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Special Collection November 3.

The collection to be taken in all the churches November 3 is for the benefit of the International Publishing Association of College View, Nebraska.

Some years ago, after the burning of the Review & Herald plant at Battle Creek, Michigan, which institution had up to that time published the papers and books in the foreign languages in this country, it was decided to build a small publishing plant in connection with Union College at Lincoln, Nebraska, for the publication of the periodicals in these languages, as well as for the printing of books.

In connection with Union College there has been, and is still, a foreign department where students are trained in the German and Scandinavian languages. It was understood that student help would

be employed quite largely in the International Publishing House. The plant has not been self-supporting up to this time, there having been quite a deficit each year in running expenses. This is due to the fact that these foreign papers do not have a large circulation, and the demand for foreign books is not sufficient to furnish revenue necessary to keep the International Publishing House running.

The General Conference Committee, at its meeting last spring, decided to ask our people throughout the United States to contribute of their means at this special collection, for the assistance of this foreign publishing house. I trust that a liberal donation will be made on that occasion. We have had reason to call upon our people of all languages in this country to assist in building institutions for our English speaking people, and also to assist in carrying on the work in other lands, and our foreign brethren have responded very liberally on all occasions, when means were demanded. Now, in turn we should assist in the work of spreading the gospel to the people of other tongues in our own country, as well as in the Old World.

Let us begin to plan for this collection, and let the Lake Union Conference lead, as it does in many enterprises, in this good work.

ALLEN MOON.

The Collection, November 3.

As previously announced the General Conference has appointed Sabbath, November 3, as the time when a general collection is to be taken up for the benefit of the

International Publishing Association in College View, Nebr. About this work the Lord has spoken thus through the spirit of prophecy:—

"I approve of the efforts that have been made to establish our German and Scandinavian publishing work at College View. I hope that plans will be devised for the encouragement and strengthening of this work."

The whole burden of the work must not be left with our foreign brethren. Nor should our brethren throughout the field leave too heavy a load on the conferences near College View. The members of these conferences should lead out and do their best, and ALL SHOULD COME TO THEIR ASSISTANCE. The truth is to be proclaimed to all nations and kindreds and tongues and peoples."—Spirit of Unity, p. 23.

And again: "A far greater effort should be made to extend the circulation of our literature in all parts of the world. The warning must be given in all lands to all peoples. Our books are to be translated and published in many different languages. We should multiply publications on our faith in English, German, French, Spanish, Swedish, Danish-Norwegian, Italian, Portuguese and many other tongues; and people of all nationalities should be enlightened and educated, that they too may join in the work."—Testimony, Vol. 7, p. 160.

This is very plain language. The duty of our denomination is thus plainly set forth. And just at the present time this branch of the great work needs assistance that

the institution upon which is placed the burden of the publishing work in these foreign languages may have means to enable it to successfully carry on the good work begun.

We trust our American brethren and sisters will have this work in mind. Pray for it and help it with your means in proportion to its need. Now is the opportunity. Now is the time to assist. "God loveth a cheerful giver." Remember the date, Sabbath, Nov. 3.

C. A. THORP,
Dan.-Nor. Editor.

The Petition Work.

The present status of religious legislation in Congress is of vital importance to every Seventh-day Adventist at the present time.

Shortly before Congress took its recess last spring, the Sunday bill known as H. R. Bill 16483, "To Further Protect the First Day of the week as a day of Rest in the District of Columbia," passed the House of Representatives, and is now in the hands of the Senate Committee for the District of Columbia, and may be reported and passed upon by the Senate at any time during the next session.

It will be remembered that in the spring of 1903 this same bill passed the House, and when it came up for action before the Senate Committee for the District of Columbia there was a tie vote, and therefore, it died in the hands of the Senate Committee. Those who are seeking for Sunday legislation so earnestly in the District of Columbia failed in securing the recommendation of the District of Columbia Commissioners of Mr. Allen's Sunday Bill for the District of Columbia, and since the Wadsworth Bill had once passed the House of Representatives, the District Commissioners were prevailed upon to favor the Wadsworth Bill in the place of the Allen Bill, and so it is now in the hands of the Senate Committee of the District of Columbia.

We most earnestly urge the importance of all our people uniting in a vigorous effort to defeat this measure. It is possible that this bill will come up for action before the Senate Committee of the District of Columbia soon after Congress opens, hence, what we do must be done quickly in order to have our work prove effective.

We would also recommend that the petition be sent this year DIRECT to the SENATORS from your state.

The names of the senators from Michigan are Julius C. Burrows and Russell Alexander Alger.

This we think will be better and have more weight than having them sent through our department. We hope that every Seventh-day Adventist will be sure to sign the petition, and secure as many other signers as possible besides. It would be well for those circulating these petitions to write a letter to their Senator accompanying the petition, urging them to their influence against the passage of this dangerous and unconstitutional act. Such letters should be short, courteous, and to the point.

In case you do not desire to send the petition and write the letter yourself, you can place the petitions in the hands of your local Religious Liberty Secretary where you have one, or the elder of the church for him to send. The petition work should be started at once, but the petition should not be sent in until the first of December, when Congress convenes.

We feel exceedingly anxious that all of our people throughout the United States should take hold of this work and push it vigorously and defeat, if possible this measure. We shall do what we can here at Washington to oppose this proposed legislation. Let us not forget that now is the time in the providence of God to present the Gospel principles of religious liberty before the people.

K. C. RUSSELL.

P. S. Petition blanks will be furnished your Conference or Tract

Society Secretary by the General Conference Religious Liberty Department, and they will supply each local church with these blanks.

Reverence.

True reverence for God is inspired by a sense of his infinite greatness and a realization of His presence. With this sense of the Unseen the heart of every child should be deeply impressed. The hour and place of prayer and the service of public worship the child should be taught to regard as sacred because God is there. And as reverence is manifested in attitude and demeanor, the feeling that inspires it will be deepened.

Well would it be for our young and old to study and ponder and often repeat those words of Holy Writ that show how the place marked by God's special presence should be regarded.

"Put off thy shoes from off thy feet," he commanded Moses at the burning bush; "for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground."

Jacob, after beholding the vision of the angels, exclaimed, "The Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

"The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him."

Reverence should be shown also for the name of God. Never should that name be spoken lightly or thoughtlessly. Even in prayer its frequent or needless repetition should be avoided. Holy and reverend is His name." Angels, as they speak it, veil their faces. With what reverence should we, who are fallen and sinful, take it upon our lips!

We should reverence God's word. For the printed volume we should show respect, never putting it to common use, or handling it carelessly. And never should Scripture be quoted in a jest, or paraphrased to point a witty saying. "Every

word of God is pure;" "as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times."

Above all, let children be taught that true reverence is shown by obedience. God has commanded nothing that is unessential, and there is no other way of manifesting reverence so pleasing to Him as obedience to that which He has spoken.

Reverence should be shown for God's representatives,—for ministers, teachers, and parents who are called to speak and act in His stead. In the respect shown to them He is honored.

And God has especially enjoined tender respect toward the aged. He says, "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." It tells of battles fought, and victories gained; of burdens borne, and temptations resisted. It tells of weary feet nearing their rest, of places soon to be vacant. Help the children to think of this, and they will smooth the path of the aged by their courtesy and respect, and will bring grace and beauty into their young lives as they heed the command to "rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man."

—Education.

From the Field.

Arecibo, P. R., Oct. 8, 1906.
West Michigan Herald:

Upon our arrival in San Juan Sept. 26, Elder B. E. Connerly and wife met us and escorted us to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hodges (young people who formerly lived in Michigan,) where we were kindly provided every comfort by our hostess. The morning after our arrival in San Juan we witnessed the baptism of two converts, in the sea. Brother Connerly performed the sacred rite.

We left San Juan at four p. m., arriving in Arecibo at seven thirty the same evening, Thursday, September 27.

The following Sabbath a man and his wife who have embraced the truth, and have recently been married, were baptised in the river near Arecibo. There was a very nice meeting on the river bank. On the following day a church of twelve members was organized and the ordinances were celebrated for the first time in the experience of the little company.

We have a rented chapel, and services are conducted four times each week.

Our Spanish paper of Porto Rico, "El Centinela de la Verdad," of which Elder Connerly and his wife are editors, has a regular circulation of 4,000 or 5,000 monthly. A gentleman recently told them that these copies were passed from neighbor to neighbor by the people until 9,000 or 10,000 people read it monthly. Some people deny themselves the very necessities of life, laying by a penny at a time to obtain it. When it was first published, three years ago, the opposition scornfully said "It will soon die, as every other such paper has died." But in the face of apparently insurmountable obstacles, with the backing of one man's private purse, and the prayers of himself and wife, under the fostering hand of God, it is succeeding. It enters the representative homes, and the hovels. Besides this they have, at their own expense, issued a series of tracts teaching the third angel's message. These have been scattered from one end of the island to the other.

Our teacher has been engaged, and we begin the Spanish language to-night for the first.

The darkness, poverty and immorality are passed description. We are glad to be of service in such a needy place. Our confidence is in God.

MR. AND MRS. J. C. BROWER.

We are sorry to learn that Sister Jennie DeYoung, who is doing Bible work in Grand Rapids, has been quite ill.

Bombay, India, Sept. 18, 1906.
West Michigan Herald:

Since we last wrote you, it has rained quite plentifully and nature has a very different appearance. It's a good thing for the poor natives that it is not cold when it rains, or they would fare hard, as all they have, many of them, is palm leaves with which they keep out the storm.

The last week or two we have been holding some meetings for the English speaking natives and Eurasians. A few Europeans also come in, tho, as some of them told us, they were all warned to stay away by the other missionaries, because "Those Seventh-day Adventists teach such unscriptural doctrines," but we had a few faces, some of which listened quite earnestly. It is quite a queer feeling to stand before image worshipers and preach on the law of God, especially the second commandment, yet I had that privilege last night and they took it in good part. One man took down in shorthand what I said. I do not know what he intends doing with it, but hope it may do some good. Thro the meetings we get a chance to learn who are interested and also to give them our truth in a more impressive way than we could otherwise. We expect now to hold one more large series of meetings and the city of Bombay will be pretty well warned. We have a nice Sabbath-school which meets every Sabbath, and if God wills, we will have baptism soon. Some of those who first began to keep the Sabbath have backslidden, but we have some honest hearts yet and some are in the balances. What a glad-some thought that some day the danger of falling will be past, and they that are righteous will be righteous still.

The weather is nice at present to look at, yet it is wearing hard on us. We take much comfort in thinking that you are praying for us in this trying land, and we are trying to be faithful to our out

post of duty. What our harvest will be will best be seen on the judgement day, and it is our fond expectation to meet souls there as the result of our labor. Let your prayers still go up for these difficult fields and those who are sent to labor in them.

Yours faithfully in the closing work.

C. A. HANSEN.

News and Notes.

Brother Clifford Russell attended the "Harvest Ingathering" at Bauer last Sabbath.

Elder W. C. Hebner and A. G. Haughey spoke at the Otsego church last Sabbath.

There are a few of our Sabbath-schools that have not reported as yet, but we hope to hear from them soon.

The recent freeze damaged the onion and potato crop on the Cedar Lake Academy farm. We feel sorry, for this means a great loss to the school.

The tent company at Niles was favored Sunday evening, September 30, with the valuable assistance of Clemen Hamer, instructor in music at the Berrien Springs College. His services were greatly appreciated by all who were present.

The recent snow storm, of 18 inches at Niles, caused the tent company at that place some extra work, as they had to re-pitch their tent. However, only one service was missed. The meetings are going on with as good an attendance as ever.

Elder W. E. Videto spoke in the tent tabernacle at Niles, Sunday evening, October 7, on the subject of Religious Liberty. Close attention was given the speaker, and the truth was gladly received, owing to the fact that the people had been carefully led up to this subject by a week of preparatory discourses.

West Michigan Canvassers' Report for September.

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
Joseph Franklin	B. R.	10	3		\$ 6.50
Reuben Martin	C. K.	15	2	\$.75	2.75
John Riley	C. K.		12	.25	12.25
Ella Porter	D. of A.	9	5	.90	19.90
Nina Wood	C. K.	36	6	.45	9.45
Lucy Shorey	C. K.	34½	6	.65	8.15
Mrs. R. M. Ross	C. K.	48	17	10.20	29.70
Frank Cox	S. of P.		6	3.00	9.00
Julian Krager				7.25	7.25
		158½	57	23.45	104.95

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A council meeting of the Lake Union Conference committee and educational workers is in progress at Benton Harbor, Mich, this week.

The conference committee and ministers of the West Michigan Conference will hold a council meeting at Cedar Lake. We do not know the date, but that will be made known later.

Elder W. C. Hebner, Elder B. F. Kneeland and wife and Miss Mable Baker of Plainwell, and Brother Ezra Bracket and wife of Allegan attended services at Otsego church last Sabbath morning.

We have another opportunity to do some practical missionary work by helping the Oakwood Manual Training School at Huntsville, Ala., which has just experienced a great loss by fire.

We have just received the November issue of the Sabbath School Worker, and it contains a convention program. If your school is thinking of holding a convention, read the Worker and get some good ideas.

Battle Creek.

Elder A. C. Bordeau and wife have returned from their work in Muskegon, reporting a very profitable time.

Elder Daniels and Elder Evans are here from Washington. They

will remain here but a short time, and then go on to a meeting at Benton Harbor and then on west.

Mrs. C. N. Sanders, one of our church school teachers, has been on the sick list during the past week, and Miss Edith Hayton has been supplying her place at school.

Mrs. Flora Williams spent Sabbath and Sunday a week ago with her daughter May at Berrien Springs. She reports May as being well and happy at school.

The Battle Creek church has called for clothing, bedding, etc. from all of its members which is to be received and packed by the Dorcas Society and sent to Huntsville for the fire sufferers there.

Elder Loughborough spoke in the Tabernacle for the last time Sabbath morning. Accompanied by his brother W. K., he starts for California Sunday morning. His visit has been a most seasonable one, and we have enjoyed the good instruction he gave us.

On account of the many people moving away from Battle Creek, it has been necessary to reorganize some of the missionary districts for more effectual work. With so many of our staunchest members leaving, it surely behooves those of us who are still detained, to be up and doing and accomplishing all the work which the Lord would have us do in Battle Creek. The membership of the church is still 1147 so that we have quite a working force if each does his part.