have a supply of the lesson quarterlies for the third quarter of 1903. Send in your order at once.

—Sister Jennie DeYoung is at home at Fremont, visiting her parents, and taking a little rest from her Bible work.

Brother Fred Brink and Brother R. E. Tefft expect to begin a tent effort at the Frost school house this week.

—Dr. P. S. Bourdeau speaks at a meeting of the W. C. T. U., at Holland, Friday afternoon. Her subject is "Health."

—Eld. W. D. Parkhurst and Brother W. H. Heckman have decided on a location for their tent this summer. They will pitch at Batavia, a small place near Coldwater.

—The Sixth Annual Assembly of Christian Teachers will be held at Berrien Springs from June 24 to August 30. The Assembly will be opened with a five days' institute.

—Eld. A. G. Haughey, Brother E. A. Merriam, Dr. P. S. Bourdeau and Mrs. S. M. Butler spent a few days at the Big Rapids campmeeting last week. We hope to have a report of the meeting for our readers next week.

—We call attention to the notice of the special number of the *Sentinel*. This is an excellent opportunity for our young people to reach the young people of the Christian Endeavor with the truths for this time. Let every society of young people do something. The Grand Rapids Society have ordered a club for distribution.

—Sabbath, June 13, was a day devoted to the children at the Grand Rapids Sabbath school. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers, palms and foliage. An interesting program of choice selections, appropriate to the day and its services, interspersed with music, was rendered by the children. Elder Haughey made a few remarks at the close of the exercises, to the children, on beholding God in his created works. He emphasized the thought that God is our great leader.