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Memorizing Scripture.

It is related of John Ruskin that when a boy, his aunt made it an unchanging rule that he should spend the greater part of Sunday in memorizing Scripture. We take it for granted that John was in most respects like other boys of his age, and it is safe to conjecture that he may have rebelled against the strict rule of his aunt; but listen to what he says in after years. He owns himself "grateful now for the discipline which stored my mind with their creative words."

It is to be hoped that Mr. Ruskin's aunt lived to hear this testimony from the lips of her nephew, and to see the result of her untiring efforts, as well as the benefit of having the mind stored with such a treasury of sacred thought. Would there were more aunts like John Ruskin's—and more boys like John, who (even under compulsion) would memorize more of the sacred Scripture!

Some wise person, I know not who, has said, "The boy who puts a verse of Scripture into his memory, so he will not have forgotten it fifty years to come, is better off than if he had put a nugget of gold into his pocket." If this be true, then Sunday-school teachers, and those interested in Bible study for the young, cannot be too much in earnest in impressing upon the minds of the pupils the fact that memorizing some portion of the Bible is required. Not only should the Golden Text be learned, but many passages here and there, as well as many of the Psalms. It

would be a task 'incomparable, to tell of how many souls have fed upon that blessed twenty-third Psalm; or, as Mr. Beecher calls it, "the nightingale of psalms," because, as he says, it has filled the air of the whole world with melodious joy, greater than heart can conceive! "It has charmed more griefs to rest than all the philosophy of the world. It has remanded to the dungeon more felon thoughts, more black doubts, more thieving sorrows, than there are sands on the seashore. It has comforted the noble host of the poor. It has sung courage to the army of the disappointed. It has poured balm and consolation into the hearts of the sick, of captives in dungeons, of widows in their pinching griefs, of orphans in their loneliness."

Let us then by all means see to it that each pupil from the youngest to the oldest is able to repeat this "nightingale of psalms," for "it is a psalm for the child and for all those who feel the child's sense of dependence."

An Arab chieftain once said to his boy, "My son, hasten to the spring and bring me a basket of water." The boy went, but always before he could return to the tent the water leaked out, until at length he came back to his father and said; "Although I repeatedly filled the basket, the water would not stay." Then his father, taking the basket, said, "My son, what you say is true. The water did not stay, but you see how clean and pure is the basket. So it will be with your heart. You may not be able to remember all the precepts you hear, but to keep trying to treasure them will make your heart pure and fit for heavenly use."

Is not this true as regards com-

mitting to memory portions of the Bible? Although the mind may not be able always to retain all of the choice, rare passages, if they are allowed to even pass through the mind they leave, like the crystal water, a cleansing, purifying effect, preparing the heart for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and making it fit, also, for "heavenly use."

Let us, then, I repeat, see to it that our girls and boys and little children commit to memory the Golden Texts, the choicest psalms, and such verses as have in them the power to overcome sin, give hope in time of doubt, solace in hours of affliction, thus becoming, as it were, a garment for the soul, which shall forever clothe, protect and shield.

—Selected.

Missionary.

A Work For All.

"Upon every converted soul rests the responsibility of laboring for the salvation of men. It is your privilege to visit your neighbors and become light bearers to your community. This personal effort will accomplish a precious work, and will meet the approbation of Heaven." Review and Herald No. 11, 1888.

"Personal piety will qualify any worker, for the Holy Spirit takes possession of the worker, and the truth for this time becomes a power, because his everyday thoughts, and all his activities, are running in Christ's lines. He has an abiding Christ, and the humblest soul linked with Jesus Christ is a power, and his work will abide." Testimonies.

With such assistance within our power, and opportunities lying all around us, need any of us fail to discharge the obligation placed

upon us? What a privilege to become "laborers together with God."

I will be pleased to correspond with any who are desirous of taking up some regular work in which they may discharge the responsibility resting upon them. There is work for all.

S. D. HARTWELL,
Field Secretary.

From the Field.

BENTON HARBOR.

Our tent meeting still continues here in Benton Harbor with a good interest and a good attendance. In fact our attendance and interest are better now than at any time since we have been here. Three more have taken their stand for God, to keep his commandments—one a teacher in the public school. We only wish we had more time in which to complete our work here, but as the weather is now so cool, we will soon have to take our tent down and seek other quarters for our meetings. There are several here who are deeply interested, and we would love so much to see them take their stand for the Lord now before we close our meetings.

R. C. HORTON,
M. S. BURNHAM.

MENDON.

On Sabbath, the 7th inst., it was the writer's privilege to visit the church at Mendon, it being the occasion of the church quarterly meeting, the local officers officiating.

After the Sabbath-school and before the celebration of the ordinances, the program suggested in the "Review and Herald" for the collection of the fund for the Southern field was carried out; the two articles prepared for the occasion were read and a collection of over \$12.00 was taken. For the number present, and after a Sabbath-school offering of between three and four dollars had been made to the Haskell Home, we consider this very encouraging.

It was our privilege, on Sunday

and Monday, to visit at the homes of most of the resident membership of the church, and was pleased to find them in as good a spiritual condition as they are. Of course there is opportunity for us all to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Son of God," and we should not rest satisfied with present attainments.

Some in this church are carrying heavy burdens, and are "heavy laden," but Christ invites all such to come unto him, saying "I will give you rest."

There are those in the church who have a burden for souls, and such should seek God that He might direct them into such fields of usefulness as He would have them occupy.

S. D. HARTWELL.

Converse, S. C.

Perhaps a report from South Carolina might be interesting, as I have not written for some time.

About the middle of July we moved from the city of Columbia north, about seventy-five miles, to the village of Glendale, where we had a tent effort, also our first state camp-meeting. During the hot weather it was much more pleasant in the foothills of the mountains with beautiful spring water. One man heard of the Sabbath and the camp-meeting and drove twenty miles to hear for himself. I read with him between the meetings and after three days he returned home praising God and keeping the truth. We heard last Sunday that he is still "keeping Saturday for Sunday."

After the camp-meeting Brother Nash had an invitation to hold meetings in a hall at Clifton about three miles distant, which was accepted. At this meeting a man who lives about two miles in the country and has been the terror of the whole community for years was converted. Both he and his wife are now keeping the truth, and he is a "wonder unto many," as no revivals or evangelists were ever

able to reach him. He was baptized with five others last Sunday. There are also several more studying and preparing for baptism. To God be all the praise for the wonderful changes wrought by His Word and Spirit.

This is the third series of meetings since the middle of July for our company, and still we keep on the war path. Brethren Nash and Carey are planning now for a meeting at Cowpens, where a famous battle was fought during the rebellion.

The place where I am located now, Converse, is easy of access to all these places named, so I can follow up the work by visiting and Bible studies. The majority of the people seem eager to learn the truth. We have to work always for the white people first, so we have not done much for the colored people in this locality. They are beginning to come and beg of us to give them this truth too. It is touching when you meet those who are honest of heart and seeking for light and truth, and after telling them some part of the message, have them go away looking pleased and happy. They are ready to do anything for you if you will give them more spiritual food.

We have been blessed with good health, all of our company being well all through the meetings. We are very thankful to our Heavenly Father for the degree of success he has given us, and we desire to keep humble and have the mind that was in Jesus, so that our efforts may always be crowned with success.

I should be glad to receive any clean, recent papers or old books on the truth, which may be sent to the address below.

The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. I have been praying the Lord of the harvest to help many of our young people to consecrate themselves to this field.

ELIZABETH McHUGH,
Converse, S. C.

Educational.

My Impressions of Cedar Lake.

Four years ago the writer was one of a large company who left the camp-ground at Alma to attend the dedicatory services of the Cedar Lake Academy. This fall it is my privilege to again visit the place. In company with about a dozen other students, I arrived here the evening of October 2nd., and received a warm welcome from those who had preceded us.

We find this a quiet, homelike place, well adapted to the needs of the student. Any young person who desires to found his education upon a firm basis will find here ample opportunity to do so. Those who fail to avail themselves of this privilege may not realize the loss which they are sustaining, but those of us who are here are grateful for the opportunity of pursuing our education under such favorable conditions.

We desire to extend an invitation to all our fellow young people to come and join with us. Studies are offered in many of the most useful branches of learning.

One prominent feature of the work is music. Each teacher and student is interested in either vocal or instrumental music; many study and practice both. There is great need that more attention be given to this matter in our schools, and we are glad to note that a greater interest is being awakened in some of them than has been the case heretofore.

J. DRURY REAVIS.

Financial.

September Tithe Receipts.

Agnew	\$ 1 00
Battle Creek	51 94
Bedford	71 42
Belding	19 18
Berrien Springs	3 50
Burlington	16 31
Byron Center	8 20
Carson City	31 11
Cedar Lake	41 60
Ceresco	47 50

Charlotte	10 00
Convis	24 00
Covert	11 00
Eaton Rapids	14 47
Fremont	6 13
Grand Ledge	25 88
Grand Rapids	183 10
Individuals	26 25
Mendon	54 57
Monterey	225 00
Orange	51 00
Otsego	17 84
Potterville	61 50
Shelby	13 35
Trufant	8 70
Urbandale	16 15
Waverly	51 13
West Leroy	37 27
Wright	111 00
Total	1240 10

September Receipts.

Annual Offerings	\$ 5 00
C. O. Lessons Fund	1 25
Emmanuel Missionary College	10 00
Merchandise	44 10
Midsummer Offerings	6 35
Mission Board Offerings	13 81
On Account	93 19
Sabbath-school Offerings	5 85
Self-denial Fund	1 29
Southern Field	50 00
Southern Missionary Society	5 50
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	25 47
Tithe	1240 10
Washington Fund	50
Weekly Offerings	33 49
West Michigan Herald	2 25
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Missionary Convention at Battle Creek.

In harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference, the Battle Creek church carried out the program for a Missionary Convention last Sabbath, occupying both the forenoon and afternoon hours, the former taking the regular preaching hour, and the latter under the auspices of the Young People's Society.

Elder G. W. Morse was chairman

of the morning session, and Elder Heckman in the afternoon. The readings were interspersed by music and short talks. In the morning Brother G. W. Amadon and Sister Margaret Haughey gave very interesting short talks, saying in part:

Brother Amadon:

"I think this is a great day for the cause. It is a day when the word of the Lord to his people is, 'Go forward.' We read in the Psalms that God's people will be willing in the day of His preparation. This is emphatically the day of God's power.

Great changes have come into this work since its beginning back in the early fifties. I do not know of but one person left now who was in the work back as far as 1853, and that is Brother Warren Bachellor, who sits over on the south side of the tabernacle. Side by side we worked together, setting the type for our tracts and little paper. Then we knew nothing in a practical way of the question of education, of health reform, or of missionary work; indeed, we hardly thought then that the work of present truth, as we called it, would be world-wide. We thought the way the nations of Europe would be warned would be by the friends here accepting the truth and writing letters over to those in Germany, Italy, Russia and England. But now we find ourselves in the time described by the Psalmist when he says, 'The Lord gave the word, and those that published it were a great host.' I do not know that numerically we could be called a 'great host,' but when God is on the side of a people even a few is a great host.

Brethren and sisters, the main thing with us in this work is to have the power of God with us; to have his blessing in our hearts as we mingle together with one another, with our neighbors and friends, and those with whom we come in contact, and then the sweet influence of our lives, and the work of our hands will tell on the side

of truth. Fifteen or twenty years ago we did more individual missionary work than we do now; then it was no uncommon thing to take five, ten or even twenty thousand copies of the 'Signs' and scatter them broadcast. We want this spirit revived again, and as we take hold of it with renewed courage and enthusiasm, the special blessing of the Lord will rest upon the work. May the Lord our God bless in this special missionary campaign."

Sister Haughey said: "I was just thinking that so far as numbers are concerned, we are not very many, and yet if all of the 75000 Seventh-day Adventists were in a position where the Lord could use them as he did some of his servants of old, when as the text in the reading says 'one shall chase a thousand'—what a mighty work could be done. I do believe that it is high time to awake out of sleep. We know from the word of God that the day is far spent, the night is at hand.

I am glad that this is an individual work, and that each one of us needs to do is told us in Acts 1:8—Tarry in Jerusalem until we become filled with the Holy Spirit.

I am reminded this morning of an instance which is forcibly brought to my mind by the statement in the reading that we are not to wait one for another—that we should begin by doing the work nearest us. A lady heard the truth and accepted it. Later her husband followed, then one of the children and finally the whole family, and as the result, a large church was raised up in that place and every one of the family are directly engaged in the work of the Lord."

In the afternoon in addition to the readings, Brother I. M. Bigelow gave a very interesting talk on "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers," illustrating by personal instances where many a "diamond in the rough" has been saved by a kind word.

Sister Minnie Harnder gave a

talk on individual work with our publications by correspondence, reading a number of letters from those to whom papers and tracts had been sent, which showed how they were appreciated, and what fruits the efforts bore. A number of practical suggestions were offered, one of the main ones being that when we see work to be done, resolutely set about doing it, and doing it now, and with a will.

Brother Amadom spoke again, also Elder Morse, who said of the Review and Herald: "This paper should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist; it is the only paper that is issued in the world that will keep one thoroughly and officially informed regarding this great Advent movement."

An interesting feature of the meeting was the presence of Brother and sister Wilson, he over ninety years of age, and yet actively doing missionary work—filling the racks in the railroad depots, etc.

On the whole it was a good day for Battle Creek. We are sure that a special effort will be made to carry out the suggestions, and much missionary work be done by the great church during the coming fall and winter.

News and Notes.

Seven persons were baptized at Battle Creek last Sabbath.

Cheering reports come from Emmanuel Missionary College. New students are continually arriving. We bespeak a very prosperous year for this college.

The first of the Special Signs has been received and is a very valuable number, being filled with interesting articles by some of our best writers. Everyone should have a supply of this number and give them a wide circulation. The Tract Society will be prepared to fill orders for these special numbers on short notice, having a quantity ordered. Address West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

Brother S. D. Hartwell assisted in the services at Lowell last Sabbath.

Miss Myrtle Hartwell went to Grand Rapids Monday to enter upon her duties at the West Michigan Sanitarium.

While passing through Otsego last Wednesday, Brother B. F. Kneeland called at the office for the first time. His interests are centered at Bloomingdale, where a lively interest has been awakened.

At a session of the executive committee of the conference held in Grand Rapids Wednesday, the 11th, it was voted to invite Miss Myrtle Hartwell to connect with the West Michigan Sanitarium as a nurse in training. Miss Nina Parkhurst has resigned her position as nurse in the Sanitarium to take up work elsewhere, and Miss Clara Crothers is now one of the helpers of that institution. Fred Hutchinson was appointed business manager of the Sanitarium. The pastor of the church, the business manager of the Sanitarium, and the doctor in charge, with the pastor as chairman, constitute the local board of control. Dr. Bourdeau-Sisco has been the physician in charge from the inception of the work, almost three years. The work has been very successful under her careful management. She now resigns to accept work in Washington, D. C. The committee are in search of a doctor to fill the vacancy, which takes place the first of November.

The Story of the Seer of Patmos.

This is the title of that most excellent book by Elder S. N. Haskell and which is on sale at this office at \$1.00, post paid. This is a verse-by-verse study of the book of Revelation, written in narrative style, and while it is highly instructive, it is very interesting. Let the orders come in.