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EDITORIAL

Here is brought to view happenings at the scene of the Session—date, October 21–23—just before the Session, during the Session, and hopes of the coming year. It might be noted the time spent in Session. We find this due (1) to points for discussion on the Agenda that were already described and answered by the pen of Inspiration in *The Leviticus*; (2) human elements of the natural heart were not left at the door, but brought into the Session. It is our desire that the next Session, more believers will be able to attend, and the points for discussion on the Session Agenda contain queries as to how to forward the work of God, and show deeper realization of the need for more consecration to know the will of God.

Sunday night Brother Adair gave a study on the three snares for Davidians. How can Satan “snare” those with “Present Truth”?—easily when they are not awake to their condition. This sermon covered the answer and what is necessary to avoid these snares. When we understand what they are, then we are better prepared to apply these possibilities to our own lives, thus preparing us to know what to watch for in order to be overcomers.

We are all familiar with Laodicea’s luke warm con- (Rev. 3:17) which causes her to be so vulnerable to these snares and thus be taken in Satan’s trap.

Since space is limited here to do justice to these points, we invite you to write to Brother Don Adair here at headquarters for a copy of this study if you are interested in further study thereof. Davidians are under Satan’s close vigilance. He knows if he loses out now he loses forever. He is bent on our destruction.

Marilyn Mueller

“COMMUNION”

A talk was given by Brother Warden on “Communion”; a study subject which is seldom covered or greatly practiced by us. Yet it was proven by the speaker this ought not to be so. In reading “*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 5, page 294, Satan will try to deceive the very elect. If you are interested on why we need “communion” NOW as never before, here are some of the texts quoted for proof:

“*Life Sketches*, pages 247–248; “*Selected Messages*”; pages 494–495; “*Desire of Ages*”, page 324. Beyond a shadow of doubt Brother Warden was correct.

—Craig Mueller

On Tuesday night Sister C. T. Smith took our minds to the Mt. Carmel Center in December 1933. Brother Houteff had the meeting and read *WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN*—*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. 8, p. 104. This had reference to what might have been done at the last General Conference if the men in position of

trust had followed the will and way of God. Sister White had her pen in hand and had written thus far, when she lost consciousness and seemed to be witnessing the scene which is related in the above reference.

That night on Mt. Camel, Brother Houteff led out and this scene became a reality. The meeting lasted until the early morning hours. Some of our workers felt the effects of this revival in the field. It will be remembered by many as long as they live.

Then she gave some of the high lights of the noble life of Joseph which is left for an example to all generations as recorded in *The Story of Redemption*, pages 100-103.

On Wednesday evening before the Session the little Salem chapel was about filled. The speaker for the night was Brother Crearer who read and spoke on the seventeenth chapter of John. Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus was more or less the central thought.

He spoke of the forty years twice around since 1888 that our Father has been waiting for Himself to be produced in His people.

Standing out in the reading were the words of Christ: "For I have given unto them the words which Thou gavest Me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from Thee, and they have believed that Thou didst send me.

"I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which Thou hast given Me for they are Thine.

"And all Mine are Thine, and Thine are Mine; and I am glorified in them.

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as we are. . .

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word; that they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in us; that the world may believe that thou hast sent Me." John 17: 8-11, 20, 21.

On Thursday night, the prayer thought was given by Brother Craig Mueller, and he read from *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 233 that we must seek the gold tried in the fire, the white raiment, and the eyesalve.

The message was given by Elder Warden, which he read from the *Testimonies*, Vol. 2, p. 453. God will accept nothing but purity and holiness; one spot, one wrinkle, one defect in the character, will forever debar them from Heaven. Quoting Revelation 2:5, he said we *must* repent. Must have a personal connection with a living Savior. Examine yourselves. *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pp. 103, 104. Maintain warmth and purity of christian love. Let us individually examine our hearts in the light of God's Word, and let our first work be to set our hearts in order by the help of Christ.

Other scriptures given were *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, pp. 610, 163, 166, 575, 50; & 51, and in Vol. 8, pp. 103, 198, 199, and in Vol. 5, pp. 97, 230, 331, & 342.

Closing with *Christ Object Lessons*, pp. 161, 162—*Fear*, lest self shall interpose between your soul and the great Master worker. *Fear*, lest self-will shall mar the high purpose that through you, God desires to accomplish. *Fear*, to withdraw your hand from the hand of Christ and attempt to walk life's pathway without His abiding presence.

—Howard Luce

On Friday night of the Session Brother Sump Smith gave us some words of encouragement on Gospel Order, and how to close the door to keep the enemy out.

The Lord has shown that Gospel Order has been too much feared and neglected. There is order in heaven. There was order in the church when Christ was upon the earth, and after His departure order was strictly observed among His apostles. Now in the last days while God is bringing His children into unity of faith, there is much more real need of order than ever before. God united His children, Satan and his angels are very busy trying to prevent this unity and to destroy it. (*Early Writings*, page 97.) On page 100 she tells us she saw that the door which was opened where the enemy comes in could be closed only by the church fleeing to God's word and becoming established upon gospel order, which has been overlooked and neglected.

We are nearing the judgment and those who bear the message of warning to the world must have clean hands and pure hearts. They must have a living connection with God. The thoughts must be pure and holy. The

soul untainted, the body, soul, and spirit be a pure clean offering to God or He will not accept it.

Faye Talley

October 21st Sabbath Morning Session time, we were invited to be without sin now. The Lord brought us the invitation through Brother Warden who read to us several quotations from the pen of Inspiration. "Only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty One will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it /The Third Angel's Message/ when it shall have swelled into the loud cry."—*Review and Herald*, Nov. 19, 1908. This was read from *Timely Greetings*, Vol. 2, No. 43, p. 21. Thus we saw again our need to be without sin now. We sang the song "Awake" based on Isaiah 52:1, and "Hear Ye the Rod".

The words of Christ, in Matthew 5:48 was brought to our attention to start with: "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." "By faith he /the sinner, who has grievously wronged and offended God/ 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 the place of man's failure"—*Review and Herald*, Nov. 4, 1890. *Christ Our Righteousness*, p. 28, was the next thought brought to us as a means along with a reading from *Acts the Apostles*, pp. 564, 565. This quotation gives the whole ideas of the message brought by Brother Warden and what the Lord would have us to know. "... The Lord would have all His sons and daughters happy, peaceful, and obedient.

Through the exercise of faith the believer comes into possession of these blessings. Through faith, every *deficiency* of character may be *supplied*, every defilement cleansed, every fault corrected, every excellence developed.

“Prayer is heaven’s ordained means of success in the conflict with sin and the development of Christian Character. The divine influences that come in answer to the prayer of faith will accomplish in the soul of the suppliant *all* for which he pleads. For the pardon of sin, for the Holy Spirit, for a Christlike temper, for wisdom and strength to do His work, for *any gift He has promised*, we may ask; and the promise is, ‘Ye shall receive’.

“ ‘... In all ages, through the medium of communion with heaven, God has worked out His purpose for His children by unfolding gradually to their minds the doctrines of grace. His manner of imparting truth (which sanctifies us) is illustrated in the words, ‘His going forth is prepared as the morning.’ He who places himself where God can enlighten him, advances, as it were from the partial obscurity of Dawn to the full radiance of noonday.

“True sanctification means perfect love, perfect obedience, perfect conformity to the will of God. We are to be sanctified to God through obedience to the truth. Our conscience must be purged from dead works to serve the living God. We are not yet perfect; but it is our privilege to cut away from the entanglements of self and sin, and advance to perfection. Great possibilities, high and holy attainments, are placed within the reach of all.”

On Sabbath afternoon, we heard Brother Sidney Smith, who reminded us that: “The great issue so near at hand will weed out those whom God has not appointed, and He will have a pure, true, sanctified ministry prepared for the latter rain.” He also read that “now is the time to strive with all the power God has given us to be among the 144,000.” *Shepherd’s Rod*, Vol. 1, pp. 16-17. Turning to page 26 of the same tract, Brother Smith read--“There are two opposing influences,” affirms Inspiration, “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.”--*Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 46.

Reading from page 29 of the above mentioned tract, we find the plea of Brother Smith’s message. “‘Brethren: years ago pleaded the Spirit of Truth with the first-born in warning them of their danger of losing first birth-right, if you continue to be as *idle*, as *worldly*, as *selfish* as you have been, God will surely pass you by, and take those who are self-caring, less ambitious for worldly honor, and who will not hesitate to go, as did their Master, without the camp, bearing the reproach. The work will be given to those who will take it, those who prize it, who weave its principles into their every-day experiences. God will choose humble men, who are seeking to glorify His and advance His cause rather than to honor and advance themselves. He will raise up men who have not so much worldly wisdom, but who are connected with Him, and who will seek strength and counsel from above.’”--*Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 46.

Brother Adair gave us a study on the Confederacy. Ever since Satan fell from grace, he has tried to get others on his side to rebel against the law and govern-

ment of God. Each time he has done it in the past he has destroyed a lot of lives but he has failed to get all on his side. He is planning one all out effort through the Confederacy. Again he is to fail. This time, he is to be crushed and all who side with him. Christ through His army of believers shall prove the laws of God, just and good. Not making slaves of men, but a perfect law of liberty.

— Roy Crearer

THE SESSION --1972

About eight-thirty, Sunday morning, October 22, 1972, twenty delegates from the whole of Davidia met in the Salem Chapel. Following the Minutes of that meeting we are brought to:

Item I—Preliminaries. Brother L. S. Smith (Sump) opened the Session with Scripture; also reading from *The Leviticus*, pp. 47, 48 & 49; *White House Recruiter*, p 47; and *Early Writings*, p. 100. Prayer was offered by Brother Warden.

Sister Nan Smith read the Minutes of the last Special Session. Brother Don Adair was elected Chairman, who appointed Sister Nan Smith to be his Secretary for the Session.

Due to the fact that Brother Haseltine had traveled a long distance, he is a faithful supporter of the work, and that he only has a little more literature to read,

his plea to sit in the Session was put to a vote. Brother Warden motioned, Sister Mueller seconded, and was carried that Brother Haseltine be allowed to sit in the Session. In the future, those attending the Session will have to have a Certificate of Fellowship. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS. The Chairman asked permission to express his views. He stated that the views of the Chairman is not necessarily that of the Session; and was granted the privilege to speak. The Chairman spoke of his desire to see the program outlined in the *White House Recruiter* activated.

Mode of voting was then decided by raising of hand on non-personal items, and by secret ballot on all personal ones. Brother Craig Mueller, Sister Warden, and Sister Luce were elected to count the ballots.

Letters were then read from Brother Reichmann, Brother Booth, and Sister Hamilton. Each gave encouragement for the work ahead.

Item II on the Agenda consisted of reports. Brother L. S. (Sump) Smith gave the Vice-president's report, and told us of the progress the Association has made in the past two years. He stated some of the problems that we have had in getting the Charter for the Association in South Carolina, and also talked briefly on the teaching of *The Shepherd's Rod* Message. He said we should teach the message as it was given by Brother Houteff; we are not to add to, nor to take away therefrom. We all must teach the truth, and leave man's ideas out if we are to have unity. Accepted as given.

The treasurer's report was given by Sister Thara Smith, which was accepted as given.

Brother Glen Green gave us the Editor's report. He told us the *Recruiter* tract has been published, and that we are studying this tract in our Sabbath School Lessons. Accepted as given.

Sister Lula M. Newsom gave an encouraging foreign report from our brethren in Indonesia and the Islands. Accepted by all.

In the U.S.A. delegates report, these brethren Brother Warden, Brother Adair, Brother Huffaker, Brother Jack Knipple, Brother Crearer, and Brother Sidney Smith each stated the progress that they have made, and said that they plan to be more dedicated in the future. The reports were accepted as given.

Item III—Eligibility of voters was then discussed. The Session voted to strike off of Agenda since we have already decided to go by the standard as stated in the *Leviticus*.

Item IV—Voting power. The discussion of proxy votes were very lengthy. Brother L. S. Smith requested that we all kneel and pray humbly to God for Divine light as to how we should vote. Prayer was offered by Brother Mueller.

Brother Sidney Smith motioned, seconded by Brother Luce, and carried that we adjourn for recess at 12:55 P. M.

Session resumed at 2:14 P.M. The Prayer Thought was read by Brother Don Adair, and prayer was offered by Brother Glen Green.

Due to the difficulty of fair distribution of the proxies, it was voted by the Session that the proxy vote is no longer necessary, and that each member at the Session will receive one vote each, which will represent the whole Association in Session. Sister Pat Smith motioned, Brother Sidney Smith seconded, and it was carried unanimously as aforementioned.

Item V—Amendments to by Laws: There were none.

Item VI—Doctrine. Brother Warden made the motion, seconded by Sister Thara Smith and carried that the Association immediately begin the abundant planning of the printing of the *Entering Wedge, General Conference Special, Tracts 12 and 14, and the White House Recruiter* as set forth in the *Recruiter* concerning the seventh round, the Confederacy, as in Isaiah 7 and 8. Also that all of Brother Houteff's sermons in *Codes, Vols. 10 through 13 and the Jezreel letters* be printed. It was unanimously carried.

A School of Prophets was then discussed. Brother and Sister Glen Green have offered their house for the school for six months, plus one year if needed. Sister Warden motioned, Brother Sidney Smith seconded, and it was carried that the Association immediately establish a School of Prophets.

The motion was made by Brother Sidney Smith, seconded by Sister Mueller, and carried that we start making plans immediately to build a Print Shop and Office on the Association grounds, and a cafeteria in the future.

Item VII—Qualification of Officers. Brother Sidney Smith motioned, seconded by Sister Newsom, and carried that all members must hold a Certificate of Fellowship for one year before holding an office.

Sister Newsom motioned, Brother Glen Green seconded and it was carried that all members to the office of Executive Council who are married, their spouse preferably have a Certificate of Fellowship also. All agreed we should meet standards as given in the *Application for Certificate of Fellowship*.

A motion was made by Sister Helen Luce, seconded by Brother Sidney Smith for a recess at 5:45 P.M., and it was carried.

Resumed Session at 6:45 P.M. Brother Adair read the prayer thought, and prayer was offered by Brother Huffaker.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Sister Mueller, seconded by Sister Thara Smith, and carried that three members of the Executive Council (Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer) be elected to work full time.

A motion was made by Sister Thara Smith, seconded

by Sister Mueller that all Council members to be notified before each meeting; and that all checks amounting to five hundred dollars, (\$500.00) will have to be approved by a quorum accompanying a letter. It was carried.

Brother Warden motioned, seconded by Sister Green, and carried that we adjourn. We were dismissed at 9:05 P.M. with prayer by Brother Howard Luce.

Monday, October 23, 1972 about 8:20 A. M. the Session began again. Prayer Thought was read by Brother Glen Green, and prayer was offered by Brother Don Adair.

Item VIII—Council decisions were then discussed. The Session agreed to accept as written in the *Leviticus* Article p. 9, section 4, as follows: "A majority of the full membership of the Executive Council shall after due notice to available members, constitute a quorum of the Executive Council".

The Session voted to accept as stated "that all Council members and other workers should live close to Headquarters, preferably within a few blocks, certainly not more than a few miles where they can be contacted by local telephone calls."—*Special Session 1970, Item VII. (c)*.

Item IX—Ministers. Brother Warden stated that ministers are still in a learning period and have to prove themselves. It is not the time to ordain ministers. All agreed.

Item X concerned Field Workers. A motion was made by Brother Sidney Smith, seconded by Sister Green, and carried that field workers should go to church services in order to have contact with the people. Also field workers must represent the message in health and dress reform. They must be an example to the world. Workers must be in touch with the Association Headquarters at all times, and are required to send in a monthly report. The Executive Council has the authority to instruct field workers to the advancement of the work.

Item XI—Publications. A motion was made by Sister Mueller, seconded by Brother Sidney Smith that a general letter be sent to the field each month, with exception of the months that the "Codes" are mailed. It was carried.

A motion was made for a recess by Sister Talley, seconded by Brother Green, and carried. We were dismissed with prayer by Sister Green at 10:35 A. M.

Session resumed at 11:05 A.M. with prayer by Sister Mueller.

Item XII—Duties of Officers were then discussed at length. It was decided that they were already outlined in "The Leviticus". Then we went to the election of officers. Those elected were

Vice President—L. S. Smith
 Secretary—Lula M. Newsom
 Treasurer—Thara M. Smith
 Editor—Roy Crearer

Assistant Editor—Glen Green
 Assistant Secretary—Pat Smith
 Council Member—Howard Luce

A motion was made by Sister Green, Seconded by Sister Thara Smith, and carried that Brother Craig Mueller be elected as the Association's printer. It was unanimously carried.

Sister Thara Smith made the motion seconded by Brother Crearer, and carried that Brother Adair be elected to set up the School of Prophets.

A motion was made by Brother Sidney Smith, seconded by Brother Roy Crearer, and carried to bring the Session to a close. We were dismissed with prayer by Brother Huffaker at 2:05 P. M.

NOTICES

Those who might be interested in following the studies now being given in the School of Prophets here at Headquarters will be mailed the studies by requesting them. They should be very helpful especially for those who are interested in giving studies to others.

It was recommended by Brother Houteff in the Workers' Manual that the first study to be given to the Seventh-day Adventists should be the first half of Daniel 2—great Image. This study has already been prepared by our School of Prophets teacher and can be had for the asking. Other studies will follow as the school progresses. We would encourage all Davidians

to acquire a set of large Charts and the free lesson studies that each may do his part to teach the message to our S.D.A. Brethem.

We are also in the process of reprinting the large set of Charts. The original Charts were sold for \$25.00. However we hope to meet this price or lower it a few dollars if possible. All who are interested in buying a large set of Charts, please send in your requests now so we can reserve a set for you.

Please do not send mail to individuals but to the Association. All checks, tithes and offerings should be made out to the General Association of Davidian S.D.A.

The Certificate of Fellowship

Those of you whose Certificates of Fellowship expire by the end of 1972, should now send for your renewals.

Those who now for the first time wish to apply for the Certificate, may send for the application blanks to fill out and return for the customary consideration.

—General Association of Davidian

A Timely Reminder

This is only another reminder of the conference meetings in Los Angeles in the spring of 1934, where the following was unanimously adopted:

That every Friday evening (5 P.M. Pacific Standard Time; 6 P.M. Mountain Standard Time; 7 P.M. Central Standard Time; 8 P.M. Eastern Standard Time) we, the

Davidians, would seek the Lord in behalf of our own through conversion to Christ and to the message of the hour, and also for as great an awakening among our Truth-seeking Laodicean brethem, believing that such a concerted voice would lay at Heaven's altar in all truth, "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16.

Letters

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

My trip from Erie, Pa. to Salem, S. C. was mostly during rainy weather. My ticket took me to Greenville, S. C. Here the Muellers met me. Sister Marilyn Mueller was wearing a Maple Leaf, "Timely Greetings" cover page for identification. On our trip of about 40 miles to Salem we were all so full of the message and events associated therewith, there was no lack of material for conversation.

From the testimony that I have here heard, I firmly believe that Brother Houteff must have said what Brother Nations says he did: that sometime Mt. Carmel would be moved to Salem, and the suitability of the location adds evidence to the rumor although no one seems to know of any written statement to this effect ever having been made by Brother Houteff.

At least three features stand out to me, as a first time visitor attending a Session in our new Headquarters. (1) We were blessed with delicious food, thanks and credit to the hands that prepared it. I believe that all who have eaten in our kitchen at Salem will

agree to the excellence of the refreshments served. However, very little or none at all is raised on Salem property. (2) The Smiths here are in abundance; there are certainly no less than a dozen, and may be more than two dozen. So when we say Brother or Sister Smith we have to supply further identification, such as a given name, his trade and his residence. I think the place could quote appropriately be termed Smithville. (3) The beauty of the place—the scenic beauty of this location—is quite modest. Nothing at all to dazzle the eyes, yet it is not displeasing. The office, print shop, living quarters, and chapel are on land of sufficient elevation that the likelihood of a flood is exceedingly remote.

Everything about the place appears neat and inviting. The view from the front door of the building, with one's back to the door and looking to the left exposes a bit of the distant foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Nothing spectacular, requiring a large vocabulary of descriptive adjectives, yet nothing a landscape artist would wish to screen out. In short, a simple, though restful and pleasant view of a section of the winding highway, bordered on either side with pine woods, exposing in the dim distance a limited section of the foothills.

Yet despite my description of the non-sensational plainness of the landscape, please do not hastily conclude that Salem is so very far removed from centers of out-standing natural beauty and picturesque loveliness. Rather close at hand is the Whitewater Falls, a natural sight that yearly attracts thousands of visitors. It is my understanding that the owner of the

land surrounding, intends to make this into a park, and what a beauty of a park it will be! I cannot include many details of this beauty spot or my article will be too long.

Another attraction, a man made wonder, from whence one can get an excellent view of the surrounding country is The Duke Nuclear Power Plant. To both of these, the Whitewater Falls and the nuclear plant, our good Brother L. S. Smith took both my roommate Leonard F. Haseltine and myself. Both the Whitewater Falls and the Duke Nuclear Power Plant were sights that will not be soon forgotten.

The Duke Power Company has opened a visitor's center at the Keowee Toxaway Project near Clemson, S. C. This center offers "The Story of Energy" in a dramatic sight and sound presentation that depicts how sources of energy found in nature are converted into electricity by Duke Power's generating facilities. The taxes paid by this Company since January 1, 1972 are \$84,361,025. I wouldn't have missed either one of these sights for the price of my bus ticket and I haven't even mentioned the huge dam that we saw.

Did I enjoy my visit to Salem with the lovely people I met, the delightful food that was served, the pleasant change of scenery, including the two above mentioned points of special interest? If the above description has not convinced you I do not know what it would take. .

(signed) Leroy B. Huffaker

We have greatly enjoyed our stay at Salem. The hospitality has been unexcelled. We have lacked nothing.

In the business meetings, we believe the best was done that was possible to accomplish. We hope and pray that the Lord's blessings will attend the actions that were accomplished so that the work can move forward to completion.

(signed) H. G. & Mrs. Warden

I believe the brethern at Headquarters are striving to carry out the instructions left for us in the Rod Message, to prepare for the "Confederacy" that we know is to soon come on the stage of action. So this behooves us all to do quickly what we know to do.

(signed) Brother Jack Knipple

Session surprised, surprised me, pleased me, and interested me greatly.

(signed) Mary Hanson

I, being a new member of the Association felt that although there were a few mix-ups during the meetings, the Lord will work with us if we are willing to sacrifice and step out in faith to do what the Lord will have us do.

(signed) Don Hanson

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