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Suggestions.

I cannot tell why there should come to me
A thought of someone miles and years away,
In swift insistence on the memory.

Unless there be a need that I should pray.

He goes his way; I, mine; we seldom meet
To talk of plans or changes, day by day,
Of pain or pleasure, triumphs or defeat.
Or special reasons why 'tis time to pray.

We are too busy even to spare thought
For days together of some friends away;
Perhaps God does it for us, and we ought
To read His signal as a call to pray.

Perhaps, just then, my friend has fiercer fight,
A more appalling weakness, a decay
Of courage, darkness, some lost sense of right—
And so in case he needs my prayers, I pray.

Friend, do the same for me! If I intrude
Unmasked upon you, on some crowded day,
Give me a moment's prayer, as interlude;
Be very sure I need it, therefore pray.

—Marianne Farningham.

The Annual Conference.

The fourth annual session of the West Michigan Seventh-day Adventist Conference will be held in Otsego, Mich., January 18-21, 1906. As this will be a very important meeting, we trust that each church in the territory will send a representative. The basis of representation is as follows: one delegate for each church and one for each full fifteen members.

Notice is also given of the annual meeting of the West Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists. At this meeting the Board of Trustees consisting of five members is to be elected, and such other matters as will need to claim the attention of the member will be considered.

The members of this association are the duly accredited dele-

gates to the unincorporated West Michigan Seventh-day Adventist Conference. This first meeting will take place Friday, January 19, 1906, at 3:00 p. m.

All departments of the work will receive due consideration during this session. There are many matters of special interest which will be announced in the later issues of the "Herald."

A. G. HAUGHEY.

The Gates of the City Closed.

The whole universe has been marred by Satan and his angels. They defiled their own habitations in heaven and were cast out. Jude 6; Ezekiel 28:16, 18; Rev. 12:7-9; and Luke 10:18. Satan was cast into the earth, but he still had the freedom of the universe, (and will till bound, Rev. 20:1-3) except the city whose gates were thereafter closed lest he should enter. "All the angels that are commissioned to visit the earth hold a golden card, which they present to the angels at the gates of the city as they pass in and out." Early writings p. 32. See Psalms 24:7-10. "Limited alone to earth, he [Satan] will not have the privilege of ranging to other planets, to tempt and annoy those who have not fallen... The inhabitants of other worlds are delivered from his presence and temptations." Great Controversy Vol. 4, p. 475. It is because of the presence and temptations of Satan in other worlds that they are "not clean" and "wax old" in the sight of the Lord. See Job 15:15; 25:5; and Hebrews 1:10-12.

All things in the universe will be made new in order to eradicate the taint of sin. Then the gates of New Jerusalem will never more be closed. They are not now "ajar" even for saints or angels; but when opened at all it will be widely and

the entrance will be of right to the redeemed of the Lord.

A. SMITH.

Medical.

The Organization of Nurses' Bureaus.

For months past nurses have been applying to the General Conference Medical Council and to various state conferences to arrange for the maintenance of some organization for facilitating the working of trained nurses in harmony with the third angel's message. At our summer camp-meetings many of the older graduate nurses, who since the burning of the Battle Creek Sanitarium have been directing their own efforts in isolated places, have expressed their wish for hearty fraternal relations with our conferences and the conference medical departments. Many of them feel the present lack of organization, and recognize the danger of living to themselves.

This desire has now become so general that at the recent session of the General Conference Medical Council, held in College View, Neb., the following resolutions favoring this move were unanimously passed:

"WHEREAS, there is a growing demand on the part of many nurses in our denomination for the organization of a nurses' association as a means whereby closer unity of effort may be secured in methods of work and Christian co-operation; therefore,—

"RESOLVED, That immediate steps be taken for the formation of such an association in each union conference, and that a committee of seven be chosen by this convention to give study to this question, and to formulate a plan for this organization."

At the next meeting of the convention, this committee of seven reported the following three resolutions, which were considered, and unanimously adopted:

"That notices be published in the REVIEW AND HERALD, union conference and state papers, requesting the trained nurses throughout the different conferences to send in their names with both present and permanent addresses, to persons named in the published announcements, with the view of organizing a Nurses' Association.

"That the president of each union conference recommend representative nurses to attend the next session of their union conferences, for the purpose of organizing a nurses' association.

"That Drs. W. A. George, J. E. Froom and G. T. Harding constitute a committee to develop these plans."

The undersigned committee were asked to develop in each union conference plans for the organization at once of a Nurses' Association and Bureau of Information for the Seventh-day Adventist nurses located in our union conferences. These bureaus may consist merely of an officer and Bureau of Information, or, if local conditions make it advisable, a nurses' home may be maintained. In either case, each union conference Nurses' Bureau is to work in co-operation with the union conference officers, and will be self-governing, ultimately self-supporting, and locally controlled by its members.

This plan will be recognized at once as not a plan of centralization, but rather one for establishing outposts in each union conference from which to assist at close range the force of medical missionary workers in the territory who are not directly connected with the sanitariums. It may prove to be advisable in some instances to form state, or conference, or possibly city nurses' bureaus in certain localities. These matters will be

considered in their respective territories.

The Medical Missionary Convention recommended the president of each union conference to invite representative nurses to attend their union conference biennial meeting to be held this winter, and assist in organizing their bureau.

We are now conducting correspondence with each union conference as to who shall be appointed to receive and classify the addresses of available nurses in their territory, but in order to expedite the work, and accomplish as much preliminary work and correspondence as possible, WE REQUEST ALL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST TRAINED NURSES WHO DESIRE TO WORK IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE TO SEND THEIR ADDRESSES TO J. E. FROOM, M. D., Takoma Park, D. C., being sure to state—

1. Your professional training;
2. Age;
3. Sex;
4. State of health;
5. Dependencies;
6. Amount of experience had;
7. Christian experience and church membership, together with references.

These facts and addresses will be promptly turned over to the various union conference nurses' bureaus as soon as they are formed, and have each appointed a secretary.

W. A. GEORGE, M. D.,

J. E. FROOM, M. D.,

G. T. HARDING, JR., M. D.

Missionary.

The Proper Use of Tracts.

When Christ ascended on high he gave gifts unto men. "He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Ephesians 4:11.

"And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability." Matt. 25:15.

"Each has his place in the eternal plan of heaven. Each is to work in co-operation with Christ for the salvation of souls. Not more surely is the place prepared

for us in the heavenly mansions than is the special place designated on earth where we are to work for God." C. O. L. pp. 326-327.

"All cannot be teachers of the word in the pulpit. The duties of different persons vary, and there is a work for all to do. All can aid the cause by giving unselfishly of their means for the publication of tracts and periodicals to scatter among the people and disseminate the truth." Testimonies Vol. 4, p. 118.

"There is a large work to be done. Publications teaching the truth are to be circulated everywhere." Testimonies Vol. 8, p. 162.

"The message of truth is to go to all nations, tongues, and people; its publications, printed in many different languages, are to be scattered abroad like the leaves of autumn." Testimonies Vol. 4, p. 79.

We can plainly see by the above statements that there is a work in which all can be engaged, that of disseminating the truth by the use of tracts. While the statement is made that our "publications are to be scattered like the leaves of the autumn" we do not understand that it means that we are to scatter them like hand bills, advertising cards, etc., but we are to do it in a proper way.

The minister who labors in a new field should have a supply of tracts. After giving a discourse from the pulpit hand out a tract on the subject presented, to those who are interested. As he visits the people, carry some tracts to leave with them. The Bible worker after holding a Bible reading should leave a tract on the subject that has been given.

The canvasser can give tracts to those who are interested in the study of the Word, and think they cannot afford to buy a book. This may lead to the sale of a book.

Many of our brothers and sisters in the churches, when asked to do something to help spread the truth,

make the excuse that Moses did when asked to deliver the children of Israel, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, but I am slow of speech and of a slow tongue." The Lord did not accept the excuse that Moses offered. He provided a way for him and he was without excuse.

So the Lord has provided a way for each of his children to-day, and while they do not have a brother Aaron in the form of flesh, they have him in the form of tracts. So we believe that all of our brethren and sisters should keep a good supply of tracts on hand.

"Stop your ears from hearing of blood, and shut your eyes from seeing evil." "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, think on these things." If these things are in our minds we will speak of them, for we know that "from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." When your neighbors and friends visit you, speak of these things and it will open the way for a Bible talk, and if you are slow of speech, have your brother Aaron ready in the form of a tract.

You can do much good by sending tracts to your friends with whom you correspond. More people have accepted the truth through reading the printed page than in any other one way. The writer once asked a young lady how she learned the truth, and she replied, "By reading a tract." Some one gave her brother a tract and she read it and was so much interested that she wanted to know more, so she inquired for the Seventh-day Adventists and learned that there was a church in the city in which she lived. She sought it out, attended services, and accepted the truth. Then she had a burden for her family and a Bible worker visited her home, held Bible readings, and her mother, brother and sister came into the faith,—all the result of one little tract. This is only

one of many similar circumstances that might be related.

We have about thirty tracts that touch upon the salient points of the truth and if each one of the 75,000 Seventh-day Adventists would begin now and seek out individuals and work for their salvation by giving them these tracts in a proper way, it would in a short time, be the means of circulating 2,250,000 tracts, the sale of at least 75,000 books, and eternity alone would reveal all the good done.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

From the Field.

GRAND HAVEN.

We went to Grand Haven December 4 and located there. I have arranged for a service in a hall at least once a week. The first appointment is Monday evening, December 18. I am holding a service in the school house at West Olive on Friday night and meeting with the Agnew church on the Sabbath. Sister Sherrick has been taking some orders for "Best Stories" and "Glorious Appearing" since going to Grand Haven. May a good work be wrought in this place for the precious truth.

MABEL JAFFRAY.

I spent a portion of the week of prayer in Battle Creek. Some very solemn appeals have come to that church. The Spirit of God is moving upon the hearts of our brethren in Battle Creek. The Lord does not forsake any of us so long as we continue to desire to do His will. Surely we are living in solemn times. The great investigative judgment is now taking place in heaven. Evidences of this are being seen in all parts of the world.

The week of prayer has been quite generally observed by all the churches throughout West Michigan. So far as we are able to report, a deeper work of grace and spiritual advancement has been made. God came very near to the Otsego church. I had the privilege

of attending two or three meetings in Otsego. I also spent one evening with the church in Kalamazoo. Have learned of the experience of our workers in various places.

Our desire is to see the work that has begun during this week carried steadily forward.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Educational.

The Young People's Work.

This has aptly been called the "young people's age." This being true, then allow me to ask, what can be a more important branch of the work to-day among Seventh-day Adventists than the young people's work?

We are told that the time will come when the children and youth will be the only ones allowed to proclaim the third angel's message; and would it not be reasonable to suppose that those who are given this opportunity will be the ones who are now receiving a training and an experience in working for those around them?

Much instruction has been given in regard to the organization of the young people into societies for systematic work and study, and we are more or less familiar with the subject. These organizations are not simply for the purpose of entertaining those who may attend the meetings, although the program should be both interesting and instructive, but they are for the purpose of encouraging and giving the members a better preparation for service, that they may be able to give to every man that asketh, a reason for the hope that is within them, thereby proving an honor to any branch of the work in which they may be engaged.

God calls for every young man and woman to take up Christ's cross and follow Him. If we each do this in our everyday lives, gladly doing the little things which may be unnoticed by those about us, but which our Heavenly Father never overlooks, will we not when

we come to the young people's meeting have an experience to tell that will make them interesting and perhaps be a help and encouragement to the other members?

There are many ways in which the young people may work, such as distributing literature, doing Christian help work, or even holding Bible readings, if given the opportunity, and the Sabbath school also presents ample opportunity, for the service of the young.

And not only the youth may engage in the work, but even the children should be taught to be willing to take a part in it, showing acts of kindness to those who may be in less fortunate circumstances than themselves. The children should never be passed by, but should always be given a part to act that they may feel that their help is needed to make the work a success. If they are taught to have an interest in the work of God when children, and have his work constantly kept before their minds, they will be much more likely to take an interest in and have a love for that work when they are grown.

The call given the young people to enter service also embraces a call to the whole church. The older members should not only feel it their duty to aid the young people in their work, but they should see in it a great privilege to encourage and help them on in the good way. They should always be willing to give their counsel, for they are older in years and experience. Young people are sometimes apt to be over-enthusiastic, and the advice and counsel of older ones, if given in the spirit of the Master, cannot but be a great help to the young.

If all the young people within the ranks of Seventh-day Adventists to-day could be in the service of God, with their lives fully consecrated to Him, how soon the message would be given to every nation, kindred, tongue and people! Let us as young people remember that "the great day of the Lord is

near, it is near, and hasteth greatly," and a world is to be warned.

MILDRED WILSON.

News and Notes.

The Lake Odessa Sabbath-school has been re-organized with a membership of ten.

Elder Fred Brink writes that he is in the midst of a good interest at Hastings.

Elders A. G. Daniells, G. A. Irwin, and A. G. Haughey spent a part of the week of prayer in Battle Creek.

E. A. Merriam met with the Kalamazoo church last Wednesday and reported that they were having excellent meetings.

Mrs. F. Hutchinson assisted in organizing a young people's society, with a membership of twenty-one, at Wright the 10th inst. Miss Winifred Trunk was elected president.

The Otsego church held their meetings last week at four o'clock in the afternoon. Judging from the attendance, the arrangement proved very satisfactory to all.

A joint meeting of the Cedar Lake Academy Board and the Conference Committee was held at Cedar Lake Tuesday, December 19. The object of this meeting was to consider matters of business in connection with the Cedar Lake Academy, also to formulate plans for the up-building of the educational work in the West Michigan Conference.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Why not send your boy or girl here to school next term?

Our enrollment is now fifty-six in the academic department, and there is a good prospect for several new students at the beginning of the winter term.

School closes December 20 for the mid-winter vacation. The eleven weeks of the fall term have passed so pleasantly that we can hardly realize that we are at the holiday season. The most of the students are planning to spend the vacation at home. We extend Christmas greetings to them and their friends. The winter term opens Tuesday, January 2, 1906.

A student said the other day, "Before we came here to school a missionary seemed a long way off, but we hear so much about being missionaries that it does not seem so far away." It is surely true that by hearing we become changed. It is the object of our school to educate for missionary work, and it rejoices our hearts when we see that the sentiments inculcated by the school are taking hold of the hearts of the students.

As the result of a visit by one of the students to a near-by church during the week of prayer, a new student arrived at the Academy last week. He is a boy who became interested in the remarks made by the student and on his way home expressed a desire to attend the Academy. His father recognized it as an opportune time to help his son to obtain a Christian education, so he is now in school, and "would not leave for anything."

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