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"In due season we shall reap, if we faint not"

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BE STRONG

Be strong!

We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift.

Be strong!

Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—O shame;
Stand up, speak out, and bravely in God's name.

Be strong!

It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how long;
Faint not, fight on! To-morrow comes the song.

—Selected.

STUDY THE BIBLE FOR YOURSELVES

Allow no one to be brains for you, allow no one to do your thinking, your investigating, and your praying. This is the instruction we need to take to heart to-day. Many of you are convinced that the precious treasure of the kingdom of God and of Jesus Christ is in the Bible which you hold in your hand. You know that no earthly treasure is attainable without painstaking effort. Why should you expect to understand the treasures of the Word of God without diligently searching the Scriptures?

It is proper and right to read the Bible; but your duty does not end there; for you are to search its pages for yourselves. The knowledge of God is not to be gained without mental effort, without prayer for wisdom in order that you may separate from the pure grain of truth the chaff with which men and Satan have misrepresented the doctrines of truth: Satan and his confederacy of human agents have endeavored to mix the chaff of error with the wheat of truth. We should diligently search for the hidden treasure, and seek wisdom from heaven in order to separate human inventions from the divine commands.

The Holy Spirit will aid the seeker for great and precious truths which relate to the plan of redemption. I would impress upon all the fact that a casual reading of the Scriptures is not enough. We must search, and this means the doing of all the word implies. As the miner eagerly explores the earth to discover its vein of gold, so you are to explore the Word of God for the hidden treasure that Satan has so long sought to hide from man. The Lord says, "If any man willeth to do His will, he shall know of His teaching." John 7:17. (R. V.)

The Word of God is truth and light, and is to be a lamp unto your feet, to guide you every step of the way to the gates of the city of God. It is for this reason that Satan has made such desperate efforts to obstruct the path that has been cast up for the ransomed of the Lord to walk in. You are not to take your ideas to the Bible, and make your opinions a center around which truth is to revolve. You are to lay aside your ideas at the door of investigation, and with humble, subdued hearts, with self hid in Christ, with earnest prayer, you are to seek wisdom from God. You should feel that you must know the revealed will of God, because it concerns your personal, eternal welfare. The Bible is a directory by which you may know the way to eternal life. You should desire above all things that you may know the will and ways of the Lord. You should not search for the purpose of finding texts of Scripture that you can construe to prove your theories; for the Word of God declares that this is wresting the Scriptures to your own destruction. You must empty yourselves of every prejudice, and come in the spirit of prayer to the investigation of the Word of God.

The great error of the Romish church is found in the fact that the Bible is interpreted in the light of the opinions of the "fathers." Their opinions are regarded as infallible, and the dignitaries of the church assume that it is their prerogative to make others believe as they do, and to use force to compel the conscience. Those who do not agree with them are pronounced heretics. But the Word of God is not thus to be interpreted. It is to stand on its own eternal merits, to be read as the word of God, which declares His will to the people. The will and voice of finite man are not to be interpreted as the voice of God.

The blessed Bible gives us a knowledge of the great plan of salvation, and shows us how every individual may have eternal life. Who is the author of the book?—Jesus Christ. He is the True Witness, and He says to His own, "I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand." The Bible is to show us the way to Christ, and in Christ eternal life is revealed. Jesus said to the Jews and those who pressed about Him in great multitudes, "Search the Scriptures." The Jews had the Word in the Old Testament, but they had so mingled it with human opinions, that its truths were mystified, and the will of God to man was covered up. The religious teachers of the people are following their example in this age.

Though the Jews had the Scriptures which testified of Christ, they were not able to discern Christ in the Scriptures; and although we have the Old and the New Testament, men wrest the Scriptures to evade their truths; and in their interpretations of the Scriptures, they teach, as did the Pharisees, the maxims and traditions of men for the commandments of God. In Christ's day the religious leaders had so long presented human ideas before the people, that the teaching of Christ was in every way opposed to their theories and practice. His sermon on the mount virtually contradicted the doctrines of the self-righteous scribes and Pharisees. They had so misrepresented God that He was looked upon as a stern judge, incapable of compassion, mercy, and love. They presented to the people endless maxims and traditions as proceeding from God, when they had no "Thus saith the Lord" for their authority. Though they professed to know and to worship the true and living God, they wholly misrepresented Him, and the character of God, as represented by His Son, was as an original subject, a new gift to the world. Christ made every effort so to sweep away the misrepresentations of Satan, that the confidence of man in the love of God might be restored. He taught man to address the Supreme Ruler of the universe by the new name—"Our Father." This name signifies His true relation to us, and when spoken in sincerity by human lips, it is music in the ears of God. Christ leads us to the throne of God by a new and living way, to present Him to us in His paternal love.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

"I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good work, therefore, any kindness, or any service I can render to any soul of man or animal, let me do it now! Let me not neglect or defer it, for I shall not pass this way again."

"AS HE DID AFORETIME"

MARY C. MCREYNOLDS

When the supreme test of Daniel's faith was made, we have the record that "he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." He simply continued to pray as he always had done, being assured that God would hear his prayer as He always had heard.

The "week of prayer" is over. But is it over for you? The season set aside by the General Conference has gone into eternity and only the judgment can reveal what the results will be. Has this week of prayer been a time when some extra supplies of good feeling have been poured into our experiences to be bottled up for use during the coming year? Have we contented ourselves with *wanting* to be better and *desiring* new experiences in the things of God? Or have we determined to fix the habit of prayer so firmly in our lives that when the feeling is gone a strong faith will keep us from falling?

The man who *wants* to be better and *desires* to be rid of sin, and stops there, is like the man who holds a red hot iron in his hand and merely expresses a desire to drop it—it keeps on burning. The Madison papers recently recorded the death of a man whose injuries were of a peculiar nature. He was subject to delirium tremens and in a fit of raving hugged a red hot stove until he was fatally burned. He was intoxicated. But what of the man who insists upon cherishing even pet sins until his eternal life is in danger? Is he not as verily intoxicated—drunk with the delusions of Satan?

It is true that "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled," but not unless they put forth the effort to eat and drink will they be satisfied. Have we not been starving our souls for the Bread of Life and the water from the Living Fountain? The Lord, by Jeremiah, laments that "My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." Water must be poured into a cistern; it contains no fountain. But when the cistern is broken the water soon leaks out and leaves only a coldness which pictures well the condition of the heart from which the experience of feeling has leaked away. Unless Christ's life and His word have become in us a "fountain of water gushing forth into everlasting life," our experience will ebb away like the water from a broken cistern.

"As he did aforetime"—Now that the week of prayer is past, shall we not continue to pray and meditate as we did aforetime? Shall we not so

fix prayer as a habit in our lives that the Lord will not need to send sorrow or calamity to us to draw forth our supplications, but like Daniel, when the crises do come, we shall be so well acquainted with God that prayer and praise will ascend to Him in full assurance that "He doeth all things well."

THE GREAT RELIEF CAMPAIGN

Ancient Israel, when weak and broken — many of them disheartened and more than content to remain in Babylon — were called upon to rebuild their once beautiful and much-loved city, Jerusalem. The wall was broken down and must be reared, and all this had to be done in the midst of much and very bitter opposition. The record tells us the simple story of the plan of the work, — how that each company's leader became responsible for rebuilding a certain portion of the wall, each working upon that portion of the wall that was nearest to him.

It is interesting to note Nehemiah's reply to the rulers who laughed at his plan. Neh. 2:20. "Then answered I them and said unto them, The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial in Jerusalem."

At least forty different companies took each a portion according to their number and strength, and contracted to build a definite part of the wall. That was the plan, and Nehemiah said, "So build we the wall, and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." Neh. 4:6.

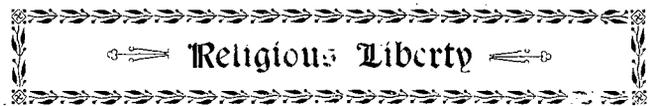
A great work is before us to accomplish the relief of our sanitariums from the bondage of debt. Each church or company of our people is asked to undertake a certain definite and proportionate amount of the work according to their number and strength. The material is furnished us by the Lord. He caused His aged servant to write the book, "Ministry of Healing," and to give it for the sole purpose of raising the means to relieve the sanitariums of debt. Now through the General Conference, the highest authority that God has upon earth, the plan is given to us. Each church or company is requested to take a number of the books and to sell them to their neighbors and to those who live near them. Each book sold will place one dollar in the treasury for the sanitariums. But that is only a portion of the good that will be accomplished, for wherever one of these books is placed the testimony of Jesus is brought to the people. Precious truth is shed forth into the minds of the readers.

The Lord has caused this denomination to be organized very much after the same plan as that

under which Israel was anciently organized. He has told us by the testimony of His Spirit through His messenger, that we should be minute-men ready to spring into action at once to carry out the plans He makes known to us for carrying on His work in these last days.

Who will "arise and build over against his own house?" Who will say to his brother, "Be of good courage," and come, let us sell not only our proportionate number of these books, but all that we can in the time we can spare. Lead out and do the work and encourage your neighbor to do likewise. When you succeed, report it, for there is nothing that encourages so much as success. The plan is the Lord's. The book is provided by Him. "God will do the work if we will furnish Him the instrument." "Testimonies for the Church." Vol. 9, page 107.

C. McREYNOLDS.



THEIR OPINION OF US

* K. C. RUSSELL

It is not my purpose this morning to dwell upon the general principles of religious liberty so much as to tell you of the work that we have on our hands in Washington and to show you where we stand in this great conflict.

Some years ago we felt that we had many friends in the battle for liberty; but we find today that we have not, and that we are standing practically alone in this work. In other words, we are spotted, — we are in the lime light, so to speak.

About a year ago I attended the Church Federation Conference held in Philadelphia, where there were assembled, as you remember, representative men from every denomination in the land. Leading church men from all over this country, and some from other countries, were present. It was an august assembly, I assure you. As we listened day after day in that convention, there was one thing we were watching very closely; and our alertness was justified, for they came to the question of Sunday legislation on the last day of the council. The Seventh-day Baptists belonged to this organization, and had sent delegates to attend the meeting. A resolution was suggested, and a Baptist arose and offered an amendment to the resolution in order to give the Seventh-day Baptists toleration and allow them to go on with their work on Sunday. It would seem natural that such an amendment should be granted; but quick as a flash, a man arose and opposed it. Why did he oppose it?

* Brief Summary of address in Emmanuel Missionary College Chapel, Dec. 9, 1909.

Because they feared what work a few Seventh-day Baptists might do on Sunday? No; their motive was revealed in the following statement: "If we allow that amendment to go through, it will encourage the Seventh-day Adventists in their opposition to our work." To my mind that means that Seventh-day Adventists, as a people, stand out in bold relief before the thirty millions who were represented in that congress as the opposers of their work.

Not long since, a representative of one of the labor unions said that Seventh-day Adventists were opposed to the laboring man. Why do they say that? Because we are not in favor of Sunday laws! They, with their misguided ideas, believe that Sunday laws are a good thing. But while we stand in defense of the laboring man more than does any other class of people, they fail to understand it, and look upon us as opponents of the great Federation of Labor in this country, which numbers many millions of people.

The great Sunday-rest Association also has us spotted, and knows just who is to blame for the opposition to its work. During our crusade in Washington a little over a year ago, they held some mass meetings in the city.

Rev. Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, the chairman of the Ministerial Association, and one of the most prominent Presbyterian ministers in the United States, as reported in the *Washington Times* of May 22, said: "In their opposition to Sunday laws for the District of Columbia, the Adventists are arrayed with the saloon-keeper, the law-breaker, and all who desecrate the Sabbath." I marvel how he could make such a statement as that when he knows the reputation of our people. The *Times* report further states: "In an address before the Epworth League Union, Dr. Radcliffe thus arraigned the Adventists, whom he declared responsible—note this carefully—for the failure of Congress to adopt legislation prescribing Sunday as a day of rest in the District of Columbia."

I wish I could picture before you a scene that took place just before the close of Congress recently. We were attending a hearing before the Committee of the House of Representatives when one of the principal defenders of the Sunday rest bill under discussion arose and said: "Just near the close of Congress, when we get a bill almost through, these Adventists come in and switch it off some way." Well, indeed we do, and we are going to continue to do that kind of work, the Lord helping us! He continued: "It is preposterous that an organization numbering not more than five hundred in the District of Columbia can counteract the efforts of tens of thousands of Christian people!" Well, that reminded me of Gideon's army, except for the fact

that Gideon's army numbered only three hundred instead of five hundred. You see they realize that all the "Christian people," not only in Washington, but throughout the country, have for fifteen or twenty years been trying their very best to secure a Sunday law, and that in spite of their efforts, they have been signally defeated every time.

Is it through the work of the officers of the Religious Liberty Department alone that this defeat has come? I want to tell you we would not for a moment take the honor of it! We believe it is more due to the splendid co-operation of our faithful people everywhere in this endeavor. But above all, it is through God's gracious interposition! It is through the restraining power of the Lord Jesus Christ that this thing is held in abeyance so that we can herald this message to the world before it is too late.

I want to emphasize, so that you will never forget it, that Seventh-day Adventists are regarded as the great opponents of Sunday laws and every species of religious legislation in our country. And when we realize that we are the only ones in the field of battle, it ought to arouse us to put on the armor and make it our one business to succeed before it shall be too late.

But I have another interesting little statement here which I will read to you. Just recently a very prominent preacher gave us another title, or rather description. In preaching on the needs of reform in political and social circles, he said: "The same money-grabbing spirit that would coin our forests into gold would also rob us of our Sabbath as a day of rest. This spirit, combined with the indifference of Christian people and the colossal stupidity of a so called Christian sect,"—Let me stop right there, for here is our new, condemnatory phrase-title. So he regards it as an exhibition of colossal stupidity for any one to oppose Sunday laws! O, how I should like to preach to a congregation of preachers as large as the one here this morning, and point out to them where the colossal stupidity lies! Is it colossal stupidity for a people to stand in harmony with the principles enunciated by Jesus Christ when he said, "Render unto Cæsar the things that belong to Cæsar and unto God the things which belong to God"? Is it stupidity for a people to stand in harmony with the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which has preserved to us our liberty thus far, and which says that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"? The colossal stupidity lies with those who ignore these principles, and it is our business to enlighten them on these questions! And this responsibility rests upon us alone, for

the Jewish people, who once stood with us in the defense of liberty of conscience, have given up the struggle, and the leading Jewish rabbis are no longer in the fight. The Seventh-day Baptists were long shoulder to shoulder with us in this conflict, but now they do not send a single petition against the bills, nor do they send a single representative to Washington to oppose the passage of a Sunday law. This means that we now stand alone in this great conflict;—no, not alone either, for Jesus Christ and the angels and the Holy Spirit are with those who stand in defense of righteousness.

It is not pleasant to talk about these things, but it means that we are coming right up to where God has told us we would come—where on one side will be that little company standing bravely for the principles of truth, and on the other the great masses, or those that are on the wrong side. Let us be thankful that we are marshaling on the right side, even if it does seem to be the side of the minority, as long as we are with those who stand in defense of God's truth, who have the promise that they shall have a part in His kingdom and stand on the sea of glass at last!

A THEOCRACY

Theocrat: One who serves God as his ruler.

Theocracy: A community of individuals who serve God as their ruler.

A true theocracy is that which has only the divine Head. All so-called theocracies having human heads are godless.

This earth has had, and still has, one, and only one theocracy, composed of those who have been delivered from the kingdom of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

Israel was a true theocracy; not Israel after the flesh, but the Israel of God.

Of a true theocracy, God is the executive and the legislative departments, and the head of the judiciary.

The true theocracy of the world has never had more than one code of laws. A so-called theocracy having a different code is spurious.

A theocracy is the only form of government in which Jehovah is truly recognized as the head. Others recognize him only in name.

A theocracy is the only government by the consent of all the governed; none other can be a theocracy, and none other can be by consent of all the governed.

“Nothing overcomes anger more than silence.”

“Two good rules for life are: Never be discouraged; never be a discourager.”

A CHRISTIAN NATION

“Uncle Sam” has 'fessed religion and jined the church. Since “Uncle Sam” has become a Christian, we presume he will divest himself of his “stripes” and don a “clergy suit.”

To the query, Which church did “Uncle Sam” join? the same answer might be given that was given by the woman who was found fighting her husband in the back yard. When asked who was master of the house, she replied, “We are just trying to settle that now.”—*Arkansas Reporter.*



NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Our week of prayer was generally observed by our people, and good meetings are reported by the churches heard from. The offerings are not all reported yet, but up to the present time the indications are that an amount averaging with other years will be received. Hinsdale sent in \$122.50, Aurora \$65, and South Side Chicago about \$80.

About 13,000 copies of the Missions issue of the *Review* have been taken by our people in the conference. The largest amount of Harvest In-gathering reported so far by any one person is forty-seven dollars, by Elder J. C. Harris. He has 500 papers yet to distribute. The largest amount by any church is one hundred thirteen dollars, from Galesburg. The qualities needed for success in this work are courage, tact, and perseverance.

The organization of the church on 4338 State Street, Chicago, spoken of in a former communication, has been effected and at present twenty-two persons have united with it. Two of these await baptism. One was recently baptized and another was received from a Baptist church with the understanding that he would study the subject of baptism in relation to the faith he is espousing. This new church has a wide and promising field of work opening before it; and those who prove to be tactful and energetic in this fellowship will doubtless gather much fruit for the kingdom of heaven.

Elder F. J. Harris, because of ill health, has been kept from work in the new field where he had recently planned to labor, but he is recovering and hopes soon to be doing aggressive work.

We expect to forward a large remittance for missions before December 31. It is presumed that all the other conferences will do the same thing, so that the aggregate amount received at

Washington during the last week of this year will be a very handsome sum. Let ten thousand prayers ascend to the Lord of the harvest that His blessing may accompany these funds as they go on their errand of love to the needy inhabitants of earth.

WM. COVERT.

NORTH MICHIGAN

ALPENA.—Like others, I have neglected to send in a report of my labor for some time. This is largely due to the fact that I have been so busy in my work here at Alpena. I spent some time repairing the church, then came the Missions Review campaign. The church did fairly well in this work. I collected five dollars.

We are now in the midst of a series of meetings which began December 5, and no doubt will continue for some time, as we are giving only three lectures a week. Thus far we have been able to announce all our subjects in the newspapers. Our interest is fairly good and on the increase. Several families are really interested.

Let all pray that as a result of these meetings some will take their stand for the truth.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

All the teachers in Southern Illinois assembled at Springfield, Wednesday, December 15, to hold a two days, institute in the interest of their work. Brother W. E. Straw assisted Sister Edith Shepard in the work. When the institute closed, the teachers expressed themselves as being well paid for the time they had spent, and that they believed their work in the future would be much better than it has been in the past.

S. E. WIGHT.

DETROIT YOUNG PEOPLES' CONVENTION

A few weeks ago the writer was requested to visit the city of Detroit for the purpose of reorganizing the young people's work, and to arrange for a local convention.

November 27, the day set for the convention was an ideal one for such an occasion. The large chapel was well filled both forenoon and afternoon, and all seemed enthusiastic from the very beginning of the meeting. Besides the local conference workers we had the president, Elder E. K. Slade, and Elder E. I. Beebe with us.

I would be glad to furnish the readers of the HERALD with the papers and the discussions presented at the convention. One written by a boy thirteen years old, "What a Boy can Do in Missionary Work at Home," I believe clearly sets forth the possibilities of our boys and girls, so I

am sending it on. We trust that space will permit of other papers being printed at another time, and if the spirit that pervaded the convention shall be caught by the readers of the HERALD, I feel sure that many a young man, and young woman will be stirred to activity in this fast closing work.

At 12 o'clock the work of the convention was laid aside for a few minutes while we all joined in prayer with Elder E. K. Slade in behalf of one of the young women of the church who was to submit at that hour to an operation in the hope of saving her life. We felt this a great privilege and are glad to say that the good Father mercifully spared her life, and we trust that she may yet become a soul-winner for the Master.

H. A. BOYLAN.

"Great occasions do not make heroes or cowards; they simply unveil them to the eyes of men. Silently and imperceptibly, as we wake or sleep, we grow strong or we grow weak, and at last some crisis shows us what we have become."

Book Work

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING

DECEMBER 24, 1909

East Michigan

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
*Mora Park.....	D. R.	17	2	\$ 5 50	\$ 1 80	\$ 7 30
Mary J. Lewis.....	D. R.	4	2	5 50	5 40	10 90
E. M. Fishell.....	D. R.	62	21	60 75	11 85	72 60
L. I. Hall.....	D. R.	38	6	16 50	5 40	21 90
W. S. Gleason.....	C. K.	26	10	12 00	35	12 35
Mrs. C. S. Countryman.....	C. K.	21	23	26 00	3 50	29 50
John Jacobs.....	C. K.	31	12	14 00	2 30	16 30
*Jay Gordon.....	C. K.	18	5	7 00	.....	7 00
*Lydia Harter.....	D. R.	3	.....	.....	1 05	1 05
		220	81	147 25	31 65	178 90

North Michigan

*E. B. Munn.....	P. P.	34	16	52 00	2 00	54 00
K. V. Bjork (Del.) ..	Finn Rev.	87	14	35 00	13 23	48 23
*E. C. Collard (Del.) ..	B. F. L.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. E. Sutton (Del.) ..	B. F. L.	7	1	1 00	.....	1 00
Mrs. L. A. Newell (Del.) ..	Sm bk	31	.....	3 03	.....	3 03
		159	31	91 03	15 23	106 26

Southern Illinois

J. E. Dent (Del.).....	B. R.	27	2	6 00	.....	6 00
Mrs. J. E. Dent.....	D. R.	3	2	5 50	.....	5 50
W. E. Bailey (Del.).....	B. R.	28	5	13 75	.....	13 75
Mrs. W. E. Bailey (Del.) ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hugo Mietzelfelt (Del.) ..	G. C.	32½	10	27 50	.....	27 50
LeRoy Knott (Del.).....	D. A.	18	6	18 00	.....	18 00
J. L. Galbraith (Del.) ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		135	25	70 75	.....	70 75

Wisconsin

Frank Halderson.....	B. R.	54	17	48 75	7 35	56 10
*F. E. Middlestead.....	B. R.	20	8	28 00	1 50	29 50
		74	25	76 75	8 85	85 60

Northern Illinois

†D. R. Devereaux.....	P. G.	28	3	9 00	1 80	10 80
†Lorenzo Clark.....	B. R.	40	7	21 25	2 00	23 25
†C. R. Puels (Del.).....	D. R.	38	5	14 75	6 00	20 75
J. H. Hicks (Del.).....	G. C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		106	15	45 00	9 80	54 80

No. of agents, 27.

*One week.

†Three weeks.

694 177 \$430 78 \$ 65 53 \$496 31

Obituary

BELLOWS.—Died at her home in Eaton County, Michigan, Dec. 17, 1909, Ervilla Bellows, aged 88 years, 2 months, 4 days. Ervilla Allen was born in Cortland County, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1821, later moving to Niagara County. In 1839 she came to Michigan with her parents. The first school in Benton township was taught by her in the Hovey district, she often following the trail to and from her school on horseback. January 7, 1845, she was united in marriage to Jonas G. Bellows. In the early 60's, under the labors of Elder J. B. Frisbie, she was converted to the Adventist faith and remained a firm believer until her death. She was the mother of five children; three of them living, one of whom is Elder R. J. Bellows, of North Michigan. Discourse by the writer in the United Brethren church near the home. Interment in the cemetery near by.

S. D. HARTWELL.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Emmanuel Missionary College

Miss Margaret Mallory spent the past week with relatives in Batavia, Illinois.

Mr. Harvey Haughey of Battle Creek was with his parents and friends here Christmas.

Professor and Mrs. W. L. Avery of Cedar Lake took dinner at the College Wednesday.

Elder Kirkendall of Chicago preached a very earnest and profitable sermon last Sabbath.

Miss Fyrnn Ford spent her vacation at home. She is teaching the church-school at Lake Odessa.

Mr. G. R. Fattic, who is preceptor at Bethel Academy this year, spent Christmas with friends at the College.

Mrs. Curtis enjoyed a visit from her brother, Professor Kirby of Battle Creek, and her son, Will D. Curtis of Chicago.

Two new encyclopedias consisting of several large volumes on agriculture and horticulture have been recently added to the library.

During the past week Misses Flora Randall and Viola Kirkendall, two students, spent the week in Chicago selling the *Review and Herald*. They sold nearly five hundred papers.

Mr. Fred Green and family spent part of their vacation at the home of Prof. J. H. Haughey. Mr. Green is business manager and one of the instructors of the Otsego Academy.

The chapel hour, Thursday, December 23, was used in a general Christmas prayer meeting. The feeling of thanks for the gift of the Babe of Bethlehem and His spotless life on the earth,

was expressed by the majority of the students.

The Foreign Mission Band thought a deeper interest would be created if those especially interested in one field were to make a careful study of that field. They separated into four divisions and will study the following fields; China, South America, Africa, and India. Professor Videto has charge of those studying China, Mrs. Graf of India, Mr. Mead, Africa, and Mrs. Rathbun, South America. This band is making a quilt which will be sent to a mission in Peru.

In our history of antiquity class we have been making a study of Babylonian and Egyptian history. The class has made a special study of monumental evidences which corroborate the biblical accounts of such events as creation, distribution of the races, Chedorlaomer's expedition into the West Land, an account of which is given in Gen. 14; sojourn of the Children of Israel in Egypt; and the identification of the Hittites. The latter is especially interesting because of the fact that within the last few months excavators in Asia Minor have succeeded in locating their capitol.

Some timely advice was given to the students at the chapel hour, December 22, by different members of the faculty on how to spend vacation in the most profitable manner. Among other things mentioned in connection with the holiday season was the thought that it may be the time to let the light on health reform shine and to discourage pagan customs. The main point for the students was that they should be careful to spend the vacation in a way not to be regretted afterward.

At eight o'clock, Tuesday evening, December 21, the Choir Emmanuel filed to their places on the tastily decorated rostrum to begin the Grand Concert. The following program was skillfully rendered:

PART ONE

"Gloria" from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, Choir Emmanuel.

"Meeresleuchten," C. Loewe, Miss Alma J. Graf.

"Intermezzo" from Cavaliere Rusticana, Mascagni, Orchestra.

"Spring Flowers," N. W. Gade, Miss Martha Storer.

"In Gay Seville," W. H. Jude, Prof. Gerard Gerritsen.

"We Will Give Thanks" from Belshazzar, Butterfield, Choir Emmanuel.

PART TWO

"Unfold" from Redemption, Charles Gounod, Choir Emmanuel.

"Hearts and Flowers," Theo. Moses-Tobani, Orchestra.

"O Dry Those Tears," Teresa del Riego, Miss Alma J. Graf.

(a) "Slumber Song," Cohen, (b) "Lullaby," Strahm, Prof. Gerard Gerritsen.

"Sleep While Sweet Breezes," Bishop, Choir Emmanuel.

North Michigan

One new Sabbath-school was organized during the past month.

M. Armilda Bogar has gone to her home at Alden for a couple of weeks.

Miss Florence Crouch is spending a few days at her home in Petoskey during vacation.

Brother Pool visited the churches at Edmore, Lakeview, and Mecosta during the week of prayer.

Brother L. G. Nyman is holding meetings in a school house west of Marion, and reports a large attendance.

Brother Peterson writes that the Hancock church secured a little over fifty dollars from the Missionary *Review* campaign.

One of our canvassers in the Upper Peninsula took orders to the amount of twenty-seven dollars the first two days he was out.

We are sorry to learn of the sad experience that came to Mrs. Newell. Her son was killed by a street car in Washington.

The elder of the Mt. Pleasant church reports that they had a good week of prayer this year, the best they have had for many years.

Misses Sadie Hogan and Inis Morey, the teachers at East Jordan and Onaway, held school exercises at the close of the first term.

From letters received from the church elders we learn that there will be a large attendance at the elders' meeting at Cedar Lake, Jan. 5-9.

Elder Irwin reports good meetings with the Grant, Manistee, and Cleon churches during the week of prayer. In spite of the storm the meetings were well attended.

The young people of the conference have finished reading "Quiet Talks on Service" and are finding "The Moslem World" interesting. Final reviews are beginning to come in from the first book.

Brother C. E. Sutton, one of our canvassers, organized a Sabbath-school near his home, not long ago, and on a recent Sabbath six dear souls took their stand for the truth. They will unite with the Mt. Pleasant church.

Brother K. V. Bjork had the misfortune to injure his foot one day while he was canvassing, but he does not let a little thing like that keep him from the work. Last week he secured over forty dollars worth of orders, and is having a rich experience in the work.

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West Michigan

G. H. Crandall and family are visiting in Battle Creek.

Miss Eva Howe spent Christmas with her sister in St. Joseph.

Elder Allen Moon spent a few hours at the conference office recently.

Elder Geo. B. Thompson has been spending some time in Battle Creek.

Edith Shepard and Beulah Hough were home from Illinois to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Robinson have been in Otsego for several weeks nursing their daughter, Nettie, who has been very sick.

Nearly all the students of the Otsego Academy went home to visit friends during vacation. Those who remained helped to move the furniture into the new boys' dormitory.

Brother H. B. Allen is selling periodicals in the South. He reports over a thousand copies sold the week before Christmas. He broke his previous record by selling three hundred ten papers in one day, spending eight hours and forty-five minutes.

Southern Illinois

Mrs. Grace Shepler of Springfield, is visiting her parents at Peoria.

Miss Grace Evans spent last week at her home near Grand Rapids, Mich.

Elder Woodford reports good meetings in the churches he visited during the week of prayer.

C. J. Tolf went to Foosland last week to assist Brother Frank Hicks in the canvassing work.

Misses Edith Shepard and Beulah Hough are spending the holidays at their homes in Otsego, Michigan.

Baptismal services were held in the First Springfield church, Sabbath the 19th. Two were baptized and united with the church.

Elder S. E. Wight visited the company at Jacksonville last week. He spent Sabbath, the 25th, with the Twin City church.

Wisconsin

Elder Stebbins reports excellent meetings in Milton Junction where he spent the week of prayer.

Elder M. H. Serns and his brother Arthur are located in Kenosha for work during the entire winter.

Brother J. B. Blosser spent a week in Wisconsin with Brother Numbers and some of the canvassers.

The Christmas cards and the dollars for the academy furnishings are coming in steadily. The plan is proving a real success.

Several of the churches have already ordered "Ministry of Healing" and clubs of *Life and Health* and have gone about selling them.

Elder P. M. Hansen and Brother Hans Nelson have been called to Minnesota to serve on the committee to select a site for the new Danish-Norwegian school.

Doctor Humphrey and the head nurse, Miss Laura Nielsen held a health Institute in Beloit. They were assisted by the workers who preceded them from the Sanitarium.

Brother M. O. Kittlesen made a very successful delivery of books in Dane Co. In about two days he delivered fifty books out of fifty-two orders, many of these were to Catholics.

A company of five went from the Sanitarium to sell "Ministry of Healing" and *Life and Health* in Beloit. They were Brethren Osborne, and Dahl, and Sisters Glasser, Grundset, and Smith.

Elder Oberholtzer is rejoicing in the return of his former vigor and energy for the work. He says he feels like a young man again. He reports excellent meetings in his district during the week of prayer.

Elder Moon spent Sabbath and Sunday, December 25, 26, at Battle Creek. At a meeting of the church board held on Sunday, a vote was passed inviting the Lake Union Conference to hold its next session in the Tabernacle at that place. The meeting is appointed for February 8-18. The question of place will be settled in time for notice to be given in the next issue of the HERALD.

That Boy of Yours

Beginning with the February number of *Life and Health*, there will be a series of intensely interesting and extremely practical articles on "The Boy." They will be so valuable on account of their practical nature that every father, every mother, every teacher of boys, and every leader of boys' clubs, will feel that any one of these articles is worth the price of a year's subscription for *Life and Health*.

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Something New

The Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference has prepared a Sabbath-school Birthday Card which affords each teacher an easy and delightful way of remembering birthdays. Teachers will do well to show their personal interest in their pupils by the use of these cards. The card is appropriate for all ages, but the youth and children will especially appreciate attention of this kind.

This particular Birthday Card was prepared with Sabbath-schools teachers and their classes in mind. The "best wishes" which the card carries cluster around the Sabbath-school. Teachers will find the message just what they would like to say, and pupils will ever be reminded of the privileges and blessings of the Sabbath-school.

And the card is really beautiful. It is a lithograph in seven colors on a very fine grade of wedding bristol board. The decorative feature is a spray of autumn leaves. Give your pupils something to remember you by,—something that is pretty,—something that will lead their minds to that which is pure and good. Each teacher should order one for each member of his class.

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WANTED.—Sabbath-keeping man to work on farm. Steady work for the right man. Must be good with horses and a gentle milker. State age, experience, if able-bodied, also wages desired. J. S. Comins, R. D. 6, Battle Creek, Mich.