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"Come Ye . . . Apart, and Rest Awhile."

The wheels of time turn on and on; the day, the month, the year, come and go on swiftest wings, bearing us on, and ever on, to eternity. Childhood and youth are the full tide of life—and then the ebb; and after that the judgment.

The struggle for existence has become intense. Every fiber of our being is stretched almost to the breaking point to keep up with the demands made upon us. Whether on the farm or in the shop, or in a trade or profession, the same strenuousness must be maintained, or we are crowded out by the stronger and more daring.

On, and ever on, we rush, trying to keep pace with the maddening crowd, infatuated with the very strenuousness of the struggle. The insane asylums of the country are filled to overflowing; we see nervous wrecks all along our pathway, we hear the pitiful cry of the unfortunate importuning for help, but we have no time to minister to

their needs; for on we must hurry to keep pace with our daily tasks.

Disappointed hopes and their career in suicide; jealousy and envy bathe their hands in human blood; robberies, both public and private, are everywhere, and the very thoughts of men seem "only evil continually."

What means this maddening chase? Whither are we drifting in this current of commercialism, and universal rush for wealth?—Surely not nearer the kingdom of heaven.

Were the Master here, think you his voice would not cry out above the noise and din of life, even as he said to the weary disciples of old, "Come ye yourselves apart, and REST AWHILE."

The week of prayer which begins December 9th may be the Master's call to you, weary one, "Come . . . apart, and rest awhile." Stop this hurry and rush, lay aside your cares and labors, and "come . . . apart and rest awhile."

The Master has somewhat he would say to you. He has promises he would have you ponder; he has love he would bestow. Are you bruised and scarred with sin and sinning? He has balm for your wounded soul.

He longs to hear your voice in earnest prayer. Are your lips silent and speechless? He will quicken their life, and put a song in your mouth.

Come, brother, come, sister, let us go aside a little while with the Master, and rest.

I. H. EVANS.

The Young People's Work.

(Stenographic report of talk given by Clifford Russell at the close of the convention at Allegan, Nov. 5, 1905.)

The Lord has seen fit to give us the grandest system of truth that

has ever been vouchsafed to any people in this world's history. We are living in the grandest time that has ever taken place. There are greater opportunities before the young people, and in connection with that not only are there greater opportunities for making for themselves a name and a place among the nations and people in this world, but along with that comes the fact that cannot be denied, there are greater dangers and perils that beset the young people to-day than there ever have been before. This is certainly true, and these dangers and these perils are on the increase.

I wonder where the young people are that ten years ago were in our Sabbath-schools. It is a sad picture that presents itself to our minds, but when we face the situation just as it is and ask ourselves that question we are obliged to answer that the vast majority of them are in the world and in the world's work. Now, history will repeat itself; it always has, and always will. So it comes right home with great force to my mind as a parent. I am sure it does to each one of us. If it is true that ten years ago those who were children in our Sabbath-schools are to-day out in the world, what will be the case of those who to-day are in the Sabbath-schools? Brethren and sisters, something must be done more than has been done to hold our children and youth. I have been deeply interested in the remarks that have been made, especially these last words by Brother Haughey. I think he has pointed out some of the ways by which they may be held.

Of course circumstances are such that many of us are obliged to have our children in the public schools. It is a fact that in the school sys-

tem of this world (and there is none better, as Brother Haughey says), as you go up the grades and get into the high schools and from there on, especially in our colleges, the spirit of criticism and the spirit of infidelity and criticizing God's Word is broadcast. The very moment we disregard the Bible account of creation, just how things were made, and accept the theory that we sprang from some lower order of animals, it just leads right away from God and it undermines all the fundamental principles of truth. It does seem to me we are obliged to do something that will hold our young people. I am thankful that some things are being done that were not done ten or fifteen years ago. There was a time when our young people were almost ignored. There was a time when almost the entire energies of our church were devoted to outside work. We just simply overlooked our own people and we let our own young people grow up without giving them anything to do. The thing for us to do, it seems to me, is to plan work and see that they understand how they may work and give them something to do. You know that in all the realm of nature where there is no growth, where there is no life, stagnation comes right in. This is the law of our physical being. And these young people that are growing up among us with all the life and enthusiasm that is inherent in a young person have got to have something to do. I remember a case when a certain young person said, "O, if you will only give us something to do, if you will just simply give us something to do, we will do it." That is the way with thousands of them. What do they need brethren and sisters?—They just simply need the counsel and direction, and above all things else, the co-operation of those who are older in the work to direct them, to plan out and give them something to do; and some of the ways have been outlined in our talks here this fore-

noon. I am thankful above almost everything else for the organization of our young people's societies. Here in this church we have had young people's meetings more or less regularly. We conducted them with a great deal of regularity for six or eight years. Lately our numbers have been so few that they have not been held so regularly. We commenced holding young people's meetings here long before young people's organizations were thought of. It seems to me that the work of the young people in societies is something that will increase their usefulness, and I have always thought that the best plan for conducting young people's meetings is for the young people themselves to be gotten to work, and then above all things else see that in the lessons that are taught we are teaching them the fundamental principles of the third angel's message. If they are going to be workers they must be rooted and grounded in the truth we profess as a people. They must know why we believe this and that and the other, and they must be able to tell other people in a way that will be convincing to them. So we always planned to do that as best we could.

I have just a little statement here that I would like to read. It is a sentence from the Testimonies. "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, and precept upon precept. O, where are the fathers and mothers in Israel?"

If all these Seventh-day Adventist young people were as dear to us as our own children we would be more anxious, I believe, to do something to hold them in the truth. You all know that people at this time are just simply going wild in the mad rush for wealth and position and power and the pleasures of this world. When you come to think about it those that are lovers of pleasures more than

lovers of God are pretty plentiful. It seems to me Satan in these last days is setting everybody becrazed after the pleasures, the wealth, and the power there is in this world. We must arouse to this work and do something for our children.

In conclusion I want to read three little verses right along this line.

ARE ALL THE CHILDREN IN ?

"Are all the children in? The night is falling,

And storm-clouds gather in the threatening west;

The lowing cattle seek a friendly shelter;

The bird hies to her nest;

The thunder crashes; wilder grows the tempest;

And darkness settles o'er the fearful din;

Come, shut the door, and gather round the hearthstone;

Are all the children in ?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,

When gilded sin doth walk about the streets.

O, 'at the last it biteth like a serpent'!

Poisoned are stolen sweets.

O mothers, guard the feet of inexperience,

Too prone to wander in the paths of sin!

O, shut the door of love against temptation!

Are all the children in ?

Are all the children in? The night is falling,

The night of death is hastening on apace;

The Lord is calling, 'Enter thou thy chamber,

And tarry there a space'

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!"

From the Field.

After the Sand Lake meeting I spent several days visiting members of the Kent City church living at Casnovia, Kent City and Sparta. This church has quite recently lost several of its members by death, leaving but a "little flock," mostly women. Although but few in number, their faithfulness in maintaining Sabbath-school and meeting, paying tithes, and doing missionary work would put to shame many a larger church. As a result of this faithfulness several of their neighbors are asking for an opportunity to hear preaching. We trust that this opportunity may be had, and the little flock made to rejoice by seeing many of these

brought to a saving knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus Christ.

W. D. LAKIN.

STANTON.

I am working this place with "Christ's Object Lessons." I am not taking orders as fast as I would like to, as this territory has been canvassed before, but I hope the books that have been sold in the past will be read.

I canvassed a lady who was interested in the book and she felt sure that if her husband could see the book he would order it. I told her I would leave the book and call again. I called the next morning and she met me at the door and said, "I am ashamed of myself, for we have a book just like this." She showed it to me and said they had not read it for they did not know it was such a good book. She thanked me for calling their attention to the book and promised me that she would read it. I find an opportunity to present the truth in many homes, so I am encouraged to go on.

A. L. EVANS.

DOUGLAS, BLOOMINGDALE AND PINE GROVE.

Friday and Sabbath, November 10 and 11, I spent in and around Douglas. The brethren and sisters from Fennville were all present at the meeting on the Sabbath. We had a good time in worshipping the Lord together and in the study of His Word.

Sabbath and Sunday, November 18 and 19, I spent with the church at Bloomingdale and vicinity where Brethren Collier and Kneeland have been holding meetings. I found that a few have commenced the keeping of God's commandments near there; and they were at the meeting Sabbath. In the afternoon and evening a few of us met at the home of Brother Hinkley, where I trust we spent the time to the honor of the Lord.

Sunday morning I took Brethren Kneeland and Collier in my buggy and drove six miles to Pine Grove,

where Brother Collier spoke to quite a good congregation at 10:30 a. m., and Brother Kneeland at 8:30 p. m. We hope there will be a good interest awakened in this place and some brought to a knowledge and obedience of God's Word.

EZRA BRACKETT.

Bible Cautions for Those Who are Looking for the Coming of the Lord.

The Scriptures abound with admonitions and cautions for those who are expecting the soon coming of the Saviour. These are not stern, cutting reproofs, but gentle admonitions to the waiting ones. Here are several of them:

An admonition to have our lamps burning and we be like unto men that wait for the Lord when he returns from the wedding. See Luke 12:35-40.

An admonition to take heed lest our hearts be overcharged with eating and drinking and cares of this life, and so that day come upon us unawares. Luke 21:34, 35. There are many "take heeds" in the Bible, but none more important than this.

An admonition to awake from spiritual slumber, and shake ourselves from the dust of this world. See Paul's stirring words in Romans 13:11, and God's counsel in Isa. 52:1, 2. What could be more timely?

An admonition to be faithful in attending the means of grace. Compare Heb. 10:25 and Mal. 3:16. Note that as we see increased evidence of the approach of the great day, there should be increased faithfulness in attending our meetings.

An admonition concerning our daily walk, and the importance of watchfulness and prayer. See Peter's words. II Peter 3:11, 14; also Mark 13:33-37, and I Peter 4:7. These references, if read, will certainly speak for themselves.

A second-advent admonition to put away all old grudges. The apostle's words are: "Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest

ye be condemned: behold the Judge standeth before the door." James 5:9. See also Paul's counsel in Heb. 12:15. O how many poor souls will stand speechless in the coming day because this counsel of God has not been heeded! Let each one of us deal faithfully with our own souls and see that no root of bitterness has any place in our hearts.

An admonition to second-advent believers to remember Lot's wife. Luke 17: 32. In this chapter from verse 20 to the close the Lord gives definite instruction concerning the last days, the times of Noah and Lot, and the numerous people who will say "See here" and "See there" and "Lo here" and "Lo there" that will arise to deceive, if possible, the very elect. Then he gives the solemn caution to remember Lot's wife. Now Lot's wife had begun to flee from destruction and was partly out of the city when she looked back and became a monument of God's displeasure. The lesson in this case for us is, there will be those who have some experience in this truth, but who at last look back in their hearts to the beggarly things of this world, and who will be overtaken by the judgments of Heaven. Let us prayerfully remember the case of Lot's wife.

The position of the church, prophetically stated, at the present is: We are in the time when men literally are running to and fro; when the flaming chariots say that we are in the day of God's preparation; when men's hearts are failing them for fear in anticipating what is coming; when the winds of strife and passion are held while the sealing angel continues his work; when judgment is turned away backward and truth is fallen in the streets; when the Scripture is saying, Cast not away your confidence in God; when the dragon is wroth with the seed of the woman who keep the commandments; when men phenomenally rich are being multiplied; when the judgments of

Heaven are resting on the earth thick and fast; when the word to the church is, Be patient, brethren; unto the coming of the Lord; and when, thank God, "We shall know, if we follow on to know the Lord, His going forth is prepared as the morning: and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hos. 6:3. Come Lord, and come quickly!

G. W. AMADON.

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Our little folks have great reason for rejoicing. Their paper, OUR LITTLE FRIEND, has decided to come out in holiday dress, in the form of a FOUR PAGE COVER IN THREE COLORS; and with twice as many stories, pictures and letters as usual. This special number will take the place of the last two issues of the year and will soon be ready. Of course, all those who are regular subscribers to OUR LITTLE FRIEND will receive this number without extra charge. The price to others will be five cents each, but to those who wish to sell it, the price will be two and one-half cents each in lots of 10 to 499, or two and one-quarter cents each in lots of 500 or more.

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Obituaries.

ROGERS.—Died at Covert, Mich., Nov. 16, 1905, Mrs. Mary Rogers, wife of Jerome Rogers, at the age

of 37 years, 8 months, and 10 days.

Nine years ago Sister Rogers embraced the third angel's message and has since been a faithful member of the Covert church, having served for a number of years as church clerk. Her death was caused by typhoid fever. A husband, daughter, father, mother, and two sisters mourn this stroke of the death angel.

A large number of sympathizing friends and neighbors assembled at the funeral and listened to a discourse based on Rev. 14:13 by the writer.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

GLOVER.—Died at her home in Marshall, Mich., Nov. 17, 1905, of gastric fever, Clarissa E. Glover, aged 78 years, 11 months and 25 days. Sister Glover's maiden name was Holmes, and she was born in Orleans county, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1826. She was twice married and twice a widow. Her first husband was Alonzo Cole, and to them were born three children, one of whom died in infancy. Her second husband was Brother C. S. Glover who will be remembered by the pioneers of the cause of present truth as one of five brethren who bore the financial expense incident to the removal of the denominational publishing work from Rochester, N. Y., to Battle Creek, in 1855. This noble brother died in the triumphs of faith several years ago, and is now followed by his beloved companion. Sister Glover's entire life was that of a sincere, devoted, Christian. Some 35 years ago she learned of the religious faith of Seventh-Day Adventists and at once joyfully accepted of it and continued firm and rejoicing in that faith to the time of her death. She was a member of the Ceresco, Mich., church, and greatly beloved by her brethren and sisters as well as by all who knew her. She leaves two daughters, five grand-children and six great-grandchildren to mourn the loss of this true "mother in Israel."

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and the precious dust laid to rest in beautiful Oakridge cemetery, Marshall, to await the Life-giver's call.

G. W. MORSE.

News and Notes.

Brother H. C. Pitton is now laboring in Muskegon.

This blue pencil mark is to notify you that your subscription expires with this issue. Please renew at once.

Elders A. G. Haughey and W. D. Parkhurst went to College View, Neb., last week to attend the Medical Convention.

Brother M. N. Campbell of 801 Clarence St., Kalamazoo, is now on speaking terms with those who have the Bell Phone. His number is 1769 R.

The church at Otsego with their many friends furnished a room in the Michigan Home for Girls. Our Otsego friends gave liberally, for which we are thankful.

Brother Carl Hansen, who has been laboring in Chicago, is now laboring in the West Michigan Conference for the Scandinavians. His address is Lakeview, Mich., R. F. D. No. 1.

The matter furnished by the Lake Union Conference for Young People's Day has been sent to the churches this week. We are sorry this did not arrive in time for all to receive it before last Sabbath.

The following is a report of the Bauer church school for the month ending November 10; Number of pupils enrolled, 19; Number of days taught, 20; Total days attendance, 355; Average daily attendance, 14. Janet Campbell, Teacher.