

Days of Preparation

THE GREAT CRISIS IS JUST BEFORE US. TO MEET ITS TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS, AND TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES, WILL REQUIRE PERSEVERING FAITH. BUT WE MAY TRIUMPH GLORIOUSLY; NOT ONE WATCHING, PRAYING, BELIEVING SOUL WILL BE ENSNARED BY THE ENEMY.

BRETHREN, TO WHOM THE TRUTHS OF GOD'S WORD HAVE BEEN OPENED, WHAT PART WILL YOU ACT IN THE CLOSING SCENES OF THIS WORLD'S HISTORY? ARE YOU AWAKE TO THESE SOLEMN REALITIES? DO YOU REALIZE THE GRAND WORK OF PREPARATION THAT IS GOING ON IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH? LET ALL WHO HAVE RECEIVED THE LIGHT, WHO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF READING AND HEARING THE PROPHECY, TAKE HEED TO THOSE THINGS THAT ARE WRITTEN THEREIN; "FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND." LET NONE NOW TAMPER WITH SIN, THE SOURCE OF EVERY MISERY IN OUR WORLD. NO LONGER REMAIN IN LETHARGY AND STUPID INDIFFERENCE. LET NOT THE DESTINY OF YOUR SOUL HANG UPON AN UNCERTAINTY. KNOW THAT YOU ARE FULLY ON THE LORD'S SIDE. LET THE INQUIRY GO FORTH FROM SINCERE HEARTS AND TREMBLING LIPS, "WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?" HAVE YOU, IN THESE LAST PRECIOUS HOURS OF PROBATION, BEEN PUTTING THE VERY BEST MATERIAL INTO YOUR CHARACTER BUILDING? HAVE YOU BEEN PURIFYING YOUR SOULS FROM EVERY STAIN? HAVE YOU FOLLOWED THE LIGHT? HAVE YOU WORKS CORRESPONDING TO YOUR PROFESSION OF FAITH?

IS THE SOFTENING, SUBDUING INFLUENCE OF THE GRACE OF GOD WORKING UPON YOU? HAVE YOU HEARTS THAT CAN FEEL, EYES THAT CAN SEE, EARS THAT CAN HEAR? IS IT IN VAIN THAT THE DECLARATION OF ETERNAL TRUTH HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH? THEY ARE UNDER CONDEMNATION, PREPARING FOR THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD; AND IN THIS DAY WHICH IS BIG WITH ETERNAL RESULTS, THE PEOPLE CHOSEN TO BE THE DEPOSITARIES OF MOMENTOUS TRUTH OUGHT TO BE ABIDING IN CHRIST. ARE YOU LETTING YOUR LIGHT SHINE TO ILLUMINE THE NATIONS THAT ARE PERISHING IN THEIR SINS? DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE TO STAND IN DEFENSE OF GOD'S COMMANDMENTS BEFORE THOSE WHO ARE TREADING THEM UNDERFOOT?

IT IS POSSIBLE TO BE A PARTIAL, FORMAL BELIEVER, AND YET BE FOUND WANTING AND LOSE ETERNAL LIFE. IT IS POSSIBLE TO PRACTICE SOME OF THE BIBLE INJUNCTIONS, AND BE REGARDED AS A CHRISTIAN, AND YET PERISH BECAUSE YOU LACK QUALIFICATIONS ESSENTIAL TO CHRISTIAN CHARACTER. IF YOU NEGLECT OR TREAT WITH INDIFFERENCE THE WARNINGS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN, IF YOU CHERISH OR EXCUSE SIN, YOU ARE SEALING YOUR SOUL'S DESTINY. YOU WILL BE WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE AND FOUND WANTING. GRACE, PEACE, AND PARDON WILL BE FOREVER WITHDRAWN; JESUS WILL HAVE PASSED BY, NEVER AGAIN TO COME WITHIN REACH OF YOUR PRAYERS AND ENTREATIES. WHILE MERCY LINGERS, WHILE THE SAVIOUR IS MAKING INTERCESSION, LET US MAKE THOROUGH WORK FOR ETERNITY.

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The Gospel to the World

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

NOT UPON the ordained minister only rests the responsibility of going forth to fulfil this commission. Every one who has received Christ is called to work for the salvation of his fellowmen. "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come." Rev. 22:17. The charge to give this invitation includes the entire church. Every one who has heard the invitation is to echo the message from hill and valley, saying, "Come."

It is a fatal mistake to suppose that the work of soul-saving depends alone upon the ministry. The humble, consecrated believer upon whom the Master of the vineyard places a burden for souls, is to be given encouragement by the men upon whom the Lord has laid larger responsibilities. Those who stand as leaders in the church of God are to realize that the Saviour's commission is given to all who believe in His name. God will send forth into His vineyard many who have not been dedicated to the ministry by the laying on of hands.

Hundreds, yea, thousands, who have heard the message of salvation, are still idlers in the marketplace, when they might be engaged in some line of active service. To these Christ is saying, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" and He adds, "Go ye also into the vineyard." Matt. 20:6,7. Why is it that many more do not respond to the call? Is it because they think themselves excused in that they do not stand in the pulpit? Let them understand that there is a large work to be done outside the pulpit, by thousands of consecrated lay members.

Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability. When the members of the church of God do their appointed work in the needy fields at home and abroad, in fulfilment of the gospel commission, the whole world will soon be warned, and the Lord Jesus will return to this earth with power and great glory. —Acts of the Apostles, pp. 110,111

HELP ME, LORD, TO WIN JUST ONE

*Far and near I hear them calling,
From all climes beneath the sun.
Hear my prayer and answer quickly —
Help me, Lord, to win just one!*

In Such An Hour ...

by A. W. DOERSCHLER



THE 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 our thoughts, 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 depths of his heart that we are now in that "little 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 have instruments or agencies through which to work, 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.

JESUS IS COMING

"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 Jesus at the door, pointing out that already the cases of the living are under consideration in the sanctuary.

Jesus is coming! Do you believe it? Does it bring a thrill to your heart — a thrill of joy? If you

are a real, true child of God, it will; 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 anoint their eyes. We must prepare ourselves 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.

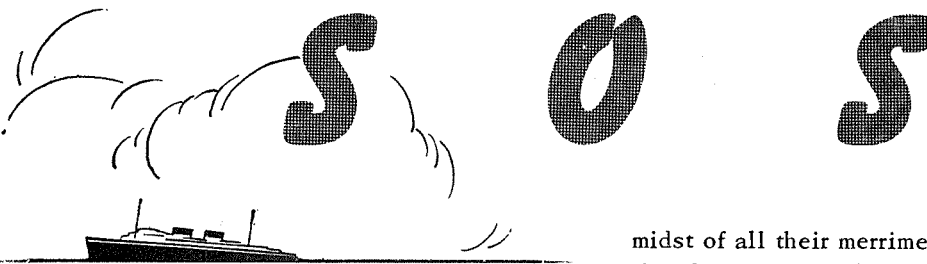
*"The Lord is coming, let this be
The herald note of jubilee,
And when we meet and when we part
The salutation of each heart."*

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"?

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."

WHAT IF IT WERE TODAY

*Jesus is coming to earth again,
What if it were today?
Coming in power and love to reign,
What if it were today?
Coming to claim His chosen Bride,
All the redeemed and purified,
Over this whole earth scattered wide;
What if it were today?*



by O. KRAMER

WHEN WE read the three letters above, we are reminded of a ship on the wide open ocean, sending out a distress call for immediate help. The common understanding of "S O S" is "Save Our Souls," because there are passengers on board whose lives are seriously in danger. History has vividly portrayed the panic and struggle that commonly accompany such a catastrophe on the high seas, such as occurred in the *Titanic's* disaster many years ago, when a great number of people lost their lives.

"Save Our Souls!" is the anguished cry today of thousands and millions out on life's sea, whose ships seem to be dashing to pieces in the fierce storms that toss them against the rocks and shoals of a turbulent life. Oh, how they long for the harbor of safety, anxiously scanning the distance and hoping, hoping to arrive there without losing their souls.

We walk by faith. Peter says: "Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:9. Yes, we may hope with assuredness to enter the blessed harbor of safety, if we faithfully endure till the end.

DANGER AHEAD

But there is danger! Traveling might be joyful and relaxing when the wind is gentle and in our favor and the waves are smooth and calm. But let the elements break loose, and then we see the winds turn into a raging hurricane and the waves into thundering mountains that seem to swallow even a giant ocean liner like it were a nutshell. Yes, when affliction and distress harass the human soul, oh, how many go down to perdition into the bottomless depths of life's ocean, never to rise again. The words of the Apostle touch this point when he says: "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the *saving of the soul.*" Heb. 10:39.

CARELESS SOULS

Did you ever read a description of the life of gaiety and fun on the *Titanic* before it struck the iceberg? How secure the passengers felt in this "unsinkable" ship—so they thought and were assured by human technicians. Yet, right in the

midst of all their merriment, dancing, and carousing, the disaster struck! Had they only heeded the words of the Apostle, the Omnipotent could have averted their doom. He says: "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to *save your souls.*" James 1:21. Yes, we must give an account, even for "every idle word" we speak. There were men of considerable fortunes even millionaires, who lost their lives and their souls, going down into the watery grave. What good did they now have from all their wealth and fame? It could not save their souls. "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" Matt. 16:26.

THE SOUL LIFE

That places an inestimable value upon the human soul, does it not? No, it is not an entity that has inherent eternal life already, for then we could not "lose" our soul. Rather, it is something equivalent to the inner life of the human being. And when we speak of the inner life, we mean that mysterious something deep within us that senses, feels, is conscious, and makes us an individual thinking, responsible person. This inner soul life, no doubt, is a gift from God. And as the physical frame of a human being varies in stature and health—tall or short, strong or weak, healthy or sick—so also with the inner soul. And as the body, so also the soul—it lives from the food it feeds on.

It is the Holy Spirit that gives life to the soul. Paul bears witness to this fact when he says: "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the *inner man.*" Eph. 3:16. To feed this "inner man," we must develop a longing, a soul hunger, a spiritual appetite. David gave us a vivid example in his 119th Psalm, expressing his longing desire to know the will of God as expressed in His holy commandments and laws. This thought is further carried out by Paul, saying: "For I delight in the law of God after the *inner man.*" Rom. 7:22. And Jesus, speaking to our inner soul, says: "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

THE KINGDOM WITHIN

Christianity is anxiously waiting for the establishment of God's eternal kingdom. Churches are reared everywhere by the hundreds. Missionary activities are on the increase; revivals and endeavors flourish. But Christ warns: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: . . . for behold, the kingdom of God is *within you*." Luke 17:20,21; that is to say, outer accomplishments have no weight in comparison to the preparation of your own individual soul that is deeply within you. There were but few occasions in which our compassionate Saviour showed His outright disapproval of sinful practices, such as when He overturned the money changers' tables in the temple. But an outstanding example is His scathing rebuke against the two-facedness of the spiritual leaders of His day, expressed in pronouncing fearful woes upon the Pharisees for their stage-like performances as spiritual actors, putting on a big show, as it were, but leaving the inner soul life in jeopardy, empty, and untouched.

LIFE WITHIN

Another one of the Pharisees' common errors was to consider those afflicted with bodily disease as great sinners, for which reason the sick did not get the proper attention and help. How different are the words of the Apostle in 2 Cor. 4:16: "For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the *inward man* is renewed day by day." The greatest of God's saints, such as Job, have often been afflicted with excruciating pains and severe illnesses. Often their outer body wasted away, crippled and deformed, like a waning shadow; but the inner life of their souls was very active and exuberantly brilliant to the last.

DEATH WITHIN

On the contrary, we have seen those in radiant health and a robust constitution glowing with vitality; yet they were completely devoid of any deeper soul life and absolutely estranged from God and His truth. In fact their inner man—if there was one left—was often corrupt to the core, as the rosy-cheeked apple with a worm inside. Indeed, there are thousands upon thousands walking the streets of our large cities who, although appearing physically well, are "dead in trespasses and sins," like the prodigal son, of whom the father said, "For this my son was dead." And because all restraint of the Holy Spirit is removed from spiritually dead people, they live a wild life, expressed by sinful indulgences, as is the case with certain sinful women mentioned in 1 Tim. 5:6: "But she that liveth in pleasure is *dead* while she liveth."

A story is told in this manner: The scene is a graveyard, and a man is busily engaged in digging

a new grave. Another man comes, watches him for a while, and then accosts him, saying, "How long does it take a man to be eaten up by worms?" To this the grave digger gives him this wise and weighty answer: "That depends entirely on how much he was eaten up by worms while he was living."

The important truth of this statement cannot be overemphasized. As the moth of the appleworm deposits its eggs on the apple, so we have a terrible enemy who waits his opportunity to sow his evil seed into our hearts.

May I speak to your soul, dear brother, dear sister, whether young or old! Are you sure that the demons of worldliness and sin have not already eaten out your inner soul life like gnawing worms? Is your soul still well and healthy? A dead body does not stir when it is pricked. Does this thought, this challenge, prick your soul? Or do you shrug it off as unimportant?

If you prefer to remain conservative and listless, I shall introduce the words of the inspired pen, which you cannot reject without doing yourself harm:

"Today a large part of those who compose our congregations are dead in trespasses and sins. They come and go like the door upon its hinges. For years they have complacently listened to the most solemn, soul-stirring truths, but they have not put them in practice. Therefore they are less and less sensible of the preciousness of truth. The stirring testimonies of reproof and warning do not arouse them to repentance. The sweetest melodies that come from God through human lips,—justification by faith, and the righteousness of Christ,—do not call forth from them a response of love and gratitude. Though the heavenly Merchantman displays before them the richest jewels of faith and love, though he invites them to buy of Him 'gold tried in the fire,' and 'white raiment' that they may be clothed, and 'eyesalve,' that they may see, they steel their hearts against Him, and fail to exchange their lukewarmness for love and zeal. While making a profession, they deny the power of godliness. If they continue in this state, God will reject them. They are unfitting themselves to be members of His family."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 426,427.

*Gracious Redeemer, shake
This slumber from my soul!
Say to me now, "Awake, awake!
And Christ shall make thee whole!"*

*Touch with Thy mighty hand;
Alarm me in this hour;
And make me fully understand
My danger and Thy power!*

(Charles Wesley)

ENEMIES OF THE SOUL LIFE

"Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which *war against the soul.*" 1 Peter 2:11. A bitter struggle is waged for your own soul. Do you realize this? Could our eyes only be opened, we would see legions of evil angels exerting all their power and cunning to impress evil thoughts and tendencies upon our minds, be it in the form of worldly environment generally during our daily contact with the world, at work, or at home by opening the flood-gates of evil. More temptations yet are found in reading and listening to newspaper crimes, fascinating sports activities, and whatever else Satan's helpers have to offer to impress our minds and draw us into their nets.

In all this, does it never occur to us that we are actually playing with fire which will eventually, slow but sure, burn out our inner soul life? The thing which the Apostle mentions about one particular class of sinners may also be applied here with equal force: ". . . Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4. To all the insane cravings for a good time, seeking after all kinds of amusements, hilarity, etc., the Lord of Heaven has but one answer: "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness." Verses 8, 9.

*How many poor souls has the tempter beguiled!
With spacious temptations how many defiled!
O be not deluded, escape for thy life!
And look not behind thee; remember Lot's wife!
The ways of religion true pleasures afford,
No pleasure can equal the joys of the Lord;
Forsake then the world and escape for thy life,
And look not behind thee; remember Lot's wife!*

In the jail at Bedford, John Bunyan wrote his *Pilgrim's Progress* about Christian, with his heavy burden of sin, fleeing from the city of destruction —



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to save his soul like Lot fled from the doomed city of Sodom. Do you see yourself in the picture? Are you now, at this late hour of earth's history, in the process of "fleeing"? or are you still a beloved, highly-esteemed, and honored citizen of rank and file in worldly circles? Beware! The Judge is standing at the door!

This is a personal appeal to YOUR soul! Does your helpless soul hang on God today? Is He your first thought on rising in the morning? Is He uppermost in your soul life all day long? Does your soul meditate on Him in the evening and even during the night watches? ". . . Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Matt. 12:34. Is your heart, your inner soul, filled with a superabundance of life and vitality? Then your words spoken will testify to this fact. There will be a sweet, subdued, heavenly atmosphere emanating from your whole being, and even the tone of your voice will be full of love and kindness.

## THE DESTINY OF YOUR SOUL

"Let none now tamper with sin, the source of every misery in our world. No longer remain in lethargy and stupid indifference. Let not the *destiny of your soul* hang upon an uncertainty. Know that you are fully on the Lord's side. Let the inquiry go forth from sincere hearts and trembling lips, 'Who shall be able to stand?' Have you, in these last precious hours of probation, been putting the very best material into your character-building? . . .

"Is the softening, subduing influence of the grace of God working upon you? Have you hearts that can feel, eyes that can see, ears that can hear? . . .

"If you neglect or treat with indifference the warnings that God has given, if you cherish or excuse sin, you are *sealing your soul's destiny.*" —*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, pp. 404, 405. (Italics ours)

Let us make this a personal message by changing the "S O S" into an "S M S" and attaching the meaning, "Save MY Soul!" When your life's vessel is sinking in the fierce storms of life, let Jesus come into your heart and soul, to be your lifeboat and pilot, for "Jesus Never Fails."

IT WAS OUR privilege in the beginning of December, 1962, to bid farewell to our dear Sister Rush of Denver, Colorado, when she left on the *S. S. Oriana* to travel to Australia. Many believers of the Sacramento church as well as Elder Doerschler of Denver accompanied her to the pier in San Francisco, wishing her a safe and happy journey.

For a long time Sister Rush had planned to visit her children, Brother and Sister Barbour, who are overseeing the work in Australia, and now her wish was fulfilled. Our prayers ascended in her behalf, and the Lord heard (continued on page 10)

# Our Homes and Our Health

## *The Adventist Home*

by L. V. McSHERRY

**I**N THE home the foundation is laid for the prosperity of the church. The influences that rule in the home life are carried into the church life; therefore church duties should first begin in the home. . . .

"Home religion is greatly needed, and our words in the home should be of a right character, or our testimonies in the church will amount to nothing. Unless you manifest meekness, kindness, and courtesy in your home, your religion will be vain. If there were more genuine home religion, there would be more power in the church." —*The Adventist Home*, pp. 318, 319.

The most important missionary field that God has entrusted to every person is that of the home. Our words and actions, expressed at home, are also revealed no matter where society has placed us. It is of tremendous importance that we develop genuine home religion, for our eternal welfare depends upon it. We can never expect the power of God to rest upon His people in the form of the latter rain unless we manifest true godliness in the home life. We can never expect to enjoy the bliss of heaven and the companionship of holy angels, unless we reveal a Christian disposition in the home. With this thought in mind we want to study the Word of God to see how we can improve ourselves in the development of Christian virtues.

In speaking about the home life, the Apostle Paul has these timely words for us: "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed,

do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Colossians 3:12-17.

Study these verses carefully, for in these few words can be found the solution to many family problems. For example, when someone in the household speaks an unkind word, how quickly we aggravate the situation by snapping back with another unkind word instead of forbearing with one another. Perchance if a quarrel arises, do you wait for the other party to come to you for reconciliation, leaving the entire family tense for hours and perhaps days at a time? Even if you might be in the right, forgive, and follow peace until reconciliation has been made. "Hearts that are filled with the love of Christ can never get very far apart. Religion is love, and a Christian home is one where love reigns and finds expression in words and acts of thoughtful kindness and gentle courtesy." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 94. I am sure as you ask Jesus to help you to overcome and as you put forth all your strength, He will give you the victory as promised. We cannot expect success overnight, but victory will be ours if we are steadfast in that which we desire of the Lord.

I would like to divide the subject of the home into three parts, that which pertains to each to be discussed accordingly. The three subjects under consideration are "Wives and Mothers," "Training the Children," and "Husbands and Fathers." Perhaps you will come under only one of the above subjects, but I am sure you will be benefitted by studying all three.

### WIVES AND MOTHERS

Mothers, home, to a great degree, is what you make it. Look not for wealth or luxury, for these perish with the night; but rather have thankful hearts and love, which are more valuable than wealth or luxury, remembering that contentment with simple things makes the home happy if love is there. Oh, it is not a house that God wants, but a home. The home can be attractive as well as one's self. Do not ever think that God does not

want the mothers and wives to be attractive, for He does. Look your finest, but not only for friends and strangers, but for your own family. When dad comes home from work or the children from school, be as attractive as possible. Why should your family behold the beauty of others and not your own loveliness? Mothers and wives "when about their work, should not put on clothing which would make them look like images to frighten the crows from the corn." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 253.

Next to God the mother's power for good is the strongest known on earth. Mothers may wish at times that they could do something great for their Lord. Little do they realize that God has made them laborers in the most important missionary field that He has. He has given them power to perform miracles. "No other work can equal hers in importance. She has not, like the artist, to paint a form of beauty upon canvass; nor, like the sculptor, to chisel it from marble. She has not, like the author, to embody a noble thought in words of power; nor like the musician, to express a beautiful sentiment in melody. It is hers, with the help of God, to develop in a human soul the likeness of the divine." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 237. Mothers, I do hope and pray you realize the importance of your calling. May you, as never before, put forth every effort to fashion the character of your child in the similitude of Christ. Do not wait until the child has several years behind him before you begin your work, but right from the cradle be faithful to your trust. The best way to develop a Christian character in your child is by example. The child watches your every move and, therefore, acts accordingly. If you desire to see your traits of character, behold them in your little one. "Infant children are a mirror for the mother in which she may see reflected her own habits and deportment." I feel confident that if every mother would place the correct value upon her seemingly unrewarding labors as God does there would not be dissatisfaction in the heart, as is so often revealed. Let every member of the family remember: "The mother is queen of her household. She has in her power the molding of her children's characters, that they may be fitted for the higher, immortal life. An angel could not ask for a higher mission." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 231.

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands," if it is in accordance with the law of God. "If the husband is a servant of God, he will not lord it over his wife; he will not be arbitrary and exacting." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 118.

#### TRAINING THE CHILDREN

"It is in the home that the education of the child is to begin. Here is his first school. Here, with

his parents as instructors, he is to learn the lessons that are to guide him throughout life—lessons of respect, obedience, reverence, self-control." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 182. Unfortunately, here is where tragedy occurs in many homes. Parents will not instruct their children, thinking that when they become of school age the teacher will perform this work. A greater mistake cannot be made than this. If a child would be taught these four essentials in the home—respect, obedience, reverence, self-control—he would grow up to be a blessing to his family, church, and friends.

So often it is the case that parents are engaged in every thing but that which the Lord has committed them to do. Too often are the words expressed, "I do not have time." Parents, you must find time. Those precious plants in the home garden demand your very first care. You must care for them and give them time. If you do not plant the precious seeds of truth in their hearts, Satan will sow his tares and terrible will be the results. You must not be too occupied to keep your children usefully employed; otherwise Satan will keep them busy. "If parents work in patience and love, earnestly endeavoring to help their children to reach the highest standard of purity and modesty, they will succeed." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 208. "Look upon them as a sacred charge, not to be indulged, petted, and idolized, but to be taught to live pure, noble lives." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 280. What a promise for Christian parents—they can succeed! Lay hold of the promise and do not neglect your child. Shun the extreme of satisfying every whim and fancy. If you persist in this course, you can never develop in him self-control, which is so essential for Christian growth.

Make the Christian life and home an attractive one. Evil will not attract those children who are brought up under wise and loving guidance. They will have no desire for the pleasures of sin. Parents, take these promises to heart; claim them as your own, and do all in your power to mold and fashion the characters of your children after the only Pattern.

#### HUSBANDS AND FATHERS

"The father is to stand at the head of his family, not as an overgrown, undisciplined boy, but as a man with manly character." —*The Adventist Home*, p. 213. The Lord requires a great deal from every father and husband. He is the priest of his household, and God has committed all to his trust. On all important matters both father and mother should discuss them thoroughly, that the feeling of both might be expressed; but the father must make the final decision. He is the head of the household. Instead of being the wise director over the



house, the father often leaves these responsibilities with the mother. "There is a tendency for the husband to feel free to go out and come into his home more as a boarder than a husband of the family circle." —*The Adventist Home*, p.217.

One of the greatest failings of many a household is revealing to others what should be kept within the family. "There is a sacred circle around every family which should be preserved. No other one has any right in that sacred circle." —*The Adventist Home*, p.177. There are certain things spoken that should be repeated to no one's ears outside of the family. Outsiders do not fully understand the situation; therefore a wrong conclusion might be drawn, and many times respect is lost for the individual concerned.

Happiness for each other depends upon the cultivation of love, sympathy, and true courtesy. Too often this is lost sight of after a few years of married life. "Love cannot long exist without expression. Let not the heart of one connected with you starve for the want of kindness and sympathy. . . . Let each give love rather than exact it." —*The Adventist Home*, p.107. Husbands, when was the last time you told your wife you loved her? Was it so long ago that you cannot remember? Is she starving for a few kind words, little attentions, and simple courtesies of everyday life that make up life's happiness? Continue the early attentions and study to advance the happiness of your mate. Never tell a joke at the expense of your wife's feelings. If continued, it can bring disaster.

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it; . . . So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself." Ephesians

5:25,28. The story is told of a certain prince who caused an insurrection against the ruler of the land. Unfortunately, the insurrection was subdued by the army of the ruler and the prince and his family were taken captive and brought before the ruler. The prince was asked by the ruler what he would give for his life. After considering for a moment the prince said, "I will give you half of my kingdom."

Then the ruler said, "What will you give for the lives of your two sons, who stand before me?"

Once more the prince answered, "I'll give the other half of my kingdom."

With apparently nothing left for the prince to give, the ruler asked, "What will you give for your wife?"

Without a moment's hesitation, the prince replied, "I will give my own life." The heart of the ruler was touched by the close ties revealed in the family and permitted them all to be set free.

After the interview was over and the prince and his wife were alone, the prince said, "Did you notice the expression that came over the ruler's face when I said I would give my life for you?"

"No," answered his wife, "I did not notice."

"You mean you did not see the astonishment on the ruler's face?" asked the prince.

"No," replied the prince's wife, "I had eyes only for him who was willing to give his life for me."

Husband and wife, may you have eyes only for each other and for Jesus, who gave His life for you. May your eyes be directed to Him for instruction, wisdom, and understanding that you may one day place your family before Him who will ask you to give an account.

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## Rational Medicine

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THE OUTGROWTH of scientific investigation of the nature and causes of disease and the relations to the human body of the various external agents which may be brought in contact with it, has been the development, out of the chaos and confusion of the "war of the pathies," of a method dealing with the human system when subject to disease known as the Rational Method. This system recognizes no universal remedy for disease and no universal law of cure. It confines itself to no one order or class of remedies or methods. It

includes and recognizes all useful remedial agents, no matter when, how, or by whom discovered, which have been by experience proven to be of real value in the treatment of disease. It avoids exclusive systems and ideas, but accepts all that is really valuable in all. It is in the fullest and truest sense eclectic in character. Its principles may be concisely stated as follows:

1. Nature alone possesses the power to heal.
2. Any agent which will assist in effecting a

cure is a remedial agent, and may, under proper circumstances, be used as such.

3. Remedial agents affect the system beneficially, not through their own operations upon it, but through the reactions of the living tissues upon them.

4. All remedial agents involve in their application the expenditure of the vitality of the patient, some more, some less.

5. The best remedies are those which will render the most remedial aid with the least expense to the vitality of the patient.

6. Patients, not diseases, are to be treated.

7. There is in nature no antidote for the results of the transgression of physical laws.

Upon these few principles all true medical philosophy and practice are based; and the success of any particular method of treatment wholly depends upon the degree to which these principles are recognized and applied. In order to render them more intelligible to non-professional readers, for whom principally we write, we will consider each of these principles more at length.

1. *Nature alone possesses the power to heal.* That the true healing power resides in nature is established by a great number of facts, many of which are admirably presented in a work by Sir John Forbes, editor of the *British and Foreign Medical Review*, entitled, "Nature and Art in Disease." The author clearly proves that nature is the real healing power by the following facts, which he ably presents:

(1) Wild animals suffer the most serious injuries and are frequently affected by epidemic diseases, and yet recover without artificial aid. The same is true of domestic animals in a somewhat less degree, since they are sometimes subject to medical treatment. It is suggested, however, that such treatment as is usually employed has no effect whatever, or is detrimental rather than beneficial. Such treatment as placing in the stall of the sick animal branches of the wychelm, tying to its tail colored threads, or making a slit in the sick creature's ear with a pair of rusty scissors, could certainly have very little curative effect.

(2) Among savages and semi-civilized nations, medical treatment is either not employed, or consists of such absurd procedures as could not possibly be of any benefit, consisting in many cases of charms, incantations, and other measures equally harmless to produce any appreciable effects.

(3) Many cases have occurred in which persons have suffered with serious maladies, such as fevers and other acute diseases, when isolated or

otherwise unable to obtain medical advice, and yet have made excellent recoveries.

(4) Many experiments have been made by physicians in different countries in the treatment of diseases by inert remedies for the purpose of studying the natural history of disease. In many cases, results have been so favorable as to give rise to the gravest skepticism as to the efficacy of remedial measures. The writer mentions the case of a celebrated professor, who, on being told that a new sect had sprung up—the homeopathsists—which cured diseases by infinitesimal doses of medicine, replied that he had long been in the habit of doing more than this; namely, curing diseases by none. At the present time there are very few eminent physicians who do not hold to this view, and it is probable that there can scarcely be found anywhere an intelligent physician who would attempt to defend the strange and absurd views of Cumming on this point, who is said to have exclaimed in his lecture room, "As for nature, I would treat it in the sick-room as I would a squalling cat,—open the door and drive it out;" but it is not doubted that the following of such pernicious teaching has given rise to a large share of the erroneous, unscientific, and unsuccessful medical practice of the last century. (To be continued.)

—Taken from *The Home Hand-book of Domestic Hygiene and Rational Medicine.*



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us, for the next morning her mighty ocean ship collided with a U. S. airplane carrier near Los Angeles in a dense fog; but, thank God, no one was hurt. After a delay of several days for repairs, the *S. S. Oriana* continued her southwest journey over the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean to bring our dear sister safe and sound to her destination.

In the meantime, we received a very encouraging letter from our dear sister, telling us her appreciation of our prayers for her, the ship wreck, God's protection  
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THE SABBATH WATCHMAN

# Meet Our Aged

*"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age, they shall be fat and flourishing." Psalm 92:14.*

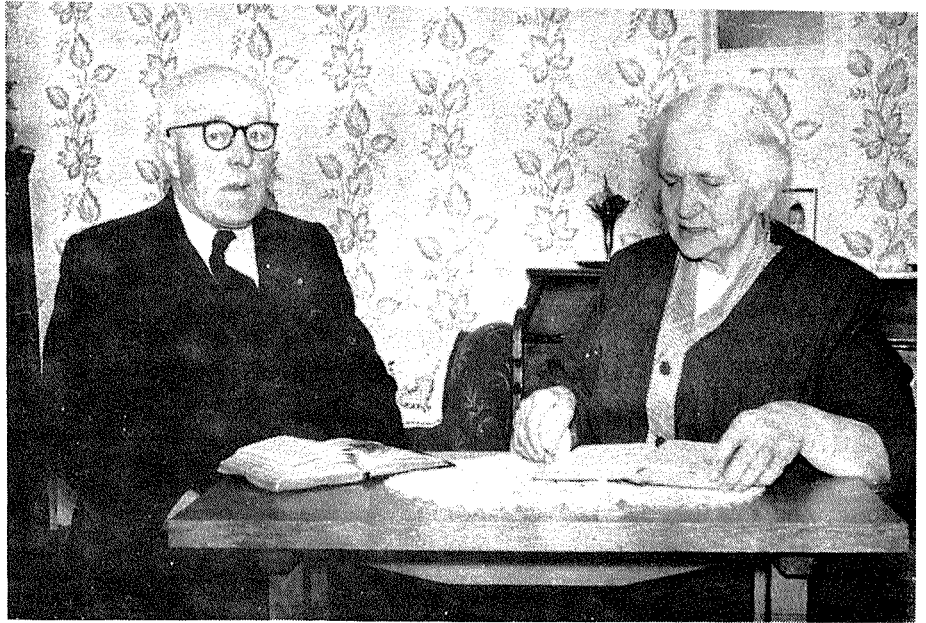
Brother F. Charles of Aberbargoed, England, who is now 84 years old, embraced the Adventist message in the year 1906, or 56 years ago. Only two years later, in 1908, he was ordained Elder of the local Seventh-day Adventist Church, in which office he remained until 1926, a total of 18 years. At that time he received a tract, entitled "The Truth about the Reform Movement," which started him studying. He contacted the brethren in America, where this tract was published, and some time later he made a trip to Holland to meet with many of the early pioneers of the Reform.

A year later, 1927, Elder Otto Welp from Hannover, Germany, visited England. Although it was difficult at first because of the language barrier, a Jewish interpreter proved a very valuable aid in their communication with each other. From the information received, it was made clear that the center of the Reform work was in Hannover, Germany, and Brother Welp the acting chairman. At that time about twenty souls were organized in England, and Brother Charles was appointed their leader.

During his next visit, Elder Welp called upon Brother Charles to leave his work in the coal mine and go full time into the work of soul winning. In 1928 he accepted this call to the ministry and later on was ordained for his office in Hannover. Shortly after, Elder Doerschler from America also visited the English Field to strengthen the members by presenting his experiences in the work of Revival and Reformation. Through the years our Brother Charles has proven himself to be a stalwart reformer, and we deem it a great privilege to have him still with us.

Sister Charles, his dear wife, who is now in her 80th year, left the Baptist Church in 1904 to become a member of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination. After 22 years with this church, she also began to study the message of Reformation and took her stand with the faithful few during the visit of Brother Welp in England. Since that time she has stood shoulder to shoulder with her husband in this work.

In 1949, during their visit in the United States, it was our privilege to have Brother and Sister



*Brother and Sister Charles*

Charles with us at our Union Conference at "Mallo Camp," Wyoming. This proved a great blessing to all of us.

May the God of Heaven bless dear Brother and Sister Charles in their advanced years with good health and happiness for the remainder of their pilgrim journey.

*(NOTE: We had just prepared this writing, to appear in this issue of the Sabbath Watchman, when the following letter reached us:)*

"Glenholme"

Nottingham, England February 4, 1963

Dear Brother Doerschler:

In sadness I write this letter to tell you of the great loss we have suffered here in Britain, and I know that it will also bring deep sorrow to you and many others in the United States.

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, January 29, our beloved Brother F. Charles passed away peacefully in the arms of his son, our dear Brother Albert Charles. We knew that he had been failing this past year, yet this came as a surprise. He has had no suffering or pain to endure.

Sister Taylor and I drove over to Wales for the funeral, and there Brother Charles was laid to rest in the churchyard near his home. Brother Woodruff officiated at the service held at the home and afterward at the graveside. This had been Brother Charles' wish.

His son, David Charles, was also present, coming by airplane from the United States. Brother Charles' daughter from Wales was also there, as were many other relatives and numerous friends who had come to pay their respects to him.

I am enclosing a few lines which, if appropriate, you could publish in *The Sabbath Watchman*. Or you may amend this in any way you desire, because I am aware that you knew Brother Charles better and longer than I; and you may want to add something to this tribute. I leave it entirely up to you.

All of us send our warmest Christian greetings to all of you in America, and we ask you for your prayers, which will be deeply appreciated. Our thoughts are always with you; and we strive sincerely to serve our Master, worshiping Him in spirit and in truth, so that we may remain steadfast and be enabled to grow more and more like Him day by day, doing His will and preparing for His near coming.

Greetings to you and Sister Doerschler from Sister Taylor and me, as well as from dear Sister Charles and Brother and Sister Albert Charles. We few in these small British Isles, as your brothers and sisters in the precious truth, wish you God's richest blessings.

Your brother in Christ,  
(Signed) A. L. Taylor

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over her, and other news. She had an enjoyable and comfortable trip and also some nice talks with several passengers. Arriving three and a half days late in Sydney, she was welcomed by her children and then taken to their new living quarters in Epping, N. S. W., which offer better environment and facilities. The following day they spent a very blessed Sabbath together with our dear believers there.

It is our sincerest wish and prayer that Sister Rush may have an enjoyable time with her loved ones abroad and that they may strengthen each other to go forward in faith under the providence of God.

Let us remember the work in Australia, that the Most High may open the way for more laborers to enter the whitening harvest, that also in this part of the world the honest in heart may hear the glad tidings of this revival and reformation and God's work can be brought to a final conclusion.

## Early Announcement

*IT IS WITH profound gratitude to the Lord that we announce that we were again able to secure the "Idra-Ha-Je Camp" near Bailey, Colorado, for the 1963 American Union Conference Session. Many of us remember this beautiful camp and the blessings we received there several years ago.*



THE BRITISH Field has lost a beloved brother, for on February 1, 1963, our dear Brother

F. CHARLES

was laid to rest, to await that glorious day for which he sincerely and hopefully had longed, when the trumpets will sound to herald the return of the dear Saviour, whom he faithfully served with a sincere heart diligently and faithfully consecrated to his Lord's will. For about 56 years he walked in the truth, preparing to meet the Saviour face to face and hear those rewarding words addressed to overcomers: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Brother Charles was 84 years of age and leaves his beloved wife, Sister Charles, who has also served the Master in the same devoted manner, walking in the truth for nearly 58 years. He also leaves behind his son and daughter-in-law of Wales, Brother and Sister Albert Charles, who have been in this precious truth for many years, as well as his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Charles and their children, who reside in the United States, and his daughter from Wales. Brother A. Woodruff, a longtime friend and brother in the faith, officiated at the service and at the graveside, as had been the wish of Brother F. Charles.

We of the Reformation here in Britain feel deeply the loss of this greatly esteemed brother and friend, who was an old, faithful, and stalwart pioneer, one who was a living proof of the goodness of God. Each one of us has to thank God for the example he set us. We must pray to God for the endowment of His Holy Spirit, in order to serve Him with the same steadfastness, loyalty, and devotion as our beloved brother did. Then, on the morning of the first resurrection, we shall see our desires fulfilled with him and will again be united with our dear Brother Charles to stand before the throne of our God and worship Him day and night.

A. L. Taylor