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SERMON ON ORGANIZATION

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I can show you from the Scriptures that Paul who had been called to supervise the churches, also directed the finances.

Titus 3:12 "When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.

"Bring Zenas the lawyer, and Apollas ON THEIR JOURNEY diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them."

I want you to notice the expression "Bring on their journey." That means to supply their financial needs. I shall show you that this is true.

Acts 15:3 "And being brought on their way," means to pay their expenses. And so Paul in giving directions in Titus 3:12,13, directs that certain laborers are to meet him, and gives directions to furnish funds for their journey. We will now read 1 Cor. 16:1,2. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I HAVE GIVEN ORDER TO THE CHURCHES OF GALATIA, EVEN SO DO YE.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."

That is pretty plain language isn't it? "I have given order to the churches in Galatia," and I want you to do the same thing. He tells them just what to do. If you can harmonize this text of scripture with the idea that these

churches were entirely independent, then you can make black and white harmonize.

We hear a great deal now-a-days about "personal liberty;"—independence,—"I will do this," and "I will not do that" and "I do not care what the Conference says about it." This betrays the spirit that is behind this whole movement—this effort to disintegrate our work. Let us look at Isa. 14 beginning with the 12th verse:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How are thou cut down to the ground which didst weaken the nations.

"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars, of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High."

In the great rebellion that broke out in heaven, Lucifer talked of "Personal liberty," "Independence," "undue restrictions" etc.

Said Lucifer to the angels, "You are foolish to be ground down in this way, with rules and regulations and all that sort of thing. We are of too exalted an order of beings to need rules and regulations." And so it is with those who are crying out against proper regulations as invading their "personal liberty and independence." Lucifer was cast out of heaven for that very thing. God can no more tolerate that spirit in His church to-day than He could back there in heaven. This contest is simply the working out of the two mysteries: The mystery of iniquity and the

mystery of Godliness. The former is the exaltation of self; the latter is the hiding of self in Christ.

I want to read a few statements from the Testimonies and then I will close: Test, Vol. 1 page 191:

"There is order in heaven, and God is well pleased with the efforts of His people in trying to move with system and order in His work on earth. I saw that there should be order in the church of God, and that system is needed in carrying forward successfully the last great message of mercy to the world.

Ib. Page 413:

"There are many restless spirits who will not submit to discipline, system and order. They think that their liberties would be abridged were they to lay aside their own judgment and submit to the judgment of those of experience. The work of God will not progress unless there is a disposition to submit to order, and expel the reckless, disorderly spirit of fanaticism from their meetings."

On page 650 I find this statement which is certainly to the point:

"Satan well knows that success can only attend order and harmonious action. He well knows that everything connected with heaven is in perfect order, that subjection and thorough discipline mark the movements of the angelic host. It is his studied effort to lead professed Christians just as far from heaven's arrangement as he can; therefore he deceived even the professed people of God, and makes them believe that order and discipline are enemies to spirituality; that the only safety for them is to let each pursue his own course, and to remain especially distinct from

bodies of Christians who are united and are laboring to establish discipline and harmony of action. All the efforts made to establish order are considered dangerous, a restriction of rightful liberty and hence are feared as popery.

These deceived souls consider it a virtue to boast of their freedom to think and act independently. They will not take any man's say so. They are amenable to no man. I was shown that it is Satan's special work to lead men to feel it is God's order for them to strike out for themselves, and choose their own course, independent of their brethren."

I will close this with just one more quotation: In Special Testimonies No. 3, pages 60 and 61. I want you to notice this very carefully because it fits the present situation exactly.

"O how Satan would rejoice to get in among this people, and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential, and will be the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings, and to refute claims not endorsed by the word of God. We want to hold the lines evenly, that there shall be no breaking down of the system of regulation and order. In this way license shall not be given to disorderly elements to control the work at this time. We are living in a time when order, system and unity of action are most essential. And the truth must bind us together like strong cords in order that no distracted efforts may be witnessed among the workers. If disorderly manifestations appear, we must have clear discernment to distinguish the spurious from the genuine."

Can you now understand why these Testimonies from the Lord, are held in such light regard? It is because these Testimonies hit at the very foundation of disunion and disorganization. My brothers and sisters, my heart is stirred over these things. There is more involved in this than you imagine.

The very foundations of our faith are being assailed and the time is come when God wants every one who believes this message, to take their stand fair and square—get upon the platform and let the timbers alone, for God put them there, and he will take care of the men who are tampering with the timbers, and that right early. We are to come out and be faithful to this message. May God bless this church and give it an ultimate victory for the truth, is my prayer. Amen.

(Concluded.)

Church Festivals in Schools.

The following question has been sent to the "Herald" asking that a reply be given through its columns: "What is the attitude of our people regarding the observance of Christmas, St. Valentine's Day, and Easter by the church schools?"

There is no more reason why the Roman Catholic church festivals should be observed by our schools than by our churches at large; and neither is there more consistency in celebrating these, than in observing Lent, Palm Sunday, etc. established by the same authority.

The time and attention of our teachers and pupils is fully taken up in consideration of much more important themes than ever the tacit recognition of Catholic festivals.

The 25th of December is now known to be far from the actual date of Jesus' birth; but it was thus fixed because of a widely celebrated heathen festival falling upon that day.

I am fully aware that the monotony of the daily routine of school work should be occasionally broken up by some little exercises out of the ordinary; but there are many ways of accomplishing this without the senseless sending of anonymous sentimental billets-doux on the fourteenth of February. How much more reasonable to have, only two days before, a few recitations or readings com-

memorative of the life and work of that noble man raised up by God for a special purpose—Abraham Lincoln.

The teacher who keeps steadily at work on regular lines, bringing enough enthusiasm into every recitation to make it a delight to the class, is the one who will accomplish the most at the end.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

From the Field.

Carlton Center Church School.

Report of Missionary Work for March.

72 papers sent away.

13 missionary letters written.

1 book loaned.

As well as helping others we have also been greatly blessed. Nine pupils gave their hearts to the Lord. Oh, what precious gifts to bring to the Master. All he asks for is our sinful, wayward hearts. What a transforming power comes into our hearts when we lay all upon the altar.

Today we need workers whose hearts are filled with the love of Christ. As we pass this way only once we ought to improve every moment. Many hearts are longing for words of sympathy and kindness. Oh let us not neglect these things till death has put his stamp upon their brow.

We have our Young People's Society started. We have our meetings every two weeks on Sunday evening. We have had a good attendance so far. We are earnestly trying to fulfill the following words:

"Seeking the lost, yes, kindly entreating
Wanderers on the mountains astray.
'Come unto me,' his message repeating.
Words of the Master speaking today."

EDNA L. COOPER.

Our Church Schools.

Owing to the serious illness of Brother Clifford A. Russell, which has compelled him to discontinue his work in the field, I was appointed to take up this work, and to spend some time visiting among

the church schools of this conference.

Accordingly I started out Feb. 20th. I first visited the Otsego school which I found in a prosperous condition with seventeen pupils enrolled. During my short stay in the school room I was much pleased with the general spirit of willingness and helpfulness.

Leaving Otsego I went direct to Paw Paw, where I found a school numbering thirteen, occupying rather small, but nevertheless, comfortable quarters. Two out of this school are doing some ninth grade work, and are hoping to enter either at Cedar Lake or Berrien next year.

It was my pleasure to be there over the Sabbath and to speak to the little company assembled for worship. The spirit of the Lord manifested its presence, and all felt that the Lord was indeed blessing us.

The school next visited was at Glenwood, where a whole day was spent in the school room, giving one a fair idea of the work carried on. Nearly every grade is represented here, besides some ninth grade work among the older pupils, two or three of whom are planning to take up work in one of our Intermediate schools another year. Altogether the outlook for this school is very encouraging.

The Berrien Springs school carries only the first six grades, the remaining grades being included in the college preparatory work. The work is carried on largely by student teachers, under the supervision of a normal instructor. This gives an excellent opportunity for those preparing to teach, to learn something of the ways of the school room, methods of teaching, and the disciplining of a room. Under an efficient director both teacher and pupil will be greatly benefited and a good work done.

On passing through Benton Harbor it was my privilege to meet with some of the brethren associat-

ed with the work there, and to find a good opening for a church school in the city. I trust that another year will find a flourishing school in progress there. On Friday March 1st a short ride brought me to Bangor. This is one of the schools that was somewhat late in starting,—the work not having been opened up until October, consequently the work is a little behind. However, good progress is being made and as the school will not close until June, there is opportunity for the pupils to make good the month lost.

I also spent the Sabbath in this place and assisted in organizing a Young People Society. After the Sabbath school exercises the hour for service was devoted to the consideration of the Young Peoples' work. A short talk was given on the nature and design of the society, after which the organization was completed.

Sunday evening the members of the little church were again called together, and I occupied the time, speaking on the healing power of the Lord, and witnessed to the manifestation of it in my own body. As the company separated, it was with renewed courage, and a firmer hold on the promise of the Lord.

Thus far on the trip, I have been greatly encouraged by the conscientious and earnest effort being put forth by the teachers to make this work a success, and feel to thank them for their heart co-operation, and the kindly spirit of responsiveness manifested toward new ideas and changes suggested.

From time to time such reports will be sent in as are brought out by a continuation of the trip.

FRANCES L. CASE.

Collection For Orphans.

Articles have appeared in the REVIEW from the General Conference Committee, calling our attention to the collection to be taken Sabbath, April 6, for the benefit of the old people and orphans of the denomination.

The General Conference Committee, at a meeting held in Washington, last October, passed a resolution to the effect that each Union Conference be recommended to arrange for the care and maintenance of the old people and orphans within its borders, and that an annual collection be taken, and the amount raised in each Union Conference be retained for the purpose of carrying out this plan; so this becomes a matter of interest to the Lake Union Conference. I trust that a liberal collection will be taken on the 6th of April.

Applications have been made by old people leaving the James White Memorial Home, for help from the Lake Union Conference, and there are many within our borders that will need to be cared for; and provision must be made for all such. So let each church take this matter up at the time mentioned, turning the funds over to the church treasurer, to be forwarded to the State treasurer, and by the State treasurer to the Union Conference treasurer, where the amount will be retained as a fund to be drawn upon for the purpose of helping the aged and infirm as well as orphans.

The Union Conference Committee will take under consideration plans for caring for the above classes of individuals, either by providing a home, or arranging for each conference to care for its own poor; and the policy of the Union Conference will be made known in the near future.

ALLEN MOON.

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Previously Reported	1690	19
Berrien Springs	10	44
Bedford Church	5	00
Emmet Haughey	50	
Lutin Haughey	20	
Henry Wilcox	2	53
Mrs. Henry Wilcox	2	53
Muskegon Church	14	30
Mrs. Cleora Green	3	50
R. E. Bliss	10	00
E. S. H. Bliss	15	00
Monterey Church	3	06
Homer Church	5	00
Quincy Church	10	06
Total	1772	31

Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Vanda, wife of Wm. H. Vanda, was born in the state of New York September 30, 1827, died in Freemont, Michigan, March 3, 1907, aged 79 years, 5 months and 3 days. She was a great sufferer, but was patient and kind through it all. She accepted Christ in middle life and kept the commandments of God. She was the mother of five children. An aged companion and four children survive her; but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. Funeral services were held in the Disciple church. The pastor's wife, assisted by other members of the choir rendered good and appropriate music. Words were spoken from Titus 2:13.

W. C. HEBNER.

Personal.

I am sure that the dear brethren and sisters of our conference who have shown such a deep interest in my welfare will rejoice with me to know that our merciful Father has granted the petitions that have ascended in my behalf, and restored me again to health.

My only desire is that I may use the strength that God has given me in His service. Passing events show unmistakably that the end is

very near. Let us work while the day lasts, for the night cometh when no man can work.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

News and Notes.

Sabbath April 6 a collection will be taken for orphans.

Elder Carl A. Hansen and wife have located in Howard City.

Brother Myron Butterfield is canvassing in Kalamazoo and meeting with success.

The blue pencil mark here means that your subscription expires with this issue.

Elders A. G. Haughey and J. W. Hofstra spent last Sabbath with the church at Allegan.

Elder A. G. Haughey will conduct quarterly meeting at the following places: Carleton Center, Sabbath, April 6. Mendon, Sabbath, April 13.

Elder J. W. Hofstra informs us that the Holland Sabbath school lessons will be ready on time. Please remember the price is five cents.

We are pleased with the way in which our young people are taking hold of the Missionary Campaign. We have about one hundred rods promised to the Finnish mission. Let the good work go on.

Brother Frank C. Allen of Robinson, Michigan, would like to give a home to a boy about ten years of age. Any one knowing of a boy in need of a home please correspond with Brother Allen.

For Sale—My property at Sand Lake. Two village lots, with a house of nine rooms, a good cistern and well. Good garden spot some fruit, apples, peaches, grapes and raspberries. About forty rods from Adventist church and near the de-

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pot. Address, A. C. Field, Cedar Lake, Michigan.

Brother O. T. Noble occupied the hour last Sabbath morning at the Otsego church, and spoke on the "Plan of Salvation." At 4 p. m. his grand-son, Dr. Benton Colver, occupied the time and talked to us about Christian Temperance.

Emmanuel Missionary College wants four or five good willing young men at once to work their way through school. It is desired that they put in full time at work for two or three months and then attend school. Before coming, correspond with the President, N. W. Kauble.

We hope the conference laborers will send us some good reports. We will find space for them now, as we have finished publishing the conference proceedings. We have given you a good long rest from reporting; but we know you have been working and having good experiences, and our readers want to hear about it.

Wanted. Seventh-Day Adventist girls (preferably between the ages of 16 and 25) for work in feather duster factory. Beginners make 60¢ a day for 3 weeks and piece-work thereafter. Piece workers can make from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per week and sometimes more. Board and room, at Seventh-day Adventist boarding house, costs \$3.00 per week. Some girls club together and board themselves to economize. Have well organized Sabbath-School with 28 members. THREE "B" DUSTER CO., Buchanan, Mich.