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Young People's Day in Lake Union Conference.

For some years God has been calling upon us as a people to educate, train, and assist our young people in organizing and entering His work. So far we have neglected His call. He says this neglect is a "grievous offense" to Him. We claim to believe the advent message is to go to the world in this generation; yet we have ne-

glected to put in operation one of the powerful agencies for accomplishing this work. He says, "With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!" ("Education," p. 271)

What results have followed our neglect to heed the call of God? Instead of an army of our youth carrying the advent message to the world, we have seen, and are seeing, an army of our youth becoming weary of the truth, and going to the world to become servants of Satan. How many tears have been shed; how many agonizing prayers have been offered for these straying lambs of the fold, by their Adventist parents, the dear Lord and the recording angel only know. The question will be asked, "Does not God hear those parent's prayers?" Certainly; but how can He do all for the wandering youth He desires, when we refuse to "arouse from" our "lethargy, and see what manner of service is demanded?" He says, "Very much has been lost to the cause of God by lack of attention to the young."

That we may study and better understand the Lord's requirements it has been decided to set apart Sabbath, Dec. 2, as Young People's Day, to be observed by all the churches in the Lake Union Conference. Appropriate readings have been prepared and will be sent to the churches, accompanied by a program, with suggestive topics to be considered; also instruction for carrying out the program. The elder, Sabbath-school superintendent, church school teacher and leader of the Y. P. S. should constitute a committee of arrangements to have charge of the day's service.

Let them commence at once to pray and plan for the success of the meeting. As far as possible, arrange to have the young people take a prominent part in the meeting. Remember, much depends upon consecration and prayer.

The blessing of God will rest upon us as we humble our hearts before Him and seek for wisdom and help to discharge our long neglected duties.

May God grant that this service may prove a new epoch in the history of our work in the Lake Union Conference.

W. D. CURTIS,
Educational Sec'y.,
Lake Union Conf.

"Where is the Flock That Was Given Thee, Thy Beautiful Flock?"

Has it ever occurred to you who are parents, ministers, church elders, teachers and Sabbath-school superintendents that some day you will be asked the above question? Well, you will, and may you begin now to look about you and see if "all the children are in."

Joel says, "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

We see from the above text that no one is to be left out of this assembly that is to be called in

Zion. Sabbath, December 2, has been set apart as Young People's Day in the Lake Union Conference. Programs have been sent to all of the churches and companies in the West Michigan Conference. We hope that each church will carry out this program as far as possible. We trust that all will co-operate in this effort for the youth and children.

The Lord has told us by His spirit that, "Altogether too little attention has been given our children and youth. The older members of the church have not looked upon them with tenderness and sympathy. The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth, with kindness, patience, and tenderness giving them line upon line, precept upon precept."

God says that we have failed to do our duty in the past, but let us "redeem the time because the days are evil." God grant that all will rally to the front and line up for service and carry "The Advent Message to all the world in this generation."

"And when he comes, the King in all His glory,

Who died the shameful death our hearts to win.

O, may the gates of heaven shut about us,
With all the children in."

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Emmanuel Missionary College.

"It is the very essence of all right faith to do the right thing at the right time." The right thing to do is the thing that God commands. The right time to do the right thing is the time that God indicates that the thing should be done. In other words, the essence of right faith is doing what God commands us to do at the time when he commands it to be done. The fact that God has commanded us to educate all of our children is undisputable. That this work should be attended to at once, and pursued diligently, is also beyond dispute. Therefore the essence of right faith in the educational work

is to take steps at once to place all of our young people in training for the Master's service.

Emmanuel Missionary College has a specific mission. The Lord has spoken of its mission in words unmistakable. His word to us is that we should not encourage young people to go out and work for a year to earn money with which to pay for their schooling, but to encourage them to attend school at once; and where young people are worthy and do not have the means, it is very clearly set forth that we should assist them financially. Those who have had the responsibility of moving out in the educational work in the Lake Union Conference, have followed the instruction of the Lord to the best of their ability, and all things are ready. The Lord has opened the way for us to prepare comfortable rooms for students at the college. We are prepared to do good, thorough work for students at the college. The students now in attendance are an excellent class. The Lord is blessing teachers and students day by day as they go forward with the work in connection with this institution.

Now, my dear brethren, is it not the right thing to fill up this college with the young people who can soon go out to carry the Third Angel's Message to the perishing millions? If this is the right thing to do, then is this not the right time to do this right thing? Are there not scores of young people who should be in training? Some of these need financial help in order to attend school. Has not the Lord said to us that we should assist such students? Have we not reached the right time for doing this thing? Therefore is it not the essence of right educational faith to see to it that our college is filled up at once? We are doing all that we can do as teachers and students to practice what we preach. Teachers and students of Emmanuel Missionary College at the present time are assisting five

worthy young people to secure an education in this institution. Now, we believe that if our brethren and sisters will take hold of this matter with courage and faith, it will be a question of but a few weeks until Emmanuel Missionary College will be filled with young people desirous of preparing for the service of the Master.

We do not believe that we are going beyond proper bounds when we say that we are all responsible in a large measure for our young people, and that we are duty bound at the present time to see to it that our influence is directed toward them in such a way that instead of their turning their attention to this world and to the accumulation of riches, their hearts and minds may be turned toward receiving a training for the Master's work. We do not believe that God ever commands an impossibility; and when he said that all our young people should have a training in our schools he commanded a thing that is possible. If we exercise right faith the means will be forthcoming with which to carry out this plan. Time is short. Means cannot be invested in any better way at the present time than in training our young people. Shall we not at once take steps to increase the number of students at this institution? There are hundreds of young people in the Lake Union Conference who are not in our schools, but who should be in them. At the present time some of these desire to attend, while others do not seem to be very much concerned about the matter. Why should not those who are anxious to receive an education be encouraged and assisted to attend? And why should not those who are indifferent receive special attention in every possible way, to the end that they may see the necessity of preparing for useful service in this world, and for a home of eternal happiness in the world to come?

N. W. KAUBLE.

The Kind of Teacher I Like.

(The following is the conclusion of the discussion of the above subject, which was presented at the Sabbath-school convention at Allegan November 4. There was much more said on this subject, but we cannot print it all on account of our limited space.)

J. B. Buck: I remember too when I went to Sabbath-school at Monterey when I was only eight years old. There was good old Sister Rummary and Sister Jones. They were some of my teachers, and I cannot help but associate these thoughts with "The Kind of a Teacher I Like." I find these good old mothers, not the real young persons, are the ones that have instilled into the hearts of these children the principles that have stood by them all their lives.

M. N. Campbell: I would like to say a few words in regard to a remark that was made in regard to the ideal teacher. The young people seem to think it is a fine thing to have the teacher stick to the lesson pamphlet. I think if they will think it over a little they will change their minds. Now the main object in studying the lesson is to get God's idea. The lesson pamphlet is a good thing for its purpose, but it is a crutch, and I never met a person who walked with a crutch but what he wished he could walk without it. Some man wrote those questions to bring out certain ideas. Undoubtedly they are good ideas, but we should study our lesson for the purpose of getting out of it some personal good and texts fixed in our minds, and we should be prepared to answer any question, whether out of the pamphlet or not. Another thing, it always makes me ache to see a teacher just stand up and read those questions off, and worse yet when the man or woman who conducts the review simply stands up and reads off the questions. I think we make a serious mistake when we do not study our lesson so we can get at

it in a little different way. The teacher should have the lesson so thoroughly fixed in her mind that she can conduct the study without the lesson pamphlet. I never use it in the class, and above all things I never use it in the review. The purpose of the lesson is to get out what the Scriptures teach us personally, not what they mean to somebody else.

A. G. Haughey: I think the young people are right. I am a friend of the young people. There is a difference between teaching old people and young people. Young people have to be taught the fact and taught how to apply the fact to themselves as individuals. Older people are supposed to know the facts and are after the applications. I think we ought to recognize a difference, and in teaching a class of old people we do not care to follow so much the facts as they are put forth in the lesson pamphlet as we do to get at the principles. Children and young people have to first learn the facts, and the lesson pamphlet is with that idea in view. It is gotten up with that idea in view, that the facts may be learned, and later in life they will learn how to apply those facts to themselves as individuals. I do not think there is so much difference between the Sabbath-school and the day school. I never have thought there was very much difference. I remember when I was a pupil in the day school. Perhaps I am below the medium pupil, but I remember very well that it was much easier for me to get a lesson when I had questions or something to guide me a little. I could work out the thoughts if I had the questions, and I kept those thoughts by having the questions. The teacher would ask questions and I could answer them even though sometimes they were not altogether the questions that were asked in the book. I remember quite well some of the first books I attempted to study without questions to guide, and I know it was

hard work for me. I did not get the ideas nearly so well. I am a great lover of the lesson pamphlet and I am a great lover of text books. I believe the whole subject is one in a sense. I want it understood that in no sense do I advocate laying aside the lesson pamphlet or laying aside the text books. Of course in the Sabbath-school the Bible is the text book and the lesson pamphlet has the questions prepared especially upon the theme that is under consideration. To get the thought Brother Campbell had in his mind, I believe we should first ask the questions that are put in the pamphlet and draw out the answers that they have obtained, and then ask questions. I think that is the thought Brother Campbell is trying to bring out.

The Week of Prayer.

Another year is closing, and the annual week of prayer is right upon us. What a blessing this has been to the cause of truth! How fitting it is to end the year with a season like this, that of drawing near to God and getting a preparation for work in the future. How careful God has been to keep us in health and loyal to him. Oh that we might realize this more and more!

We are exceedingly anxious to have the people of the West Michigan Conference give themselves to self-examination and laying aside of sin and forgiveness of wrongs, to making right all differences, and to a deeper and more thorough consecration to God. Surely this is the time for refreshing. It is the time for special blessings. The richest blessings of the Lord oftentimes come in an individual's experience as he is alone pleading with God. Yet the Lord has told us that we should praise him in his sanctuary, and that a book of remembrance is written before the Lord of those that thought upon his name.

May this be truly a week of prayer to be continued and enjoyed by all our brethren throughout the

West Michigan Conference. We have many things to praise the Lord for. We can praise him for his general blessings that have attended his work; we can praise him for his presence as seen in our individual experiences; we can praise him for the special manifestation of himself to us as individuals; we can praise him for health; we can praise him for life; we can praise him for happiness; we can praise him for peace of mind; we can praise him for his protecting power. Let all the people praise His Holy name.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

To Those Bearing Responsibilities.

Are you reading the articles by Sister White now appearing in the REVIEW under the title of "Lessons from the Life of Solomon?" It seems to me they contain the most practical instruction to those carrying church and Sabbath-school responsibilities of anything that has appeared in years. For example, let me quote a single paragraph from one of these articles:

"The thoroughness and completeness of the organization perfected at the beginning of Solomon's reign; the comprehensiveness of plans for bringing the largest number possible of all the people into active service; the wide distribution of responsibility, so that the service of God and the king should not be unduly burdensome to any individual or class,—these are the lessons which all may study with profit, and which the leaders of the Christian church should understand and follow."

We have come to a time when heavy responsibilities must be borne by a large number of people. We are in the very midst of a great missionary movement that should grow as the days go by. That we each may the better do our part, let us carefully read and prayerfully study these articles.

H. H. HALL.

News and Notes.

Do not forget that the Week of Prayer is December 9-16.

A Young People's Society was organized at Paw Paw last week.

The address of Doctor Patience Bourdeau-Sisco is Washington Branch Sanitarium, 1 and 2 Iowa Circle, Washington, D. C.

We have a supply of Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies for the first quarter of 1906. Please send in your orders early.

The Grand Rapids Young People's Society sent in forty-five dollars a few days ago. This goes toward the support of Sister Elizabeth McHugh, who is doing Bible work in South Carolina.

Brethren B. F. Kneeland and Edward Collier, who are laboring at Bloomingdale, gave the office a call one day last week and purchased some books and tracts. They seem to be well and of good courage.

We now have individual report blanks for our Young People's Societies. These are for the members of the societies to keep a record of the missionary work they do, and at the end of the quarter hand them to the secretary, and from these reports she makes out her quarterly report which she sends in to the office. We wish to send them to all of our societies, but we do not have the names of all of our secretaries. If your society does not receive a supply of these blanks, it will be because you fail to send us your secretary's name and address.

Elder Taylor from the St. Helena Sanitarium, California, spoke in the Battle Creek Tabernacle last Sabbath morning to a most interested congregation. At the close of the sermon an invitation was given for any who wanted to seek Christ to remain and a large portion of the people remained, and had a most precious season seeking the Lord. In the afternoon Broth-

er John Quinn gave the third of the series of lectures to the young people, which was much appreciated.

In a recent communication from Elder S. M. Butler, in speaking of the work at Cedar Lake Academy, we quote the following: "Our school work is getting along very nicely. We have a larger number of students in the dormitory than we had last year. We could take one more girl and three more boys. We have two, a man and his wife, rooming in the school house. The students seem to be more earnest in their work than has been the case any time since we have been here. There is also a good spiritual interest in the school. The Spirit of the Lord seems to be working strongly upon the hearts of the young people. We have had two baptisms recently, one on the 4th of November and the other on the 11th. On the former occasion eight were baptized and on the latter five, all of whom are students except one girl, and she was here the first year we were here. This makes nineteen students that have been baptized since school closed last spring. At present there are only two girls and one boy in the school that have not made an open profession. Of course we have great hopes for them. Taking everything into consideration, the outlook is very hopeful."

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