

"The Lord is King."

Psalms 10:16. *The*

"Bind up the testimony, seal
the law among My disciples."

Isaiah 8:16.



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Unity Among Believers

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17:20,21.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Cor. 1:10.

"Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another, according to Christ Jesus; that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 15:5,6.

"Like will attract like. Those who are drinking from the same fountain of blessing will draw nearer together. Truth dwelling in the hearts of believers will lead to blessed and happy assimilation. Thus will be answered the prayer of Christ that His disciples might be one, even as He is one with the Father. For this oneness, every truly converted heart will be striving."— "Testimonies," Vol. 5, pp. 100, 101.

"A Union of believers with Christ, will as a natural result lead to a union with one another, which bond of union is the most enduring upon earth. We are one in Christ, as Christ is one with the Father."— "Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 47.

"God designs that His people shall be a unit, that they shall see eye to eye, and be of the same mind and of the same judgment. This cannot be accomplished without a clear, pointed, living testimony in the church."— "Testimonies," Vol. 3, p. 361.

"Truth is mighty, and will prevail. Those who love and support the word of God will more and more decidedly range themselves on the Lord's side, and brethren will stand heart and heart in defence of truth. Those who support error will more decidedly gather themselves against the holy and pure principles plainly revealed in the word of God."— "Review and Herald," June 24, 1890.

"We are to unify, but not on the platform of error."— "Special Testimonies," Series B. 2, p. 47.

"Union with Christ and with one another is our only safety in these last days."— "Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 240.

"RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST"

"To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs."—*Testimonies*, Volume 2, page 29.

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

"The first disciples went forth preaching the word. They revealed Christ in their lives. And the Lord worked with them, 'confirming the word with signs following.' These disciples prepared themselves for their work. Before the day of Pentecost they met together, and put away all differences. They were of one accord. They believed Christ's promise that the blessing would be given, and they prayed in faith. They did not ask for a blessing for themselves merely; they were weighted with the burden for the salvation of souls. The gospel was to be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth, and they claimed the endowment of power that Christ had promised. Then it was that the Holy Spirit was poured out, and thousands were converted in a day." *Desire of Ages*, p. 827.

"Notice that it was after the disciples had come into perfect unity, when they were no longer striving for the highest place, that the Spirit was poured out. They were of one accord. All differences had been put away. And the testimony borne of them after the Spirit had been given is the same. Mark the word: 'The multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul.' Acts 4:32. The Spirit of Him who died that sinners might live animated the entire congregation of believers." *Testimonies*, Vol. 8, pp. 20, 21.

.. "For the outpouring of the Spirit every lover of the cause of truth should pray. And as far as lies in our power, we are to remove every hinderance to His working. The Spirit can never be poured out while variance and bitterness toward one another are cherished by the members of the church. Envy, jealousy, evil-surmising, and evil-speaking are of Satan, and they effectually bar the way against the Holy Spirit's working. Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care. Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those who are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticising and discouraging.

Those who are destitute of sympathy, tenderness, and love, cannot do Christ's work. Before the prophecy can be fulfilled, The weak shall be 'as David,' and the house of David 'as the angel of the Lord' (Zech. 12:8), the children of God must put away every thought of suspicion in regard to their brethren. Heart must beat in unison with heart. Christian benevolence and brotherly love must be far more abundantly shown. The words are ringing in my ears, 'Draw together, draw together.' The solemn, sacred truth for this time is to unify the

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Dear Self Subdued

EDITORIAL

THE ENEMY'S WORK

".. for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matth. 12:34.

When Jesus spoke these words, it was in answer to the accusation of the Pharisees, "This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils." Verse 24. We may ponder today over the stubbornness of those so-called religious leaders that dared to defy the truth in a boastful manner and seemingly with a tone of deepest conviction. How could they get those sacrilegious accusations over their lips, thereby sealing their own doom? Has it not always been Satan's special tactic throughout the ages to trumpet it out into all the world that God's eternal truth and His own blood-bought heritage were of the devil? That, - Satan must conclude - creates effect upon the people and instills fear. After all, who really desires to have anything to do with the satanic power? And by drowning out the still and quiet voice of truth by means of impressive propaganda and strong language he succeeds to keep the masses in utter darkness and under his influential power.

A REMNANT LEFT

But thank God! the power of Satan is limited. "I will leave in the midst of thee a poor and afflicted people." Zeph. 3:12. The remnant of Israel, like a brand plucked out of the fire, "shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their

mouth." Verse 13. During the time that the agents of Satan will literally cover the earth with lying propaganda and with twisted and warped half-truths, the remnants of Israel quietly and persistently ignore the pressure of the prince of evil and live the truth in its ever increasing light.

THE VOICE THAT SPEAKS

"And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left." Isa. 30:21. There is a "voice" that ought to speak distinctly behind us, pointing us to the right direction. And if you desire to know the identity of that voice, then come with me, dear fellow-believer! I will take you to the days of Elijah. See the brazen figure of the God-sent Reformer, denouncing the sin and apostasy of Israel in no mistaken terms. After God's honor was mightily vindicated, it seems the battle was won in favor of Elijah. But alas, the tide soon turned distinctly against him when Jezebel pronounced his doom. There we see him, discouraged, faltering and ready to give up. And now mark the marvellous incident that brought new life to his despairing spirit. The Lord appears to him and it says that "a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind." 1 Kings 19:11. This wind we may fittingly compare with the "wind of doctrine" of which Paul, the Apostle, speaks.

Yes, the winds are blowing from every conceivable direction today, but no God and no saving truth do they bring with them. They might break the stony resistance of men by means of falsely so-called "Revivals," but God is not in them, rather He is sending them "strong delusions, that they should believe a lie." 2 Thess.2:11. Yes, and if they could make the earth tremble, as the earthquake did that followed in Elijah's experience, - still there were no tokens of the divine presence. And what is finally all the talk of the "fiery baptism with the Holy Spirit" of which so-called Pentecostal believers are full to the overflowing? Remember the fire that fell after the earthquake, and still there was no token that God was in it. Yes, ponder over it, brother and sister.

IT IS HIS VOICE

In the hour of crisis God reveals Himself to His children not with a thunderous voice in storm and tempest, but as He did to Elijah, in a "still, small voice" (Verse 12). His God appears to him as a true, intimate friend, talking to him in that familiar still voice that has thrilled all children of God throughout the ages. So says the chief Shepherd, "My sheep hear my voice" (John 10:27), and "a stranger they will not follow, but will flee from him" (Verse 5).

SPEAKING TO US NOW

How may we identify this voice speaking to us? - O, my dear brethren and sisters, as I try to convey to you and acquaint you with this divine voice, I do it with reverence and awe, for it is the voice of Him who has spoken to my own soul not only once but numberless times in

the quiet of the closet and in the still solitude. What precious moments were these! Heaven was brought so close and tears of happiness watered the inner soul, never to be forgotten. And again, what happy moments when the small voice moved mightily in the humble meetings with fellow-believers.

THE KEY

The Lord has spoken to us when He said through Isaiah that He would dwell with those only who have a 'broken and contrite heart.' (Chap. 57:15.) O yes, there, and there only lies the key, - there alone the true characteristic of the 'small voice' becomes predominant and outstanding. It is therefore our own attitude from within that opens our ears to recognize the voice of Jesus.

FALL AND BREAK

"And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken." Matth.21:44. This stone is Christ, our Lord. Behold Him! - yes, Behold Him at the cross, the solemnity of eternity resting upon His loving countenance! Oh the price our dear Redeemer had to pay! Can your eyes remain dry when you contemplate upon it that He did all this for you? as if you were the only one that had to be snatched away from eternal death? Yes, fall upon this stone, - fall upon it with all your weight. Break, yea break to pieces. Let the old man die completely. And in that broken condition you will cry in despair: "God, be merciful to me a sinner."

THE CHANGE EFFECTED

All boasting will be forever ended. That self-confidence, as if you wanted to demonstrate to others that you could do very well such

and such a thing, strange as it seems, has disappeared and deep humility takes its place. Your actions are completely subdued and tempered. There is a complete change from within. The Peter that boastfully would die for the Lord only yesterday, to-day weeps bitterly in view of his own nothingness. The voice which spoke before like a commander of an earthly army, is subdued and the sweet milk of God's mercy, undeserved, pours grace into the lips of the speaker. That self-importance suffers a tremendous setback. The Pharisees of old did all their works "to be seen of men" and they loved the "uppermost rooms" and the "chief seats" and to be called by high-sounding titles which compare very much with our modern "Reverend", "Pastor", etc. - Oh, how the heart of Jesus must ache over such self-esteem and self-important bearing. Our Elder Brother, Jesus, washed the disciples feet and called them all "brethren." Are you not satisfied, dear soul, to be called *brother* or *sister*, then consider that you are lifting yourself above Christ, and your self-exaltation will sooner or later cut you down, like a towering tree is felled, no matter how high it stretches into the sky.

QUIT PROFESSING!

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." I fear that not as many as we think are truly converted from within. Those harsh words, the overbearing spirit, the criticizing attitude, the sly and cunning ways of trying to make people see matters our way, - do you think that these testify that we are born-again children of the Most High? Suppose we were standing before the mirror of the Judge of the universe!

Let us behold our own character how it prides itself so often with the ungodly tendencies that still live within us. And then we claim to be the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus. Permit me to say: Quit claiming! quit professing! The soil of your own heart will never produce one single fruit of the Spirit unless you *break*, - and *break completely*. Let the plow of divine truth cut as a two-edged sword through your entire being and break all encrustments and hard-heartedness, and render you so soft and so pliable that the divine Potter can press His own lovely image upon you. - Or will you continue, against better knowledge, to call God's work of that still small voice a work of Beelzebub, the devil, as the Pharisees of old did? God forbid! A person that has lost its tenderness of soul and holds on in a cold, orthodox, crystallized, frozen attitude to what he calls truth, is an apostate and not at all a Christian.

DISCERN THE SPIRITS

We speak in Bible prophecy of the lamb-like beast of Revelation 13. The terrible deception which makes this power two-fold wicked is found in the fact that it appears as Christian (lamb-like) but it speaks as a dragon (satanic). The application is correct, - it refers to the fallen Protestantism of the New World. We need another Elijah message at this very moment to faithfully rebuke the followers of modern Baal. "Speaks as a dragon." Yes, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If you are a born-again Christian you find it not difficult to "discern the spirits." Watch the outlet of soul in the person that confronts you. If he talks all excited, - his spirit is not

under control of the Holy Spirit. If he talks over-cautious,- he has something to hide. If he puts on a sanctimonious front,- he intends to deceive. Only if he acts his natural converted self you may consider him as a brother or sister of the heavenly family. Straight-forwardness and strict honesty are the fruits of a deep experience with Jesus. What greater sin is there in the religious world to-day than hypocrisy, or two-facedness? But in order that you, yourself, need not put on any sanctimonious air to appear as something which you are not deeply within, cleanse the avenues of your own soul thoroughly. This can only be done by dying to self,- by falling upon the stone and breaking into so many pieces that the old man can never be mended or restored. And once that sinful self is dead, there is no more difficulty to live a new life which is marked by such humility and contrition of heart that you are willing to take the rear seat, if necessary, and go the lowest way to make peace with all men, if possible.

SUBDUE SELF

"Subdue the carnal mind, reform the life, and the poor mortal frame will not be so idolized. If the heart is reformed, it will be seen in the outward appearance. If Christ be in us the hope of glory, we shall discover such matchless charms in Him that the soul will be enamored. It will cleave to Him, choose to love Him, and in admiration of Him, self will be forgotten. Jesus will be magnified and adored, and self abased and humbled. But a profession, without this deep love, is mere talk, dry formality, and heavy drudgery. Many of you may retain a notion of religion in the head, an outside religion, when the heart is not cleansed. God looks at the heart; "all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." Will He be satisfied with anything but truth in the inward parts? Every truly converted soul will carry the unmistak-

able marks that the carnal mind is subdued." - "Testimonies," Vol.1, p.163.

What a wonderful foretaste of heaven would this earthly life be already if all the followers of the meek and lowly Jesus would adhere to these principles. How soon would all difficulties and trials in the churches cease to exist. The spirit of discord and strife would forever be banished and, sweetest of all, the end of all things with the glorious appearance of Jesus would be hastened on beyond measure.

Thus I place the proposition clearly before you, dear brethren and sisters, and I hope to God that the truths contained in these lines may stir your innermost souls to attain to this new experience, hitherto unknown to some among us. May "your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thess. 5:23.

NOT TRY--BUT DIE

You fight in vain
The mighty prince of evil
If you rely
Upon your feeble power.
You may have strong intentions,
But the devil
Is holding you
His victim every hour.
The more you try,
The more you fail to win,
For Satan has
His foothold from within.
There is but one way
That you will be winning:
You must not TRY,
But you must DIE to sinning.

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In Such An Hour

by

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JESUS IS COMING

One warning left by our Saviour for us who live in these last days, is this: "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:44.

These words are addressed to believers. They are designed to keep us from putting far off, even in thought, the return of our Lord.

It is not for us to decide when the time is for the close of human probation. But it is for us, for each one of us, to set his own house in order, so that we shall be "like unto men that wait for their Lord, when He shall return from the wedding; that when He cometh and knocketh, they may open unto Him immediately." For "blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching." Luke 12:36,37.

The writer believes from the very depths of his heart that we are now still in a comparatively "time of peace" graciously granted for the finishing of this work, first in our own hearts, and then by giving the message to others. But that need not require a great length of time, for the Lord "will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." Rom. 9:28.

We are too prone to feel that we must finish the work; and in a sense this is true; God has chosen to use instruments or agencies through which He works, and it is our privilege to be used by Him in doing His work. But the work is His, not ours, and He uses us; we do not use Him.

"The return of Christ to our world will not be long delayed. Let this be the keynote of every message." - "Testimonies," Vol. 6, p. 406.

Jesus is coming; this must be the keynote of every message. Let us proclaim it again and again that He is coming so soon that the majority of people are going to be surprised. Let us say it, repeat it again, accent it, urge it home. Let us bring to remembrance familiar prophecies, both from the Scriptures and from the Spirit of prophecy, and set them out, not once, but often. Let us impress the minds of the hearers or readers, not in a hazy, indefinite fashion, but decisively, making them hear of Jesus at the door, pointing out that the cases of the living might already be under consideration in the heavenly sanctuary.

Jesus is coming! Do you believe it? Does it bring a thrill to your heart, - a thrill of joy? If you are a true child of God in reality, it will. But if you are without oil for your lamp, it will not.

The message for the hour is, Jesus is coming; the "gospel of the kingdom" is, Jesus is coming; and if you believe, really believe that He is coming, coming right away, as He surely is, you will purify yourself, even as He is pure.

Today there is a call for "a revival and a reformation." God's people are counseled to buy white raiment, and to annoint their eyes. We must prepare ourself in order to meet Him. If we will think of the

soon coming of Jesus, if we will write and speak of the soon coming of Jesus, if we will read and hear of the soon coming of Jesus, if we will pray for the soon coming of Jesus, our hearts will open up in anticipation of that glad event. Then, when the Spirit of God is shed abroad in our hearts in such a measure that we overflow with the glad tidings, the message will go with lightning rapidity.

' The Lord is coming, let this be
The herald note of jubilee,
And when we meet and when we part
The salutation of each heart.

Brethren and sisters, is there anything that could possibly so quicken the pulse of our spiritual natures, or so give wings to the message committed to us, as a deepening of our own Christian experience, a longing of soul for the speedy coming of our Lord, the prayer rising spontaneously from all our hearts, "Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly" ?

WHAT IF IT WERE TO-DAY?

Jesus is coming to earth again,
What if it were to-day?
Coming in power and love to reign,
What if it were to-day?
Coming to claim His chosen Bride,
All the redeemed and purified,
Over this whole earth scattered wide;
What if it were to-day?
Satan's dominion will then be o'er,
Oh, that it were to-day!
Sorrow and sighing shall be no more,
Oh, that it were to-day!
Then shall the dead in Christ arise,
Caught up to meet Him in the skies,
When shall these glories meet our eyes?
What if it were to-day?
Faithful and true would He find us here
If He should come to-day?
Watching in gladness and not in fear,
If He should come to-day?
Signs of His coming multiply,
Morning light breaks in eastern sky,
Watch for the time is drawing nigh,
What if it were to-day?

May the dear Lord restore to every loyal heart the real old-time advent spirit, together with the joy of conscious readiness, "that when He cometh and knocketh," we "may open unto Him immediately."

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people of God. The desire for pre-eminence must die. One subject of emulation must swallow up all others,—who will most nearly resemble Christ in character? who will most entirely hide self in Jesus?" *Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 42.

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God Wants a Man

God wants a man—honest and true and brave;
A man who hates the wrong and loves the right;
A man who scorns all compromise with sin,
Who for the truth courageously will fight.
God wants a man—in lowly walk or high,
Who to the world by daily life will prove
That Christ abides within the yielded heart,
Fitting that heart for service and for love.
God wants a man who dares to tell the truth,
Who in the market-place will stand four-square;
Whose word men trust—a man who never stoops
To hurt his fellow or to act unfair.
God wants a man of action and of faith,
Whose life is something more than cant and talk;
Who lives each day as though it were his last,
And proves his faith by a consistent walk.

—Anonymous.

Our Homes and Our Health

Discarding The Fleshpots

by
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"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord." Isa. 65:20.

Friends, did you ever consider that heaven will be a very unwelcome place for one that is a butcher by trade? And why? It is equally as unwelcome to a hunter and a fisherman. Again ask yourself, Why? - Simply because they cannot think of pursuing their profession or sport in heaven. That, which they have learned to love the most, they must give it up and forget it forever. We could add "soldier" and others to this list, however this does not enter into the subject under discussion.

Can you picture Jesus as meeting with the butcher, hunter, fisherman or soldier at the pearly gate to heaven and quoting the above text to them? No, friends, if they would get there, they could meet Jesus only with the words, 'We have discontinued our profession while still on earth,' written in their characters. Character is the only thing we can take with us to heaven. If we are to live in that heaven of bliss, it is only because we have brought our characters in tune with the atmosphere of heaven. We will not be any different there than what we are here. The change is not made on the way, friends, but it is made

right here on earth, with the help of Jesus while He is still interceding in our behalf.

The Word says, "In my holy mountain." Only holy and righteous people will inhabit that place. What does the Word say about a righteous person? It says, "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast." Prov. 12:10.

This is a lesson we must learn while here. Can man continue to take the life of the beasts which God has given for his enjoyment and to assist him in his daily labors and still expect to be in harmony with God's divine plan?

Many may say, 'But I do not kill the animal myself, I only eat the meat.' - Then you are a 'non-combatant butcher,' and equally as guilty as he who does the killing. Is it logical to conclude that, even if I did not eat meat, the animal would just the same be killed for others? Think of the many animals that are saved daily by non-meateating vegetarians everywhere!

"Think of the cruelty to animals that meat eating involves, and its effect on those who inflict and those who behold it. How it destroys the tenderness with which we should regard these creatures of God." - "Ministry of Healing," p.315.

If we continue to take the life of these innocent animals, merely for the gratifying of our perverted appetites, I fear we are equally as guilty of transgressing the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" as if we take the life of a man. This thought is advanced in Isa. 56:3, "He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man." Can we afford to be on equal standing with a murderer? What is the price we will have to pay? It is the loss of eternal life! "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Rev. 22:15.

They could not enter; they must stay "without." Do we choose to be in this class? If we do not, but are still found among those who are taking the lives of God's innocent creatures, then is it not high time that we cease to do so? How do you regard the life of your beast? Then spare it, dear brother and sister, for it loves to live as well as you do.

You will recall the beautiful illustration that the Spirit of prophecy gives of the saints journeying to the promised land. As we journey on, drawing nearer and still nearer, the way grows narrower and steeper. One item after another must be discarded. While the pen of inspiration does not mention it in a specific way, I am reasonably sure that the *flesh pots* will be among these discarded items.

The *flesh-pots* do not breathe an heavenly but an earthly atmosphere. Those children of Israel which were influenced by the mixed multitude among them were the first ones that were longing to return to the flesh pots of Egypt.

"And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots." Exodus 16:3.

Egypt is a symbol of darkness, or a representation of the world today. As the Hebrews were on their way to the earthly Canaan, so are we journeying to the heavenly Canaan. The experiences of ancient Israel are "written for our admonition." Shall we repeat their history? If we do, shall we not fail as surely as they failed?

Brethren and sisters: This movement believes in discarding the flesh pots. Are you in harmony or out of step with us on this question? We are preparing for translation. Note what the Lord has to say about us as a people:

"Among those who are waiting for the coming of the Lord, meat eating will eventually be done away; flesh will cease to form a part of their diet. We should ever keep this end in view and endeavor to work steadily toward it. I can not think that in the practice of flesh eating we are in harmony with the light which God has been pleased to give us." - "Christian Temperance and Bible Hygiene," p. 119.

The redeemed will "not hurt nor destroy". The new earth will be Eden restored. The bliss and peace that prevailed there before sin entered in, will again return when sin will be forever eradicated. Our introductory text describes the condition on the earth made new. Please compare this with what the Spirit of prophecy has to say about the first Eden:

"Is it not time that all should aim to dispense with flesh foods? How can those who are seeking to become pure, refined, and holy, that they may have

the companionship of heavenly angels, continue to use as food anything that has so harmful an effect on soul and body? How can they take the life of God's creatures that they may consume the flesh as luxury? Let them rather return to the wholesome and delicious food given to man in the beginning, and themselves practice, and teach their children to practice, mercy toward the dumb creatures that God has made and has placed under our dominion." - "Ministry of Healing," p.317.

In order to enjoy the bliss of Eden, we must acquaint and relate ourselves as nearly as possible to the original plan. We are what we eat. Our lives, our character, to a great extent, are molded by our diet. The child's disposition is greatly governed by the mother's milk. Let the mother become excited or aroused over something, - immediately the disturbance can be noticed being transmitted to the little one. From infancy on we are shaped by our diet. What does the pen of inspiration have to say regarding the returning to the original diet?

"It is for their own good that the Lord counsels the remnant church to discard the use of flesh meats, tea and coffee, and other harmful foods. There are plenty of other things on which we can subsist that are wholesome and good." "Manuscript," 71, 1908.

"God gave our first parents the food He designed that the race should eat. It was contrary to His plan to have the life of any creature taken. There was to be no death in Eden. The fruit of the trees in the garden, was the food man's wants required." - "Spiritual Gifts," Vol. IV, p.120.

"Vegetables, fruits, and grains should compose our diet. Not an ounce of flesh meats should enter our stomachs. The eating of flesh is unnatural. We are to return to God's original purpose in the creation of man." - "Manuscript," 115, (1903).

"Our habits of eating and drinking show whether we are of the world or among the number whom the Lord by His mighty cleaver of truth has separated from the world. These are His peculiar people, zealous of good works." - "Testimonies," Vol. 6, p.372.

Some, no doubt, feel that they are among the remnant people because they are affiliated with a church which they consider the remnant church. Dear brethren and sisters, think not that your affiliation with God's people alone is sufficient to carry you through. The people might go through, yes, but you and I, unless we overcome in this and every other point, will be left by the wayside. If you are still a flesh-eater, then just as surely as you continue to do so, just as sure it is that your days are numbered among God's people.

"Many who are now only half converted on the question of meat eating will go from God's people to walk no more with them." - "Counsels on Health," p.575.

It is my hope and prayer that, if there should be any among God's professed people who still persist in using flesh as food, that they may take to heart the things written in this article. We want to be together in the land where "they shall not hurt nor destroy." But it will take "all to buy the field." If you have difficulty in overcoming on this point, think very seriously of the following closing quotation:

"If our appetites clamor for the flesh of dead animals, it is a necessity to fast and pray for the Lord to give His grace to deny fleshly lusts which war against the soul." - "Letter 73, 1896".

CALIFORNIA REPORTING

"The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."
Nahum 1:7.

We can indeed praise the Lord for His goodness which He has shown to us day by day. He is our fortress and our shelter, and He calleth His sheep by name, and they follow Him.

It was a great privilege for us to have dear Brother Doerschler in our midst for several weeks, and the blessings received during his stay were indeed wonderful. We shall remember the splendid meetings we had in San Francisco on Sabbath, July 29th. In the morning we gathered in the upper room of the church on Geary Street, where we so often had received showers of blessings before. The Lord came very near to us on this occasion, of which all that were present will testify. The spirit of deep brotherly love was visible in our midst and there was unity and sweet peace. In the afternoon we gathered in the park under the blue firmament and sang and testified to the honor of God. The enclosed picture shows the happy little group assembled.

We were also privileged to visit the dear believers in the state of Oregon, which we found happy and of good courage in the Lord. This visit also proved a great blessing to all present, and we pray to God to keep the dear believers there under the shadow of His wings.



GROUP ASSEMBLED

On the last Sabbath before Brother Doerschler's departure, we met in the Y.W.C.A. hall in Sacramento, and again the Lord came very near to us when our dear brother spoke to us on "The Value of a Soul." The afternoon we spent again in the park in Christian fellowship. We witnessed at this occasion the protecting hand of the Almighty in shielding one of our dear little ones from sudden death through a passing automobile, for which we have all reason to praise the Lord. We parted with the assurance in our hearts that the Lord is indeed "good and a strong hold in the day of trouble." Let us cling to Him and walk worthily of His divine calling.

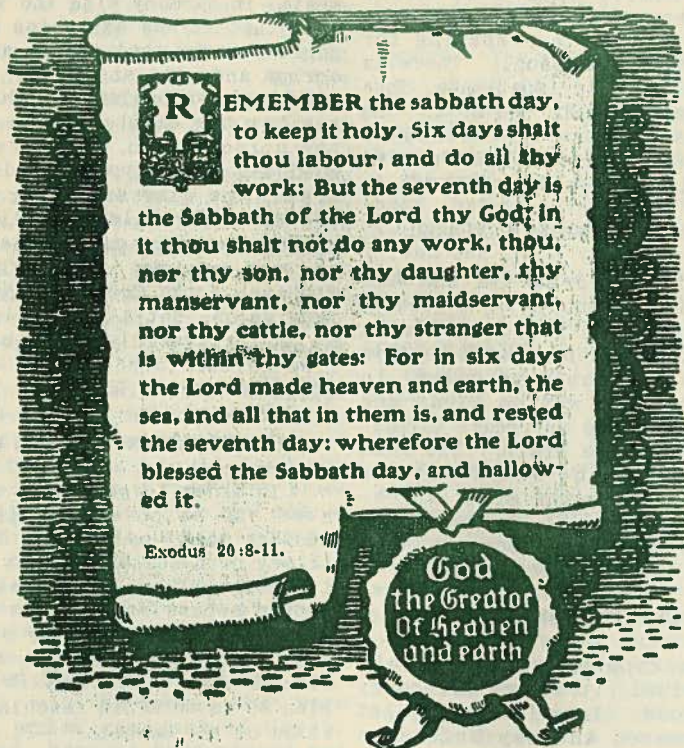
The Sunday following we saw dear Brother Orville Jennings and Sister Ruth Kramer united in holy matrimony in a nice and impressive ceremony performed by Brother Doerschler. May our prayers attend their every step of life's journey that they may be happy and consecrated more than ever to God's service.

O. KRAMER



"Thy Word
Is
Truth"

A More Perfect Sabbath



REMEMBER the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Exodus 20:8-11.

God
the Creator
Of Heaven
and earth

GUARD EDGES OF THE SABBATH. PREPARE, IF POSSIBLE, FROM FRIDAY NOON ON:

"We should jealously guard the edges of the Sabbath. Remember that every moment is consecrated, holy time. Whenever it is possible, employers should give their workers the hours from Friday noon until the beginning of the Sabbath. Give them time for preparation, that they may welcome the Lord's day with quietness of mind. By such a course you will suffer no loss, even in temporal things."—"Testimonies", Vol. 6, p. 356.

GET CLOTHING READY, COOKING DONE, SHOES SHINED, BATHS TAKEN:

"On Friday let the preparation for the Sabbath be completed. See that all the clothing is in readiness, and that all the cooking is done. Let the boots be blacked, and the baths be taken. It is possible to do this. If you make it a rule, you can do it." -Id. p. 355.

NO REPAIRING OF GARMENTS, NO COOKING, NO PLEASURE-SEEKING, PUT PAPERS AWAY:

"The Sabbath is not to be given to the repairing of garments, to the cooking of food, to pleasure-seeking, or to any other worldly employment. Before the setting of the sun, let all secular work be laid aside, and all secular papers be put out of sight." -Id.

DIFFERENCES PUT AWAY, CONFESS FAULTS:

"There is another work that should receive attention on the preparation-day. On this day all differences between brethren, whether in the family or in the church, should be put away. Let all bitterness and wrath and malice be expelled from the soul. In a humble spirit, 'confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.' James 5:16. -Id. p. 356.

BEFORE BEGIN READ BIBLE, SING, PRAY:

"Before the setting of the sun, let the members of the family assemble to read God's word, to sing and pray. There is need of reform here, for many have been remiss. We need to confess to God and to one another." -Id.

NO LONG SLEEPING IN THE MORNING:

"Let not the precious hours of the Sabbath be wasted in bed. On Sabbath morning the family should be astir early. If they rise late, there is confusion and bustle in preparing for breakfast and Sabbath-school. There is hurrying, jostling, and impatience. Thus unholy feelings come into the home. The Sabbath, thus desecrated, becomes a weariness, and its coming is dreaded rather than loved." -Id. p.357.

LESS FOOD EATEN, SIMPLER PREPARED:

"We should not provide for the Sabbath a more liberal supply or a greater variety of food than for other days. Instead of this the food should be more simple, and less should be eaten, in order that the mind may be clear and vigorous to comprehend spiritual things. Overeating befores the brain. The most precious words may be heard and not appreciated, because the mind is confused by an improper diet. By overeating on the Sabbath, many have done more than they think to dishonor God." -Id.

HEAT FOOD WHEN WEATHER IS COLD:

"While cooking upon the Sabbath should be avoided, it is not necessary to eat cold food. In cold weather let the food prepared the day before be heated. And let the meals, though simple, be palatable and attractive. Provide something that will be regarded as a treat, something the family do not have every day." -Id.

NO SLEEPING IN SERVICE:

"Let none come to the place of worship to take a nap. There should be no sleeping in the house of God. You do not fall asleep when engaged in your temporal business, because you have an interest in your work. Shall we allow the service which involves eternal interests to be placed on a lower level than the temporal affairs of life?" -Id. p.361.

TAKE CHILDREN OUT INTO NATURE:

"In pleasant weather let parents walk with their children in the fields and groves. Amid the beautiful things of nature tell them the reason for the institution of the Sabbath. Describe to them God's great work of creation. Tell them that when the earth came from His hand, it was holy and beautiful. Every

flower, every shrub, every tree, answered the purpose of its Creator. Everything upon which the eye rested was lovely, and filled the mind with thoughts of the love of God. Every sound was music, in harmony with the voice of God. Show that it was sin which marred God's perfect work; that thorns and thistles, sorrow and pain and death, are all the result of disobedience to God. Bid them see how the earth, though marred with the curse of sin, still reveals God's goodness. The green fields, the lofty trees, the glad sunshine, the clouds, the dew, the solemn stillness of the night, the glory of the starry heavens, and the moon in its beauty, all bear witness of the Creator. Not a drop of rain falls, not a ray of light is shed on our unthankful world, but it testifies to the forbearance and the love of God." -Id. p.358.

ONLY NECESSARY TRAVEL PERMITTED:

"In order to reach the churches that need our help, and to give them the message that God desires them to hear, it may be necessary for us to travel on the Sabbath; but so far as possible we should secure our tickets and make all necessary arrangements on some other day. When starting on a journey we should make every possible effort to plan so as to avoid reaching our destination on the Sabbath." -Id. p.360.

SABBATH CLOSE WITH PRAYER AND SINGING:

"As the sun goes down, let the voice of prayer and the hymn of praise mark the close of the sacred hours and invite God's presence through the cares of the week of labor." -Id. p.359.

WHAT GOD REQUIRES

"What asks our Father of His children,
save

Justice and mercy and humility,
A reasonable service of good deeds,
Pure living, tenderness of human needs,
Reverence, and trust, and prayer for
light to see

The Master's footprints in our daily
ways?

No knotted scourge, or sacrificial knife
But the calm beauty of an ordered life,
Whose every breathing is unworded praise."

J. G. Whittier

(EDITORIAL) Questions Answered

QUESTION: If Sister White was inspired of God, as we believe, how do you explain the testimony of Volume 1, pp. 131, 132 where it says that some that were present at that meeting in the year 1856 would remain alive until the coming of Jesus? Are some still alive?

ANSWER: To our knowledge there is no actual record of everyone present at that meeting. Of the smallest children and infants there, some might be still alive since we have quite an host of centenarians in the world to-day. But even if there were none alive any more, let us consider the following plain facts:

God has not changed in His dealings with man. Moses, a true prophet of God, and under divine inspiration, swore under an oath that he would lead the people of Israel into a land that flows with milk and honey. *But he did not do so.* Read Ex. 3:8, 17. - 13:5. - 33:3. - Lev. 20:24. - Num. 13:27. - 14:8. - 16:14. - Dent. 6:3. - 11:9. - etc., etc. -

Let us remember that all of God's promises are made on the condition of faithfulness. "For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord: unto whom the Lord swore that he would not shew them the land, which the Lord swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey." Joshua 5:6. "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my *breach of promise.*" Numb. 14:34. Read also Jere. 11:3-5. Ezekiel 20:6-8.

Yes, indeed, the Lord would have come long before this. The forty days have become forty years (spiritually speaking) and still the work is not finished. Is God to blame? No, no! Like ancient Israel was destroyed in the wilderness because of their breaking the agreement, so modern Israel, the Laodicean Church, shares the same fate and is being spuen out. But the children inherited the promise. So will this Reformatory Movement see the Saviour's coming before long. Let us hasten that glorious moment by faithful obedience in compliance with the divine agreement.

QUESTION: What is wrong in wearing bobbed hair?

ANSWER: The wrong in wearing bobbed or shortened hair by women, professing godliness, is emphasized by the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 11:14, 15. "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." And to make it undisputable that this means the full length of natural growth of hair, he says in Verse 6, which is rendered even clearer in Luther's translation, "Is she not willing to cover herself, then they should cut her hair off. But since it is very unbecoming to a woman to have her hair spoiled by cutting it, or by being shaved, let them therefore cover their head." And this covering, according to Verse 15, is her own long hair. There is, no doubt, a God-given beauty in long hair, which no woman with any self-respect will try to improve upon by the unnatural methods of this modern day and age, other than combing it neatly and wearing it in a becoming manner. Neither cutting nor curling does improve nature any. Nature and its Creator is the master of beauty and charm in women, not the scissors, curling irons, pins, wrappings, permanent hairdo's, etc. - All these and similar inventions are a clear index to the heart within that vanity, the ruling power in women today, is still waring against Christ-like humility and simplicity. Beware to become a slave to Satan by fashion.

Asleep in Jesus

EVA LICK

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of our dear Sister EVA LICK of Fessenden, North Dakota, on June 22nd, of which we were informed on June 29th. Everyone that remembers this dear sister will miss her greatly. She was truly a Mother in Israel and of her can truly be said that she "kept the faith" and that henceforth there is laid up for her a crown of righteousness.

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The Lord in His mercy kept our dear sister to a very ripe old age, far past the three-score-and-ten mark. When the undersigned met her last, she had unwavering faith, but longed to go to rest in Jesus, for which she prayed often. In her last letter of May she wrote: "Give greetings to all from me, and when you hear that I am dead, sing the song, (German) "Lass mich gehen, lass mich gehen, Dass ich Jesum möge sehen." (Let me go, let me go, That I may see Jesus). Her prayer is answered. She sleeps now, to awaken on the resurrection morning. There she will see Him face to face whom she loved so dearly.

Her shining example shall inspire us to have the same unwavering childlike confidence till the end. May the Lord comfort those that are left behind and spur them on to follow mother, as she followed Jesus.

O. KRAMER

CHRISTIAN STABEL

Our dear Brother Stabel was born in Staffan, Russia, March 25, 1871. He fell asleep in Jesus on June 18, 1950, at the age of 79 years. Brother Stabel migrated to the United States in the year 1898 and made his home with his brother who had already settled here. In the year 1905 he embraced the 3rd angel's message to which he remained true to the end. His faith in a soon coming Saviour remained steadfast and

unwavering. Our beloved brother always loved to testify of his Saviour and His soon return.

About twenty years ago he accepted this message of reformation. He chose to stand with the little company who had remained faithful to the blessed truth in the hour of a severe crisis. He devoted his last years to the promulgation of this message among his many friends and acquaintances. He also made special sacrifices that his son could enter into the ministry. That this became a reality gave him much joy in his later years.

Eld. Kramer was privileged to speak to a group of relatives and churchmembers in a service conducted in Sacramento, California, where our brother had passed away. He was committed to his final rest at Shattuck, Oklahoma, where the undersigned was privileged to speak to a large company of mourners.

While his passing will be keenly felt by all who knew him, especially the churchmembers, still we have the assurance that he will come forth in the first resurrection where with all the faithful he will be united with Jesus forever.

A. W. Doerschler

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