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Sitting at the Feet of Jesus

Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
 O what words I hear Him say!
 Happy place so near, so precious!
 May it find me there each day;
 Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
 I would look upon the past,
 For His love has been so gracious,
 It has won my heart at last.

Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
 Where can mortal be more blest?
 There I lay my sins and sorrows,
 And, when weary, find sweet rest;
 Sitting at the feet of Jesus,
 There I love to weep and pray,
 While I from His fulness gather
 Grace and comfort ev'ry day.

Bless me, O my Saviour, bless me,
 As I'm waiting at Thy feet,
 O look down in love upon me,
 Let me see Thy face so sweet;
 Give me, Lord, the mind of Jesus,
 Make me holy as He is,
 May I prove I've been with Jesus,
 Who is all my righteousness.

***** J. H.



*“BUT ONE THING IS NEEDFUL:
 and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.”*

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REVERENCE

"Another precious grace that should be carefully cherished is reverence. True reverence for God is inspired by a sense of His infinite great-

ness and a realization of His presence. With this sense of the Unseen the heart of every child should be deeply impressed. The hour and place of prayer and the services of public worship the child should be taught to regard as sacred because God is there. And as reverence is manifested in attitude and demeanor, the feeling that inspires it will be deepened.

"Well would it be for young and old to study and ponder and often repeat those words of Holy Writ that show how the place marked by God's special presence should be regarded.

"'Put off thy shoes from off thy feet,' He commanded Moses at the burning bush; 'for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.' Exodus 3:5.

"'Jacob, after beholding the vision of the angels, exclaimed, 'The Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. . . . This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' Genesis 28:16,17.

"'The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.' Habakkuk 2:20.

"'The Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all gods. . . .
O come, let us worship and bow down;
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.'

"'It is He that hath made us, and not
we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of
His pasture.
Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise;
Be thankful unto Him, and bless His name.'
Psalm 95:3-6; 100:3,4.

"Reverence should be shown also for the name of God. Never should that name be spoken lightly or thoughtlessly. Even in prayer its frequent or needless repetition should be avoided. 'Holy and reverend is His name.' Psalm 111:9. Angels, as they speak it, veil their faces. With what reverence should we, who are fallen and sinful, take it upon our lips!

"We should reverence God's word. For the printed volume we should show respect, never putting it to common uses, or handling it carelessly. And never should Scripture be quoted in a jest, or paraphrased to point a witty saying. 'Every word of God is pure,' 'as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.' Proverbs 30:5; Psalm 12:6." —*Education*, pp. 242-244.

"The word of the living God is not merely written, but spoken. The Bible is God's voice speaking to us, just as surely as though we could hear it with our ears. If we realized this, with what awe would we open God's word and with what earnestness would we search its precepts! The reading and contemplation of the Scriptures would be regarded as an audience with the Infinite One." —*Testimonies*, Vol. 6, p. 393.

The Globe is on Fire!

by H. FLESchUTZ, *Western Germany*

BROTHERS shoot upon brothers! In the rice fields and jungles of South Vietnam the struggle is more bitter than ever – this in spite of American aid and notwithstanding the Diem regime's removal. The Communist partisans, the Viet Cong, are increasing in strength; and the battle of the Laotians at the Plaine des Jarres is continuing. A peaceful solution is envisioned neither in Vietnam nor in Laos. If the Americans would withdraw from Vietnam, this country would immediately come under Communist domination, as would neutral Cambodia. Prince Sihanuk has already put out feelers toward Peking. Then the Communists would stand at Mekong, the gateway to Southeast Asia and Thailand. Thailand, also, does not fully trust the strength of the West. The new strong men have already returned to their policy of beating against the blocks. It is the policy which has preserved for them their freedom and independence throughout the centuries. Also SEATO, the far-eastern defense alliance, is now under heavy attack. It has always been called 'The Paper Tiger' by the Red Chinese. This alliance was negotiated by U. S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles on November 9, 1954. France, having just acknowledged Red China, and whose efforts are aimed at neutralizing Vietnam, has hollowed out this pact even further.

"In spite of the journey of Attorney General Robert Kennedy to the Far East and his discussions with Philippine President Macapagal, Indonesian President Sukarno, and Malayan Prime Minister Abdul Rahman, and in spite of the fact that he succeeded in arranging for the leading politicians of the Malayan states to meet shortly in Bangkok, the problem of Malaysia is far from being settled. Sukarno requests at least the yielding of the British guarantees for this new creation. Robert Kennedy expressed himself: 'In Asia the Asiatics must solve their own Asiatic questions and problems.' It would be gratifying if Sukarno, Macapagal, and Abdul Rahman would succeed in accomplishing this in Bangkok. Their three states have a total population of 140 million. Peace in this sphere is of utmost importance, for a war there would kindle a mighty conflagration.

"Burma, with its borders touching Red China and with tribal warfare within the country, has completely come under the influence of China. Pakistan has taken up very close ties with China. Relations between Pakistan and India could hardly

be worse. 'What will come after Nehru?' everyone asks with a worried mind. 'We are still on the border of a catastrophe,' Nehru himself said. Will India remain numerically the strongest democracy in Western manner? Can it still continue its peaceful revolution, the struggle against hunger, unemployment, and corruption, and hope for success? It would require at least ten years' aid from the West for this sub-continent, with its 440 million people, to accomplish its goal.

"In Iran, the Shah has created for himself a breathing spell by a 'revolution from the top.' By his agricultural reforms he has taken nearly all the wind from the sails of the Communists. Yet the social questions in this roundhouse of the Middle East are far from being solved. In Yemen also, brothers shoot brothers. On its border, at Aden, the Yemenites are fighting for independence from the British. In Cairo all Arabic strongmen have met to cut off the water supply from Israel. A new war is not anticipated, but it is not altogether improbable.

"Africa now has 36 independent countries; in the near future it may be 50 – with a population of only 225 million. They are midget states with only some ten thousand, hundred thousand, or million inhabitants each. The social questions are all unsolved. Zanzibar became something like an 'African Cuba.' In Rwanda, the Watussi are being butchered; in the Congo the missionaries are often murdered; their women, raped. Tanganyika, Kenya, and even Libya have become hotbeds of unrest. Questions pertaining to South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, and Angola are still fully unsolved. To predict the near future is impossible. One shudders just to think about it. Will it end in a massacre, an expulsion of the whites? Three million South Africans have no other home. Or is there a possibility – in the last minute – of an understanding?

"Brazil, the largest and richest country in South America, is being shaken by inflation and social unrest of the greatest magnitude. In Peru, the Indians now want liberty after hundreds of years of oppression. In Venezuela, a civil war is brewing. Panama recently became a critical hotbed, and the end results upon the Latin American states cannot be visualized. 'It is 5 minutes before 12 in Latin America,' say the experts. The 'Alliance for Progress' has not as yet shown any progress. In many of these countries – to say the least – a

Righteousness: The Heart of the Gospel

by A. W. DOERSCHLER

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Eph. 2:8.

THROUGH no virtue, nor through any power of his own, is man able to save himself. No power in this world, save Christ, is sufficient to reconcile the sinner to his God. (Acts 4:12.)

It matters not how often nor in how many different ways one tries to do right; every effort must fail until one recognizes his utter insufficiency and commits his ways wholly unto the Lord. Each soul must let Jesus make him and keep him right.

"Man cannot possibly meet the demands of the law of God in human strength alone.... A remedy has been provided in the Saviour, who can give to man the virtue of His merit. Christ is righteousness, sanctification, and redemption to those who believe in Him and who follow in His steps." —Mrs. E. G. White in *Review and Herald*, 1890.

Every faithful believer in the great message of truth for this time realizes the necessity of his being in harmony with God, of being righteous in His sight. To be in harmony with God, to be righteous, one must live the Christ life, that life by which and through which the sinner is saved. Paul declares: "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." Rom. 5:10.

No sin was ever found in the life of Jesus. His was a life of perfect obedience. "Which of you convinceth Me of sin?" asked the Saviour; and all held their peace. Again he said, "I have kept My Father's commandments;" and no one could contradict Him. Such was the life of Christ as manifested to us—a life of perfect obedience to the law of God. And that life is the very life which we must experience here day by day if we are to become citizens of the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus has promised to live *in us*, to abide *with us*, to hold us, and to *keep us* always, if we will but accept Him by faith.

Martin Luther, who so firmly believed and so staunchly proclaimed the precious truth of righteousness by faith, wrote: "Thou, Lord Jesus, art my righteousness; I am Thy sin. Thou hast taken what was mine, and hast given me what was Thine. What Thou wast not Thou didst become, that I might become what I was not."

Blessed assurance! Jesus has *given us* what was His—His righteousness, His *life*—through faith. He says, "Abide in Me, and I in you." John 15:4. In this way we partake of His life, and we can then say with Paul: "...I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20.

Now if it is true that Christ, through the exercise on our part of that measure of faith which is given us, actually lives in our flesh, it will certainly be the identical life that He lived while He was here on earth; and we have already seen that His life was in strict obedience to the Ten Commandments.

God promises to write His law in the heart of each one of His children. (Jer. 31:31-33; Eze. 36:26-28.) More than this, Christ promises to live out the requirements of that law in the life of each one who believes on Him and who will permit Him to do so. Therefore let us not think of the law as being merely written on two tables of stone but as divinely imprinted on the fleshly tables of the heart—*your heart, my heart*.

This is the blessing of the new covenant, that better covenant spoken of in Paul's epistle to the Hebrews. (Heb. 8:7-13.) It is righteousness by faith, the most precious message ever revealed to the world. The servant of God has left us many invaluable statements of truth in relation to this wondrous theme. Here are two such gems:

"Genuine faith appropriates the righteousness of Christ, and the sinner is made an overcomer with Christ; for he is made a partaker of the divine nature and thus divinity and humanity are combined." —*Review and Herald*, July 1, 1890.

"By faith he (the sinner) can bring to God the merits of Christ and the Lord places the obedience of His Son to the sinner's account. Christ's righteousness is accepted in place of man's failure, and God receives, pardons, justifies the repentant, believing soul, treats him as though he were righteous, and loves him as He loves His Son." —*Review and Herald*, November 4, 1890.

This message bears the sacred imprint of Heaven. It is the very heart of the Gospel. To the believer, the law of the Ten Commandments still stands, though not as a hard master, convincing of sin. No, the holy requirements of God stand as an eternal witness to the fact that he has

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social revolution is inevitable. And then there is Cyprus. The world is more in motion now than was expected some weeks ago. Speaking of relaxation, there can no longer be talk of peace. The globe is on fire!"

Thus far we read in the *Heilbronner Stimme* (*Voice of Heilbronn*) of February 7, 1964. Not knowing our message, and influenced by "pessimistic views" and "sectarians," the newspaper arrives at some startling conclusions; it comments about the time and tells the truth.

FULFILLED PROPHECIES

While reading this article, one must think about the words of Jesus in Matt. 24:6,7: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes in divers places." Nearly two thousand years have passed since the Lord Jesus uttered this prophecy. So many, many people, even Christians, doubt the authenticity of the Bible; they add to it and take away from it. Childlike faith is diminishing. What was written then is being fulfilled before our eyes. And truly, the signs of the times, whether it is unrest, catastrophes, or earthquakes, are speaking with audible voices. One day proclaims to the other that God's word is eternal truth. What appeared as a laughingstock to people years ago statesmen, church leaders, scientists, and educators must express and verify today. Through modern communication, international events are made known instantly to all the world. Like peals of thunder, catastrophes follow one another. Today more people lose their lives by traffic accidents than during the entire last war. Earthquakes shake the earth continually and stir up the people. Our world is like a volcano, ready to erupt at any moment. Added to this is the hunger of two thirds of humanity, contrasted by an overabundance of food for the other one third. The words of the apostle James are being fulfilled: "Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days." James 5:3. Christ's prediction about pestilences is also being fulfilled, even if epidemics like small pox and cholera are not as rampant as they once were; yet diseases appear in a different costume. How many people are dying today of cancer! How many new diseases appear where physicians and scientists are at a loss to know just what to do! Alcoholism destroys the character of man, breaks up families, and casts its victims into the pit of sin where they perish. The plague of nicotine demands a high toll, for the wages of this slavery is lung cancer. Every cigarette is a white coffin nail; even if, in many cases, smoking

might not culminate in the dreaded disease, it is only because the victim loses his life beforehand in another manner. "Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them." Isa. 42:9.

Sister White also pointed to these events, as she viewed them beforehand: "I saw greater distress in the land than we have yet witnessed. I heard groans and cries of distress, and saw large companies in active battle. I heard the booming of the cannon, the clash of arms, the hand-to-hand fight, and the groans and prayers of the dying. The ground was covered with the wounded and the dead. I saw desolate, despairing families, and pinching want in many dwellings. Even now many families are suffering want, but this will increase. The faces of many looked haggard, pale, and pinched with hunger." —*Testimonies*, Vol. 1, p. 260.

"As I hear of the terrible calamities that from week to week are taking place, I ask myself: What do these things mean? The most awful disasters are following one another in quick succession. How frequently we hear of earthquakes and tornadoes, of destruction by fire and flood, with great loss of life and property! Apparently these calamities are capricious outbreaks of seemingly disorganized, unregulated forces, but in them God's purpose may be read. They are one of the means by which He seeks to arouse men and women to a sense of their danger.

"The coming of Christ is nearer than when we first believed. The great controversy is nearing its end. The judgments of God are in the land." —*Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 252.

"We are living in the time of the end. The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude.

"The agencies of evil are combining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones.

"The condition of things in the world shows that troublous times are right upon us. The daily papers are full of indications of a terrible conflict in the new future. Bold robberies are of frequent occurrence. Strikes are common. Thefts and murders are committed on every hand. Men possessed of demons are taking the lives of men, women, and little children. Men have become

infatuated with vice, and every species of evil prevails....

"More and more, as the days go by, it is becoming apparent that God's judgments are in the world. In fire and flood and earthquake He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His near approach. The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come, when every movement in the government of God will be watched with intense interest and inexpressible apprehension. In quick succession the judgments of God will follow one another—fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed." —*Testimonies*, Vol. 9, pp. 11, 97.

Why do these judgments causing so much suffering, grief, and pain, in addition to loss of human life, come upon mankind? To this the old, yet always new, book, the Bible, gives the answer: "The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." Isa. 24: 4-6.

"Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, ..." Hosea 4:1-3.

Because of disobedience, Adam and Eve were driven from paradise. The antediluvian world perished because it would not let the Spirit of God strive with it; Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because of their immorality and luxurious living. The great sins of Sodom—immorality and homosexuality—prevail also in our day. Men, who should lead society, often become effeminate and abnormal; women rule over men; and children tell parents what to do.

It is because of these sins that God's judgments are visiting the earth. They will increase as the measure of sin fills up.

OUR TASK!

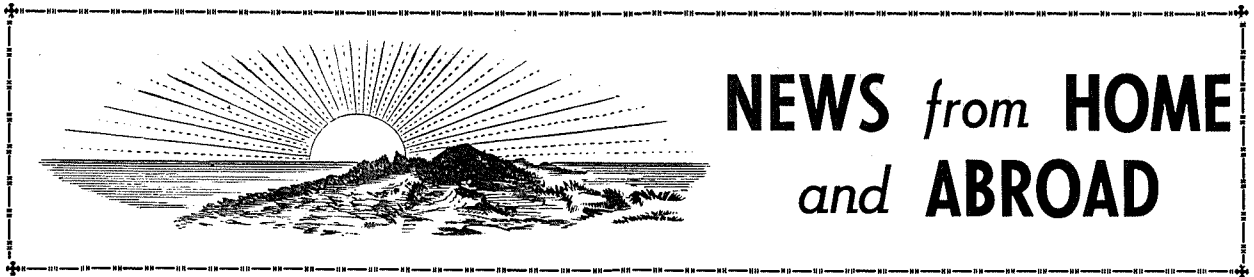
Watching the fulfillment of these prophecies, we see the end of all things approaching. Jesus is coming soon. But before the sun of mercy will set forever, God's people must awake. We must make the most of our opportunity in the truth, because that opportunity will not last much longer.

The word of God is telling us, "Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brick-kiln." Nahum 3:14. It is time now to get ready earnestly for the coming battle. It is needful for everyone to study the word of God personally, to be founded in the truth and on a "Thus sayeth the Lord!" We must produce strong bricks in order to extend the fortifications of truth before we are besieged. Sister White calls on us to take our positions now. We can no longer be reeds, shaken by every wind of doctrine. God's interests are too important for us to betray them. We want to be numbered with those who steadfastly adhere to the faith in Jesus Christ and who lift up the commandments of God in good and evil days. There is no shaking these eternal, basic truths. All else will be shaken, but these will remain.

Work as long as it is day. The hour will come when no one can work, said Jesus. Everyone who knows the truth should be a living witness. Ministers and church members should enter the ripening fields to call upon the careless and indifferent ones to seek the Lord while He may be found. In China the Christians are in prison; in many other countries they are oppressed; in the Congo the missionaries are driven out. How much longer will we enjoy freedom? Shall we not listen to the pleadings of Jesus before the sun sinks forever in the West? Will you also enter the vineyard of the Lord? O, that the Spirit of God might compel us to lend a helping hand. Dear youth, come to the aid of the Lord! Arise! Be a co-worker with God. You older ones, lift up your hands and pray without ceasing for the messengers of the great King that they may proclaim the Word with joyfulness. Let us in these days stand together to strengthen the the feeble knees and the hands that hang down. We will encourage each other, work for one another, and inspire the servants of the Lord and His messengers with the words, "Be strong and of a good courage; we are well able to possess the land!"

Take your stand now! Watch, pray, and work! "But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matt. 24:13.

"The great want of the world is hearts in which Christ abides as an honored guest. But the meekness and lowliness of Jesus have been too hard a lesson for many to learn. The sanctifying power of the truth has not been allowed to influence them for good, bringing the emotions of the heart and the words of the lips into conformity to the will of God; and too often, while Jesus stands knocking at the door of the heart, men are so busily engaged in talking of the faults of others that they fail to grant Him an entrance." —Sel.



NEWS from HOME and ABROAD

South America God Leads His People

*"Blessed be the Lord daily. God places a burden upon us, but He also helps us to carry it."
Psalm 68:19 (Lutheran Translation).*

THE words of David illustrate the tender, fatherly care of God toward His people. There is sufficient proof of the great love of the Lord in the history of God's people while wandering through the wilderness. In spite of all the murmurings, complaints, general dissatisfaction, and unthankfulness which the people of Israel so often revealed, the hand of the omnipotent One was stretched out to help them. God led Israel through trials and difficulties, yet only for the purpose of helping them in developing their characters. The people were not in a condition to enter the promised land. In Egypt they had acquired habits which made it impossible for them to enter the land of bliss. It was for this reason that the Lord permitted them to go through severe trials that they might perceive in this manner their utter inability and return to God with all their heart.

Modern Israel today must learn many things on its journey to the heavenly Canaan. The school of trial is still open, and God desires many pupils to register. There are many difficult problems, and it is necessary for every pupil to be interested in solving them. The indifferent ones lose their interest when the Instructor demands constancy and diligence from them. They think that too much is asked of them and so prefer to withdraw without receiving their graduation papers. How sad this is! Would it not be better to endure until the established goal is reached? Then later, when they enter upon the period of rational maturity, they regret bitterly not having continued their studies; but then it will be too late. The Christian must endure in the school of affliction. He must never be discouraged, even if problems may appear insolvable. None should ever forget that the great Instructor, Christ will lead us to the final goal—that of receiving our graduation papers, which are needed for our heavenly fatherland. Your studies, dear brother and dear sister, have already been paid for in advance. It happened when our dear Saviour uttered the words, "It is finished!" His precious blood was poured out in our behalf; therefore we must endure to reach the goal of eternal life.

EXPERIENCES IN THE WORK

As the people of Israel made their experiences on the long journey from Egypt to Canaan, so must we make our experiences. Those working for Christ always have something to relate. In the vineyard of the Lord there is always something new. When the apostles returned from their missionary journeys, they told what God had done for them. They were very pleased that even the devils were subject to them. (Luke 10:16.) But the

Saviour made them understand that their joy should center on the fact that their names were written in the book of life. (Luke 10:20.)

If we do our part in proclaiming the gospel, we will free ourselves from earthly interests; and we will put forth effort to receive that well-rounded Christian character which God requires of every one of us, so that our names may remain in the book of life. In meditating upon this, we will put forth greater efforts for the salvation of our fellow beings.

We were permitted by the help of God to make good experiences in Brazil. Together with other courageous brethren standing with us in defense of truth, we plunged into the work. Nevertheless the enemy, who never sleeps, immediately rallied his opposition. The battles were severe; but God, standing on our side, protected us.

We desire so much for the work to be extended further in these vast expanses of Brazil. This country is extremely large; and, as it is in other countries also, people have given themselves fully and entirely to worldly amusements. The gospel alone is able to change the life. We praise the Lord that two brethren, courageous in the Lord and having accepted the truth quite a while ago, resolved to assist us and extend their activity to other parts of the country. They traveled to Manaus in the Amazons to start their work. Their journey by airplane lasted eight hours and twenty minutes, but our dear brethren Gumersindo, Magallanes, and Nascimento arrived safely and started their missionary endeavor at this far-removed location of Brazil. Canvassing was very good, and soon souls interested in this Reformation could be found. The messages that reached us at Sao Paulo from them were very gratifying, since there were several families interested and our work could in this manner be established there.

Once more speaking of canvassing, we can say that the brethren in a short time could deliver a large number of books. Today our dear Brother Gumersindo is working joyfully with his slide projector and public address system at public conferences to awaken new souls. May the Lord help them in this work!

The work of restoration of the Reformation in Brazil is going forward, and we praise the Lord for having been able to erect a nice church edifice to God's glory in Sao Paulo. We also thank the General Conference at this time, for only by their assistance was it possible to raise this house of worship. Besides this, we have purchased suitable property at Rio de Janeiro to erect another church. We already have here a goodly number of believers. Our church at Apucarana has also grown very well, and today we have fifty members there, not counting the interested souls and youth. Every Sabbath over one hundred souls gather in this church. For this reason the church building had to be enlarged, since there was not enough room for the conferences. In Uberlandia, a city in the North of this country, we purchased property with a building, planning to erect another house of worship a little later. Thus we could enumerate many things to show the believers who read this article how the Lord is leading His people. The ultimate in importance in all things is the saving of

souls. But when souls become more interested, then they need a place where they can assemble. Abraham built altars of worship on many places wherever he went, for his only aim was to glorify God in spirit and in truth. Those among us who think only about building their own houses and furnishing them with the very best, and yet overlook the need of the cause of God, reveal their selfishness and will certainly bear the results. Throughout the ages, true-hearted Christians have always shown a lively interest in the promulgation of the precious cause of God. They were not content with mere promises, but they felt the need to work for the cause of God, even if it demanded great sacrifices.

The Brazilian publishing house issues books and and papers in the Portuguese language, and the canvassers are putting forth efforts to distribute them. In this manner the third angel's message penetrates to the remotest localities. To answer the requests of our brethren who work in the Amazons, we were compelled to send books to them by air mail. And this does not mean only a few copies but, rather, a great number of boxes of books. Dear Brother Dagobert Molino and Sister Esther Molina, who take care of the Brazilian Publishing Department, put forth all efforts to have many books and papers go out with the message.

Our last conferences, which we conducted in Brazil, at Sao Paulo and Apucarana, were richly blessed. The studies from God's word moved our hearts and reminded us of the experiences of the children of Israel during their journey with the goal of "Canaan" in view. The believers were happy to see how the hand of God is continuing to lead His people through the wilderness of this world to the heavenly Canaan. The presence of our brethren Jose Carmen Leon, president of the Northern Union; Joaquin Escobar, president of the Southern Union; as well as Daniel Hunger, president of the Argentine Conference, made the meetings so much more blessed. The experiences of the brethren representing

these different countries were encouraging and served as an inspiration for the believers in Brazil.

Let us not forget, dear brethren and sisters, that true-hearted reformers must pass through trials and difficulties. Our task is not so easy. The enemies of truth are appearing, as in the days of Nehemiah, to hinder the restoration work. Their apparent proposals of peace are made only to slow down the progress of the work. Yet we know that "By their fruits ye shall know them!" Matt. 7:20. While Nehemiah and his co-workers were eagerly engaged in raising the broken-down walls, Sanballat and Geshem sent him a message, saying, "Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief." Neh. 6:2. But heroic Nehemiah, the reformer, understanding their evil plot, sent them messengers, telling them, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" Neh. 6:3. Yet the opposition was not satisfied with this and continued four and five times to intimidate him (Verses 4, 5), yet they did not gain their point. God worked for Nehemiah and his co-laborers in a special way, for they were faithful builders of the walls of Jerusalem, and they would not cease their labor in spite of constant threats and scoffing. Shall not God work the same miracles for us as for them if we prove faithful and do not stop the work we have begun? Brethren and sisters, come to our help in this evil age. Do not leave us to work alone in this enormous task of reconstructing Jerusalem! God shall bless us in the same manner as He did Nehemiah and his helpers.

The Lord is leading His people in a marvelous manner. May He stand by us in these last days of this world's history. The arm of Omnipotence is stretched out to help us, and we must continue with our working program. We must aim still higher to gain the victory over every sin. Let us continue to fight and remain brave unto the end! AMEN!

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Our Homes and Our Health

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

IN the recent years the crime wave which includes so many boys and girls has caused J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F. B. I. Department of Justice in our own United States to say, "Our nation is sadly in need of a rebirth of the simple life—a return to the days when God was a part of each household, when families arose each morning with prayer and ended the day by placing themselves in God's care, when father and mother unfolded the lessons of the Bible to eager young listeners. More and more children are being sacrificed upon the altar of indifference as parents throw aside responsibility. Selfishness is the keynote of the day, and materialism the inspiration for living. Parents must awaken to the realization that the family is the first great training school in behavior or misbehavior. Children develop a sense

of right and wrong; they are not born with it. The home becomes for them their first classroom, and parents serve as their first teachers for the inspirational education of youth. Through the medium of the home the child must learn to appreciate the necessity of discipline and the need for law and order to guide the conduct of people in society. Above all he must be taught of love and a knowledge of God. If these qualities are exemplified and taught in the family circle, the child will be fortified with character that will be a forceful antidote against temptation. The foundation of our democracy was built on a firm faith in God. Our generation, it seems, has allowed old, faithful religious practices to slip into oblivion. As a result, the nation has suffered and its children have spiritually starved. Let us return to the faith of our fathers and reap once again the harvest of God's blessings."

ONE CAUSE

NOT too many decades ago God-fearing people spent a part of their time in prayer and reverent meditation. Those were the days when there was a "family altar" in the home — the Bible was read, and parents and children, together upon their knees, acknowledged the Lord.

But today old customs are being swept away. A new "family altar" has been raised. Top priority in the modern home is given to that shiny mahogany cabinet with the twenty-one inch screen.

In the yesterday of our lives we saw things in the Bible "as through a glass darkly," but now everyone can look through this modern "glass" and plainly see the glittering glories of lawlessness. Man's invention has been turned into a masterpiece of corruption. Truly T.V. is becoming a most dazzling tool for the "prince and power of the air."

The tragedy does not lie in the fact that there IS such a device as T.V., for this instrument could be made a source of actual blessing and enlightenment in our homes under right circumstances. The sad thing is that the devil is being allowed to monopolize it for his nefarious purposes.

The magic of this end-time creation can transport every member of the family into a complete new world. The humdrum and monotony of selfish lives can be made bright and vivid with the constant excitement and glamour of the world of make-believe.

But the most insidious of all is the inducement to secret indulgence of every passion known to man. In the semi-darkness of one's own home hate can be nurtured, and even vicarious murder can be committed, for there is no law of man which can govern the imaginations.

The man who despises his neighbor can relieve his frustration by turning on a good fight and imagining that he is using his own fists upon the object of his dislike. Little boys used to play cowboys and Indians, or cops and robbers — but now THEY LIVE IT. Morning, noon, and night, this orgy of passion is exercised. This morass of criminality and moral depravity which in years past was restricted to the seamier sections of society can now be piped right into your own living room.

Has corruption at last been made respectable? No, my friends. God is not mocked. This generation is already paying some of the costs of degeneracy.

Parents, don't present your offspring as grist for the mill that will destroy their morals. This education in lust, greed, wild passion, and murder, is not for the Christian. "Whatever ye do in word and deed do all to the glory of God."

Our children must be protected from the demoralizing influence of such programs.

Jesus said, "It is impossible but that offences will come: but woe unto him through whom they come! It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones." Luke 17:1, 2.

—Taken from *The Witness*.

Remedial Properties of Water

UNDER this head we shall consider briefly the different remedial purposes to which water may be applied, endeavoring to explain its various medical uses by its physiological effects.

The value of most remedies is usually estimated by the number of "properties" which they possess and the efficiency and certainty with which their various effects may be obtained. Considered in this light, water may be presented as one of the most useful of all known remedies. Indeed, when the great diversity of its uses and the prompt and efficient character of its effects, together with the kindly manner in which it is received by the system, are considered, it is not to be wondered at that it has found not a few enthusiastic advocates who have believed it to be a universal remedy, a panacea for all human ills. Those who are best acquainted with its properties and its potency when properly applied are the most enthusiastic in its praise. The eminent Dr. Fothergill, of England, well known in this country through his admirable papers in American medical journals, would seem to be almost as warm an advocate of its use as the most ardent disciple of Priessnitz. In his *Hand-Book of Treatment* he says, "Personally I believe that hydropathy, rescued from quackery and under proper professional guidance and superintendence, will form one of the most universal remedies of the future." The same author again remarks in the work referred to, "Indeed, in hydropathy we see empirically achieved what a scientific physiology would ere long have indicated as the logical and rational plan of treatment of numerous affections of mature and advanced life, which take their origin in the imperfect elimination of waste, either the products of tissue change, histolysis, or the results of protein com-

pounds imperfectly assimilated or furnished to the system in excess of its needs."

Percy, an eminent foreign physician, surgeon-in-chief of the armies of the Moselle and the Rhine, declared that he would abandon the practice of medicine if water were denied him as a remedial agent, saying, "Water furnishes immense resources as a curative agent."

The remedial or therapeutic properties of water at various temperatures and applied in various forms may be stated to be the following:

Refrigerant or antiphlogistic, tonic, sedative, antispasmodic, anodyne, anesthetic, styptic, dissolvent, eliminative, laxative, emetic, derivative, and alterative. Others might be added, but these are sufficient to represent its several uses.

Water as a Refrigerant: Refrigerant, antiphlogistic, or antipyretic remedies are such as have the effect to diminish bodily heat and restrain inflammation. These remedies are very useful, indeed indispensable, in the rational treatment of fevers and local inflammations, as well as in the prevention of inflammation from contusions, lacerations, fractures, and other surgical injuries. When early applied at a low temperature, water greatly lessens the production of heat, and also aids elimination by conduction. For this purpose it is unrivaled in the whole range of remedial agents. No other remedy will so readily, so easily, and so certainly bring down the temperature of a fever, diminish the pulse, and ameliorate all the symptoms depending on exaggeration of vital activity as this.

Water as a Tonic: Water may be used in such a way as to increase the rapidity of the circulation and the temperature very quickly and powerfully. The hot bath is a most efficient stimulant, in the true sense of the word. It will so excite the circulation as to increase the pulse from seventy to one hundred and fifty in fifteen minutes. The tonic effects of a short cool bath are well appreciated by all who have ever enjoyed it.

Sedative Effects of Water: Remedies which depress vital action are termed sedatives. Cold water is one of the most effective sedatives. It will lower the temperature, rapidly diminish the pulse, and restrain excessive vital action to almost any degree desired, and without any of the unpleasant after-effects and few of the immediate dangers which accompany the use of such remedies as prussic acid, tobacco, and blood-letting. The cool or tepid bath will often reduce the pulse twenty to forty beats per minute in a short time.

Antispasmodic: No remedy is so certainly successful in hysterical convulsions as water. In infantile convulsions, its success is also unrivaled. In cramp, tetanus, and various forms of

spasmodic affections, and even in puerperal convulsions, its utility has been well demonstrated.

Water as an Anodyne: The effects of local applications of both warm and cold water in relieving pain are well known. In many other modes of application it is also effective in a very high degree in relieving pain and nervous irritability.

Water as an Anesthetic: The anesthetic effects of water at a very low temperature or in the form of ice are too well known to need more than mention.

Styptic Effects of Water: The efficiency of cold water as a ready means for arresting hemorrhage has long been recognized in surgery; within a few years, however, it has been discovered that hot water, when properly applied, has a still more powerful effect, especially in cases of capillary oozing or bleeding from small vessels. We have on several occasions checked almost instantly a bleeding which resisted all other means which could be applied.

Water as a Dissolvent: The power of water to secure the absorption or dispersion of some forms morbid growths, particularly glandular enlargements, is now well recognized. By cold, or alternate hot and cold, applications, chronic swellings of the joints and other parts, serous accumulations, enlargements of lymphatic glands, of the thyroid gland, and even of the spleen and liver, may be successfully treated.

Eliminative Effects of Water: As water is a perfect solvent for the various excrementitious substances produced in the body through tissue waste, as well as of all the foreign elements which find entrance to the blood, it is of all substances the most efficient and powerful eliminative. It has been proven to be thus eminently useful as a *diaphoretic*, in increasing the action of the skin; as a *diuretic*, in facilitating excretion by the kidneys; and as a most excellent *cholagogue*, in increasing the activity of the liver and occasioning a consequent increase in the production of bile. It is also, when properly applied, an excellent *pectorant*, and undoubtedly also increases the action of all the excretory organs of the body.

Laxative: Used in various ways, water is very effectual in producing movement of the bowels, but never occasions those violent and unpleasant symptoms which accompany and succeed the use of purgatives.

Emetic: In the great majority of cases no other emetic is needed, and no better can be found. Nearly all emetics require water to render them efficient.

Alterative: For a long period, mercury has been considered as the champion alterative of the

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The Last Call for the Remnant

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"And now for a little space grace hath been shewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage." Ezra 9:8.

WHEN reading this text with close attention, we see that it may be divided into two parts. The first part states the fact that the Lord has shown His mercy for a moment, that is, for a limited space of time. He does this for a specific purpose: namely, to permit the remnant to escape. The word "escape" and the expression of "a little space" are heavily charged with the urgency of a threatening danger. They reflect very fittingly the position of God's remnant people in these present days.

A LITTLE SPACE

Ever since death was permitted to enter the domain of man because of sin, mankind has had to compete with time. Having bartered away his eternal life through disobedience, man became a slave of time. Although the very nature of time is that it is limited, yet it is a precious gift of God. It is the one talent that is distributed to all men in equal proportions.

Our text speaks of a little space of time. The Bible also speaks elsewhere of the "end of time" and that "there should be time no longer." These inspired passages point us to the moment when the grace of God will cease to intervene in the affairs of mankind. It is sufficiently clear to the earnest Bible student and the worldly alike that the world stands at the brink of destruction. We are living at the end of time, and it is grace only that holds back the storm of divine wrath from breaking loose over this sinful earth. The duration of this little space is of the utmost importance to us. Time can be compared with a one-way street. The manner in which we use this time will produce results that cannot be amended.

In heaven the words, "It is done," will soon be spoken. Our high priest will throw down His censer in the most holy place to signify the end of His mediatorial office. The door of grace will be shut, and every case will have been decided.

On this earth, the work of shaking and gathering will then have been completed; the very elect will stand prepared in their white robes to meet their Saviour in the sky. They will be sealed with the Father's name on their foreheads, and their hearts

will be aglow with the faith of Jesus. They will have been victorious in the battle for life or death against the arch enemy. To them, the battle has been furious; and they have only narrowly escaped the snares of Satan, who "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

THE REMNANT

Let us take a little closer look at the remnant here described. The very word "remnant" makes us think of a left-over portion, something small and insignificant. Zephaniah prophesied: "I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord." Zeph. 3:12.

When looking over the history of the Christian church all through the ages, we cannot help but notice the many heights and depths in the standard of Jesus' followers. Many apostasies and backslidings from the pure, undiluted gospel necessitated the rise of just as many reformations. God always provided for those who were willing to stand firmly in defense of truth and filled the gaps that were left by unfaithful soldiers of the cross. It is said that history repeats itself. Therefore it is not surprising to meet these two elements, apostasy and reformation, side by side in these last days.

The wonderfully blessed great Advent movement of 1844, which grew under the special watchcare of an almighty God is found in later years to have become listless, lukewarm, self-sufficient, and indifferent. The people who once stood their ground bravely in defense of God-given truth and light a few decades ago retreated when faced with the opposition of the enemy—a temptation which came to them in the form of war and its consequences. The banner which had been elevated so high now sank deeper and deeper. But God's plan was not defeated. Listen to the apostle Paul: "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Rom. 11:5. "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*, p. 678.

It was in 1914, at the outbreak of World War I, that the appeal made by the Spirit of Prophecy in *Testimonies*, Vol. 8, p. 251, was answered: "The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place."

REVIVE US, O LORD!

The second part of our text tells us that God in His mercy has provided a nail for us in His holy place, the heavenly sanctuary. This nail, symbolizing Jesus Christ, is there to do two things for remnant on the earth. The first is to enlighten our eyes, and the second is to revive us in our bondage.

That Jesus here is symbolized as a nail—such an apparently unimportant part of the structure—is to show Him as our support, our anchor. Isaiah tells us that this nail is put in a sure place. It will not fail to hold the burden that may be hung upon it. The fact that Jesus is interceding for sinful human beings before the throne of mercy is our only hope. When we are filled with this hope, our spiritual stature will increase. An interesting statement from the Spirit of Prophecy reads as follows:

“If through the grace of Christ His people will become new bottles, He will fill them with new wine. God will give additional light, and old truths will be discovered, and replaced in the framework of truth; and wherever the laborers go, they will triumph. As Christ’s ambassadors, they are to search the Scriptures, to seek for the truths that have been hidden beneath the rubbish of error. And every ray of light received is to be communicated to others. One interest will prevail, one subject will swallow up every other—Christ our righteousness.” —*Review and Herald Extra*, December 23, 1890.

Martin Luther said: “If we neglect the article of justification, we lose it altogether.” This is indeed true. The nail that God provided in the heavenly sanctuary should be our theme; His righteousness, our message; His call for justification should cause a revival.

Reformation without revival leaves a hollow shell, a useless instrument that cannot have the Lord’s approval.

“A revival and reformation must take place under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization.” —*Review and Herald*, February 25, 1902.

The time for our last call set by God Himself is fast running out. May the Lord grant that in the little space that is left us we may strive more earnestly to obtain the righteousness of Jesus. Then a mighty revival among God’s remnant people will be forthcoming.

Dear reader, will you not make your calling and election sure?

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found in Jesus all that the law demands and that the law is lived out perfectly in *his* life, through faith. And although it is Jesus, and Jesus only, who keeps the law in us, through our faith in Him and His glorious power, yet at last He will give us all the credit for keeping it, for it shall be said of the redeemed: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” Rev. 14:12.

All praise to God for His unspeakable Gift! For by His grace—by His *life*—are we saved.



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materia medica. It must yield the place to water, however; for the most it can do is to destroy the elements of the blood, while water not only accelerates waste, but increases construction in the same proportion, according to the experiments of Prof. Liebig and other eminent observers. This effect of water results from both its internal and its external use.

Derivative: One of the most important properties of water applications is their powerful derivative effect. No other application, internal or external, can equal them in efficiency and certainty of action.

There are very few agents which possess so many remedial properties as water. There are none which effect so much with so little expense to the vital powers of the patient. Many drugs will produce results similar to those obtained by the use of water, and thus accomplish good, no doubt; but at the same time they often work so much mischief in the system that the evil done is frequently much greater than the good accomplished. The aim of the faithful physician should be to accomplish for his patient the greatest amount of good at the least expense of vitality; and it is an indisputable fact that in a large number of cases water is just the agent with which this desirable end can be obtained.

—Taken from *The Home Hand-book of Domestic Hygiene and Rational Medicine*, pp. 611-614.



“The rainbow round about the throne is an assurance that God is true, that in Him is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”—Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 148.