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REMINISCENSES OF MY CHILDHOOD

MRS. D. P. EDWARDS
(Eighty-five years old Feb. 8, '06)

O spring-time, joyous spring-time!
It makes me think of home,
Where we happy little children
On our dear old farm did roam.
When little sister Olive
And I were dearest chums;
We'd go into our pasture,
For the checkaberry plums.
And when we'd filled our buckets
With plums so big and red,
We'd pluck the sweet arbutus
And twine it 'round our heads.
And then we'd hasten home again.
Feeling rich as any queen;
And eat our luscious berries
With the sweetest milk and cream.
Sister Olive had a pet hen,
She thought so very fine;
And when she asked her to go
plumming
She never once declined.
She was very fond of plums,
And if Olive had a pail
And invited pet to go with her,
She was never known to fail!
Our cupboard shelves were shining,
The foundation walls were brick;

Our dishes broken china,—
And we felt that we were rich.
How well do I remember
Our dear cold boiling spring,
Where our cattle used to slake
their thirst,
And the robins used to sing;
And where the crystal water flowed
From ledge above our heads,
And the sweetest water-cresses
grew
On the brooklet's rocky bed.
O, those happy hours of childhood!
How fresh they are to-day!
When we two little sisters
Were wont to romp and play!
But those joyous days are ended,
And we are far away;
Yet there is naught on earth so
dear to me
As where we used to play.
Indianapolis, Ind.

RECIPROCITY



WHAT is the meaning of the word *reciprocity*? and what should it mean to Seventh-day Adventists? It means to work for each other's interests. And where should this principle be practised more than among Seventh-day Adventists?

We should labor on the co-operative plan, helping each other with the one great object in view of building up and advancing the work of God. And here I wish to suggest to our brethren and sisters in Indiana a plan whereby you may, without detriment to yourselves, assist in the financial interests of the Indiana Conference.

Many of our brethren and sisters have a little spare money, from five to one hundred dollars or more, that they are not using; neither is it drawing interest. If you would deposit this money with the Conference, without interest, payable to your order on demand, it would give the Indiana Conference sufficient money with which to pay all its obligations on which we are now paying inter-

est, and thus save this interest to the Conference, which means saving it for yourselves, as you, brethren and sisters, compose the Conference. And why should you not plan, as you compose the Conference, to save yourselves or the Conference every dollar you can? The Indiana Conference. In the last three years, has paid off thousands of dollars of its indebtedness, and this year we hope to nearly liquidate every obligation. We are not going into debt; neither do we expect to. We are doing a safe business. Your money can be deposited in no safer place than with the Indiana Conference. Then why should not all our brethren and sisters rally to the Conference and make it our banking place? If a number of our people desired to do their banking business through our Conference, they could deposit their money with the Conference, and a check book could be issued, so that you could give checks on the Conference, and thus co-operate with the Conference in building up its finances instead of giving the banks the free use of your money. Whether you wish to do a banking business through the Conference or not, you who have sums of money that you are not using, can assist the Conference very materially by depositing it with us, without interest, to be returned to you upon demand at any time.

I will be glad to have any who have money that they would like to deposit with the Conference, write our treasurer, J. H. Niehaus, or myself, regarding this matter. Let us adopt the principle of reciprocity and co-operate in the building up of the work of the Indiana Conference. God has greatly blessed, and is blessing, the work in all lines. Confidence has been restored, and by our hearty co-operation this Conference may soon be placed in a better financial condition than it has been for many years. This I am confident will be

the outcome. Several of our brethren and sisters are already depositing funds with the Conference, and I am sure others will do the same. May God still add His blessing to every effort for the advancement of His work in the Indiana Conference.

W. J. STONE.

THE NORTHERN INDIANA CAMP-MEETING

Our brethren and sisters throughout the Conference who are not in attendance at the northern Indiana camp-meeting, will be glad to learn in regard to the attendance and interest in the meeting. The Lord has wonderfully blessed in many ways in the preparation for the meeting, and the people of South Bend have been very kind in supplying our necessities. There is quite a large attendance of our brethren from the northern part of the state. While this is only the first day of the meeting, there are many more present than we had expected at this stage in the meeting.

Our first meeting was held last night. There were perhaps three hundred in attendance, and excellent attention was paid to the word spoken. The Lord's Spirit has been present in a marked measure during the workers' meeting, and this has been carried into the regular camp-meeting, and we are looking for a glorious time and the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit.

Everything indicates that there will be a large attendance from the city, and if we are capable of judging, there are many honest souls here seeking after truth. We are hoping and praying that God may help us to search out the honest in heart.

We are printing a Camp-Meeting Daily Bulletin, which is being circulated throughout the city, and those upon the ground are taking a lively interest in its distribution. By the time this paper reaches its readers, the northern Indiana camp-meeting will be a thing of the past; but we trust that its influence will tell greatly in the lives of God's people in the future. We are all very busy at the present time, but we exhort our brethren and sisters throughout the middle and southern part of the state to attend the camp-meeting which will begin next week, Wednesday night, at Seymour. We are ex-

pecting a large attendance at that meeting, and we believe that God will greatly bless in both of these annual gatherings.

LATER

Since writing the above report, two days more have passed in the northern Indiana camp-meeting, and I know our brethren will be glad to know that the Lord is still blessing, and we have, we think, fully as large an attendance as we have had at our annual camp-meetings for the past few years, and yet there are but few here from the central part of the state. This effort has demonstrated the advisability of separating our business from our camp-meetings, and that it is not necessary to attend to the business of the Conference to draw a large attendance to these annual gatherings, and it eliminates many of the unpleasant things that come up in Conference sessions.

Sabbath was a good day at the camp, and about forty came forward for prayers. Sunday there was a large attendance, both at the afternoon and night services. We have never attended a meeting where there was greater union and harmony, and our brethren generally seem to be enjoying the services, and I believe are learning what true consecration means.

We are looking for a large attendance at the Seymour camp-meeting.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,

W. J. STONE.

THE SEYMOUR MEETING

I wish to make this last appeal to our brethren and sisters throughout southern and central Indiana, to attend the southern camp-meeting to be held at Seymour, August 8-16. We expect good help in the meeting, and I believe that God will richly bless all those who will come seeking Him earnestly for a deeper consecration and a better preparation for His work.

We feel that it is not necessary to say more than has been said regarding the importance of attending this meeting, but we shall be greatly disappointed if there is not a large attendance at the southern camp-meeting. Our expectations have been more than met in the large attendance at the northern camp-meeting,

and now we trust that the same desire to attend the southern camp-meeting will be manifested in a large attendance.

Praying God's blessing upon those who are preparing to attend this annual gathering, and trusting that we may soon meet you at Seymour, I remain

Your fellow-servant,

W. J. STONE.

ATTENTION, TEACHERS!

THE Summer School for Teachers will open August 21 at Beechwood Academy. It is to be hoped that all who desire to teach will attend the entire session of four weeks. This will afford an excellent opportunity for a review of the common branches. The question of Method will receive attention.

At the close, the regular examination for teachers will be given. As to expenses, etc., write at once to

B. F. MACLEAN, Supt.

WORK FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

THE force of workers in the regions beyond has heretofore been largely kept full by drawing workers, many of whom are advanced in years, from the home fields. The available material is nearly exhausted. Recruits must be sent to the front. Pioneer leaders are calling for reinforcements. Those responsible as recruiting officers are saying to our schools and school men, "you are practically the only sources from which we may hope for help. God says, 'the youth are the hope of the denomination,' and in the grandest climax thus far reached in the history of this denomination's work for its youth, conference management meets the forces of school men and says, 'Can we depend on you in this crisis? Are you ready and willing to step into this grand opportunity and take this message in strong young arms, press it to the enemy's gates, and finally triumph with the loyal workers who have gone on before you?' The response came quick and certain, 'We stand ready to go where God says go, or if he says stay, to bend our energy to the training of men and women who will join the army at the front. You may depend on us.' Joy lights up the faces of the burden bearers and determination to live for God shines in every worker's face.

What it Means

But do our readers realize what this means to them? Our schools can not develop workers unless the youth are devoted by their parents to such a service. Now our teachers must press back on the people, "Can we depend on YOU in this crisis? Will you give your sons and daughters to God in this needy hour? Will you devote your children and means to the accomplishment of so glorious a conflict? Will you forsake worldly ambitions in behalf of your children and encourage them to become fitted for *the only*, THE ONLY, work that we have in hand to day?" May God give a hearty response at this time. What does it mean in our own Conference? It means as never before that Adelphian Academy is set for the training of the youth for service. It means our buildings must be fitted for use and filled with our youth. Extraneous and unnecessary work should and shall be put aside. We will have plenty of time in the kingdom soon to come to do the work that we may wish we could do here. There is only one thing now and that is to carry this message to the world.

We very much mistake the temper of our people if there is not one of the grandest rallies to this trumpet call.

The people of our conference must not be behind. "The King's business demands haste."

[The above from the East Michigan Conf. paper, applies with equal force to Beechwood Academy.]

ALBION AND SOUTH BEND

Our meetings at Albion closed on Sunday, the 15th, and the interest was real good at the close. Several have taken their stand to keep the Sabbath, and they desire baptism at an early day. Surely God has verified His promise again that those who sow in tears shall reap in joy.

On the 17th I came to South Bend to assist in the work of preparing for the camp-meeting. We found very few helpers at the time when we reached here, but God has blessed the labors and we have gotten along splendidly in the work in hand.

The meetings began Wednesday evening at the appointed time, and there is a real good attendance of our brethren. The spirit in the meeting is most excellent. There is quite a good attendance of our brethren

from northern Indiana, and a good outside interest is being manifested for the first of the meeting. We hope to see grand, good results. Our brethren, as they come to the meeting, seem generally to be of good cheer, and we hope to see all of them return to their homes with a determination to press more heartily into the work, that they may be ready to greet the soon coming King.

The camp is nicely located. Those living in tents have a good shady place near the river, a picturesque location indeed, while the meetings are held as near the center of the city as we could possibly get them. Everything is favorable, and we expect the blessing of God to be in all the labors that are put forth.

W. A. YOUNG.

LIGONIER

SABBATHS, June 23rd and 30th, I met with the Ligonier church. This was the first time I had met with them, or seen any of their faces for sixteen years. Many changes have been wrought among them during these many years. Death has, with her sickle, mown a broad swath through their ranks, so many of their number are silently waiting the trumpet of the Life-giver to place them in the ranks of the 144,000. Glad day hastening on apace!

I am glad to say that there are at Ligonier still a goodly number who love the truth. On each Sabbath of my visit the Lord came very near by His Spirit, its sweet melting influence pervading the congregation, and almost all renewed their covenant with God. On Sabbath, the 30th, after holding services, the officers of the Sabbath-school were elected. All passed off very pleasantly indeed. After finding the church was without officers except those who had held over from last year, we proceeded to elect a full corps of church officers. There were no dissenting votes, and all the officers were elected. When we allow the Lord to direct all goes well. After the election the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. It was, indeed, a good day for God's people here. One sister came the last Sabbath of the meeting from Carma, who had embraced the truth there twenty-two years ago under the labors of the writer. Satan, in some way, came in and discouraged her. And now, after filling

herself on the empty pods of the world, she came to hear something the seeds of truth which had been sown in heart so many years ago. I received a letter from her to-day in which she rejoices to tell me that she has now renewed her covenant with God and expects to attend the camp meeting at South Bend.

I took a vote as to how many would attend camp-meeting, and most all hands went up. They now have their church building remodeled, nicely papered, and a furnace in the basement.

God is good. "His mercy endureth forever."
J. M. REES.

TOO LATE

ONE of our older ministers told me of an experience of his. He was eighteen miles from the railroad. After closing his meetings, a brother kindly took him to the train. They started long before day, the mules slowly making their way up and down the hills. The minister suggested several times to him that they might be too late for the morning train unless they drove more rapidly. The brother was certain they would have time to spare. When the last hill had been climbed, and they could look down upon the station, they saw the train just pulling out. They were only a few minutes too late, but those few minutes meant twenty-four hours, as there was but one train a day.

I was sitting in a Sabbath-school room as the school opened. Few were there. Others came from time to time. But they came too late to insure an encouraging report, too late to set a good example, too late to have an interest in the lessons, too late for the school that day to prove a blessing to them. Their children came with them and were also, of course, late. The children had no interest. They carried this fatal habit into the school-room. They had to remain in school two or three years longer than some other children because of this legacy that made them ever late.

When fitted mentally with rules and systems for places of responsibility in the cause, they complained that they could get no positions, all were filled; while at the same time certain others were in demand in three or four places at a time. The

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News and Notes

NEARLY all the workers in northern Indiana are in attendance at the South Bend camp-meeting.

THE tent meeting conducted by Elder Bartlett at Indianapolis still continues, and he writes that a few have decided to obey the truth, and is hopeful that it may be a nucleus for a South Side church.

A SECOND Jewish tract has been prepared by Elder Gilbert, notice of which is given in another column. This article will be read with interest, and we trust that our brethren and sisters will give this tract a wide circulation.

WE are publishing in this issue of the paper an article from Elder Clarence Santee, entitled "Too Late." We believe this article will be read with interest by our brethren and sisters. Let us profit by the instruction given.

ELDER ROBERTS reports an excellent interest still at Huntingburg, where he and Brother Steele are holding meetings. They report that over twenty have now taken a stand for the truth; and while they are meeting much opposition they believe a good church will be established at that place.

WE publish in this issue of the REPORTER a piece of poetry written by Sister Edwards, mother of W. H. Edwards, who is Secretary and Auditor of the Lake Union Conference. She is over eighty-five years old, and composed this a few days ago; and by my request gave me a copy which I take the liberty of publishing in the REPORTER. It is remarkable for a lady of her age.

"Too Late"

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difference came from the fatal lack of interest in religious things that had commenced with the habit of being a few minutes too late. Happy would it be if the evil results would end there. Too late that Sabbath might be remedied the next. Too late for the train meant a wait for the next. A failure to pass examinations might be made up in the next year. But habit is a hard thing to break, and

in most cases, probably, will not be broken.

There is one more scene; it is the last. When the judgment calls their name some will not be quite ready, and again will be written, "Too late;" but this time there will be no later train, no next Sabbath-school, no following year to complete incompleting work, no "next place" to be filled. They will indeed "knock," but the door will be shut. Some are going to say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." To-day we can make the resolution with God's help that will break the habit of being too late. —Clarence Santee.

A SECOND JEWISH TRACT

WE are glad to announce to the brethren and sisters of your Conference that another tract has been published for distribution among the Jews. God has greatly blessed the circulation of the first one, so that in a little over one year there were distributed over four million pages of it in this land, as well as in other lands. It has set a number of the Jews to thinking, and we have received many letters from different parts of the land, relative to it. Calls have come for it as far as Macedonia and Jews everywhere have had their prejudices broken down. Here are samples of letters received:—

"Dear Sir:

A friend of mine loaned me a book of which I enclose outside cover, and I herewith ask you if you can send me the books of which you speak in this one [meaning the Old and New Testaments]. . . . I am very much interested in this, and am anxious to have the book or books giving all the explanations . . . and I trust that I shall receive them by return mail. Yours truly."

"Dear Sir and Bro.:

My appeal to you is this: There is a certain Hebrew man here with whom I came in touch some time ago. . . . I gained his attention enough to induce him to read your tract, of which I enclose a title page. After about three weeks, . . . I asked him what he thought of it. He replied: 'I think it very good. . . . I must see some more of the books, and see what they say. I want more of the papers to read; I like them.'

He then asked me earnestly if I would get him more papers, and I promised him faithfully I would. Thanks be to God, the Lord has kindled an interest in his soul, if we can bring it to birth. . . . "Yours."

It is certainly remarkable to think of a Jew to-day, asking and begging of a Christian for something more to read on the lines of Christianity. My brethren and sisters, this is a miracle; for not many years ago the Jews would burn and tear everything they could lay their hands on, that was Christian, or that taught Christianity. This shows us that the Holy Spirit is at work. This is in harmony with what has been written by the servant of the Lord for more than thirty-five years: "His knowledge of Hebrew would have been a help to the Office in the preparation of publications through which access could be gained to a class that otherwise could not be reached." Vol. 3, page 206.

The title of this second tract is, "Two Great Truths," and it is written in two languages, in parallel pages. We hope this will be circulated by the thousands everywhere, as it will tend to break down much more prejudice, and lead the Jews to see that Christianity is the word of God, and that the Saviour did not break the Sabbath, nor permit the eating of swine flesh.

Yours in the work of the Lord,

F. C. GILBERT.

"THE best way to lift up holy hands is to reach out helping ones."

FOR SALE!

For Sale, by an aged brother, one and three-fourth acres of ground—equal to eight or nine lots—level as a garden; well set to fruit trees and berries. Five-room house; story-and-a-half broom shop, lower story plastered; other buildings—all new. Three-fourths mile from Beechwood Academy; on pike road, Rural Mail Route, and telephone line. Well adapted for fruit, truck, and poultry. Price, \$1,100. Might take a cheap property, one or two lots, near S. D. A. church, in suburbs of some small town, as part pay. Will sell with or without broom outfit. Address D. W. Albert, Route 1, Fairland, Ind.