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HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Oh, thank God for the glad
New Year!

His gift direct from heaven,
And by our lives let us declare
It is in mercy given.

Whether we greet it with a
smile,

Or with the falling tear,
Thank God for all, and from our
hearts

Welcome the glad New Year."

Everything in this world
grows old. We love the new.
Even the years grow hoary.
They come, they go. The days,
the months, quickly pass. "We
spend our years as a tale that is
told."

As each new year approaches
we bid it welcome, and every-
where the glad greeting is heard,
"I wish you a Happy New Year."

It seems such a little while
since we began to write 1933.
The days, the weeks, the
months, quickly come and as
quickly gone. Here comes the
new year—1934—with its joys
and sorrows, its pains and pleasures,
its sighs and songs, its
meetings and partings.

Among the choicest blessings
of the new year, God says: "I
will give them one heart, and I
will put a new spirit within
you." He bids us, "put on the
new man." He says, "If any
man be in Christ, he is a new
creature; old things are passed
away; behold, all things are
become new."

The promises for the future
are charged with the quality of

newness. "Behold," He exclaims,
"I create new heavens and a
new earth;" and to the sorrow-
ing, the sinning, to the tempted
and the fallen, the assurance is
given. "The former shall not be
remembered, nor come upon the
heart."

This renewing will be the posi-
tive cure, the final end of the old
year of sadness, sorrow, and sin-
ning.

He even promises, "I will
write upon him My new name."
That name is a passport of en-
trance to the "New Jerusalem,
which cometh down out of
heaven." He further declares, "I
will not drink henceforth of this
fruit of the vine, until that day
when I drink it new with you."

O glorious newness! Happy
New Year! happy because each
of its days bring us nearer to un-
numbered new years, each more
blissful, more perfectly new
than all that preceded it.

"As never before, we should
pray not only that laborers may
be sent forth into the great
harvest field, but that we may
have a clear conception of truth,
so that when the messengers of
truth shall come, we may ac-
cept the message and respect the
messenger."

OUR RESPONSE FOR TODAY

To everything that Christ has
taught us in precept and ex-
ample to be right Satan has in-
vented a counterfeit. Not only
has he a counterfeit call but he
has a counterfeit response,
which many of us are patterning
from and shall some day be
sadly disappointed.

Just think how much easier it
is for us to obey the commission
to preach the Gospel to our
neighbor. It is no longer neces-
sary to wait on the slow stage
coach, or the train or even the
airplane. With the aid of the
radio it can be heard not only
at home, but abroad. Not only
that, but on every block or so
there is a church. The message
will soon have reached every
tribe. But, how does the world
rank in view of these facts?

It appears that the public's
confidence in the peace and
safety cry is at last weakening.
Japan has finally left the league.
Each country is making gigan-

tic strides to have a fit army and
navy. I heard a very able speak-
er say with a challenge, "It is
either the N. R. A. or war".

Also, it is an irrefutable fact
that crime in all styles, forms
and fashions is eating the
world like a cancer. On every
hand there are murders, kid-
napings, suicides, etc. number-
less. In one day, May 24, five per-
sons attempted to take their
lives in Miami. Among the many
kidnapings, I believe that of the
Lindberg baby is the most out-
standing. New Jersey spent
\$19,300 investigating this case.
Suppose that sum had been do-
nated to the finishing up of the
Gospel?

When I was much younger, I
recall how mother would take
us to church and how the elderly
sisters who occupied the first
two rows would testify and say
they were ready and waiting on
the Lord to take them. But, I
haven't heard a testimony like
that for some time. Why? Will
I have to go back to that little
church? Was it just their idea
of fitness? Or, is it we realize
more plainly our spiritual weak-
ness? Or, are we just growing
weaker?

At the foot of Sinai the chil-
dren of Isreal listened to the
greatest sermon ever delivered,
and by God Himself. But, before
Moses could return to them with
a copy of it they had sinned a
great sin, and many were slain.
Had they not been well in-
formed? For 120 years Noah
preached the saving message for
that time, but when the time
for its fulfillment arrived, only
eight were saved. Were not they
too well informed?

Not only was the destiny of
the people back there dependant
upon them responding as God de-
sired, but it means all the world
to our salvation today.

Alas, we are the church of
these last days. The remaining
signs are fast fulfilling in our
day. Is that love one for another
visibly alive in our church? Not
only for Brother So and So and
Sister So and So, but from the
least to the greatest? Are we
anxious and thirsting to see the
message thrive and accomplish
wherewith it was sent at home
and abroad alike? Are we so
weak spiritually that the com-

plaints and fault-findings of the disgruntled effect you?

I have seen one disgruntled individual take a complaint of another disgruntled one and allow it to effect him more than the one from whence the complaint came. These and many more are the little foxes that spoil the vines.

During this time, while the world is indulging in a hilarious pleasure seeking, let us renew our Covenant with God. May our daily response be so well thought out that at the close of each day we may have the assurance that it will not some day make us ashamed is my prayer.

M. F. DUDLEY.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Report from the Panama Church Church of Free S. D. A.

Officers and members of the Young People's Missionary Department, Representatives from various departments, Greetings in the dear Lord.

I am very glad to report to you of the activities of our work in this vicinity. We started this missionary work in the year 1930 with a membership of eight. Officers were appointed accordingly; Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

Our aim and purpose is to visit the sick, charitable to all mankind, distribute literature to our people, point to them the Saviour and to enable them to know that Jesus cares for them and win souls for Christ. We have met with struggles in our warfare, nevertheless, through the help of our great missionary leader, Jesus, and our regular staff, I am glad to report to you from our last report of 1932, we have gained twenty-two members in our fold, making a total of thirty-two members up to 1933; clearing all expense, we have in hand eight dollars and thirty-nine cents.

We are indeed thankful to the Lord for His keeping care over us and trusting that if our lives are spared to see the coming year that we may have more zeal to do better work for the Master, and that we may be able to give a better report of

the work done in this vineyard, so that when Jesus, the great missionary leader, shall appear, we shall hear from Him the "well done, thou good and faithful servants, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Yours in the Master's service,
E. FINLEY,
Secretary.

LABOURERS ARE FEW

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Math. 9:37. This wonderful quotation, which is spoken from the mouth of our Saviour, is true with us today. My friends, there is much, very, very much work, for us to do toward gathering sinful ones into the fold before it is eternally too late. Who will be the labourers who will pick up the cross and follow after Christ and deny himself of earthly pleasures and worldly lust? The answer is, a true missionary.

The true missionary, who is a lover of God, will pick up the cross and follow Him. Nothing will be too tedious or too hard, neither will any burden be too great to bear for our Lord's sake. We, my missionary friends, should be witnesses for Christ. We should let our light so shine before men here in this sinful world "that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven." By doing this, my friends, no doubt some poor sinner will grow full of enthusiasm to join us in the good work. How easy it is to acknowledge our Lord; how easy it is to walk in the light of His Word. We feel uplifted by doing so, when on the other hand if we as missionaries go astray from our Lord's command we feel condemned. There is a growing demand for labourers who are especially qualified to work in our religious fields.

Teaching the Word of God at home and spreading the jewels of truth among our home folks gives us a rich experience of how to deliver the message abroad. The thought comes to my mind of where do we receive our religious background or training to be missionaries? The answer is the Sabbath School. The Sabbath School should be a place where the jewels of truth are

searched for and rescued from their environment of error and placed in their true setting, in the frame-work of the Gospel. You see, my friends, where we receive this wonderful background. It comes from some religious training which has grown and eventually is embedded into the inmost depths of the heart. As a result of this training in youth our thoughts are refreshed in our later experiences. New meaning will flash out of familiar texts, and the law of God will not seem to us as a yoke of bondage, but as the gracious command of One who is all-wise and full of compassion.

Oh! Heed the words of our Saviour, my missionary friends, which are, "The harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers are few. Pray ye, therefore, that the Lord of the harvest will send forth reapers into his harvest." This is my prayer for His name sake.

OZEALYE A M. HIGGINS,
Des Moines, Iowa.

OBITUARY

Williams — Egbert Williams, deacon of the Free S. D. A. Church, Kingston, Jamaica, was born at Sav-la-mar, Westmoreland, Jamaica, thirty-eight years ago, and died at Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., November 1st, 1933. In 1914 he went to the World War as a contingent in behalf of his country. After returning to Jamaica he proceeded to the Republic of Cuba, where he embraced the Third Angel's Message and was baptized at Kingston, Jamaica, October 12, 1930, by Elder J. B. Mosley. He is the only visible man (except Elder Mosley) that can be seen in the picture that appears in our Special Missionary Number of 1930. Truly, brethren, we have lost a friend and brother, and I really believe that there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away.

V. JARRETT.

A nation cannot rise above its women, neither can the church; rise and shine, sisters, and the church will shine with you.

A BRIEF SKETCH OF ELDER MOSLEY'S LECTURE

A stereopticon lecture on "THE COMING FRAY," was given by Elder J. B. Mosley, Sunady night, November 26th to a large audience. The seating capacity of the church was limited and quite a crowd stood on the outside. In the preamble of his discourse the decision of the League of Nations in one of their meetings at Geneva, Switzerland, was given, which answers to the fulfillment of prophecy.

Micah 4:2, 3 were read as his opening text for the occasion: depicting that while the nations are talking about peace and disarmament, in reality,—the Lord declares that they are making mighty preparation for war. Proof: Joel 2:2, 9-13. Hence, the conferences held to establish peace and disarmament are only camouflage. The picturesque view of Germany's position, which surprised the peace birds, and the implements of war invented by the nations, stand as indispensible evidences that another world war is looming, and its ultimate outburst is not far ahead.

The great political unrest among the nations,—the continual march of the Turkish nation out of Constantinople with the hope of establishing the seat of their government in the Holy Land,—the outrageous upheavals in Europe,—the uproar in the far and near East and the unsettled condition of the League of Nations obviously portray that all things are budding toward a universal carnage.

Jerusalem will be the pivotal point or storm centre. Ezekiel 5:5. Prophecy predicts the agencies gathering the nations (Rev. 16:13, 14) and the place where this great battle will be fought. Rev. 16:16. The plain of Esdraelon, the valley of Jehoshaphat and Mount Megiddo were shown on the screen, where the sons of Shem, Ham and Japheth will meet on the gory battlefield to settle the final account with the sword.

Jeremiah was ordained a prophet unto the nation. Jer. 1:5. He saw a seething pot (which is a symbol of Bolshevism) and the face of it was

toward the north. From there this evil was to have been broken out (Jer. 1:13-15) and without doubt the spirit of Bolshevism has pervaded the entire globe; and the result is that the whole world will soon be enveloped into a bloody business of war.

Prophets of old predicted that the Northern nations with the young lions (which symbolize the petty nations of earth) will muster themselves, Ezekiel 38:6, 15, 16; the Eastern nations will prepare for the rush, Rev. 16:12; the United States of America as represented by the two-horned beast of Revelation, 13th chapter, and the other Western nations will be on the scene. Egypt, Ethiopia, Libia and Lidia on the great continent of Africa (south) with their teeming millions, will come up like a flood. Jer. 46:7-10. The League of Nations cannot stand, it must also fall by the sword. Ezekiel 30:5.

Screen pictures illustrated the war engines invented for the coming fray and the operations of those war devils in the ocean, land and air, which will rain terror upon mankind. The radio plane is another modern war destructive invention. It is reported that this plane flies without an aviator—, registers the distance and destination; and is capable of utterly destroying a city at the will of the sender. And, according to the present war preparations more aerial battle will be fought than land or sea.

Since all nations will be focusing their gaze and directing their forces toward the Holy Land; the Lord tells us that He will muster the host of the battle. Isiah 13:4. Consequently, from the four corners of the earth they will marshal their forces and direct them as follows:

The Eastern nations will rush westward, and the Western nations will speed Eastward; while the Northern nations sweep Southward, the Southern nations will dash Northward; thence they will meet on the bloody battlefield of Palestine (of which Jerusalem is the storm centre. Ezekiel, 5:5) and the mighty whirlwind of war and bloodshed spoken by the prophet

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Jeremiah will eventually burst. And, because of this terrible carnage, the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Jer. 25:31-33.

The Lord through the prophet Isaiah gave a panoramic view of the great slaughter in the following language: "For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and His fury upon all their armies: He hath utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood." Isaiah 34:2, 3. All nations will be involved,—Malayan, Caucasian, Red Indian, Ethiopian and all nations on the globe will suffer alike.

Human blood will flow on the battlefields of Palestine 'till the horse's bridle is reached. Rev. 14:20. No conquest will be gained, for this war will usher Messiah's second coming in the clouds of heaven. Hence, the fact remains irrefutable that no man or number of men on this sin-cursed earth can ever establish perpetual peace. Only Christ—the Prince of Peace—can accomplish same, and put an end to this bloody business of war. For, says the Psalmist, "Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in Sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire. Psalm 46:7-9.

May the Lord help mankind to make sure His eternal salvation and flee from the wrath to come.

THE SABBATH QUESTION

"Hear ye my children the instruction of a father and attend to knowledge—understand. For I give you good doctrine forsake not my law." Prov. 4:1-2.

The law of God is indeed good doctrine, and every child of God should be very fond of it; for the law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul. Psa. 19:7. Without this law we are not so certain of our conversion.

We read in Romans 7:7-9: What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

We need not deceive ourselves nor let any one deceive us, for when the law comes, (comes to our knowledge) sin revives, (get up) and I die.

That very same law commands us to remember the Sabbath Day, not only remember it, but to keep it holy. In it thou shall not do any work. Ex. 20:8-11. The penalty of death is over the head of us who violate this command. Ex. 31:14-17. The wages of sin is death. Rom. 6:23. Therefore it is a sin to work on the Sabbath Day (Saturday).

Some people say "Christ arose on Sunday, the first day of the week, therefore Christians should keep that day." True, our Saviour did rise on the first day of the week, but the Sabbath of God's law had then passed. Mark 16:1-3. It took a great deal of hard work to raise Christ from the dead, for we read "And behold there was a great earthquake; for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. Math. 28:2. Such hard work is mentioned in Eph. 1:20. Which he wrought in Christ when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His right hand in the heavenly places.

God the Father did not work on the Seventh-day Sabbath, He rested on that day. Gen. 2:3. Christ His Son was an obedient Son. He worked in harmony with His Father. He said My

Father worketh hitherto, and I work. (Up to Friday at sun set.) John 5:17.

We are taught by some that Christ changed the law of the Sabbath, but we hear Christ Himself say, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law or the prophets, I am not come to destroy but fulfill." He indicated that heaven and earth would pass before this law would pass. Math. 5:17-20; Jas. 2:9-13.

The Bible tells of a power which would think to change God's law, and time; in Dan. 7:25 we read, And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and wear out the saints of the Most High, and think to change times and laws. This power had already changed all the human laws on earth. Now he, like any wicked thing must tamper with the law and time of the Great and Mighty God. Mark, he only thinks to do this, he has a large crowd with him today, thinking the same thing. Remember our Saviour told us not to think so.

There is no part of God's law that speaks of time except the seventh-day Sabbath. True the power spoken of by the prophet Daniel is at work thinking to change God's time and law. The law of God cannot be changed, neither can the seventh-day (Saturday) the last day of the week, be changed into Sunday, the first day of the week, but people think so.

This wicked power which thinks to change God's time and law is called the beast. Dan. 7:23-24. This beast will finally be taken and all the false prophets which have helped him tell us that Sunday, or the first day of the week, has taken the place of the seventh-day Sabbath (Saturday). The result is indeed fearful as recorded in Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14.

The Lord is good to His people. He does not want any of us to perish or be lost. 2 Peter, 3:9. He admonishes the brethren also to be patient unto the coming of the Lord. Jas. 5:7. And He sends the whole world a timely warning. All of this shows that He does not want any of us lost.

Again the people raiseth the objection of God's Holy Sabbath

as being the Sabbath of the Jews; this is partly true, but we read in Romans 3:29, "Is He the God of the Jew only? Is He not of the Gentiles also? Yea, of the Gentiles also."

Instead of our faith in Christ destroying the law of God, it establishes it. Rom. 3:31. He is a Jew which is one inwardly the Bible says. Rom. 2:29. Salvation is of the Jews, says our Saviour. "Ye worship ye know not what; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews." John 4:22.

We believing Gentiles should not boast against the branches (the Jews) for some of them were cut off because of unbelief, and we who stand by faith should take heed, for if God spared not those who did not believe then, who should fear less He spares us not. Rom. 11:18-23.

Let us, therefore, fear, lest, a promise be left us of entering into His rest, any of you should come short of it, For we which have believed do enter into rest, as He said. For He spake in a certain place (Mt. Sinai) on this wise. And God did rest the Seventh Day. And in this place again (anywhere you are) if they shall enter into my rest. Heb. 4:1-6.

Dear reader if you have never had any instruction on this vital question before, you will do well to take the advice given at the head of the article given by our Father in heaven, speaking directly to His earthly children.

M. L. IVORY.

It was Sunday evening. The minister had arrived at "thirdly," and the hour was nine. Suddenly he noticed a man sleeping—and in the front pew. "Will you please wake up that brother next to you?" he said in a low tone to a man setting beside the sleeper. The latter replied loudly: "Wake him yourself. You put him to sleep."

Prophecy is God's great light, shining into the future. A good man walks toward the light, a bad man from it.

False prophets are a proof that there are also true ones. There can't be a counterfeit of a thing that doesn't exist.

FREE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS PROGRAM**Our Program Is:**

1st—A deeper consecration to do service in the vineyard of the Lord.

2nd—To do our BIT in preaching the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ, in all the world, for a witness unto all nations.

3rd—As a race, maintain self-respect, and do as Our Lord has said, "Occupy until I come."

4th—To establish among Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, Negro Conferences with Negro officers—Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Bookkeepers.

5th—To establish schools for the training of our children and for workers in our organization.

6th—To establish a publishing house in which we may furnish employment to Negro Men, Women, Boys and Girls, as we strive to preach the truth of the Third Angel's Message through the printed page.

An invitation is extended to all "INTELLIGENT" Negro Seventh-Day Adventists, those, with a vision, with moral courage, with backbone, those who are strong in the knees, in short, just common self-respect, who have the love of God in the heart, to join with us and help to put this program over the TOP, for over the TOP it must GO.

"Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Acts 10:34. Therefore, we are determined to, "Stand fast . . . in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us Free." Gal. 5:1.