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Which Are You?

There are two kinds of people on earth to-day,
Just two kinds of people. no more, I say.
Not the sinner and saint, for 'tis well understood
That the good are half bad, and the bad are half good.
Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience and health.
Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.
Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.
No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.
Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.
And oddly enough, you will find too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.
In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

"What we need is knowledge that will strengthen mind and soul, that will make us better men and women."

Educational.

Important Notice.

No teacher in our conference can afford to miss the rare opportunity offered at the Normal Institute commencing this week at Emmanuel Missionary College. Professor Marion E. Cady, president of Walla Walla College, will be present during a part of the time, and will be able to give most valuable practical instruction to our teachers. Miss Sarah Peck and Miss Katherine Hale of California will also be present. These are practical teachers of wide experience in our work and will give able instruction in methods. These three are engaged in revising and enlarging and otherwise improving the set of readers adopted at the recent Educational Council for use in all our schools. This addition to our already strong faculty will insure such an institute as no one can afford to miss.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

The Educational Council.

No written report can possibly convey to the mind of the reader a full conception of what this council means to the educational department of our work, and to the work at large.

About one hundred and thirty delegates are present from all parts of the United States, and from Canada and England. All phases of the educational work are fully represented. We also keenly appreciate the privilege of having with us from the General Conference Elders A. G. Daniells, G. A. Irwin, W. W. Prescott, G. B. Thompson, E. W. Farnsworth and Allen Moon.

The sessions are presided over by Professor Frederick Griggs, Educational Superintendent of the General Conference. Prof. C. C. Lewis, president of Union College, is the secretary.

Those in attendance from West Michigan are A. G. Haughey, J. H. Haughey, N. W. Kauble, S. M. Butler, B. E. Nicola, Mrs. Flora Williams, Miss Minnie Hart and the writer.

To attempt to give anything like a detailed account of the proceedings of the convention within the scope of this article would be impossible. This will doubtless be published later, possibly in the "Review and Herald" as provision has been made for increasing the size of the paper by the addition of eight pages once each month, the same to be devoted to the interests of the educational work.

The program suggested in a recent issue of the "Review" has been followed as nearly as possible. On Sabbath, June 30, a stirring appeal on the subject of missions and the relation of our schools to the missionary problem was delivered by Elder Daniells in the commodious church at this place. The same subject, brought before the convention in the form of a set of resolutions, was made the order of business in the forenoon of the Fourth of July. After most earnest discussion of what was really involved in this question, all those were asked to stand who had settled in their minds that they would go just where God should lead them to go. It was indeed an inspiration and an omen for good to see such an army of educators rise

as by one impulse and thus offer themselves for service wherever God calls.

Excellent progress is being made in providing courses of study and a uniform series of text books for use in our schools. Altogether, I am confident that this convention, the most important and well attended of any ever held by our people, will mark a new era in the progress of the educational work throughout the denomination.

Now it remains for our churches everywhere to rally to the support of our schools, stop criticizing, and all work unitedly to the end that our dear boys and girls may be saved to the cause of God to help in swelling the loud cry of the third angel's message.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

Written from College View, Neb., July 4.

Help The Children.

Doctor Philip Brooks, an eminent American preacher, said "He who helps a child, helps humanity with a distinctness, with an immediateness, which no other help given to human creatures in any other stage of human life can possibly give again. He who puts his blessed influence into a river, blesses the land through which that river is to flow; but he who puts his influence into the fountain where the river come out, puts his influence everywhere - no land it may not reach; no ocean it may not make sweeter; no bark it may not bear; no wheel it may not turn."

We believe the preceding statement is true and that we should put forth an effort to help the children, not only of this country, but of other countries. It is a fact that natives can do better work among their own people than foreign workers can. Therefore we are doing good missionary work when we help the children in other countries.

The children of the West Michi-

gan Conference are making an effort to raise twenty-five dollars to support one orphan for one year at the orphanage at Karmatar, India. We have been much pleased to see the interest the children have taken in this matter. It would be well for all who have the management of children to encourage them in this work. By so doing we will be putting our "influence into a river" that will not only bless this country, but that of India also. So let us help our children to help the children of India.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Financial.

June Receipts.

TITHE.

Agnew	\$ 1 89
Allendale	26 89
Bangor	15 75
Battle Creek	1124 06
Bauer	25 44
Bedford	25 16
Berrien Springs	10 59
Bloomington	29 74
Brookfield	5 00
Bushnell	37 76
Burlington	25 00
Byron Center	10 00
Cedar Lake	206 30
Charlotte	25 37
Convis	10 00
Covert	2 19
Delwin Company	5 00
East Pennsylvania Conf.	6 00
Eaton Rapids	71 63
Grand Ledge	32 12
Grand Rapids	151 15
Grandville	2 79
Hastings	38 57
Holton	9 50
Horr	1 00
Individuals	18 00
Iowa Conference	9 65
Lowell	5 80
Monterey	21 91
Mt. Pleasant	14 13
Ontario Conference	8 00
Otsego	32 07
Paw Paw	25 00
Portland	88 33
Pottsville	10 00
Shelby	5 57

Southern Illinois Conf.	4 00
Sturgis	5 04
Trufant	12 60
West Leroy	6 15
West Pennsylvania Conf.	1 12
	2166 27

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Tithe	\$2166 27
Expense	35
West Michigan Sanitarium	591 70
West Michigan Sanitarium Salary Account	17 14
Sabbath-school Offerings	8 81
Weekly Offerings	16 33
Haskell Home	7 76
Annual Offerings	5 00
Mission Board Offerings	25 21
Self-Denial Fund	2 68
Washington Fund	30 00
Southern Field	1 60
African Native Workers' Fund	39 00
Conference Improvement Fund	47 34
James White Home	75
India Orphans Fund	1 42
Japan Relief Fund	2 00
Pacific Press Pub. Co. Ofg.	263 55
Missionary Acre Fund	1 00
Mid-summer Offering	10 00
	3237 91

WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY.

On account	\$203 38
Merchandise	39 62
West Michigan Herald	8 00
	\$251 00

The Harvest.

Whatever a person's vocation may be, he is stimulated to action by the prospect—we hope at least—of a harvest.

In the Levitical Law instructions were given for two harvest celebrations—the feast of first fruits, and that of ingatherings. Please read Ex. 23:16. In Deut. 16:9-15 the expression is used, "Thou shalt rejoice," and in Ex. 23:16 the Lord says, "The first of the first fruits of thy land shalt bring into the house of the Lord thy God;" so we see this is considered holy, and we see

how important the Lord regards this from chapter 22:29 by the expression, "Thou shalt not delay," etc. Many scriptures might be cited, but space will not permit. We all know that although the harvest brings wearisome labor yet it is a season of rejoicing, and the custom is quite general among farmers and fruit growers of holding a harvest picnic at the close of harvest, and they are usually scenes of great festivity. But soon the greatest of earth's harvests will be gathered, and who is sowing seed now with direct reference to that harvest?

Read the words of our Saviour to his disciples, which includes you and me, in John 4:35,36. But perhaps you say, "I have done quite a good deal and I see no visible fruit of my effort." Well, then read James 5:7, especially these words, "Behold, the husbandman WAITETH for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath LONG PATIENCE for it." Then see the encouragement held out in John 4:36, "And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit into life eternal." What a glorious harvest that will be, and what a day of rejoicing too! Then the rest of the verse, "That both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together." Then, dear canvasser, some of the people with whom you have left literature will be gathered in the final harvest where there will be rejoicing without one fear of coming sorrow—without alloy.

Read from "Christ's Object Lessons" on the parable of the sower the chapter "Other lessons from seed sowing."

May God's richest blessing attend those who are making sacrifices and enduring hardships in the work of preparing for the final harvest. (Rev. 14:14-20 and Jer. 51:33.)

A. B. C.

Bible Teaching and Study.

The study of the Bible demands our most diligent effort and persevering thought. As the miner digs for the golden treasure in the earth, so earnestly, persistently, must we seek for the treasure of God's word.

In daily study the verse-by-verse method is often most helpful. Let the student take one verse and concentrate the mind on ascertaining the thought that God put into that verse for him, and then dwell upon the thought until it becomes his own. One passage thus studied until its significance is clear, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained.

One of the chief causes of mental inefficiency and moral weakness is the lack of concentration for worthy ends. We pride ourselves on the wide distribution of literature; but the multiplication of books, even books that in themselves are not harmful, may be a positive evil. With the immense tide of printed matter constantly pouring from the press, old and young form the habit of reading hastily and superficially, and the mind loses its power of connected and vigorous thought. Furthermore, a large share of the periodicals and books that, like the frogs of Egypt, are overspreading the land, are not merely commonplace, idle, and enervating, but unclean and degrading. Their effect is not merely to intoxicate and ruin the mind, but to corrupt and destroy the soul. The mind, the heart, that is indolent, aimless, falls an easy prey to evil. It is on diseased, lifeless organisms that fungus roots. It is the idle mind that is Satan's workshop. Let the mind be directed to high and holy ideals, let the life have a noble aim, an absorbing purpose, and evil finds little foothold.

Let the youth, then, be taught to give close study to the word of

God. Received into the soul, it will prove a mighty barricade against temptation. "Thy word," the psalmist declares, "have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee." "By the word of Thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Heaven to be Re-populated.

One third of the angels rebelled and were cast out of heaven. Just to that extent, therefore, heaven was de-populated and God's purpose concerning the habitation of heaven apparently frustrated by the rebellion. But God cannot be defeated, and therefore heaven will be re-populated until not one of the original number will be lacking. The 144,000 will evidently be of that number. "Are these" says Satan, referring to the remnant, "the people who are to take my place in heaven, and the place of the angels who united with me?" Testimonies Vol. 32, p. 229. "It was His (God's) purpose to repopulate heaven with the human race, if after test and trial they proved to be loyal to Him." Mrs. E. G. W. in "Signs of the Times" May 29, 1901. "The vacancies made in heaven by the fall of Satan and his angels will be filled by the redeemed of the Lord." Mrs. E. G. W. in the "Watchman" Nov. 7, 1905.

There will therefore be 10,000 times 10,000 more redeemed of the human race than enough to populate the earth. But they will dwell on the earth, as will also the angels. See Rev. 7:11-17; 14:1-5. Is it not then probable that heaven and earth will eventually be united in one great body, the home of men and of angels, taking the name "Earth?" Will the reader please give the thought careful study?

A. SMITH.

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From the Field.

HART.

Upon careful investigation of the situation at Crystal Valley it was finally decided to pitch our tent at Hart instead of the former place; and accordingly, upon arrival of the outfit from Battle Creek, on the 18th of June, we pitched on a vacant plot of ground near the canning factory, the ground having been secured of the owner, who, at the time, made no reserve; but just as we had the tent up and nearly seated word was received that the canning company had rented the grounds on which to cure pea straw, and we were obliged to find another place for our tent.

An ideal spot for the encampment was found in another part of the town, but the beginning of our meetings was necessarily delayed, and on the 25th ult. our first service was held with an attendance of but about thirty persons. The pea harvest coming on at this time, the canning factory started running night and day, and as this is the principal industry of the place, many of the people find employ-

Report of Canvassing Work, Week Ending June 16, 1906.						
Name of Book	Agent	Territory	Days	Hours	Orders	Helps
Desire of Ages	Ella Porter	Benton Harbor	*22	9		\$19 00
Great Controversy	Anna Kemstra	Coldwater	*48	4		9 50
Great Controversy	Mrs. A. L. Watson	Coldwater	22	1		2.75
Heralds of the Morning	R. E. Martin	Wayland	45	7	\$1 25	11 75
* Two weeks. Totals			137	21	1 25	43 00

ment there, and our attendance has been small.

We have now held eight meetings, with small audiences composed largely of different persons each time. We have thoroughly billed the place, but as soon as the excitement incident to the "Fourth" subsides, will make another effort to secure an audience.

We are seeking the Lord for his blessing that we may faithfully do what he may have for us to do, and will leave results with him. We remember our fellow laborers at the throne of grace, and hope to be remembered.

We are of good courage.

W. C. HEBNER,
S. D. HARTWELL,
J. DRURY REAVIS.

Women As Christian Workers.

Who can have so deep a love for the souls of men and women for whom Christ has died, as those who are partakers of his grace? Who can represent the truth and the example of Christ better than Christian women who are practicing the truth in their earnest efforts to bring souls to the light? Who are so well adapted to be teachers in the Sabbath-school? With a heart imbued with the love of Christ, teaching the children of her class, praying with them and for them, she may see souls converted. The true mother is adapted to be the teacher of children. I do not recommend that women should become a voter or an office holder; but as a missionary, teaching the truth by epistolary correspondence, distributing tracts and soliciting subscribers for periodicals contain-

ing the solemn truth for this time, she may do very much. In conversing with families, in praying with the mother and children, she will be a blessing. Women can be instruments of righteousness, rendering holy service to God. It was Mary who first preached a risen Saviour.—Gospel Workers, page 383.

News and Notes.

Sabbath, June 30, a Sabbath-school of fourteen members was organized at Hart.

Some of our Sabbath-school secretaries have been very prompt and sent in their reports, and we take this opportunity to thank them.

The church school teacher's institute opened Monday at Emmanuel Missionary College. We do not know as yet how many teachers are in attendance.

The Tract Society has a few more of the second edition of the earthquake special "Signs." With each paper is given a fire scene printed in brown tone, on fine paper suitable for framing.

Brother A. G. Adams of Battle Creek has accepted the position of Secretary and Auditor of the North Pacific Union Conference. "The North Pacific Gleaner" says, "Our field is very glad to have Brother Adams with us, as he is well qualified in every way for his work."