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# *Announcing the American Union Conference*

TO BE HELD AT

**"MALLO CAMP", NEAR NEWCASTLE, WYOMING**

FROM AUGUST 24 TO 28, 1955

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. . . Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." Psalms 122:1-4,6,7.

**N**early two years have passed since we last assembled for a Union Conference. Those, who attended the 1953 session, will still remember the many blessings received and the cordial spirit that prevailed among the believers. Time is fleeing fast, and no one can tell whether this might not be our last opportunity in which we can meet together in undisturbed and unrestricted liberty. The evil forces are consolidating as never before. Falsehood and deception have grown exceedingly strong on every side. We need to be re-vitalized on the "inner man" in order to hold up under outside pressure. Scattered as we are, we need each other's sustaining assistance, friendship, and brotherly counsel. We look forward with great anticipation to see our dear fellow-believers from all parts of the Union, - the Western frontier of the Pacific States, as well as delegates from the Eastern shore, the Canadian Field in the North, and perhaps even some from the South. What blessed re-union will it be! There will

## WORDS OF GREETING

be new faces to thrill our hearts with joy, and some might be missing who went down under the burden. The divine cause of Reformation marches onward and upward against the strong current of difficulties and handicaps, forward to glorious victory. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" His name be praised forever!

## LOCATION

The chosen camp-site will well be remembered by those who came to the 1949 conference. Memory still visualizes the beautiful whispering pines, the scenic valley, the clear mountain creek, and the deep stillness of nature,- indeed a soothing balm for the strained nerves of today's hustle and bustle, a quiet retreat from taxing environments. It should help us to decide that the means expended in travelling to the Conference could not be spent more profitable in any other way. The Lord calls you to come; He will meet with His people, and He longs to find **YOU** there. If at the present you cannot see your way clear, pray, O pray

most earnestly, that you may be able to attend. We may be sure that you will never be disappointed. We never did regret it in the past, and we will most certainly not now, when we are so much nearer to the end.

### TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

The Conference site, "Mallo Camp", is located North-East of Newcastle, Wyoming, a short distance off from U.S. Highway No. 85. From Cheyenne, Wyoming, to Newcastle, Wyoming, is app. 250 miles over routes 87 and 20, and app. 250 miles over route 85.

Whether coming by car from the East, South, West, or North, go as far as Newcastle, Wyoming. From there proceed 18 miles North on U.S. Highway 85 to a place called "Four Corners" (a store, and the only main building there, owned by Mr. Pisciotto). Here at "Four Corners" make a right-hand turn (going East) and follow the signs, which point to "Mallo Camp".

Arriving at Newcastle, if needed, contact Bro. P.E. Newell, 351 E. Wentworth, on U.S. 85 North, app. 3 city blocks off U.S. 16. His telephone number is, Sherwood 6-2464.

Those arriving by bus, have the choice of two "American Trailways", taking them as far as "Four Corners". A phone call to the camp will bring a car to pick them up. (The camp telephone number is not available at the moment). Inquire at the nearest Bus Depot about schedules to "Four Corners", Wyoming.

The "Burlington Railway" serves two trains a day to Newcastle. A bus meets the train to continue on to "Four Corners". Inquire for train schedules.

The closest airport is at Bellefouche, South Dakota. From there take bus South to "Four Corners", and call the camp.

### WHAT TO BRING

Since the nights are rather chilly in the Wyoming Hills, bring as many blankets as possible to make you comfortably warm. This is highly important! Bring bedsheets, towels, and pillowcases. Make sure to bring your Bibles, lessons, note-books, song-books, musical instruments, and cameras. Prepare already today for special songs, poems, etc. Food and utensils will be provided for.

Above all, bring with you the heavenly angels, much of the Spirit of God, and a sunshiny disposition. All these will help to make the Conference a great success.

### DELEGATES

Each church group appoint their delegates in ample time, and inform the Union Office at Denver about it.

### PLEASE, REPORT YOUR COMING!

Every believer, who is planning to attend, should notify the Union Office at Denver as soon as possible. This is of the utmost importance, in order to make ample provisions for the accommodations of all. Everyone inform us also whether coming by car, bus, train, or otherwise. Furthermore, if anyone cannot come because of some problems involved, perhaps we can help to solve these problems. All that are physically well enough are urgently asked to come. This invitation, of course, is also extended to all friends of the truth who wish to get better acquainted with God's people and their message. Come, one and all; the Lord calls you!

May the God of all grace bless every one of His dear children in an abundant measure, and may He extend the triumphs of His cause and bring it to a glorious finish!

THE BRETHREN.

"Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them... Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast; He will be present, and will do for you that which you most need to have done. . .

"These camp-meetings are of importance. They cost something. The servants of God are wearing out their lives to help the people, while many of them appear as if they did not want help. For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of but little importance. . .

"Come to these meetings prepared to work. Leave your home cares, and come to find Jesus, and He will be found of you. Come with your offerings as God has blessed you. Show your gratitude to your Creator, the giver of all your benefits, by a free-will offering. Let none who are able to give, come empty-handed. . .

"The object of the camp-meeting is to lead all to separate from business cares and burdens, and devote a few days exclusively to seeking the Lord. We should occupy the time in self-examination, close searching of heart, penitential confession of sins, and renewing our vows to the Most High. -Testimonies, Vol. 2, pp. 600, 601.



# Revival, Reformation, Latter Rain

by

A.W. DOERSCHLER

**T**he latter rain experience can come to those only who have experienced a genuine reformation of life. And a reformation of life can come to those only who experience a deep spiritual revival.

In the second chapter of Joel the Lord calls for a revival and a reformation, and promises to give the latter rain to those who make an acceptable response to His call. In the prophecy of Zechariah the Lord says:

"Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee. ... And the Lord their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon His land. For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty! ... Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Zech. 9:12-17; 10:1.

The prophet Hosea says:

"Come and let us return unto the Lord, for He hath torn, and He will heal us; for He hath smitten, and will bind us up. ... Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and the former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:1-3.

Here the condition is described upon which the latter rain is to be received. It is to return unto the Lord, that we be healed, and that we follow on to know the Lord more fully.

In the messages of the Spirit of prophecy a great abundance of definite counsel is given us regarding the spiritual revival and the reformation of life which the people of God must experience to prepare them to receive the fullness of the latter rain. Here is a most important statement:

"The latter rain, ripening earth's harvest, represents the spiritual grace that prepares the church for the coming of the Son of man. But unless the former rain has fallen, there will be no life; the green blade will not spring up. Unless the early showers have done their work, the latter rain can bring no seed to perfection. There is to be 'first the blade,

and then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.' There must be a constant development of Christian virtue, a constant advancement in Christian experience. This we should seek with intensity of desire, that we may adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour. ...

"The heart must be emptied of every defilement, and cleansed for the indwelling of the Spirit. It was by the confession and forsaking of sin, by earnest prayer and consecration of themselves to God, that the early disciples prepared for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The same work, only in greater degree, must be done now." -*Review and Herald*, March 2, 1897.

"I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful, and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord, and to live in His sight. Oh, how many I saw in the time of trouble without a shelter! They had neglected the needful preparation, therefore they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to live in the sight of a holy God. ...

"I saw that none could share the 'refreshing', unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action. We should, therefore, be drawing nearer and nearer to the Lord, and be earnestly seeking that preparation necessary to enable us to stand in the battle of the day of the Lord. Let us all remember that God is holy, and that none but holy beings can ever dwell in His presence." *Early Writings*, page 71.

The "needful preparation" emphasized in this statement is evidently the "spiritual revival and spiritual reformation" called for so earnestly in later messages. In one of the early testimonies we find the following statement:

"Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation." -*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, pp. 187, 188.

All these statements in the messages from the Spirit of prophecy are in full accord with the

statements of the Scriptures, but they present the matter more in detail and in the common language of our time. The way is made so plain that none need err. And a truly joyous experience awaits the people of God when they receive the showers of the latter rain, as it says:

"I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect. Many had been bound; some wives by their husbands, and some children by their parents. The honest who had been prevented from hearing the truth now eagerly laid hold upon it. All fear

of their relatives was gone, and the truth alone was exalted to them. They had been hungering and thirsting for the truth; it was dearer and more precious than life. I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, 'It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel.'" -*Early Writings*, page 271.

In view of such a visitation from the Lord, how earnestly we should make the "needful preparation" for its reception.

## CHURCH AND WORLD

CHRISTIAN men ought so to live that it were idle to speak of a comparison between them and the men of the world. It should not be a comparison, but a contrast. No scale of degrees should be possible: the believer should be a direct and manifest contradiction to the unregenerate. The life of a saint should be altogether above, and out of the same list as the life of a sinner. We should compel our critics not to confess that moralists are good, and Christians a little better; but while the world is darkness, we should manifestly be light; and while the world lieth in the Wicked One, we should most evidently be of God, and overcome the temptations of that Wicked One. Wide as the poles asunder, are life and death, light and darkness, purity and sin. There should be as much difference between the worldling and the Christian, as between hell and heaven, between destruction and eternal life. As we hope at last that there shall be a great gulf separating us from the doom of the impenitent, there should be here a deep and wide gulf between us and the ungodly. The purity of our character should be such, that men must take knowledge of us that we are of another and superior race. If we were what we profess to be, there would be no difficulty in detecting the Christian from the worldling. But alas! the church is so much adulterated, that we have to abate our glorying, and cannot exalt our character as we would. O for the time when "our conversation shall be in heaven," and the ignoble life of the worldly man shall be rebuked by our Christ-like character! God grant us more and more to be clearly a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that we may show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. *Spurgeon.*

## LIVE NOT TO YOURSELF

O DELICATE bud! on a fragile stem,  
O rose! in whose heart gleams a crystal gem.  
O sweet valley-lily! as fragrant as fair—  
Say, why do you hang all tremulous there?  
"We sweeten the air with our fragrant breath;  
We wreath the pale brows, so lovely in death;  
In the delicate folds of satiny sheen,  
On the breast of the blushing bride we're seen,—  
To gladden and brighten this world of ours  
Is the glorious mission of beautiful flowers."

O ancient tree! by the dusty road,  
So far remote from human abode;  
Not a shrub or flower 'neath thy shade hath grown;  
Oh, say! dost thou live to thyself alone?  
"A shelter I give, from the sun and storm,  
To the springing step and the tottering form;  
I've held in my arms a hundred nests;  
A thousand birds have slept in my breast;  
The herds and flocks rejoice in my shade,  
The insect a home in my trunk has made,—  
To shelter whatever may come to me  
Is the blessed work of the aged tree."

O sparkling rill! down the mountain side,  
Seeking, coyly, in mossy chasm to hide;  
Or in a mimic cascade to fall—  
What mission is thine, with thy powers so small?  
"I'm leaving the mountain with eager haste,  
The valley below by drought is laid waste;  
Tired cattle are waiting to cool their feet,  
And quench their thirst in my waters sweet;  
The miller awaits me with anxious thought;  
Though small, don't infer that I live for naught."

O twinkling star! in the vaulted blue,  
Bright sparkler! hast thou a work to do?  
Thy rays float down from the heavens afar—  
Pray, what is thy mission, beautiful star?

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# The Weightier Matters of the Law

AN EXPOSITION OF MATTHEW 23:23.

EDITORIAL

## SPIRITUAL SOUNDNESS

"Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith." Titus 1:13.

To be sound in the faith requires sound thinking. The world is filled with poor mortals whose thoughts are more or less unbalanced, and whose imaginations are sickened as a result of sinful living or environments. Whether these traits are inherited or self-inflicted, the gospel of Christ holds hope for even these poor mortals. As the demoniacs, after their miraculous deliverance, sat peacefully at the feet of their deliverer Jesus, so every sin-sick soul today may rest peacefully in the loving arms of the Master.

But there are milder forms of thought-derangements in multitudes of people today, which are actually more serious than may be anticipated, because they are harder to detect and often not visible to the human eye. Since these cases are not only wide-spread in the world at large, but are found in religious circles as well, it is time that we study into the effects of them, for the benefit of all concerned.

As the beauty and symmetry of creation has greatly deteriorated through sinful living, so has also the power of balanced thinking been crippled in a large measure. A healthy body, in which every organ works harmoniously, usually is well-balanced. As a result we may expect a sunshiny disposition, happiness and contentment. A sickened physical condition predisposes the mind to gloominess and pessimistic views. In such a case there may be no actual reason for despondency, yet through the disarrangements of the body functions the accumulated waste matter in the system may cast a cloak-like darkness upon the mind and may render the victim completely blind to sober thinking. This alone proves the great benefit of healthful living beyond argument.

## ONE-SIDEDNESS

There was a class of individuals in Christ's day whose minds, for some reason, had become deranged to a fearful degree. Their thoughts had developed into just one direction, to the neglect of every other faculty. Of them the Master declared,

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith. ..." Matthew 23:23.

This is a typical example of unsound and unbalanced thinking. Christ did not stamp them as woe-ful hypocrites because they paid tithe, and that to the minutest detail - for this is a biblical arrangement of divine origin beyond dispute. He reprimanded them rather for their one-sided attitude and their overstressing of much smaller matters, to the neglect of more important issues. He was astonished at their lack of eye-sight concerning the love of God, as expressed in judgment, mercy and faith. He continues His sorrowful record by stating, "Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel." Verse 24. What a pitiful condition to be in! A small insect, known for its annoyance, may be an evil thing in itself, yet it is of all things of little harm. And yet, how many are all wrought up over supposed wrongs committed by others, while they themselves harbor wicked thoughts of a hundred-fold larger magnitude in their hearts. It is like watching for the enemy at the front door, while he is entering in the rear already.

The story of the woman, taken in adultery, is a vivid presentation of this point. Indeed, this woman was taken while committing a serious offense, worthy of stern measures, - yet the very ones who were bent on her execution were steeped in much greater sins, even though it was hidden from human sight. They brought her to Jesus to tempt Him whether He would abide by the law or not. But Jesus read their innermost soul, as is lined out in *Desire of Ages*, page 461:

"These would-be guardians of justice had themselves led their victim into sin, that they might lay a snare for Jesus. Giving no sign that He had heard their question, He stooped, and fixing His eyes upon the ground, began to write in the dust.

Impatient at His delay and apparent indifference, the accusers drew nearer, urging the matter upon His attention. But as their eyes, following those of Jesus, fell upon the pavement at His feet, their countenances changed. There,

traced before them, were the guilty secrets of their own lives. ... Now rising, and fixing His eyes upon the plotting elders, Jesus said, 'He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her'."

Again listen at the familiar words of Jesus on the mountain, "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" Matthew 7:3.

The spirit of judging others is a thought-derangement of no small degree. Either it is being done with the thought in mind that one's own sins are hidden from view, and therefore of no account, or else there is actual blindness toward one's own shortcomings. In either case it shows that the thoughts are completely unbalanced and are tending to injustice toward others. How dangerous such an attitude is in the life of a Christian, is shown in the following testimony:

"The effort to earn salvation by one's own works, inevitably leads men to pile up human exactions as a barrier against sin. For, seeing that they fail to keep the law, they will devise rules and regulations of their own to force themselves to obey. All this turns the mind away from God to self. His love dies out of the heart, and with it perishes love for their fellow-men. A system of human invention, with its multitudinous exactions, will lead its advocates to judge all who come short of the prescribed human standard." ...

"He who is guilty of wrong, is the first to suspect wrong. By condemning another he is trying to conceal or excuse the evil of his own heart. ...

When men indulge this accusing spirit, they are not satisfied with pointing out what they suppose to be a defect in their brother. If milder means fail of making him do what they think ought to be done, they will resort to compulsion. Just as far as lies in their power, they will force men to comply with their ideas of what is right." -*Mount of Blessing*, pp.177, 178, 181, 182.

#### SELF-SEEKING

The position of the Pharisees in Christ's day is clearly defined by the words of the Master, saying,

"But all their works they do for to be seen of men." Matthew 23:5.

To be seen of men? What wrong is in this? Did not Jesus Himself say, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good

works, .."? (Matthew 5:16) Did Jesus contradict Himself? Indeed not! Yet, why did He find fault with the Pharisees? The second part of His statement adds a very important thought, which, on purpose, is left out in the foregoing quotation to show the difference. It reads completely as follows, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." This latter part of the verse the Pharisees did not comprehend. They did their good deeds with just one object in view: to gain the confidence of others, so they would support them in their selfish pursuits. We may compare it with the overly-sweet smile of a scheming sales-man, who will even make little presents wherever he goes, in order that he may be able to peddle his cheap merchandise at a high rate of profit. Everything in the life of the Pharisee circles around his own dear self. Anything that will draw the attention of the crowds and fasten it on the person of the Pharisee is welcomed as of utmost importance. Nothing is too holy to accomplish this end. So the Lord speaks of their wide fringes upon their garments, their seeking of the most distinguished seats at the table and in the synagogue, and their great delight in being addressed as Rabbi, Master, and Father (equivalent with *Reverend* today. Read Matthew 23:1-12). All this left God out and conferred all glory upon the poor, mortal agent. No wonder Jesus pronounced a woe upon this class of people.

#### MODERN PHARISEES

God's professed people of today turn with disgust from the name "*Pharisee*", for it carries an evil stigma and an ill savour. Yet many, even among so-called *Reformers* follow, unwittingly perhaps, in the steps of these hypocrites of former days. It is a solemn statement to make, nevertheless it is true and an established fact, that under the name of "*Reform*" a multitude of evil things may be covered up. Unbalanced minds, not fully out for the glory of God, but to foster their own petty ideas and inventions, and advertising their own persons, have made mountains out of mole-hills. They are overstressing theories of smaller importance, but are strangely neglectful on vital questions pertaining to the divine law and eternal life.

In Luther's day, not content with the marvelous results of the reformation, some erratics began to tear the pictures off the walls, claiming that they were a transgression of the



second commandment, which they were not. Others again, not content with the teaching of the freedom we enjoy in Christ by having our sins pardoned, began to revolt against their masters, in a mistaken idea of liberty. These influences have not died as yet, for we see them, and others of the same nature, still advocated by some unbalanced individuals.

In *Gospel Workers*, page 313, the Servant of God relates her own experiences with this class of people:

"In time past there have been presented to me for my opinion many non-essential, fanciful theories. Some have advocated the theory that believers should pray with their eyes open. Others teach that, because those who ministered anciently in sacred office were required, upon entering the sanctuary, to remove their sandals and wash their feet, believers now should remove their shoes when entering the house of worship. Still others refer to the sixth commandment, and declare that even the insects that torment human beings should not be killed. And some have put forth the theory that the redeemed will not have gray hair - as if this were a matter of any importance.

I am instructed to say that these theories are the production of minds unlearned in the first principles of the gospel. ... Let not our ministers spend time in the discussion of such matters."

#### HEALTH-REFORM,

as important as it is in being the right arm of the message and an entering wedge for our work, has produced many unbalanced zealots, not being satisfied with the exhaustive instructions of the Spirit of prophecy. They take for granted the views of so-called health-instructors (some of whom even advocate the eating of some meat), and not of our faith. To these mistaken health-reformers the following words are addressed:

"But when men who advocate reform carry matters to extremes, and are inconsistent in their course of action, people are not to blame if they do become disgusted with the health reform. These extremists do more injury in a few months than they can undo in their whole lives. By them the entire theory of our faith is brought into disrepute, and they can never bring those who witness such exhibitions of so-called health reform to think that there is anything good in it. These men are doing a work which Satan loves to see go on." - *Testimonies*, Vol. 2, page 377.

Let us fling high the standard of health reform in every particular, but let us remain

well balanced and sober thinking, not accepting every new view presented, unless proven by the Spirit of prophecy. Sad to say that this class of one-sided reformers among Adventists have often shown a marked indifference toward the "*weightier matters of the law*", namely concerning the downtrodden law of God in the wars of 1814 and 1839, when the Advent people contradicted their own teaching by combatant fighting in the European armies.

Jesus pointed to the Pharisees as making the "outside of the cup and of the platter clean". Yes, we also wash our dishes for health reasons and for cleanliness. But the Pharisees left them within "full of extortion and excess". (Matthew 23:25.) If health reform is so one-sided that it does not reform the heart as well, but leaves temper, anger, rudeness, moodiness, self-centeredness unopposed, what good can be derived from such an unbalanced belief? Balance it out with the sweetness of Jesus's love and forbearance, and it will become a mighty power for good in this world.

As with health reform, so with every other phase of the message. Any part of it which does not make the love and forbearance of God paramount in its teaching, is unbalanced and unfit to be presented. To hold on with a dogmatic grip to small advanced parts of the message, and then judging all others who do not come up to that supposed standard, is in God's sight a much greater sin than coming somewhat short of the mark in weakness. Better than both is to live the truth in all its phases, yes, even to all fine points of perfection, with a deep love for God and our fellow men in our hearts. This is the ultimate, triumphant state of God's people. Shall we pray and work toward it?

"God's remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, are to show that the law of God is the foundation of all enduring reform..." *Prophets and Kings*, page 678.

The "*weightier matters of the law*" are the fruits of the Spirit, "*love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.*" Gal. 5:22. Nevertheless there is a dead law which deals with cold paragraphs and letters, and which condemns by outside appearance alone. The "law of the Spirit" pours sweet love into the dead forms of the law, and graces it with long-suffering and understanding, giving considerations to circumstances involved. It never condemns, but brings the repentant sinner to the cross of Calvary. These are the "*weightier matters of the law*", as written upon the tables of our hearts.

# Brief News of Reform and Reformers

## IDAHO

**W**e are very happy to report that there is a good interest in Idaho. From time to time we have received encouraging reports that in different places there are souls who are interested in the cause of Reformation. As the believers there who are searching and studying the Reformation message are meeting with great opposition, they need our special prayers.

One brother wrote:

Dear Brethren: Peace be unto you, with Psalms 141:3,4.

Just a word to let you know some of our experiences. A minister of the nominal S. D. A. church told my family that if I left their church I was lost, -so I am sending you my tithe and Sabbathschool offering. May the Lord bless this offering to forward the much needed work of Revival and Reformation. ... Do you still print the tract "Which is the Offshoot"? If so, please send me some, and also a set of "Revival and Reformation" Series 1-7.

God bless you with Matt.28:20.

Your Br. in Christ,

W. F. C.

We believe, dear brethren and sisters, truly, that it is God who at this time is doing His work "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." Zech.4:6. "He will accomplish His work gloriously". (*Early Writings*, page 70.) God Himself has promised to "recover" the remnant of Israel "the second time". (Isa.11:11.)

May God grant that we, in these glorious closing days of the work, shall more than ever before be able to understand His ways, and that we shall have increasing "pleasure therein", is my prayer.

A. W. Doerschler.

## NEWFOUNDLAND

**P**eace be unto you and grace through our Lord Jesus Christ!

We feel assured that we are united with God's remnant people. The Lord has been very good to us in bringing us the light of this blessed

Reform message. We still remember the wonderful blessings we received by the first representative of this Reform Movement, Elder Doerschler, to our island. The Spirit of the Lord was visibly present in all the meetings which we held. The solemn and vital truths of God's promised Reformation were clearly and unreservedly presented. As a result of this richly blessed effort, the standard of thorough reformation has been raised in Newfoundland. Praise be to the Lord, the good Master! May God fit us to work for Him, that we may "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.

Your letter to the little company here proved a great blessing to all. Our meeting house is completed, and we hold services Wednesdays and Friday nights, and on Sabbath morning and afternoon. The Lord willing, we also would like to hold vocational school; we have plenty of room for such a school.

Dear Ones, we ask you to pray for us. ..Please send some more of the pamphlet entitled "Organization, its place in the Church of God." (Revival and Reformation Series No.5).

In closing we wish to quote the following poem:

"Back to the old paths of righteousness,  
Back to the old wells again.

He'll your spirit restore,  
Every promise is sure,

When you walk down the old paths with Him."  
May God bless you until the work is finished  
and Jesus comes. This is our prayer!

With many greetings to all,

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,

Chesley Moore.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Brother D ...:

Peace be unto you! Psalm 126.

**T**hought we would write these few lines to inform you of our activity of last Sabbath. The Lord did lead us into an interesting experience. We had the address of a brother, interested in



the work of Reformation. He, as far as I had conversed with him, believes the same as we do, with the exception that he does not believe in organization. However, on arriving at his home, he and his wife were out to a meeting. We were directed to this meeting place. Here we found them working with an independent Sabbath-keeping group of Mennonites. After the meeting this brother took us over to the home of another brother, where there were gathered a group of people who were separated from the S.D.A. church, but all reformers. They kindly gave me the opportunity to state my mission, and I gave a talk on "Organization". They were very much impressed, in fact they are calling in all their group (they are widely scattered, some being 60 miles away) to come to a special meeting this coming Sabbath. The group that was in this home were very happy to see us. We ask that you have the believers pray for us that God will lead and guide these dear souls by His Spirit to His remnant people. We have given them a considerable amount of literature to read until we meet with them again.

It is our prayer that the Lord may also be with you, dear Bro. D ..., and bless your efforts while in Canada. We hope that all arrangements have been made to secure a hall in Hamilton, so that the believers can come together, as Hamilton is centrally located. Please give our best regards to all the believers there. We often think of them and miss them very much.

Again we would like to thank you for your kindness and hospitality while in Denver. We had a very happy time while there.

We trust these few lines find you well and of good courage in the Lord. With Christian greetings,

Your Brother and Sister in Christ Jesus,

F. Williamson.

## CANADA

**G**reetings from Canada!

"How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light. O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee; and thy righteousness to the upright in heart." Psalms 36:7-10.

We have great gratitude in our hearts to God for His mercy that He has given us in these last days. We particularly thank Him for His care and leading of the remnant people. In His great and infinite love He wants that not one soul who has started to fight in the ranks of His remnant people against evil should forget His wonderful care and guidance.

In the Bible and in the Testimonies there is much written about God's love for His people.

"I have seen the tender love that God has for His people, and it is very great. I saw angels over the saints with their wings spread about them. Each saint had an attending angel. If the saints wept through discouragement, or were in danger, the angels that ever attended them would fly quickly upward to carry the tidings, and the angels in the city would cease to sing. Then Jesus would commission another angel to descend to encourage, watch over, and try to keep them going out of the narrow path; but if they did not take heed to the watchful care of these angels, and would not be comforted by them, but continued to go astray, the angels would look sad and weep, and then with a loud voice say, 'Amen.' But if the saints fixed their eyes upon the price before them, and glorified God by praising Him, then the angels would bear tidings to the city, and the angels in the city would touch their golden harps and sing with a loud voice, 'Alleluia!' and the heavenly arches would ring with their lovely songs." -Early Writings, page 39.

Dear Brethren and Sisters: We here in Canada have seen God's love and tender care, particularly in these past days; for which I fail in words to thank Him enough. And even if we, because of all the hinderances, have only been able to do so little for His kingdom, still the Lord has been with us and has blessed us. There are souls who are willing to leave all and follow Jesus. We hope that they can soon be baptized and make a covenant with the Lord, that they may be found among the 144,000 who will sing praises to God and the Lamb for His wonderful love and redemption.

I also wish to report that we were very happy and thankful that it was possible for Elder Doerschler from our Union Office in Denver, Colorado, to visit us in the month of March. In our counselings and visits together we experienced the help of the Lord. A special meeting was arranged for our believers in Eastern Canada, in the city of Hamilton, on Sabbath, March 19th. It felt good in our hearts to see that most of our believers were present, and also some

interested souls. The Lord gave us special blessings in our Sabbath-School and Service, and we felt the presence of heavenly guests in our meetings. We cannot thank the Lord enough for His love and goodness to us.

"Which doeth great things and unsearchable; marvelous things without number." Job 5:9.

"Let them shout for joy and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long." Psalms 35:27,28.

W. Korpman.

## DENVER

In the book of Acts, chapter 8, from verse 26 to 39, we find the story of Philip baptizing the Ethiopian eunuch. It is the Spirit of the Lord that works upon the hearts of men. As it was then, so it is in our time, and it has always been thus. The Lord has always used men to carry forward His work. Philip was an apostle of the first Christian church which had to suffer so much through the persecution under which all other Christians had to suffer in that era. And they fled to Samaria and other parts of the world where they preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, as we read in Acts 8:4,5:

"Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them."

God permitted persecution to fall upon this new-born church at Jerusalem because Jesus had commissioned them as follows:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen!" Matt. 28:19,20.

The first disciples had not fully understood the call to this great missionary work because they believed that the Lord would return in their days. Yet as a result of this great persecution many were won to Christ, and the work was carried forward as God had planned it.

Here in America we have great religious liberty, and it seems always a miracle when we find souls who are willing to follow the truth. So it was just recently that all of us were made very happy by the privilege to see some dear

souls baptized in the name of Jesus, yes, dear souls who were willing to make a covenant with Jesus by burying the old man.

The entire Denver church was present at this solemn occasion. It always brings such a great blessing to the older members who have already walked in this blessed truth for many years, to see young souls who are willing to take their stand for the truth. The Holy Spirit worked upon all our hearts to renew our covenant and to work more for Jesus. The Lord wishes that we all might do our part in helping to win souls for Him.

From time to time we, as a church, go out doing home-missionary-work, and we can report that we have made some wonderful experiences. We also have a number of souls with whom we are studying, and we solicit your prayers in their behalf.

Also, the Lord has blessed us greatly in our Sabbath services. May the Holy Spirit soon take hold of all our brethren and sisters everywhere so that we all may be baptized with the fullness of the Holy Spirit, and the work in all the world may come to a glorious finish. This is my desire and prayer!

Your Brother in Christ,

A. Doemeland

## NEW YORK

In the great metropolis New York, the modern Sodom, the small but bright light of Reformation burns like the lonely voice of Lot in that ancient doomed city. The soil of unbelief is hard; the stones of ridicule and wickedness are trying to dull the plough's blade; the resistance is great, but with God's help our furrow runs straight. Leaning on the precious promises given to the remnant people we press forward under the banner of Immanuel.

"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

Our courage is good, and we trust in the promises of the Lord, for He will accomplish His work gloriously.

The work is a gigantic task, but the laborers are few. The harvest is white, yet the time is so short. We do not know how much more time of decision our gracious Lord will lend us. All things are overripe to be cut short in righteousness. The pen of inspiration declares:

"The solemn, sacred message of warning must be proclaimed in the most difficult fields and



in the most sinful cities, in every place, where the light of the three-fold angel's message has not yet dawned. Everyone is to hear the last call to the marriage-supper of the Lamb." *Gospel Workers*, page 27.

We were recently privileged to celebrate the Holy Communion, and were made glad to have our dear Brother Doerschler in our midst. The Lord came very close to us in our service in commemorating what our Saviour has done for us. We were also strengthened by the reports and the plans of the forthcoming Union Conference which is to be held from August 24 to 28 in the beautiful Black Hills of Wyoming. The Lord willing, we hope to attend this coming Conference in as full a number as possible. Our time is short, and we must consider it a privilege to attend such a feast.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. ..." Psalms 122:1-6.

I wish to take this opportunity to relate some experiences:

One of our dear brothers narrowly escaped death while working in a Jewish Synagogue. Fire broke out so suddenly that he himself could barely escape, as the flames were all around him. The Lord's hand was over him and not one hair was singed. We made this a special occasion of thanksgiving to the Lord. His love and mercy endureth forever!

One of our dear sisters, who was recently baptized, due to circumstances had to leave our state and go to her home state Georgia. Since then we have received good tidings from her. She is witnessing to her friends and relatives, and is doing some voluntary home-missionary-work. Our prayer is that the little light kindled there may win some more souls to Jesus.

Last Sunday we also made a mission trip to the southern part of New Jersey where we met with a family of our fellow believers, who were in need of assurance and faith. With God's help we believe that some good was accomplished and they were quite happy and encouraged before we left. May we remember all the isolated members in all our prayers in a special way.

"Let us not linger, but lay the hand on the plough, not looking backward, but pressing

forward to the goal."

Your Brother in Christ,

M. P. Ringelberg

## SACRAMENTO

"Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yes, the set time, is come." Psalms 102:13.

It is with great thankfulness toward the Lord that we write this report. Our hearts are made happy when we think of the mercies of God which are new every morning. His faithfulness, indeed, is great. From day to day we have received the blessings from on high, both spiritually and physically, more than we have deserved. "If we have food and raiment, let us be therewith content." But we have received more than this; we have taken from His Fatherhand an abundance of riches from the heavenly store-house, and our standard of living has been above that of our dear fellow believers in other parts of the world. In times like these we must guard our steps very cautiously not to enter into a condition of spiritual sleepiness and blindness. We must not forget that character-building is worthy of much greater attention than all pursuits of daily life.

When we experienced a change in our lives during the period of our conversion, we began to place spiritual things first, and made all material matters as of secondary importance. Jerusalem above became the joy and rejoicing of our heart. The cause of God on earth became our one and all, - first in thought, first in care, first in support. All our hopes centered around its prosperity, and we began to share in its joys and trials. As "lively stones" we became a part of the building itself; we became a lively member of Christ's own body. This was not an empty thought, but a stark reality in every-day life experience.

Indeed, the truly converted Christian has but one goal in view: The upbuilding of God's cause on earth. No stone will he leave unturned until this is accomplished. Many are the ways in which the work can be advanced. The most successful one is the personal witness of a godly life, lived among a "crooked and perverse" surrounding. It is the "most powerful argument" to silence opposition and prejudice. Next to it ranks the untiring effort to impart to others a knowledge of saving truth by way of mouth, or by carrying the printed page as silent messen-

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gers from house to house. It does not only spread the truth, but it is a school of higher education to teach us how to contact souls that are longing for truth. Lastly, but not least, it is also our duty to find ways and means with which to bring present truth to public notice. We are to erect centers for the cause, wherever needed. These, like light-towers on the shores of a stormy ocean, would serve to lead endangered souls to the safe harbor of salvation. True enough, on a quiet, sunny day these light-houses seem to be a waste of precious means, yet let the storms arise and the tempest sweep over the ocean of life, then it is that the full value of such facilities is fully realized. Churches must be erected, wherever feasible, to give spinal strength to our work. Many are the ways in which the work may be done. Shall we not, one and all, put our shoulders to the wheel and help the cause of Reformation to move forward in a mighty way?

Here in Sacramento, the beautiful Capitol city of the State of California, we have been privileged to erect to God's honor and glory a humble house of worship, to be a light-tower for seeking souls. Some dear souls have come already to worship with us, for which we are very thankful. Soon, God willing, we expect to organize our little band for more active missionary work and a systematic endeavor. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" With California being the fastest growing state in the Union, and Sacramento in the very heart of this state, our opportunities are unlimited, once we have begun to work in earnest.

The "Colonial Chapel, Seventh-day Adventist, Reformed Church," at Sacramento, California, was officially dedicated for divine service on January 22, 1955, with Elder Doerschler delivering the opening address to an attentive

audience. We were also greatly honored by the presence of Elder Otto Welp, Sr., the stalwart pioneer of the Reform message since 1914, who also spoke to us during his stay. The sanctuary itself was beautifully decorated with fragrant flowers, the most beautiful piece arriving from Denver in shape of a basket of gorgeous chrysanthemums.

The dedication service was further beautified by the solo "The Palms", beautifully rendered by one of our sisters, as also by the special song for the occasion, "God of the Universe, to Thee These sacred walls we rear," sung by our brethren. All other meetings held were also richly blessed and the Lord came very near to us.

What a moment this was! Nearly two years had tested our endurance in building this house of worship. Only those who built on this building can fully realize the joy of seeing such a monument for the truth receiving its "final inspection" and "Notice of Completion" from the city officials. "The enemy of souls is contesting every inch of ground." The truth of this statement we could experience every day. As soon as a step is taken in the forward direction, Satan harasses God's children in order to discourage them, as he did in the days of Nehemiah. But the hand of the Almighty is beneath the wings to direct the battle and to push aside all hindering forces.

May we close this report with the prayer that the great God may fill this, His sacred house, with many lively stones in the days to come, that peace and prosperity may dwell within these walls, and that it may become a "Bethel" for sin-weary souls, pointing them to the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."

O. Kramer.



## BRAZIL, SO. AMERICA

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." Psalms 122:1,2.

With the help of the Lord we were able to conduct our Field-Conference from October 12-14 in the colony of Apucarana-Cambira, in the state of Parana. Since we had no larger conference meeting hall, a storage barrack for clover, next to a barn, served the purpose and had been prepared for the occasion. In our festive temple, decorated with mighty palm branches, we all felt as if we were at the feast of tabernacles at Jerusalem, and none of the dear believers had wished for a better place. Indeed, the blessing of the Lord does not depend on the place of assembly, not on temples and churches, for our Lord Himself has said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matt. 18:20. When Jesus visited this earth to redeem it, then His first place of abode was the barn at Bethlehem. Until today the barn has not lost its vital importance, and has remained a place of blessing for the welfare of humanity. The first coming of our Saviour and its wonderful story cannot enter our thoughts without thinking about the barn at Bethlehem.

Right from the beginning of our Conference until the finishing of it the hours and meetings were blessed by the Lord with a spirit of cordial brotherly love. Even the weather had been mindful of us, for during the whole time we had beautiful weather which is of utmost importance in this colony. The hours were framed with wonderful choruses, which glorified the Lord and beautified the occasion.

After the opening of the Conference, we entered with peace into the holy Sabbath, which was a day of special blessings. The Sabbath School was conducted by the brethren of the Apucarana church. The preaching service on the topic, "Abide with us: for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent", showed to us the solemn thought that there comes an evening to God's children also, when the sun is going down, and when in life and death preparation must have been made for our eternal salvation.

At the young people's meeting on Sabbath afternoon, a rich program was unfolded. Beginning with the youngest to the very oldest, there was lively participation, and all listeners

were made happy by the songs, poems, and musical parts. The children's chorus sang a pretty song, after the German melody, "Weisst du wieviel Sternlein stehen"? ("Do you know how many stars"?), entitled, "Mother-love".

The hour for praise and thanksgiving, in which the believers participated, helped to fill the hours of the Sabbath, and with joy we could enter upon the new week.

On Sunday morning we came together again for worship and examination of candidates, with the baptism which followed, in which we could lead dear young souls to the Lord. Following this was the acceptance into the church, during which time some more souls followed the others for acceptance, to be united with the little flock.

The remaining hours of the Conference were filled with Bible studies and thanksgiving of some believers, expressing their deep satisfaction for the beautiful Conference hours, and with the beautiful closing hymn, "God be with you, till we meet again." May the Lord bless the seed of His word that was sown, and assist us in the further work in this large country, in order that sincere souls may take their stand with the last Reformation and finally be saved into the kingdom of glory.

A. Mueller.



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# Asleep in Jesus

On October 30, 1954 it pleased the Lord to  
call our dear sister

## ROSINA STABEL

to rest, after prolonged illness, at the age of  
72 years. Many years ago she embraced Jesus  
as her personal Saviour and looked forward for  
His glorious appearance. For the last 8 years  
she had cast her lot with God's afflicted few,  
and she was a faithful member of the Reformed  
Church at Sacramento, California. We lost in  
her a shining example of sincerity and loyalty.  
Till the very last she faithfully attended our  
meetings, and her voice was heard in joyful  
thanksgiving to the Lord.

The undersigned was privileged to speak words  
of comfort and hope to the sorrowing family and  
friends. May the Lord work on the hearts of her  
dear children to follow in the footsteps of  
their dear mother, as she followed Christ.

We cannot but keep her in loving memory  
wherever the names of those are mentioned who  
are asleep in Jesus. May we all take inspir-  
ation from her life, in order that we may be  
able to meet her on the morning of resurrection.

O. Kramer.

(LIVE NOT TO YOURSELF - concluded from page 4)

"In the distant blue I keep my place,  
A mighty world, secure in space,  
And though to you I seem but a spark,  
Unseen in the sunshine, but brilliant at dark,  
I'm a peopled planet--have mountains and trees,  
Broad rivers and lakes, and oceans and seas.  
While the sailor looks up to my twinkling light,  
And guides his good ship, quite fearless at night."

Thus God hath written on flower and tree,  
On gurgling rill, and grassy lea,  
On *everything* His hand hath done--  
"None liveth to himself alone."

Sel.