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Behavior in the House of God

(Continued)

If some have to wait a few minutes before the meeting begins, let them maintain a true spirit of devotion by silent meditation, keeping the heart uplifted to God in prayer that the service may be of special benefit to their own hearts, and lead to the conviction and conversion of other souls. They should remember that heavenly messengers are in the house. We all lose much sweet communion with God by our restlessness, by not encouraging moments of reflection and prayer. The spiritual condition needs to be often reviewed, and the mind and heart drawn toward the Sun of Righteousness. If when the people come into the house of worship they have genuine reverence for the Lord, and bear in mind that they are in his presence, there will be a sweet eloquence in silence. The whispering and laughing and talking which might be without sin in a common business place, should find no sanction in the house where God is worshipped. The mind should be prepared to hear the word of God, that it may have due weight, and suitably impress the heart.

When the minister enters, it should be with dignified, solemn mien. He should bow down in silent prayer as soon as he steps into the pulpit, and earnestly ask help of God. What an impression this will make! There will be solemnity and awe upon the people. Their minister is communing with God; he is committing himself to God before he dares to stand before the people. Solemnity rests upon all, and angels of God are brought very near. Every one of the congregation, also, who fears God, should with bowed head unite in silent prayer with him that God may grace the meeting with his presence, and give power to his truth proclaimed from human lips. When the meeting is opened by prayer, every knee should bow in the presence of the Holy One, and every heart should ascend to God in silent devotion. The prayers of faithful worshippers will be heard, and the ministry of the word will prove effectual. The lifeless attitude of the worshipers in the house of God is one great reason why the ministry is not productive of more good. The melody of song, poured forth from many hearts in clear, distinct utterance, is one of God's instrumentalities in the work of saving souls. All the service should be conducted with solemnity and awe, as if in the visible presence of the Master of assemblies.

When the word is spoken, you should remember, brethren, that you are listening to the voice of God through his delegated servant. Listen attentively. Sleep not for one instant, because by this slumber you may lose the very words that you need most,—the very words which, if heeded, would save your feet from straying into wrong paths. Satan and his angels are busy creating a paralyzed condition of the senses, so that cautions, warnings and reproofs shall not be heard; that they shall not take effect upon the heart, and reform the life. Sometimes a little child may so attract the attention of the hearers that the precious seed does not fall into good ground and bring forth fruit. Sometimes young men and women have so little reverence for the house and worship of God that they keep up a continual communication with each other during the sermon. Could these see the angels of God looking upon them, and marking their doings, they would be filled with shame, with abhorrence of themselves. God wants attentive hearers. It was while men slept that Satan sowed his tares.

When the benediction is pronounced, all should still be quiet, as if fearful of losing the peace of Christ. Let all pass out without jostling or loud talking, feeling that they are in the presence of God, that his eye is resting upon them, and they must act as in his visible presence. Let there be no stopping in the aisles to visit or gossip, thus blocking them up so that others cannot pass out. The precincts of the church should be invested with a sacred reverence. It should not be made a place to meet old friends, and visit and introduce common thoughts and worldly business transactions. These should be left outside the church. God and angels have been dishonored by the careless, noisy laughing and shuffling of feet heard in some places. Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

(To be continued)

Just Plain Honesty

Some people seem to harbor the mistaken idea that to be sly and shrewd is a sign of strength, talent or genius. We believe it to be a sure indication of weakness. Douglas said of Lincoln; "He is the honestest man I have ever known." Every truly great man has been straightforward, open and honest. Anyone who reads the Bible will see how truthful the men of God were. Remember in how outspoken and frank a manner John the Baptist, Paul and

other servants of the Lord labored and spoke. We could make many applications of this principle of honesty to our own work. We wish to refer to two things.

When a minister among us accepts his credentials and receives his wages from month to month, these papers are granted, and the money is paid with the understanding that he preaches the doctrines which we as a denomination believe to be the truth of God.

Any man has a human right to change his views, to believe and to teach some new doctrines or some different doctrines from what he has held in the past; but no man can be honest and accept conference pay after he begins to preach new ideas and doctrines which the conference has not sanctioned. When a man ceases to believe or to teach the Third Angel's Message as it is understood by Seventh-day Adventists he must, if he be honest, cease to receive wages from Seventh-day Adventists. It would not only be folly, but sinful, for us as a people to pay men to hinder the very work which we believe God has called us to do.

This same principle of honesty applies to our church officers. When a man accepts the responsibility of elder or deacon or Sabbath-school superintendent, or some other office, he does it with the understanding that he will labor to build up the church and to assist the cause of God in our organized work. If a man does not believe in the spirit of prophecy or does not pay his tithe or does not accept our principles of organization he should refuse to receive an office. He does himself an injustice and injures the work which he professes to serve by accepting such a position. Another point of great moment should be noted. No minister has a right to ordain a man as elder or deacon who does not believe our message, who is out of harmony with our organized work, who fails to support our conferences by his tithes and offerings, his influence, etc. The minister that lays hands on such a man shares in his guilt. Further, no conference committee ought to continue in its employ a man who teaches new and strange things, which tear down and destroy. We must guard with the most sacred care the holy message committed to us of God. In writing this I do not wish to state anything that is unreasonable, and I am sure that none of our loyal, God fearing people will so receive it. To us it is just a matter of following the good old-fashioned Bible honesty.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

Missionary Volunteer Day

We would draw the attention of all our workers and church leaders throughout the Union to Missionary Volunteer Day, May 1, 1915. A program which has been prepared for the services of the day appears in the Review and Herald of April 22, 1915. Let nothing be allowed to take the place of this service. No more solemn responsibility rests upon the church today than the care of its children and youth. That we may better accomplish our duty to them and understand the mind and purpose of

God in our efforts in their behalf let us plan to make Missionary Volunteer Day a success.

In behalf of our youth,
M. M. HARE.

Ontario Conference

To the Brethren in Ontario.

In view of a call to labor in another field having come to me which I feel desirous of accepting, I have handed my resignation to the conference committee of Ontario taking effect April 15. In acting on my resignation the committee requested the Eastern Canadian Union Conference to release Elder M. M. Hare to take the place. It is my purpose to remain in this field as long as is necessary to enable Elder Hare to get in touch with the various interests of the work.

And now, beloved of the Lord, I feel confident, knowing your good judgment and your love for the cause of truth, that you will give Elder Hare the same hearty support that you have given me while acting as president of the conference. I am sure the brethren have made an excellent choice in selecting Elder Hare for the position and I feel to praise the Lord that he can be my worthy successor.

Sincerely your brother,
M. C. KIRKENDALL.

A Letter

Dear brethren and sisters of the Ontario conference:

As mentioned in the preceding from Elder Kirkendall the writer has been invited by your conference committee to connect with the Ontario conference. In tendering his resignation Elder Kirkendall made it effective at once that he might be left free to accept a call to another field. Until such time, however, he still remains connected with the work in this conference. His counsel and association will be highly valued by the writer in taking over the duties of conference president. In this connection I would express my sincere appreciation of the earnest and untiring labours of Elder Kirkendall during his connection with the work of the Ontario conference. His faithful efforts, under God, have done much to bring about the gratifying results that have been achieved in this field. I know that these feelings are shared by all our people throughout Ontario, and that as he connects with the work elsewhere, many prayers will follow him in his labours.

In granting the request of the Ontario committee for my release from the Union office the Eastern Canadian Union Conference Committee consented to do so with the understanding that I continue connected with the Union office and the Canadian Publishing Association until arrangements be made for a successor. Hence, this action of the Ontario committee does not in any

way affect the present arrangements in the Union office. We have competent office help, and while at times I will be called from Oshawa to attend to matters pertaining to the conference, yet this will in no way affect the work in the office or the service rendered by the Canadian Publishing Association.

Doubtless, from time to time, it will be our privilege to meet one another and become acquainted. Personally such opportunities will be appreciated, and prove, I trust, mutually helpful.

With an earnest prayer that the Lord's, choicest blessings may be enjoyed by all,

Sincerely yours in his sacred service,

M. M. HARE.

Ontario Campmeeting and Conference

Arrangements have been made to hold the annual campmeeting and conference this year at St. Thomas, Ontario, June 28 to July 4, 1915. With this preliminary announcement we trust that our people generally throughout the conference will begin to plan to attend the meeting. Further particulars will be announced later.

"The true Christian works for God not from impulse but from principle; not for a day or month but during the entire period of life."

Maritime Conference

Conference at Halifax

Dear brethren and sisters it is now time to begin to think of our coming conference. As we near the end and Jesus' coming draws near at hand, we shall need to plan for great things in order that the work of God shall be finished speedily. We need to come together and counsel over these things. And when we have our plans laid we need to seek God together for divine wisdom and strength to carry them out. Without the aid of the Holy Spirit of God we could not carry this message to all the world in this generation. This is the purpose of our conference meetings. With this in view let us begin to pray and plan for the success of this conference.

Those planning to attend should send in word as soon as possible to the conference office 184 Winslow St., W. St. John, that arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

Maritime Conference at Halifax, June 7-13, 1915.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Our Supreme Business

Maritime believers are loyal, faithful soldiers of the cross. In the great battle being fought for the kingdom of Christ we shall do faithfully our part. As long as we

Ontario Report of Tithes and Offerings for the Month of March, 1915

Churches	Tithe	Miss.	Sab. S.	H. I. Fd.	Misc.	Total
Albana	\$ 8 64	\$	\$ 9 11	\$	\$ 1 90	\$ 19 65
Arthur	1 15		7 60			8 75
Attercliffe	7 00		3 15		1 00	11 15
Belleville	20 00		10 10		1 25	31 35
Borsk's Hill	7 90		4 55			12 45
Brantford	55 80	1 00	13 38			75 18
Buena Vista	50 97	1 30	23 55			75 82
Central Toronto	21 55	1 25	12 43		14 57	49 80
Coatham	9 84		30 25	1 00		41 09
East Toronto	22 00		11 93			33 96
Galt	1 00					1 00
Hamilton	121 34	7 70	35 96	1 45	5 37	171 82
Individuals	51 94	1 00	25		2 00	55 19
Iroquois	8 00		5 23	10		13 33
Kayyengah	20 50		2 00			22 50
Kingston	21 04		3 84		66	25 54
London	155 71	5 55	18 75			180 01
Muskoka			1 00			1 00
Napanee	2 00					2 00
Oshawa	22 22	50	3 83			26 64
Ottawa	48 11	2 60	12 47			63 18
Paris	73 83		14 34			88 20
Peterboro	7 99				13 47	24 37
Petrolia	18 95		5 70	4 00		28 65
Selton		2 80			2 75	5 55
St. Catharines	5 51		15 38			20 89
St. Thomas	100 00	23 45	34 99	3 00		166 44
Toronto	45 74	1 00	11 74			58 48
Totals	\$909 27	\$53 24	\$296 56	\$9 55	\$45 97	\$1,314 59

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Mission Funds Statement

ONTARIO

Amount at 20 cents to March 31.....	\$1,416 07
Amount received	359 35
Shortage to date.....	\$1,056 72

QUEBEC

Amount at 20 cents to March 31.....	\$398 35
Amount received.....	315 68
Shortage to date.....	\$82 67

MARITIME

Amount at 20 cents to March 31.....	\$598 81
Amount received	348 43
Shortage to date	\$250 38

NEWFOUNDLAND

Amount at 20 cents to March 31.....	\$156 77
Amount received	71 79
Shortage to date	\$84 98

know that honest souls about us or in other lands are in peril of remaining in the bondage of error and sin, we shall rally to the banner of Prince Emmanuel and rescue all whom we can from the enemy's power.

To every believer the supreme object in life should be, not only to learn the Third Angel's Message as a theory, but to be that message. We should be daily the voice of a message crying in the world, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make straight paths." We are on business for our King,—King Jesus. Our lives, consecrated

to the Master, will lead us to work for his interests, and not our own. Often we sing, "I'll do what you want me to do, dear Lord," and we believe what we say. While we are willing to work for Jesus we find that in the strenuous effort one must put forth for the necessities of life we often neglect our first and real object in life.

Moral—Distribute literature. Canvas for books. Pay your tithe and offerings.

Sign your card and send it in, and watch the message go.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

The Gideon Band

The Gideon Band is growing every day and by expressions in the replies to the appeal sent out with the cards, it shows the loyal devotion of this band. One sister writes, "I have been giving regularly 20 cents a week, and will continue the same." Another sister signs her name for a dollar a week and says, "Dear brother, I thank you for your letter and card. I am grieved to think that this, my home-land, must still be a burden on the Mission Treasury and sincerely wish the reproach might be lifted." A brother writes that his wife has been at death's door but that the Lord spared her life and wishes to thank the Lord for many blessings. He signed his card for so much a week and was thankful to do so.

We hope that all will understand this emergency campaign and if any one sees another fail to fill up the gaps in the ranks of battle he should press right in and encourage others to follow. We hope that none will discourage this movement.

The amount promised for each week for Maritime to date is \$10.30. Send in your card.

GEO. H. SKINNER.

Memory Verse Cards and Picture Rolls

Word has reached the office that the supply of S. S. memory verse cards and picture rolls for the second quarter of this year is exhausted. We regret that it is impossible for us to supply further orders for these. We would suggest to Sabbath-school officers that attention be given to place early orders for next quarter's supplies of these that the children may have the advantage of their use. ORDER NOW.

CANADIAN PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

Half leather Bible Readings, good, \$1.00 postpaid.

Story of Seer of Patmos, 60 cents postpaid.

Home and Health, cloth, \$1.25 postpaid.

Great Controversy, cloth, slightly soiled, \$1.25 postpaid.

Ladies' Guide, cloth, \$1.25 postpaid.

At Canadian Publishing Association, Oshawa.

Colporteurs' Report, Week Ending April 17, 1915

Ontario

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
John Pengelly	C. K.	45	14	\$20 00	\$17 75	\$ 37 75	\$
Wm. Bryson	Mag.	21	128	12 80		12 80	12 80
Lenond Chamberlain		5	9	7 85		7 85	
Totals		71	151	\$ 40 65	\$17 75	\$ 58 40	\$ 12 80