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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Facts Concerning Our Work at Battle Creek. Our Sins Made Known.

The Lord does not willingly afflict his people. His spirit does not always strive with men. He never abandons his people without first pointing out their sins and giving ample time for repentance. All of this he has done for us. In November, 1901, the following was read to the Review and Herald Board:

"I feel a terror of soul as I see to what a pass our publishing house has come. The presses in the Lord's institution have been printing the soul-destroying theories of Romanism and other mysteries of iniquity. This is taking all sacredness from the office. The managers are loading the guns of the enemy and placing them in their hands, to be used against the truth. How does God regard such work?—In the books of heaven are written the words, Unfaithful stewardship. Thus God regards the publication of matter which comes from Satan's manufactory,—his hellish scientific delusions.

"The office must be purged of this objectionable matter. I have a testimony from the Lord for those who have placed such matter in the hands of the workers. God holds you accountable for presenting to young men and young wo-

men the fruit of the forbidden tree of knowledge. Can it be possible that you have not a knowledge of the warnings given to the Pacific Press on this subject? Can it be possible that with a knowledge of these warnings you are going over the same ground, only doing much worse? It has often been repeated to you that angels of God are passing through every room in the office. What impression has this made on your minds?

"You have given matter containing Satan's sentiments into the hands of the workers, bringing his deceptive, polluting principles before their minds. The Lord looks upon this action on your part as helping Satan to prepare his snare to catch souls. God will not hold guiltless those who have done this thing. He has a controversy with the managers of the publishing house. I have been almost afraid to open the REVIEW, fearing to see that God has cleansed the publishing house by fire."

"Worse even than the defilement of the temple has been the defilement of the publishing house by the printing of matter which should never have been placed in the hands of the workers in God's institution."

From this we see that the presses dedicated to the Lord's service were under the control of Satan, and his hellish, scientific delusions were being printed and scattered abroad. So as of old, the ever same Lord is about to overturn the tables of the moneychangers. All this light and reproof was rejected by some, so the world must know the reason for this calamity.

"I send you this because I am

afraid for you. Your continually increasing force of workers might better be sent into the work in other places. In the night season I have been talking earnestly to you in your meetings, presenting the truth as it is in Jesus. But by some it was rejected. They had passed beyond conviction. They had sinned against great light and knowledge, stifling conscience until it could no longer penetrate the callous heart."

"How much longer will God bear with your perversity? Unless there is a reformation, calamity will overtake the publishing house, and the world will know the reason."

From these facts it is now made plain to all who have carefully read these articles that the Review and Herald plant was destroyed by fire because those most responsible failed to give heed to the reproofs from God as given in the Testimonies which had been sent to make known the right way. The Spirit of Prophecy is given not for the disbeliever, but for those who believe. Had our leaders really believed, the world would not have known of our many sins and great unrighteousness. Because of unbelief in the Testimonies our large buildings are destroyed and the world is now learning why. Every act of resistance makes it harder to yield. We are seeing the fulfillment of the following statements: "Those who are now first, who have been untrue to the cause of God, will soon be last unless they repent." "Satan takes the control of every mind that is not decidedly under the control of the Spirit of God. May 1, 1895."

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Why I Am a Seventh-Day Adventist.

Not long ago an intelligent gentleman asked me the following question, "Why are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" I am a Seventh-day Adventist because the Bible teaches it from Genesis to Revelation.

I. THE SEVENTH DAY.

I observe the seventh day because the Bible says that the Lord made the heaven and the earth in six days and rested upon the seventh. Exodus 20:8-11.

The Sabbath was made for man. Mark 2:27.

Everything that God made was very good. Gen. 1:31.

God rested on the seventh day, blessed it, and sanctified it. Gen. 2:2,3.

God performed a miracle every week for forty years. Ex. 16:16-30.

The Sabbath is a perpetual covenant. Ex. 31:13-16.

Commandments written on tables of stone with the finger of God. Ex. 31:18.

From the foregoing Bible statements I conclude that the Sabbath is immutable and with the Psalmist I say, "Thou art my portion, O Lord; I have said that I would keep thy words."

2. ADVENT.

Advent means coming, and the Word teaches that Christ will come to this earth again. See Matt. 24:30; Mark 13:26; John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; 1. Thess. 4:16,17; Rev. 22:12. I long for the Lord to come and put an end to sorrow, pain, sickness and death, and my prayer is, "Even so, come Lord Jesus. Come quickly."

ALEX CARPENTER.

Not Quite Correct.

OUR S. D. A. ministers in presenting the truth for this time make frequent use of Paul's writings to the Thessalonian church. This is well, for at least ten times does Paul in the two letters speak directly of the coming of the Lord.

But in the use of 1. Thess. 5:20, "Despise not prophesyings," it occurs to the writer that the statement so frequently made is not wholly safe. In quoting this text preachers often say that the statement is not "Despise not the prophecies," but "Despise not prophesyings."

While this remark is true, the general use of the original word is nevertheless very important. The Greek word here for "prophesyings" is *PROPHEETEIA*, and it occurs many times in the New Testament in the following instances, the translation in each case being in small capital letters:—

Matt. 13:14 is fulfilled the *PROPHECY* of Esaias.

Rom. 12: 6 whether *PROPHECY*, let us prophesy according

1. Cor. 12:10 to another *PROPHECY*;

13: 2 And though I have the gift of *PROPHECY*,

8 whether there be *PROPHECIES*, they shall

14: 6 or by *PROPHECYING*, or by doctrine?

22 but *PROPHECYING* serveth not for

1. Thess. 5:20 Despise not *PROPHECYINGS*.

1. Tim. 1:18 according to the *PROPHECIES* which went

4:14 which was given thee by *PROPHECY*, with

II. Pet. 1:20 that no *PROPHETCY* of the scripture is of

21 For the *PROPHECY* came not in old time

Rev. 1: 3 that hear the words of this *PROPHECY*.

11: 6 in the days of their *PROPHECY*:

19:10 of Jesus is the Spirit of *PROPHECY*.

22: 7 the sayings of the *PROPHECY* of this

10 Seal not the sayings of the *PROPHECY* of

18 heareth the words of the *PROPHECY* of

19 of the book of this *PROPHECY*,

The reader will perceive at a glance that the word rendered "prophesyings" in 1. Thess. 5:20 occurs in all nineteen times, and that this same word is translated "prophecy" and "prophecies" sixteen times. Should we not be careful in making statements based on this text?

G. W. AMADON.

Financial.

April Receipts.

Tithe.

Agnew	-	\$	37 65
Allegan	-		156 28
Allendale	-		3 43
Bangor	-		12 40
Battle Creek	-		1347 93
Bauer	-		36 01
Bedford	-		45 93
Belding	-		8 31
Benton Harbor	-		23 56
Berrien Springs	-		50 25
Bloomington	-		10 90
Brookfield	-		38 10
Burlington	-		30 00
Bushnell	-		38 98
Carlton Center	-		39 15
Carson City	-		34 57
Cedar Lake	-		57 39
Charlotte	-		79 20
Clifford Lake	-		67 40
Coldwater	-		22 73
Convis	-		6 00
Covert	-		3 45
Decatur	-		30 52
Denver	-		20 00
Dimondale	-		51 70
Douglas	-		61 65
East Pennsylvania Conf.	-		3 35
Eaton Rapids	-		26 09
Edmore	-		98 56
Fremont	-		26 17
Gowen	-		5 00
Grand Rapids	-		320 34
Grandville	-		1 20
Greenville	-		76 40
Hastings	-		15 00
Holton	-		22 05
Homer	-		25 65
Individuals	-		30 50
Iowa Conference	-		5 00
Kalamazoo	-		50 14
Kent City	-		16 55
Kinderhook	-		34 25
Lakeview	-		21 25
Lowell	-		29 75
Maple Grove	-		29 04
Mendon	-		90 57
Monterey	-		35 48
Muskegon	-		36 54
Odessa Mission School	-		7 00
Ohio Conference	-		17 60
Ontario Conference	-		17 00
Otsego	-		108 16
Paw Paw	-		25 55

Pennsylvania Conf.	2 50
Portland	45 05
Potterville	28 50
Rothbury	22 37
Sand Lake	46 21
Shelby	45 56
South Haven	15 00
Stockholm, Sweden	14 00
Sturgis	17 31
Trufant	7 15
Urbondale	124 50
Vermontville	19 75
Waverly	7 50
West Leroy	18 02
Wright	123 77
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	\$4024 87

West Michigan Conference.

Tithe	\$4024 87
West Michigan Sanitarium	383 82
Sabbath School Offerings	317 55
Weekly Offerings	72 03
Emmanuel Missionary College Fund	2 00
Orphans' Homes	295 15
Annual Offerings	9 50
Mission Board Offerings	67 70
Self-Denial Fund	4 49
C. O. Lessons Fund	1 25
Southern Field	7 00
African Native Workers Fund	4 50
Religious Liberty Fund	69 87
Huntsville School	6 00
Holly School	50
Conf. Improvement F'd.	77 50
James White Home	4 05
Menominee Church	1 00
India Orphans Fund	50
Japan Relief Fund	1 00
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	\$5350 28

West Michigan Tract Society.

On Account	\$351 65
Merchandise	23 30
West Michigan Herald	5 25
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	\$380 20

A Plea For Liberty.

We desire that our new religious liberty magazine, *LIBERTY*, shall be given a wide circulation. There are many and urgent reasons why this should be done. We are near-

ing the great crisis when all will be called upon to take their stand for or against the truth. Many are ignorant of the principles involved in the great issue before us, and must be enlightened. Many have been led astray by National Reform principles, which have been widely disseminated, and have come to believe that the use of force in matters of religion is necessary and right, that it is even Christian. Not a few men in official positions are openly championing these false principles. Several governors of States have lately inaugurated Sunday enforcement campaigns in their States, and Sunday bills are continually being introduced into congress and State legislatures.

Plans have been laid for supplying every legislator in the land with *LIBERTY*. Of all classes, it would seem that those who make our laws should have this important publication. The Religious Liberty Bureau and the various Conferences will see that those included in this class are supplied with it.

And now we wish our brethren and sisters throughout the field to take it upon themselves to see that various other classes are supplied with it, such as mayors, members of town and city councils, judges, lawyers, ministers, school teachers, and business men. Our Young People's Societies might see that the officers of various Young People's Societies in their locality have it, and, in addition, supply it to one or more of the other classes already mentioned.

Fifteen dollars will furnish one hundred copies of this magazine to as many addresses for one year; \$7.50, to fifty individuals; \$3.75, to twenty-five. Can we neglect so good and important a work for so small an expense? Let us take up this matter at once, and see that those who most need the instruction and the principles set forth in this magazine are supplied with it. Let them have it from the very first number.

W. A. COLCORD.

Obituary.

DOUD.—Died at the home of her adopted parents, David and Della Page, in Beaver, Michigan, Maud Doud, aged 22 years, 7 months and 22 days. When ten years of age she gave her heart to the Saviour and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. She was secretary of the Denver Center Sabbath-school at the time of her death.

January 26, 1904 she was united in marriage to Eugene Doud. She was a faithful Christian and was respected by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, parents, one sister, two brothers, and two adopted brothers to mourn their loss.

The services were held in the Adventist church at Denver Center. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 11. Tim. 4:10 to the large congregation who had gathered to pay their last tribute of affection and esteem to our sister. We laid her to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Fremont to await the coming of the Saviour to call forth his sleeping saints to life everlasting.

E. A. MERRIAM.

From the Field.

We received a very interesting letter from Sister Amy D. Rogers-Evans, who has recently moved to Alabama. Sister Evans was formerly a Bible worker in Michigan, and believing her many friends will be pleased to hear from her, we quote the following:

"We are located up in the mountains near Sylacauga, Talladega County, Ala., about fifty miles southeast of Birmingham. We like it here very much indeed. The weather is ideal, and everything is growing rapidly and flowers are in bloom. I wish I could hand you a bouquet of fragrant roses. The mocking-bird wakens us with sweet songs. We have ripe strawberries and early garden stuff.

"Several white families live near, and are typical southerners,—very, very friendly. We have a church

of colored people near. There is a big field for missionary work. In many places not far from here they have never heard of Seventh-day Adventists nor the coming of Christ. Several white people are interested, and we hope to have ministerial help and see a white church raised up. The color line is very strong. The white people shun the colored.

"We are glad we came, and hope to be able, with the Lord's help, to do some good in this most needy field. We often think of the workers in the West Michigan Conference and wish you success in every department. We will be glad to read the reports from the workers. I hope they will report often.

"Enclosed find twenty-five cents, for which please send me the West Michigan Herald one year.

AMY D. ROGERS-EVANS."

Educational.

Young People's Work.

In this late hour of earth's history, the young people have a definite work to do; and that work is to help prepare the way for the soon coming Saviour. Every youth and every child has a work to do for the honor of God and the uplifting of humanity.

There are different ways of work, however. First, let us learn to be faithful in the little things. Parents, teach your children to bear responsibilities in the home. If we learn to do the little things, God will teach us to do greater things. The enemy of all righteousness has work for idle hands to do, but he who is always busy finds no time to stray into the paths of negligence and sin.

It was in early life that Elisha learned lessons of perseverance and trust. His father's household was among the number who worshipped the true God. Their faithfulness to duty was their rule of daily life. So Elisha cherished the love and fear of God, and, while about his

daily tasks, gained strength of purpose and character which fitted him for the work the Lord wanted him to do.

We who are willing to work in the Master's vineyard should be learning the trade. Be ready to run errands of mercy and improve every opportunity for doing missionary work. We should be continually improving in mind and manners; possess tact and courtesy.

When thrown into the society of unbelievers we should, if an opportunity presents itself, introduce the subject of their eternal interest. This is the way our Saviour did.

Sister White tells us that the silent messengers of truth should be scattered like the leaves of autumn. Can not the youth have a part in this? The printed page is doing even more than our ministers can do. It gets into places where the minister cannot go, and even if he could he would not break down the prejudice like the printed gospel truth.

The canvassing work is an important way of reaching the people, and the children and youth should have a part in it. Were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would not hear this last message of warning.

The servant of God says that the youth in our churches should be taught to do Christian help work. Even the little children can be taught to do errands of mercy and love. Christ was a true medical missionary, and he desires that we study his life and be able by his assisting grace to labor as he labored.

MRS. MABEL TAYLOR.

News and Notes.

The editor attended a Sabbath-school convention at Wright last Sabbath.

Mrs. Winslow, of Hastings, Mich. would like a good S. D. A. young woman to assist in house work.

Address Mrs. Winslow, Hastings, Mich., R. D. No. 7, Box 67.

We are mailing this issue early, as all of the office workers will attend the Lake Union Conference. There will be no paper next week. The next issue will bear the date of May 23.

The graduating exercises of the Michigan Sanitarium at Kalamazoo were held in the Sanitarium parlors Wednesday evening, May 2. Six young ladies were granted diplomas.

We quote the following from a letter received from Mrs. Cleora Green, who is laboring in Union City: "I have been here a little over a month. I have five appointments for Bible study. We have a Sunday-school on Sunday afternoon for the children. The Lord is certainly working for us here, for which we praise him. It is precious to work for the Master, and I feel thankful for a humble place in his vineyard."

The "Earthquake Number" of the "Signs of the Times" gives a description of the earthquake and fire at San Francisco. We hope that thousands of copies of this paper will be circulated and the attention of the people be called to the fact that now is the time to build in Zion. The earth "is waxing old," and there is nothing permanent here, except the Word of God, and "it shall stand forever." May these object lessons help us to plant our feet a little firmer upon the Word, and when that "great earthquake" (Rev. 16:18) comes, we will not go down with the "cities of the nations," but be taken up to meet Christ in the clouds of the air and go with him to that beautiful city "whose builder and maker is God."

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