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EDITORIAL

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 John 2.

Lately many of our members are getting more health conscious. Plans are already underway to have our health message presented not only to our members, but also to the people outside.

In Cuba a health seminar was given by Brother Raul Escobar and it was very successful. Another was also held in Santo Domingo and was conducted at the local university. Some forty persons including medical doctors were in attendance. The latest of these seminars was conducted in Montreal in our local church over a three day period. Brother Raul Escobar, Sister Rose Powell and Brethren Ed & Hulda Unger gave instructions on proper dieting, preventive medicine and the use of natural remedies.

To help along in this work, the IMS Publishers with help Brother Larry Watts have just finished printing a few new health books. "The joys of vegetarian cooking" a new cookbook with hundreds of recipes on sugarless and non-dairy cooking, was written and compiled by Sister Wendy Eaton. Our health message includes much more than a meatless diet. Many other harmful foods and the wrong combinations of foods of foods are to be avoided. We can be thankful to the Lord for the knowledge of health reform. Much needless suffering and premature deaths can be avoided with the use of it. Let us all become first, students of the natural healing and living habits and then let each one become teachers showing other the proper way to a healthier and better life.

Other activities to mention include the youth camp, which many have said had been their best and was a blessing to all who attended. We thank Sister Kathy, Brother Peter and Brother Magee for their effort and sacrifice. The Toronto Youth held a fund-raising lunch in a restaurant style setting one Sunday afternoon at the church, raising over \$300 dollars for the youth fund.

On Sunday, November 1 eleven persons from Toronto went to the town of Orillia to do canvassing and missionary work. Some interested persons were found which calls for further visits to that area. An active church is a living and growing church. The IMS Publishers have printed more canvassing literature to help encourage our members to do more missionary work. These include a smaller, more easy to handle version of "Steps to Christ" and another spiritual book called the "Tree of Life #1".

The regular visits to Montreal still continues from Toronto. The good news out of Montreal is the baptism of Christopher, Brother Augustus' brother on September 30, adding to the membership of the Montreal church. Other good news includes the employment of Brother John Mctavish as a full time worker for the Union. Let us pray for our workers that the Lord may bless their efforts. Let us keep up the good work so that more good news can be printed in the messenger.

Lastly, the IMS Publishing House has been quite busy lately and will continue to be so in the future. The North American Union has put in a large order for canvassing literature from the IMS Publisher. Let us support our Publishing House financially and by our voluntary labor.

The Editors

CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS MESSAGE

(PART 2)

RIGHTEOUSNESS IMPUTED

God receives, pardons and justifies the repenting sinner, this is the righteousness of God without the law which we receive by faith. "Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" Rom 3: 28. "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works" Rom 4:6.

The dying thief on the cross was justified by his faith without the works of the law. "The only way in which we can attain to righteousness is through faith" 1 Sel. Mess. pg. 367 This righteousness we cannot earn-no human effort, ceremonies or works cannot attain to it. It's given you only by faith. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." Matt. 5:48. The moment we are justified we are perfect "as our Father in heaven is perfect" there is no condemnation because all our sins are forgiven. This is the gift of God to us bought with the blood of Christ.

The Righteousness of Christ includes forgiveness, complete regeneration, a change of heart and mind. "All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him" Hez. 18:22. "Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past through the forbearance of God. Rom. 3:25 Paul especially makes it clear that Christ's Righteousness is not a license to do sin in the future, but a remission of the sins that are past. "What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid." Rom. 6:15. If we were under the law we all would have to die, "for the wages of sin is death", The law would condemn us, each one to death the very day we sin.

By the government judicial system a first time criminal is not always sentenced to prison, but put on probation for a certain length of time. If he during this time of grace obeys the law and behaves well, he will not have to suffer for his crime. But would he continue to do wrong he would have to suffer for his first crime as well as for the repeated crime.

When we are justified our names are written in the book of life, we become the children of God and we can claim every promise of God to ourselves. The formal, mechanical and dry religion changes to a new living experience. Only then, when this takes place can we be truly happy and filled with the fullness of joy and the peace that passes understanding. This is called new birth and conversion, we are saved from the power of sin and start a new life in Christ Jesus. Also at that moment we are baptized by the Holy Spirit and the fruit of the Spirit becomes visible in us. "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor.5:17.

This new creature will now live a Christ filled life. Not only will he drink the water of life that Christ is giving him freely but he himself becomes a fountain of living water. When we are justified we are not left to fail in human weakness, but a power is promised to us to enable us to do the works of God "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John. 1:12.

By the righteousness imputed we pass from death to life. It is a gift more precious than all the treasures of this world. To Martin Luther this message was the foundation of his reformation. It was the shining torch of light after the darkness of the middle ages. What he learned we also are to learn that every time we sin, we need this righteousness which justifies us and pardons our sin.

THE CHURCH MILITANT

Ellen G. White

"Has God no living church? He has a church, but it is the church militant, not the church triumphant. We are sorry that there are defective members, that there are tares amid the wheat...."RH August 29, 1993

"The church of Christ on earth will be imperfect, but God does not destroy his church because of its imperfection. There have been and will be those who are filled with zeal not according to knowledge, who would purify the church, and uproot the tares from the midst of the wheat. But Christ has given special light as to how to deal with those who are erring, and with those who are unconverted in the church. There is to be no spasmodic, zealous, hasty action taken by church-members in cutting off those they may think defective in character. Tares will appear among the wheat; but it would do more harm to weed out the tares, unless in God's appointed way, than to leave them alone. While the Lord brings into the church those who are truly converted, Satan at the same time brings persons who are not converted into its fellowship. While Christ is sowing the good seed, Satan is sowing the tares. There are two opposing influences continually exerted on the members of the church. One influence is working for the purification of the church, and the other for the corrupting of the people of God." Test. to Min. p. 46

"Christ has plainly taught that those who persist in open sin must be separated from the church, but He has not committed to us the work of judging character and motive. He knows our nature too well to entrust this work to us. Should we try to uproot from the church those whom we suppose to be spurious Christians, we should be sure to make mistakes. Often we regard as hopeless subjects the very ones whom Christ is drawing to Himself. Were we to deal with these souls according to our imperfect judgement, it would perhaps extinguish their last hope. Many who think themselves Christians will at last be found wanting. Many will be in heaven who their neighbours supposed would never enter there. Man judges from appearance, but God judges the heart. The tares and wheat are to grow together until the harvest; and the harvest is the end of probationary time." COL p. 71, 72

"..As the tares have their roots closely intertwined with those of the good grain, so false brethren in the church may be closely linked with true disciples. The real character of these pretended believers is not fully manifested. Were they to be separated from the church, others might be caused to stumble, who but for this would have remained steadfast." COL p. 72

"The world has no right to doubt the truth of Christianity because there are unworthy members in the church, nor should Christians become disheartened because of these false brethren.... The Redeemer does not want to lose one soul;

His experience with Judas is recorded to show His long patience with perverse human nature; and He bids us bear with it as He has borne. He has said that false brethren will be found in the church till the close of time." COL p. 73

"The tares closely resemble the wheat while the blades were green; but when the field was white for the harvest, the worthless weeds bore no likeness to the wheat that bowed under the weight of its full, ripe heads. Sinners who make a pretension of piety mingle for a time with the true followers of Christ, and the semblance of Christianity is calculated to deceive many; but in the harvest of the world there will be no likeness between good and evil. Then those who have joined the church, but who have not joined Christ, will be manifest." COL p. 74

"Some people seem to think that upon entering the church they will have their expectations fulfilled, and meet only with those who are pure and perfect. They are zealous in their faith, and when they see faults in church members, they say, "We left the world in order to have no association with evil characters, but evil is here also;" and they ask, as did the servants in the parable, "From whence then hath it tares?" But we need not be thus disappointed, for the Lord has not warranted us in coming to the conclusion that the church is perfect; and all our zeal will not be successful in making the church militant as pure as the church triumphant. The Lord forbids us to proceed in any violent way against those whom we think erring,..." TM p. 46

"Finite man is likely to misjudge character, but God does not leave the work of judgement and pronouncing upon character to those who are not fitted for it. We are not to say what constitutes the wheat, and what the tares. The time of harvest will fully determine the character of the two classes specified under the figure of the tares and the wheat. The work of separation is given to the angels of God, and not committed into the hands of any man." TM p. 47

"The church militant is not the church triumphant, but is composed of erring men and women. As in an army soldiers must be trained and disciplined for active service, so must the soldiers of Christ be educated for usefulness in his cause." RH April, 22, 1884

"The church militant is not the church triumphant, and earth is not Heaven. The church is composed of erring, imperfect men and women, who are but learners in the school of Christ, to be trained, disciplined, educated for this life, and for the future, immortal life. No one of us can in our own strength represent the character of Christ; but if Jesus lives in the heart, the spirit dwelling in him will be revealed in us; all our lack will be supplied. ...Make your wrongs right as far as possible. Confess your errors and sins one to another. Let all bitterness and wrath and malice be put away let patience, long-suffering, kindness, and love become a part of your very being; then whatsoever things are pure and lovely and of good report will mature in your experience." ST January 4, 1883

"There is but one church in the world who are at the present time standing in the breach, and making up the hedge, building up the old waste places; and for any man to call the attention of the world and other churches to this church, denouncing her as Babylon, is to do a work in harmony with him who is the accuser of the brethren.....The whole world is filled with hatred of those who proclaim the binding claims of the law of God, and the church who are loyal to Jehovah must engage in no ordinary conflict. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Those who have any realization of what this warfare means, will not turn their weapons against the church militant, but with all their powers will wrestle with the people of God against the confederacy of evil. " RH Sept. 5, 1993

" The Lord desires us to realize that it is of great importance that we stand in these last days upon the platform of eternal truth. Those who think that the church militant is the church triumphant make a great mistake. The church militant will gain great triumphs, but it will also have fierce conflicts with evil that it may be firmly established upon the platform of eternal truth. And every one of us should be determined to stand with the church upon this platform..." The Adventist Apocalypse p. 267



*Baptism of Christopher in
Montreal*

WHY HEALTH REFORM?

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31

"One of the strongest temptations that man has to meet is upon the point of appetite. Between the mind and the body there is a mysterious and wonderful relation. They react upon each other. To keep the body in a healthy condition to develop its strength, that every part of the living machinery may act harmoniously, should be the first study of our life. To neglect the body is to neglect the mind. It cannot be to the glory of God for His children to have sickly bodies and dwarfed minds. To indulge the taste at the expense of health is a wicked abuse of the senses. Those who engage in any species of intemperance, either in eating or drinking, waste their physical energies and weaken moral power. They will feel the retribution which follows the transgression of physical law." T3 p. 485

"What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" 1 Cor. 6:19, 20

"Our bodies are Christ's purchased property, and we are not at liberty to do with them as we please. Man has done this. He has treated his body as if its laws had no penalty. Through perverted appetite its organs and powers have become enfeebled, diseased, and crippled. And these results which Satan has brought about by his own specious temptations he uses to taunt God with. He presents before God the human unsightly body that Christ has purchased as His property, and what an unsightly representation of his Maker man is! Because man has sinned against his body and has corrupted his way, God is dishonoured." T6 p. 369

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12:1,2. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself." Rom. 14:7

"If we are sick we impose a weary tax upon our friends and unfit ourselves for discharging our duties to our families and to our neighbours. And when premature death is the result of our violation of nature's law, we bring sorrow and suffering to others." T3 p. 164, 165

"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." 1 Cor. 3:16, 17

"Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it" Prov. 25:16

"Many who have adopted the health reform have left off everything hurtful; but does it follow that because they have left these things, they can eat just as much as they please? They sit down to the table, and instead of considering how much they should eat, they give themselves up to appetite and eat to a great excess. And the stomach has all it can do, or all it should do the rest of that day, to worry away with the burden imposed upon it. All the food that is put into the stomach, from which the system cannot derive benefit, is a burden to nature in her work. It hinders the living machine. The system is clogged and cannot successfully carry on its work. The vital organs are unnecessarily taxed, and the brain nerve power is called to the stomach to help the digestive organs carry on their work of disposing of any amount of food which does the system no good." T2 p. 362, 363

"Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat." Gen. 9:3,4

"..flesh has a tendency to animalize the nature, to rob men and women of that love of sympathy which they should feel for everyone, and to give the lower passions control over the higher power of the being. If meat eating was ever healthful, it is not safe now. Cancers, tumours, and pulmonary diseases are largely caused by meat eating." T9 p. 159

"Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength and not for drunkenness!" Eccl. 10:17

"While men and women are truly converted, they will conscientiously regard the laws of life which God has established in their being, thus seeking to avoid physical, mental, and moral feebleness. Obedience to these laws must be made a matter of personal duty. We must answer to God for our habits and practices. Therefore, the question for us is not, "What will the world say?" but "How shall I, claiming to be a Christian, treat the habitation God has given me? Shall I work for my highest temporal and spiritual good by keeping my body as a temple for the indwelling of the Holy spirit, or shall I sacrifice myself to the world's ideas and practices?" " CDF p. 19

**"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself."
Dan. 1:8**

"Here Daniel was brought to a severe test. Should he adhere to the teachings of his fathers concerning meats and drinks, and offend the king, and probably lose not only his position but his life? or should he disregard the commandment of the Lord, and retain the favour of the king, thus securing great intellectual advantages and the most flattering worldly prospects?

Daniel did not long hesitate. He decided to stand firm in his integrity, let the result be what it might....

There are many among professed Christians today who would decide that Daniel was too particular, and would pronounce him narrow and bigoted. They consider the matter of eating and drinking as of too little consequence to require such a decided stand - one involving the probable sacrifice of every earthly advantage. But those who reason thus will find in the day of judgement that they turned from God's express requirements and set up their own opinion as a standard of right and wrong. They will find that what seemed to them unimportant was not so regarded of God. His requirements should be sacredly obeyed. Those **who** accept and obey one of His precepts because it is convenient to do so, while they reject another because its observance would require a sacrifice, lower the standard of right and by their example lead others to lightly regard the holy law of God...Daniel might have found a plausible excuse to depart from his strictly temperate habits; but the approval of God was dearer to him than the favour of the most powerful earthly potentate - dearer than life itself. " SL p. 19-21

"Abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul." 1 Pet. 2:11

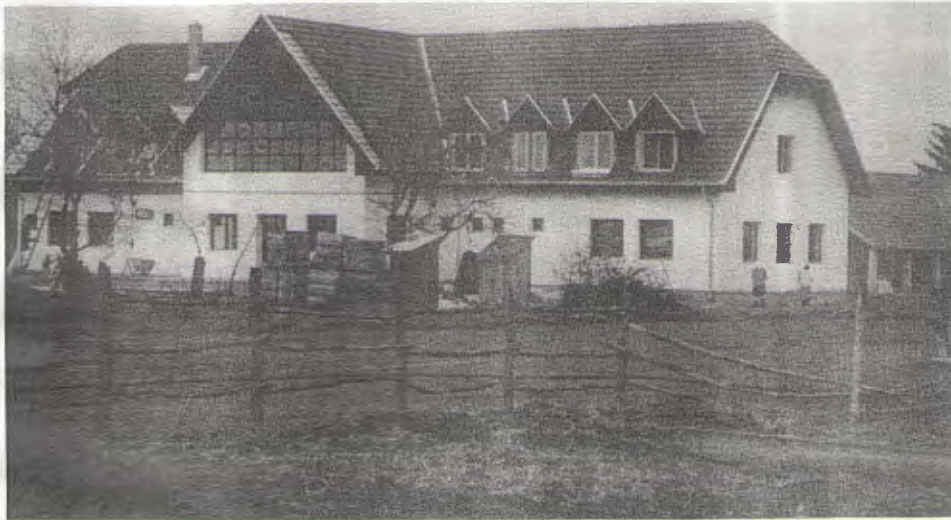
"Many regard this text as a warning against licentiousness only, but it has a broader meaning. It forbids every injurious gratification of appetite or passion. Let none who profess godliness regard with indifference the health of the body, and flatter themselves that intemperance is not sin, and will not affect their spirituality. A close sympathy exists between the physical and the moral nature. Any habit which does not promote health degrades the higher and nobler faculties. Wrong habits of eating and drinking lead to errors in thought and action. Indulgence of appetite strengthens the animal propensities, giving them the ascendancy over the mental and spiritual powers.

It is impossible for any to enjoy the blessing of sanctification while they are selfish and gluttonous. Many groan under a burden of infirmities because of wrong habits of eating and drinking, which do violence to the laws of life and health. They are enfeebling their digestive organs by indulging perverted appetite. The power of the human constitution to resist the abuses put upon it is wonderful, but

persistent wrong habits in excessive eating and drinking will enfeeble every function of the body. In the gratification of perverted appetite the passion even professed Christian cripple nature in her work and lessen physical, mental, and moral power. Let these feeble ones consider what they might have been had they lived temperately and promoted health instead of abusing it." SL p. 25, 26

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown: but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly: so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

1 Cor. 9:25-27



*Our Mission School
in Hungary*



*A Group of Students
at our Mission School in Hungary*

INVITATION

Dear Brethren,

The peace and grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you through the word:
"Therefore brethren stand fast, and hold the traditions which you have been taught, whether by word, or by epistle. 2Thess. 2:15.

Through this letter in the name of the Canadian-Caribbean Union and the Bio-Nature Institute we wish to extend a fraternal invitation to all our co-workers in the Lord's vineyard as well as to all brethren interested in studying the truth in more deeply, to participate in an intensive theological seminar, to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from the 26th of December 1995 to the 8th of January 1996. at the cost of US \$270.00 - all inclusive.

The meeting and fellowship has two main goals:

1. To gather an important group of brethren to watch and pray and share experiences.
2. Study, investigate and interchange thoughts about fundamental Biblical questions.

Some of the subjects to be studied are:

- Biblical methodology.
- Biblical chronology and historic framework.
- Prophetic parallels.
- Doctrinal co-relations : Bible and Spirit Prophecy.
- Basic pastoral documentation.

Truly we would like your conformation of attendance as well as the desire to collaborate in teaching a subject or suggestions about what to talk about in the section dedicated to the interchange of thoughts.

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Those who wish to participate in the seminar should ask for a letter of invitation as soon as possible from one of the above addresses, because it is necessary to visit Puerto Rico U.S.A.

"Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work. 2Thess. 2:16-17.

R.Escobar Duran (President).

SOMETIMES

*Do you sometimes wish that you were blind
And didn't have to see
The way sin has marred the world
And robbed it of its beauty.*

*Do you sometimes wish that you were deaf
And didn't have to hear
The cries of a child that has been left
Without a mother's care.*

*Or maybe you have wished that you were dumb
And didn't have to speak
Those harsh words that brings guilt and shame
To the humble and meek.*

*So be careful of the things you say
And also do
For your actions and your speech
Affect others too.*

by Suzan Gowie