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in the following statements, and shall try to carry out the instruction contained therein:

"When you do your appointed work without contention or criticism of others, a freedom, a light, and a power will attend it that will give character and influence to the institutions and enterprises with which you are connected.

"Remember that you are never on vantage ground when you are ruffled, and when you carry the burden of setting right every soul who comes near you. If you yield to the temptation to criticize others, to point out their faults, to tear down what they are doing, you may be sure that you will fail to act your own part nobly and well."

I believe in the principles of religious liberty,—gospel freedom—which means Christian unity, or all doing right. If all professors of the Christian religion were doing right, there would be Christian unity among all professed believers. There is not unity among all professors of the Christian religion, hence all are not doing right. There is not perfect unity among professed Seventh-day Adventists, therefore some professed Seventh-day Adventists are doing wrong. All wrong doing is sin. The wrongdoer is a sinner. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

It is not my purpose to tear down what others are doing that is according to righteousness. I claim to be a servant of God, a follower of the Lamb. I am thus opposed to sin and must cry against it. The time has fully come when I feel it my duty to state a few facts, and have finally decided to publish a

series of short articles in the "West Michigan Herald" which will shed some light on the situation we as a denomination face.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Educational.

Young People's Meetings.

In considering the subject of Young People's Meetings let us first consider their object. Is it just to have a pleasant time and gratify our selfish inclinations, or is it for some definite work, for some fixed purpose, that we hold these meetings? I trust it is for the last named reason, as this is the one which we wish to consider at this time.

God has said: "Will the young men and women who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers, not only for those who profess to be Sabbath-keepers, but those who are not of our faith? Can not you form companies, and as soldiers of Christ enlist in the work, putting all your tact and skill and talent into the Master's service, that you may save souls from ruin? Let there be companies formed in every church to do this work." "Let young men, and women and children go to work in the name of Jesus. Let them unite together upon some plan and order of action. Can not you form a band of workers and have set times to pray together and ask God to give you his grace, and put forth united action?"

In view of this, it is certain that the work of the Y. P. S. is of God, and, if properly carried out, will be blessed abundantly.

As the object of these meetings is service, the meetings should be

Facts Concerning Our work at Battle Creek. A Statement.

For nearly four years I have served as president of the West Michigan Conference. During that time many persons have desired me to tell them of the causes leading to the burning of the Sanitarium and Review and Herald buildings; the reasons for rebuilding the Sanitarium on a much enlarged plan in the city of Battle Creek; why the Review and Herald plant and the General Conference offices were removed to Washington; and the reasons for the difficulties following. I have carefully avoided giving very much information. I have ever desired to see unity come into our ranks. I stand for unity, but that must come only on the proper basis,—the principles of righteousness. I am a firm believer

conducted in such a manner as to give all the opportunity to labor in various lines of work.

The society in which there is no definite work done, such as mailing papers, writing letters, helping the poor, giving Bible readings, etc., will fail of the real object for which they are intended, and also fail to receive the blessing which is sure to follow.

A club or society with members who are not interested and enthusiastic in the work they are doing, will soon die. It is only by exercise that we become strong for the work of the Master.

We have been told that not more surely is there a mansion prepared for us in heaven than there is a special place designated for us on this earth in which we are to work.

All can not go to canvass, all can not go to foreign fields, some are not adapted to teaching while others can do this who could not work at Bible work or nursing. Each has his or her work to do, so let us each find our own work and do it.

There is a story told of a young lady who had been praying for twelve years to become a foreign missionary. One day she was asked by her heavenly Father where she was born. She answered, "In Germany."

"Where are you now?" "America.

"Who lives above you?" "Swedes."

"Above them?" "Switzers."

"In the rear?" "Italians, and a block away Chinese."

"Could you do thousands of miles away from home what you dare not do at home? There are four foreign countries represented right at your door, and yet you sigh to be a foreign missionary when you can not tell the story of Jesus and his love to your neighbors."

This surely shows that those who are afraid to work where they are, will never be called on to go to distant fields of labor, for they would become dissatisfied and discouraged.

If the members of the society are at work, there will come into the meeting a life and interest which will not make the meetings dependent on the leader or officers, but it will be interesting should the officers be absent.

Let the different lines of work be taken up in the society with those who are best adapted as leaders in this work to train those who desire to take up such work.

One thing which we as young people need to remember is not to forget the little things,—little words and acts of kindness which we can do each day. Those who neglect the little things will not be called on for the greater ones.

Do not pass by the little things and look for a large work. You might do successfully the small work, but fail utterly in attempting a large work and fall into discouragement. Take hold wherever you see that there is work to be done. It will be by doing with your might what your hands find to do that you will develop talents and aptitude for a larger work. It is by slighting daily opportunities, neglecting the little things, that so many become fruitless and withered. Thousands of hearts can be reached in the most simple, humble way.

If all are at work, the time of meetings can be very profitably spent in prayer, Bible study, reports, and laying plans for further work. If the meetings are held only for selfish pleasure and outward show, very little if any good will come from them, either to ourselves or those about us.

We are living too near the closing of probation and the second coming of Jesus to spend our time and money and talents in the service of Satan. God is calling on the young of this generation to arise to the work he has for us. Will we answer the call and put our whole life and energy into this work that this message may be preached to all the world in this generation, or are we going to

leave the call unanswered? The work must be finished. It will be finished, and finished quickly. The question with us is, will we do our part or will we leave it for some other person, and thus fail of the blessing here and the home in heaven? The last call of mercy is sounding, soon probation will close. Will our garments be free from the blood of our neighbors and friends whom we might have warned, or will we have to face the question, "Why did you not tell me if you knew these things?"

Let us arise to our work as soldiers of Christ and send this gospel to every nation under heaven, in this generation. Then we will not need to plan and study how to make our meetings interesting nor prepare a literary program to please the ears of those who hear. There will be so much to tell that the only trouble will be the time in which to tell of the work God is doing for us and those with whom we are associated. We then will soon be able to join in the grand meeting on the other shore where Jesus will be our leader.

GRACE DAVIS.

Sabbath School Notes.

At the fourth annual session of the West Michigan Conference held in January, 1906, the following resolution was passed:

"Resolved, That we continue the plan of holding Sabbath-school conventions during the coming year." We are very glad that so many of the Sabbath-schools are anxious to carry out this resolution.

Conventions will be held as follows:

Grand Ledge, April 21

Mendon April, 28

Wright, May 5

Glenwood, May 19

Sand Lake, May 26

Kalamazoo, June 2

Benton Harbor, June 9, 10.

All lines of the educational work will be considered at some of these conventions and we trust will be

the means of increasing the interest in the educational work.

Perhaps it might be well to mention the fact that the following important resolution was passed:

"Whereas, We all recognize the propriety of prompt and accurate reports, therefore, Resolved, That we as delegates to the West Michigan Conference request the superintendents and secretaries of our Sabbath schools to recognize their obligation in the matter of making prompt quarterly reports." Some of our secretaries have been prompt and sent in their reports and we thank them for it. We trust that ALL of our schools will send in a report for the first quarter of 1906.

We are sending a sample copy of the "Sabbath School Worker" to the superintendents of schools where it is not taken. We consider this a very valuable journal to Sabbath-school officers and teachers.

We hope the Sabbath-school officers will make an effort to put the Home Department plan into operation. Those who are too far away to attend Sabbath-school or to belong to the Home Department of the school can belong to the State Home Department. We desire the names and addresses of all isolated Sabbath-keepers, and we ask our brethren sisters to aid us in obtaining these names. While it is our duty to do good unto all men, as we have the opportunity, we want to especially remember the household of faith. May the Lord help us to do all we can to advance his truth in the earth and thus hasten his coming.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Importance of the Canvassing Work

"The canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time."

"God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment. This is the very work the Lord desires His people to do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last message of warning to the world. We can not too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."

"Canvassers should be impressed with the fact that the canvassing work is the very work the Lord desires them to do. They should remember that they are in the service of God."

"The importance of the canvassing work is kept ever before me. This work has not of late had the life infused into it which was once given by the agents who made it their specialty. Canvassers have been called from their evangelistic work to engage in other labor. This is not as it should be."

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing, for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties."

"Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance. They may think it a losing business, . . . but the servant of Jesus Christ sees in it the light shining from the cross."

These quotations from the Spirit of Prophecy concerning the canvassing work plainly indicate not only our duty, but the privilege we have of engaging in the very work ordained of God to close up and forever end the great controversy between Christ and Satan. Will you not join with us in the Canvassers' Institute at Paw Paw April 17-26 to prepare for service?

GEORGE MATTESON.

Obituary.

WILSON—Died at Bauer, Mich., March 28, 1906, Sister Ann Wilson, aged 83 years, 9 months and 9 days. Ann Headworth was born in Leicestershire, England, June 18, 1822. In 1847 she was united in marriage to John Wilson, coming to America the same year, first settling in the state of New York. In 1848 they removed to Michigan, where they continued to reside to the time of their decease. Six sons and one daughter were born to this union.

Forty-seven years ago under the labors of Elder J. B. Frisbie they united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which they remained consistent members until death.

Sister Wilson survived her husband over thirty-four years. She was a patient sufferer for many years. Her six sons and many of their children survive her. All of her sons and their wives, and some of her grand children are members of the church of which she was a member. She was truly a mother in Israel.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Adventist chapel at Bauer before a large and attentive audience of relatives and sympathizing neighbors. A few hours before the Sabbath we laid her away to rest for a little season in the faith so forcibly expressed in Revelation 14:13. She sleeps in Jesus.

A. SMITH.

News and Notes.

At the session of the Northern Union Conference held in Minneapolis, Minn., March 1-17, 1906, it was recommended that a union conference paper be established and that it be named the "Northern Union Reaper." The recommendation passed, and we are in receipt of the first issue of the "Reaper."

We quote the following from a

personal letter received from the secretary of the Union City Sabbath-school: "You know we have been few in number and struggled along for a few years, but we have kept praying for help and the Lord has answered our prayers. Sister Cleora Green has located here as a self-supporting Bible worker. We have eighteen members in our Sabbath-school this quarter. One brother who had given up the truth has come back and is more earnest than he was before."

The 3rd of April letters were sent to all the church school teachers, telling them of a plan whereby they may help meet their expenses at the summer normal by selling twelve "Christ's Object Lessons" at \$1.25 and sending the money to the conference office. For selling twelve books the conference agrees to pay the teacher's board bill for six weeks. The following is a reply from one of our teachers:—

"Your letter of the 3rd was duly received. At first I did not give it much attention from the fact that I did not think I could possibly find time to sell the books.

"After prayerful consideration I concluded that if those books were to be placed before the people why should I stop because of the effort that it would cost me.

"You may send the books immediately by freight."

Battle Creek News.

Miss Edith Ayers goes this week to Washington, D. C., to join her sister there. She expects to connect with the office work.

The Review and Herald office fixtures have been shipped to Washington and the workers go this week so that the work will soon be fully established in Washington.

We regret to learn of the death of Mrs. O. R. Staines, who died Monday the 9th and was buried the following Wednesday at Hunts-

ville, Ala. She died with a very bright hope of a soon-coming Saviour in whom she trusted.

Elder W. H. Heckman addressed the Battle Creek congregation last Sabbath morning and preached a most excellent discourse from the text, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Brother L. A. Phippeny led the young people's meeting in the afternoon; subject, The Second Coming of Christ.

Among the families removing to Washington, D. C., at this time are C. N. Andrews, John Quinn, L. R. Spear, Mrs. C. S. Daniells, Miss Ella Swan. R. Hendricks, and a number of others. We shall miss these friends from our midst, but if their work is elsewhere in the great harvest field, then we can only bid them God-speed.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Several new students have entered the church school this term.

A heating stove has just been received for the Academy parlor, from Elder A. G. Haughey. As the present parlor stove has outlived its usefulness, this is an acceptable gift.

The incubator has been filled and in two more weeks we trust we shall have some lively chicks. The eggs were obtained from Elder Haughey, and are of the Buff Orpington breed.

There is plenty of work now on the farm for the boys. Each afternoon all don their work clothes and get to work. As the warm days have come, it is no hardship to change places from the schoolroom to the field. The change is also beneficial, as it adds zest to each occupation.

The canvassers' institute closed last Thursday evening. Although many were not present from the

outside, a number of the students attended the afternoon sessions with a view to engaging in the canvassing work when school closes. Brother J. B. Blosser came two days after the institute began and remained until the close, rendering valuable assistance.

From a letter received from Sister J. C. Brower we learn that they are nicely located in Belding. She says, "Mr. Brower has begun his work in town, and has several orders for the paper, and two Bible readings appointed; one for next Sunday afternoon. We have already met a number of nice people. We wish the school would remember our work in their prayers."

Miss Margaret Haughey of Otsego made the Academy a visit last Friday and Sabbath. She spent some time Friday visiting the school and took charge of the young people's meeting Sabbath afternoon. She gave the young people an interesting talk from 1. Samuel 16:6-12, emphasizing the thought that the Lord sees not as man sees, but that he looks on the heart; therefore how necessary that our hearts be right.

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