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D U T Y.

Launch out into the deep,
The awful depths of the world's despair;
Hearts that are breaking and eyes that weep,
Sorrow and ruin and death are there.
And the sea is wide, and the pitiless tide
Boars on its bosom away-away,
Beauty and youth in relentless ruth
To its dark abyss for eye-for eye.
But the Master's voice comes over the sea,
"Let down your nets for a draught" for me !
He stands in our midst on our wreck-strewn strand,
And sweet and royal is his command.
His pleading call
Is to each-to all;
And wherever the royal call is heard,
There hang the nets of the royal Word,
Trust to the nets and not to your skill,
Trust to the royal Master's will !
Let down your nets each day, each hour,
For the word of a King is a word of power,
And the King's own voice comes over the sea,
"Let down your nets for a draught" for me !
--Selected.

O U R H O M E S.

Seventh-day Adventist farms ought to attract the attention of all the world by their appearance. They should by the very way they are kept proclaim that the son of the King is staying there. We should be proud of our spiritual parentage, and in every way should show that we appreciate the true dignity of our calling.

If we should but stop to think, we would recognize the incongruity of inviting angels, who are used to the order and perfection of heaven, to come and take up their abode in a house whose doors are out of plumb, whose gates are off their hinges, and whose fields are grown up with weeds and half tended, stunted and dwarfed crops. I feel sure, other things being equal, we would enjoy much more of the heavenly companionship were we to have our homes in such condition that they would be a delight when our visitants come.

How may this be accomplished? Repair and paint the house and the out buildings so that they will be clean and attractive. Put the fences, especially those about the house and barn, in good repair and keep them so. Take the trouble to have a good lawn and keep it mowed. It will take time, but so does every other thing worth doing.

Even though they may be but few, plant some shrubs and flowers on the lawn. The heavenly home abounds with such things. And when they are planted, care for them well.

When the crops are planted, do not be content to use any sort of seed that may happen to be cheap or convenient. Have the best varieties of everything you can find, and then plant and tend according to its worth. When we do this as unto the Lord,

His blessing will rest upon us and the angels will co-operate to make the work a success.

Then with what should we stock the farm be stocked? This will vary much, according to the circumstances and the desires of the individual farmer; but whatever it be, I am sure God would be pleased to have it pure bred and the very best of the breed. There is no reason why he should, and I do not believe it is right that Satan have control of all the best of this world's goods. Aside from the first cost, high grade, or even thorough bred stock costs no more to keep than cheap stuff, and the profits are proportionally greater, besides the influence and satisfaction of having nothing else is a factor that should not be ignored or lightly passed over.

If all our people conducted their farms along these lines, how much more influence they would have, and how much they could do toward getting the Third Angel's Message before the world in a way they would heed.

--Floyd Brallier in HOME, FARM AND SCHOOL .

THE JOY OF GIVING.

Truly it is more blessed to give than to receive. No doubt all have read that remarkable scripture which illustrates the blessedness of giving. "The the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly unto the Lord, and David the King also rejoiced with great joy. . . . But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." 1 Chron. 29:9, 14.

At the time when the \$100,000 Fund was being raised, the writer remembers several occasions, after a public appeal at the camp-meetings had been given, that there would come to him with tears of joy in their eyes, these who would express thanksgiving. The writer would say, "Why should you be thankful to me? I have just been calling for and receiving gifts from you for the work in Washington. Should not I rather be grateful to you?" "Oh", the answer would be, "I am so thankful for a chance to give to this glorious advance movement. " Truly there is a joy in giving to the Lord's work. It is the only safe investment and will bring everlasting reward. It is the best kind of a bank account.

Now, dear brethren and sisters, the \$150,000 Fund has been before us for some time. Shall we not joyfully and cheerfully close it up before the year is past, and, as in the previous fund, bring in an overflow?

J. S. Washburn.

CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY NEWS.

Thinking some would be interested to hear of this seemingly far away place, I will endeavor to relate a few items.

We are having very beautiful days and frosty nights at present. The crops have been harvested with the exception of a few garden products and husking of corn, which by a fair test, will yield more than one hundred bushel per acre. The Academy has invested in a young team of black hordes and six new cows, of which three are registered Red Poles. This will save much expense in buying milk and cream. Also have put in part of the winter's fuel for the furnace.

The railroad company by putting a little paint on the depot have added greatly to the looks of the town.

The business manager and one young fellow took a load of poaches and onions recently to Alma, a distance of seventeen and a half miles, realizing a very good price for the load.

We have one more student added to our home. It is now filled to the limit for room. But still there always seems to be room for one more.

Mr. Green took a trip to Battle Creek the 17th and returned the 21st. We were all glad to welcome him back.

Mr. McKee of Grand Rapids has been visiting dormitory friends.

While speaking about the farm we would not leave out the most important

factor, "The School." There is an enrollment of forty-seven students at present and, with the exception of a few, all are doing good wework. Some very high standings are being received by the students.

There is also a good spirit in the school and nearly all have taken their stand for truth and righteousness. We are experiencing some very precious Friday evening prayer-meetings.

Miss Dunlap from the East Michigan Conference who has been healed by the power from above through faith, gave a chapel talk recently which was very interesting.

The young men, also the young ladies in the school have organized a self-improvement society which will be a great help to those who take part.

It is said by outsiders that the school has the best students of any previous school year. And it is surely the Lord's will that this be so.

Elder A. G. Haughey conducted a baptismal service October 12th. Three young ladies and seven young men were the candidates. The Lord will come very near those who diligently seek Him.

The Psalmist says, "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness and his wonderful works to the children of men."

Ralph G. Lewis.

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

"Educate, educate, educate" is the Master's word for our young people. Educate for what? To know God and make Him known; to give the Advent Message to all the world in this generation. We have a great work; we must quickly prepare for it.

From every quarter has come a hearty response to the Resolution passed at the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention this summer, that our young people everywhere should qualify themselves to pass an examination in the cardinal truths of the Third Angel's Message, and in denominational history. These are essentials in our education for this work.

During the first week of March 1908 an examination will be to given to all our young people who desire it. This examination will be conducted by the Church elder or someone appointed by him, from questions sent out by the Missionary Volunteer Department. The papers will be examined and the Certificates granted by the Missionary Volunteer Secretary of each Conference. The examination in Bible doctrines will be based this year on the present series of Sabbath-school lessons, --"A Synopsis of Present Truth", the special Bible Reading Series of the Signs, commencing October 30; and "Our Truth" number of the Instructor. The first we should study; the second and third we should study and circulate. The "Great Second Advent Movement" by Elder Loughborough will be the basis for the examination in denominational history.

Let all our young people get ready for this examination, and let our first report of membership of Attainment be as nearly equal to our Society membership as possible.

M. E. Kern,
Chm. Gen. Conf. Mis. Vol. Dept.

AN APPEAL FROM CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY.

This is not a request for money, altho it would be very acceptable if cheerfully offered. We are in need, however, of a library different from the one we now have, both as to quality and quantity. We have a few good books, but we are in need of many more, which cannot be purchased without money. We have no money, but we have a bright hope that our library is to be enlarged by contributions from numerous, liberal friends.

Reader, are you our friend? If so, please ponder this question: Have you not some books suitable to the literary and spiritual needs of our students, which you could donate? This is certainly a missionary enterprise to those who have books that they do not need. These books, if given to our school, or loaned for the use of our

students, may be the means of saving souls and of adding stars to the donor's crown.
Address all communications to W. C. Mathewson, Principal, or to Fred Green, Business Manager.

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HOW TO MAKE OPENING, CLOSING, AND GENERAL EXERCISES MOST PROFITABLE.

There is no line of work that is carried on among us as a people that is of more importance than our Sabbath-school work, and no line that should be more carefully studied. When the Lord has said that our Sabbath-schools should be one of the greatest instrumentalities in our work, he intends that every exercise from the opening to the closing song should have in view the one object of saving souls. This can be accomplished only by each Sabbath-school leader having an individual walk with the Lord, day by day gaining new inspirations, forming new plans, and receiving new earnestness for the work of the coming Sabbath.

Carefully Laid Plans

Each superintendent should have his plans carefully laid, that is, he should have a real program for the Sabbath-school even to the selection of the songs. This should vary from week to week. A teacher in the common day schools is not considered worthy of name, if she has not made careful plans for each detail of the work. Then how much more essential is it that leaders in God's work have carefully laid plans?

The opening and closing exercises of the school are of more importance than any other part; that is, the spirit that is brought into the Sabbath-school when it opens will affect the entire school hour, and the spirit with which the school closes, effects not only the members during the week, but also the Sabbath-school for the coming week.

Proper Opening of School

We all know how the real spirit of the school is ruined when the superintendent either rushes in late, hurries forward, and asks, almost out of breath, "Well, what song shall we sing this morning?" Or if the superintendent sits off in a corner visiting until several minutes past time to begin, then rather slowly and deliberately walks up the front and puts the same question in a languid way. Even the children recognize that there has been no thought nor care beforehand.

The reading of the secretary's report may follow prayer, or be brought in later; but upon the secretary depends the interest in this part of the school. Let her call special attention to the some definite facts, such as the number present, the number tardy, amount of donations, the average donations of each class, the number of pennies or nickels or dimes in the collection, which class had the best attendance, the best donations, etc. An extra question or two will be helpful in impressing the report upon the mind. The superintendent may assist the secretary in this.

Another song, more especially perhaps a children's song, in which all heartily join, closes the opening exercises, and the so-called general exercises may follow, or be brought in after the reviews and recitation. There are so many ways to vary these exercises that it will be impossible to tell all; but we shall give a few suggestions. But in every one of these exercises, the real needs of the children, the youth, the entire school, should be constantly kept in mind, and never should the giving of the Message be lost sight of. The exercises must be interesting, but God must be the foundation of all.

(To be continued)

Pearl G. Halleck.

The above was taken from "The Report of the Mt. Vernon Convention", and is only one of the many good things to be found in this book. If you want to create a greater interest in your Sabbath-school work; if you want to inspire the young people of your Society with zeal and enthusiasm in the great work before them, get a copy of this wonderful little book and read it. Every teacher and officer in the Sabbath-school, every leader in the Young People's work should get a copy and read it.

The book contains 244 pages relating to very important topics on Sabbath-school and Young People's work and will be sent you for the extremely low price of ten cents per copy. The General Conference brethren were so desirous of giving it a large

circulation. They placed the price at ten cents at the risk of a deficit on the sale of the book.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

----- CUT ALONG THIS LINE -----

North Michigan Tract Society,
224 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich.

Enclosed find ten cents for which please send me one copy of the "Report of the Convention."

Name -----

Post Office -----

County -----

State -----

A LETTER.

To our esteemed brethren and sisters in North Michigan:

It has once more by the providence of God become our privilege to labor in North Michigan. While the two years we spent out of our territory have been attended with many hardships, yet we have learned very valuable lessons; and having been associated with other conferences, have had our plans and views broadened considerably. We feel like coming home when thinking of settling among our brethren and sisters in the North Michigan Conference. It is with the firm belief that it is God calling us to the field that we cast our lot among you. Let us pray that God's choicest blessings may accompany our labors. Our address will be Traverse City, Mich.

Elder and Mrs. C. A. Hanser.

NOTICE!

There's a time for everything and everything should be on time. The following is a list of the Sabbath-schools that have not sent in their reports for the quarter ending Sept. 30: Alpena, Cleon, Frankfort, Lakefield, Menominee.

To avoid confusion and delay it would be well if these schools would report at once, and the time is nearing when a report has to be made to the General Conference Secretary and this cannot be accurately done until all the local reports are sent in.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman,
Petoskey, Mich.

NOTICE!

The Test Questions for the use of Intermediate and Primary teachers will be given in the December SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER, and thereafter once a quarter. These are to form the basis for written examinations. Teachers not taking the WORKER will thus deprive the children they teach of the drill other children are getting. Let every friend of the children encourage every teacher to use the help offered in the WORKER. The WORKER in every English-speaking school is an ideal possible to reach.

Gen. Conf. S. S. Department.

SOME QUESTIONS.

The readers of the NEWS SHEET will be pleased to read the Cedar Lake report in this paper and to note especially that several of the students were recently baptised.

Did you read in the last REVIEW Prof. C. C. Lewis' report of the wonderful work in Union College? The Lord is finishing his work in the earth. Parents, how would you like to have your children under such influence?

Does it pay to send them to shschool aat a great sacrifice? What attitude do you sustain to the church school?

Elijah visited the church schools of his day, just before his ascension. The Elijahian message is now visiting our schools preparatory to the close of probation. In which, church or public school, would you prefer to have your children when probation closes?

\$150,000 FUND.

We are requested to finish raising our share of the \$150,000 Fund by December 31st. We can do this if all the donors to this fund will pay their pledges before that time. Some did not agree to pay until January but possibly they can do better than they supposed.

To secure the balance still due and not pledged one hundred and fifty pledge cards have been sent out to the churches each one calling for \$2.53. In reply to one bunch of cards sent out we quote the following: "We received the plodge blanks for this church and will endeavor to dispose of them all; three are already taken." If all respond like this we will have no difficulty in raising the remainder of this fund.

S. E. Wight.

LIBERTY

In many places the children are selling LIBERTY and LIFE AND HEALTH and receiving as high as seven dollars a day for their work. Are there not those who are willing to sell thisthese magazines.

The fourth number of LIBERTY is now ready. The following are the titles of some of the general articles: "Rome and the Constitution", "Threatening Shadows", "What were the Principles for Which Roger Williams Was Banished", "The International Congress on Sunday Rest at the Jamestown Exposition", "Temperance."

SPECIAL OFFERS.

The special offers on books remain the same as given in the last paper with the exceptions of Offers 1 and 4 which are as follows:

No. 1.	Regular Price	Special Price.
Practical Lessons	\$1.00	\$2.25
Ministry of Healing	1.50	
1 Year's Subsdription to the News Sheet	<u>.25</u>	
	\$2.75	

No. 4.	Regular Price	Special Price.
Practical Lessons	\$1.00	\$4.00
Great Controversy, morocco gilt.	4.50	
1 Year's Subscription to the News Sheet	<u>.25</u>	
	\$5.75	

"Get your distaff ready and God will send you flax."

NOTES FROM THE COPPER COUNTRY.

I give many readings in Laurium. Some of my readers there will decide soon for or against the truth. One lady here (Hancock) has had only four readings but comes to Sabbath-school every Sabbath and she keeps the Sabbath as far as she knows and seems hungry for the truth. She read the SIGNS this summer.

Other of the SIGNS readers are much interested. And the way seems to be opened among the Finnish people. Tuesday night, Oct. 22, I gave a Bible reading to a houseful and Brother Evans, Finnish, interpreted and later Brother Montgomery gave a reading to a houseful and a little girl about sixteen years old interpreted. I thought she did fine.

We are having quite interesting experiences here and some of my SIGNS readers seem so hungry for the truth.

Isabella B. Campbell.

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Seven Finns have recently accepted the Sabbath.

If any of the churches or individuals have apples or dried fruit which they would like to donate to the work in the Copper Country it will come very acceptable. Will not someone respond to this call. Elder C. Montgomery has charge of the work. All shipments should be addressed to him at Hancock, Mich.

READ THIS SLOWLY, AND THINK.

Does my life please God?
Am I studying my Bible daily?
Am I enjoying my Christian life?
Is there anyone I cannot forgive?
Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
Have I ever had a direct answer to prayer?
Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
Just where am I making my greatest mistake?
How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
How many things do I put before my religious duties?
Have I ever tried giving one-tenth of my income to the Lord?
Is the world being made better or worse by my living in it?
Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?

--Presbyterian Endeavorer.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Brother H. W. Johnson is visiting churches and companies in the southern part of the conference in the interest of the colporter work.

We are sorry to report that Brother L. M. Richards of Moorestown is ill with typhoid fever.

Sister Jennie M. Willaman is visiting the schools at Mesick, Grant, and Cedar Run.

Brother S. E. Wight spent Sabbath, Oct. 26th at Traverse City.

Sister Minnie Bracebridge of Grant church is having excellent success in taking orders for "Coming King."

Now is the time to take orders for our books, tracts, and periodicals.