

"There was a few present, and if any of them were honest hearted and fair minded, I'm sure they'd have seen the Truth that night."

"By this time _____ had 'Testimonies to Ministers,' pp. 475, 476. She asked him to explain it an to convince us that Sister White was the Elijah. He took it and read it aloud all the paragraphs. He was just beginning to play upon words again when I insisted that he tell us of one scripture Sister White interpreted about the great and dreadful day of the Lord. He turned and twisted, and fidgeted, and finally said she has had great light on certain scriptures. I told him that was not the point. I did not want to know whether or not she has had a great light on the Scriptures, all I want to know was whether she had brought light on the scriptures about the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

him with great awe and reverence. They regard them think he is sacred and holy. Many of to speak to him in the way we did. They wondered that we two young girls were able were present looked astonished and surprised. message to the lady. All the local men who hear or forbear, we are going to give the we want you to know that whether you brethren holy Word of God and the 'Testimonies.' And message. We can sustain our points from the of Ezekiel 9 and the loud cry of the third angel's tinct message for the church. It's the slaughter

"Would you make your property secure? Place it in the hands that bears the nail-print of the crucifixion. Retain it in your possession, and it will be your eternal loss. Give it to God, and from that moment it bears His inscription. It is sealed with His immutability. Would you enjoy your substance? Then use it for the blessing of the suffering." --"Testimonies," Vol. 9, pages 50, 51.

"I saw that if any held on to their property, and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come up before them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: 'The cause was languishing, God's people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!' I saw that a sacrifice did not increase, but it decreased and was consumed, I also saw that God had not required all of His people to dispose of their property at the same time, but if they desired to be taught, He would teach them, in a time of need, when to sell and how much to sell. Some have been required to dispose of their property in times past to sustain the Advent cause, while others have been permitted to keep theirs until a time of need, then, as the cause needs it, their duty is to sell." --"Early Writings," page 57.

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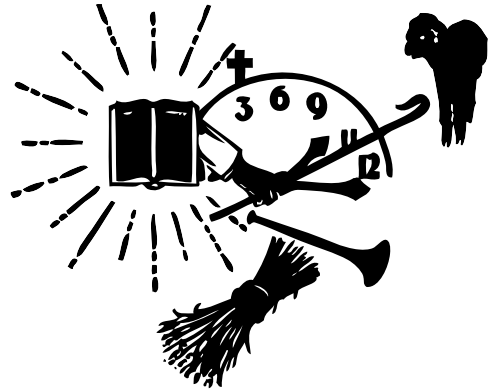
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undivided energies to His work.
with power. He expects you to give your
salvation of souls shall be carried forward
unselfish service, that His plan for the
He requires you to use your possessions in
with Him to work under its fragrant influence.
to accept His love, and in happy co-operation
". . . Jesus has made it possible for you

leading the way.
that field." Matthew 13:44. The Lord himself is
goeth and selleth all that he hath and buyeth
man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof
a treasure hid in a field; the which when a
"Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto

words:
by the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, in the
leading the way to the program that is outlined
Carmel Center, by commencing to first sell its
excess property, then the whole, is symbolically
news is perhaps nothing short of a sign. Mount
ful Davidians who will realize that this good
makes the following announcement to all faith-
toward reaching her goal, Mount Carmel Center
Now again, with even greater emphasis
and progressive advancement of present Truth.
initiated and heralded a new electrifying
The Hunting Campaign launched last year

PREPARING FOR ALL-OUT EFFORT

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come
ye to the waters, and he that hath
no money; come ye, buy, and eat;
yea, come buy wine and milk with-
out money and without price.

"Wherefore do ye spend money for that
which is not bread? and your labor
for that which satisfieth not? hearken
diligently unto Me, and eat ye that
which is good, and let your soul
delight itself in fatness."---
Isaiah 55:1, 2

These booklets are, therefore,
circulated free of charge.

Nigeria
the Holy City,"
walk in the Light to
Yours sincerely to

who directed me to you.
certificates in Bible and they were the party
at Ibadan, and furthermore I have received their
Prophecy Bible Correspondence courses taken
"I was one of the members of the Voice of

on your mailing list.
your letter and I want you to add my name
gone through. I was very glad when I received
and the contents therein were paraphrased
"I am in receipt of your esteemed favour

"Dear Sir:

Trinidad

We didn't reach home that night till nearly
midnight."

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FOREIGN RELIEF

Requests are continuing to come, especially
from the foreign fields, for suitable clothing
and shoes for our brethren.

All articles sent to Mount Carmel Center
should be in a clean, orderly condition and
not so worn out that it would be a waste of
postage to re-ship the same to our brethren.
The clothes and shoes should also conform with
Davidian dress standards.

Ship in secure well-bound boxes to: The
Universal Publishing Assn., Mt. Carmel Center,
Waco, Texas.

WELCOME THE SYMBOLIC CODE

The readers of "The Symbolic Code" will be
pleased to see "The Code" back in print again.
In 1943, its place was taken by other publications,
and now are glad to welcome "The Code" back.

58:1. and the house of Jacob their sins. Isaiah
to show the house of Judah their transgression
of the brethren, God raised a wonderful prophet
"We shall not perish because in the midst
addresses of some. Send them tracts. Please
try to help these thirsting souls. In _____
they are still calling me to go and help them.
the new interpretation. I have names and
whole church believed because I brought them
the Eleventh Hour. I'm telling the truth, the
weeks preaching unto them about the message of
many S.D.A.'s. I stayed with them three
to you. I went to _____ and there I found
"With much pleasure I write this letter

Dear Sir:

Mr. V. T. Houette
Mount Carmel Center
Waco, Texas

(Editor's Note: The following encouraging
communications are excerpts from letters which
were received from foreign lands.)

Pennsylvania

Yours in Christ, "

"May the Lord's blessings be with you.

my tithe and offerings should be used to speed
this message so I am enclosing _____.

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and he wanted all of them to know us. He
pointed to us and told them that we were sitting
near to Sister _____. Everybody exclaimed and
looked around.

"After the meeting we went up to speak with
Elder _____. He started to tell us how we were
in error. We told him that he had taken state-
ments out of their context and read to the people.
He said that's what the statements say. I re-
plied by saying they were unlawfully taken out
of their context. I told him that the denomi-
nation's trouble was not with your (the 'Rod's')
statements but with reconciling Sister White's
statements with the Bible. I told him that the
end of probationary time did not bring the
harvest, but that the harvest brings the end of
probationary time. He just looked at me and
said nothing. When I asked him if the end of
the world means the last split second when Jesus
comes, he tried to dodge it.

"He told me that I would have to acknowledge
that the main theme of our teachings is the
literal slaughter of Ezekiel 9 and then the loud
cry of the third angels' message. I gave him
two quotations to explain: 'Testimonies,' Vol.
5, p. 212, and 'Early Writings,' p. 85. He said
that was easy. One was a troublesome time and
the other a time of trouble when the seven
last plagues are poured out. He really began
to play upon the words. Then I told him clearly,
emphatically, and boldly: 'Look here Elder
_____, we are not learned and educated, nor do
we play upon words. We have a clear and dis-

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students of the Bible."
ing some of our best members, those who are
bewailing the fact: "That the 'Rod' is captur-
message is making among the S.D.A. laity--
greatly concerned over the inroads the "Rod"
However, the ministry was not complacent but
than I am should be able to recognize error."
found error and these men who are smarter
"The General Conference has investigated and
message, their general attitude being that:
was by and in the large opposed to the "Rod"
This worker found that the S.D.A. ministry
In general, as related to the "Rod" message.

One of the field workers, who recently
returned to Mount Carmel after five months of
survey travel, has consented to give us a
condensed idea of the "pulse rate" of the church
in general, as related to the "Rod" message.

**INTERVIEW WITH FIELD WORKER
REVEALS ADVANCEMENT—WITH
OBSTACLES TO OVERCOME**

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"Spiritual prosperity is closely bound
up with Christian liberality. The followers
of Christ should rejoice in the privilege of
revealing in their lives the beneficence of
their Redeemer. As they give to the Lord,
they have the assurance that their treasure
is going before them to the heavenly courts.
Would men make their property secure? Let
them place it in the hands that bear the marks
of the crucifixion."—"Acts of the Apostles,"
pages 344, 345.

We see each passing day more and more that
God requires His people to gladly support His
cause, first by their tithes and offerings,
(Malachi 3:8-10), and at last by selling all,
if they would enter into life eternal. He who
takes part in the first of His requirements,
will at last with joy go all the way by sell-
ing all when God gives the command. Thus only
may he joyfully buy the "field" with the great
"treasure."

It now becomes very obvious that the time
is short, the he who would be ready for the
"great super" and for his eternal home, will
have his eyes open to truth and his heart set
on his eternal welfare. God will direct him
day by day.

Certainly then this move could be a sign-
post to both Davidians and to Laodiceans that
the eleventh-hour message is on the very verge
of a final and all-out effort to reclaim the
church from the hands of the Enemy.

regardless of reproach or inconvenience. or to fearlessly embrace the additional Light warnings against the Lord's "Rod" (Mic. 6:9) eternal loss, the fear-mongering "bugaboo" opportunity to either stick with, to their and self-complicity. All are being given an trate the obstructive walls of fear, prejudice now using His eleventh-hour servants to pene- We can be grateful to the Lord that He is

the whole church reform. "watch out for the Rod" would disappear and the atmosphere of "fear of being deceived" and the additional Light to the church, how quickly blocking the way to keep the laity from studying against the "Shepherd's Rod" message and stop by ceasing to "beat the air" in their light make a practical application of this statement Now, if the leading brethren would only

afraid of the Light." tragedy of life is that the ministries are a layman who is afraid of the dark. The real "Shepherd's Rod" message we may well paraphrase the Seventh-day Adventist ministry toward the In view of the obstinate fearfulness of

truth than fiction of August 12, 1954, p. 15, contains more This quotation from the "Review and Herald" is when men are afraid of the Light.--Selected. "We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark. The real tragedy of life

FEAR OF LIGHT REAL TRAGEDY

Be it, therefore, known that part of Mount Carmel property is being subdivided for high class residences beginning at the old peach orchard near the Mount Carmel entrance.

The wise do not consider it a gamble to sell all they have in order to make the kingdom their own. They know that they are getting a bargain, that such an investment will make them rich. Both the man that bought the "field" containing the great "treasure," and the man who bought the "pearl of great price" sold everything they had in order to close the deals. But even though it took everything, they both had enough to buy what they had set their hearts on.

Then who knows, but the Lord, that this heart-stirring example may soon turn into a sounding alarm and be followed by every faithful Davidian believer throughout the land. Even now, the Lord's example to raise funds by disposing of His possessions, is a loud cry to every Davidian to awake to the fact that he is privileged to join the campaign with faithful tithe and offering at first, and at last to swell the funds by giving everything so that the work may be finished and the saints be gathered home!

"I am certain and sure that for a single sinner living upon the earth Jesus Christ would still have abandoned His glory and come upon the earth to give His life as a ransom for that one. of the light that shines from the Holy Writings. still keep me from getting a good understanding that will not be sufficient since this lack will former student to give me some explanation, but spiritual advantage. I am going to find your the language is a great impediment to the lessons caused great pleasure; unfortunately sent some English lessons. The arrival of these English language, but all the same you have I will explain to you that I do not know the Bible Correspondence course. (NOTE: apparently meaning he has been on the mailing list.) For some months I have been registered for your "I have the honor to announce to you that

"Sir:

Africa

Your faithful servant

"Send me lectures. Send the light here in Africa. Come over and help us. I want to do the work in God's vineyard.

"So I beg of you to be good enough to go to the trouble of getting the lessons or books by Minister Houteff in French. I say this because the good Lord did not send the Light only to the English but for all the world.

"After having received this letter, your favorable response in the first or second mail will cause me much joy.

Very truly yours,"

Africa

"Dear brethren:

"We learned that Elder _____ is on the island. He is going around the island showing films of Sister White and her works. The main burden of his visit though, is to warn men and women against the 'Shepherd's Rod' message. When we heard that he was going to be present at this church on Wednesday night, we decided to attend also.

"After his opening remarks, the district pastor told the people he wanted to introduce two other leaders who were present also. Then he asked _____ and _____ to stand. We just remained seated as though we were glued on the bench. When he saw this he became angry. He told them that we are "Shepherd's Rod" leaders

Sincerely,"

"I gave Sister _____ my copy of your letter which was written with my 1950 Certificate of Fellowship. I can read that letter every day and find new courage and help in my daily devotions and my prayer is that I be faithful and live up to all the admonition in that letter, then I will be sure of a home in God's Kingdom.

"It seems like the Seventh-day Adventist Elders are rebuking the churches for their alarming condition and blaming the laity, but have no solution.

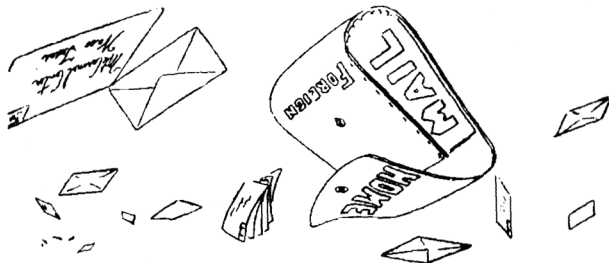
"Now I want to brief my text letter to the members around today's sermon on the alarming condition of the Seventh-day Adventist church and refer them to Ezekiel 9 and our final cleansing in the Kingdom.

"I am mailing the letters to several Seventh-day Adventist members, relative to his sermon on the need of a new and change of heart and referred them to Ezekiel 36:22 to 28--when, where, and how we get that change of heart. I am also quoting Sister White from 'Testimonies,' Vol. 7, page 17, on her unfinished work in the Kingdom and referring them to Daniel 12:1-3, the special resurrection.

"His text was on: 'The Pearl of Great Price.' Several weeks ago he preached on the

"I went to the Seventh-day Adventist Church and got there a few minutes before services. The sermon was about the most rebuking I ever heard. Elder ----- apologized for having to be so plain, as he worked it, but said the condition of the church here was alarming and not only here in----- but elsewhere, that the church must be asleep, unwilling to give up tobacco, coffee, theaters, funny papers, jewelry, worldly dress and fashions, pork and ham, dances, etc., and that there had to be a change lest many lose out.

"Dear Brother and Sister Houtelt:



THE MAIL BAG Excerpts from letters

But our Lord left, his home in Glory and came down and lived with the people where he found them. I know He often must have been homesick for home but he could not go back until the supreme price was paid. How dare we think of our convenience at a time like this!

"We encouraged all present Truth believers to send in their first and second tithes, and get their certificate of fellowship and start studying the home Bible doctrine course and fit themselves to help to finish our job.

"I will close and I pray we may each be found doing what He wants us to when He comes to make up jewels.

Your sister in present Truth,"

Wyoming

"Dear Friends:

"I have been studying with one of your workers for sometime. I enjoy these studies very much, and I am very thankful that I was not one who closed my door on this wonderful message.

"I have seen your side of the picture and I have also seen the side which most of the ministers believe and I am very sure that your message is of God. I therefore believe that

When this field worker asked one minister if he believed the Seventh-day Adventist church was the Laodicean church spoken of in Revelation 3:14, he answered in the affirmative. Then he was asked who the "angel" of this church represented. The minister said the "angel" represented Christ. Then the field worker asked him if he was willing to apply to Christ the description of being wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked given to this "angel" in the book of Revelation. He still insisted the "angel" was Christ, closing his eyes to the truth that the "angel" represents the present Seventh-day Adventist church leadership. Apparently he would rather have Christ wrong than himself.

Another minister indulging a "holier than thou art" attitude claimed "that a man at Waco" has no education. When asked how much formal education sister White had, and if she was not used mightily by God, he had no ready answer and could pursue no other course than to change the subject.

In dealing with the laity it was found, generally speaking, that those in the smaller churches were more cordial and receptive than those in the larger congregations. Since the ministry is not at all receptive to the additional Truth, whereas a fairly good percentage of the laity are, this shows that the eyes of all the people have not been closed.

The biggest stumbling block to the laity

If the applicant is unable to comply in full with all the requirements of the Message, then to his application he must attach a satisfactory statement of explanation.

The applicant must be striving to be an overcomer--to be freed from sin, to keep the Truth, and to continue in the race; striving not to fall, but resolving, in case he should fail, to rise again and to press on more determined than ever to reach the goal. He must be able thus conscientiously to sign the application for fellowship.

Those who have recently accepted the Davidian Truth and are supporting the timely message and living out its principles, should request the Davidian Association to send them an application blank for fellowship. A Certificate of Fellowship will be granted upon satisfactorily filling out the application.

All Davidians whose Certificate of Fellowship has expired are requested to promptly communicate their desire for renewal of the same.

YOUR NEED FOR CERTIFICATE OF FELLOWSHIP

studying the Message was in the fact that many of the laity were permitting the ministry to do their thinking for them and were making walking and talking idols out of the ministers.

Those who are accepting the Message report that they are enlightened on the Scripture as never before. Furthermore, they assert that the Message has given them fresh zeal and determination to come up on all points themselves and to spread the good tidings of the Kingdom to their brethren.

Although the purpose of this five-month survey was primarily for investigative purposes to obtain "the lay of the land" (church), at the same time we can with joy report that there were decisions made for Christ and for His additional Message to the Laodiceans.

The field worker, who received this cross section view of the reactions of the church, is convinced that God will have 144,000 first fruits from His church for His Kingdom. Moreover, the promises of His Word never fail to materialize; they are all sure.

"A few weeks ago at camp meeting in South Lancaster, Mass., I spoke to quite a number of church members about the 'Rod' message and passed out a good number of tracts. Elder _____ threatened to have the police remove me from the camp ground, but I persuaded him not to. We caused no disturbance whatever. I explained to Elder _____ that I had discussed the Bible

"Dear Brethren:

Pennsylvania

A Hunter"

"Sabbath morning we went to church in _____ after several weeks of visiting the other churches in this area. Elder _____ preached on the same subject Elder _____ presented last week. The intention was the same (to refute the 'Rod'), but the interpretation was surely different. He told the people that we teach the church is Babylon and that the judgment of the Living began in 1929. After service _____ corrected him on these points, as we were going out the vestibule. This made some of the people angry. One brother clinched his fist and his teeth and told _____ that if he weren't a Christian he would punch him in the nose! He ground his feet into the ground and said, 'I'd like to grind you into the dirt with my feet.' This episode amused Elder _____ highly.

"Dear Brethren:

and the "Testimonies" and gave tracts to those who would accept them. I then asked if he believed in practicing religious liberty."

Massachusetts

"Dear Brothers and Sisters:

"Sisters _____ and I returned after 39 days on a missionary trip. The Lord surely was with us, protecting us, and His Holy Spirit impressed hearts with the Truth for this time without which all our words would have been sounding brass and tinkling symbols.

"We took God at his Word, if you go right to work in the name of the Lord in a humble way doing what you can to teach the truth, God will vindicate you' and 'everyone is required to work to the extent of his ability. Every worldly consideration should be laid aside for the glory of God.'

"Of course it was a sacrifice on our part and also on my husband's part for he batched while I was gone and worked every day and others sacrificed something also. Some of our good brothers and sisters filled our tank with gasoline while others gave us cash which we only used for expenses while we were gone.

"We had many interesting experiences and gave 42 studies while gone. It is not always pleasing to ourselves to live in other homes