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I thank God that I have the privilege of living in this age. But I realize that those who pass through to the kingdom will have to go through more trying experiences than have any other people in any age previous. We need to live close to God. We need to have a daily experience in things divine. We need to study our Bibles much, to pray much, and to walk humbly with our God. May the Lord impress these thoughts deeply upon our hearts this morning and bring us to that position where we will conscientiously search our hearts to know where we are standing; to know whether we have departed from our first love; to know whether our devotions are as strong as they were once; whether some of the things of this world are not standing in our light; standing between us and God.

If this is so, brethren and sisters, it is time to put these things away. It is time to cut off the right hand and pluck out the right eye that may be preventing the doing of our duty faithfully, or seeing clearly. It is a serious matter to be a member connected to-day with the remnant people. It is a serious matter to be a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church, for such a membership proclaims a very high profession to the world. It proclaims to the world that we are in training for complete sanctification, for

the putting away of sin, and for standing in the time of trouble before God without an intercessor. It is not a light thing now to come forward and ask to be connected with the remnant people of God. We should fully realize what it means. During my associations with many during the last year or two, I have felt in my soul that there are those who do not realize what it means,—what God expects of those who take their stand with the people who are going through to Mount Zion;—that people who are to be tried as never men were tried before. By the help of God, I want to place before you this morning some of the things that God expects of his remnant people, and some things that are not realized in the lives of many at this present time.

There is a constant tendency to depart from God. The temptations of this world, the wiles of Satan and his evil angels are continually directed against those who profess the name of Christ and especially towards those who keep the commandments and have the testimony of Jesus.

“And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.” So Brethren and Sisters, you may expect that Satan will be continually upon your track to draw you away from God. It is a time when we should seek God most earnestly that Satan’s purpose may not be accomplished; that day we may walk with God. Constant watchfulness is necessary that evil shall not encroach upon us.

— And there are some things which I shall mention this morning which do not give me any particular pleasure, but which I could not fail to call your attention to, without being very remiss in my duty as a watchman on the walls of Zion. We are to preach the word in season and out of season and reprove, rebuke and exhort. There is, as I said, a strong tendency setting in towards worldliness; and it is not surprising that this is true. Satan works to draw just as many away from the truth by peaceful efforts as possible; and then when he has taken out every soul he can by his treacherous and deceptive devices, then he will bring to bear bitter persecution upon those who are left, in the hope of overwhelming and scattering them. Just now he is working by means of deception to draw the followers of Christ away to the world. When he has sifted this people as wheat and taken out all he can in that way, then you may expect those trying times described as the time of Jacob’s trouble, when those who remain staunch and true through all the temptations that Satan can bring to bear upon them, will be scattered far and wide. They will have their homes in the rocks and mountains, and become as never before the special objects of God’s tender care. Their bread shall be given them and their water sure.

In the face of these things, brethren and sisters, are you ready to go forward? Are you ready to enter into the narrow way? Are you ready to put away the follies of this world, that are now attracting you away from God?

My attention was called the

other day to an article in the last number of the "Literary Digest," by an evangelist known by the incongruous name of "Gypsy Smith." Speaking of his experience in evangelistic work, it used the following language: "Church members are moral, but not spiritual; refined, but not godly; ornamental in the church, but not useful. The evangelization of the world is not their business. The atmosphere of the church is educational and high-toned, but not convicting or converting."

He recalls being impressed with the fact that on his first visit to America, eighteen years ago, "it was no uncommon thing to see one half or two thirds of the church membership present at the weekly prayer meeting,"—and he greatly deplores the decline in the prayer meetings. A great change has taken place; this is no longer the rule. It is far more difficult to get people who call themselves Christians to the prayer meeting. The prayer meeting is the life of the church. She stands or falls as she prays. The prayer meeting is the spiritual thermometer of every church. Let me see the weekly prayer meeting of any church and feel its pulse, and I will gage its life and tell you what it stands for in the community. The church exists for making Christians; 'the opening of the blind eyes, unstoping the deaf ears, turning men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. This can come forth by nothing but prayer. One of the lost arts of the church is the power to pray and the love of prayer, for this alone can give passion for souls and keep that passion alive."

I read this, dear brethren, as a warning to us. "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." Brethren and sisters, you who are planning on going through to the Kingdom, ought to be seen in the house of prayer very often; you ought to search out the prayer meeting. Are you neglecting prayer?

It must be that some of you are, for no one can attend the theater without first neglecting prayer. Any man or woman who is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church knows full well that theater going is wrong; that it is a wicked thing for a Christian to go to such a place for amusement,—and Christians DO NOT GO THERE.

(To be continued)

Courage in the Lord.

When God was about to lead the children of Israel into the promised land, he said to Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage. . . . Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law. . . . Have not I commanded thee, Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest? Josh. 1:6,7,9.

One of God's commands is, "Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed." There are many people who break this command. Brethren, let us remember that to be of good courage is a duty, a very pleasant duty, a very helpful duty. It means more than feeling; it means determination. It means absolute confidence in the Captain of our salvation who never lost a battle; in God, who cannot fail, who never has been unfaithful to those that have been true to him, who never has failed to forgive those who have fallen, and yet have come back asking forgiveness.

Have you stumbled? Rise up again. Be of good courage in the Lord. The whole scripture record shows that there is but one thing that can separate us from the Lord, and that is sin; and if there is sin upon us, he will take it away, casting it into the depths of the sea, placing it behind his back, remembering it against us no more forever.

We have no excuse to be weak and fearful. The fearful at the last terrible day are outside the city of

God. Be strong and of a good courage. He is with us wherever we go. He will never leave us nor forsake us till he has brought us home where we shall see his face, and be beyond the reach of danger of falling, forevermore.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither life, nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord."

J. S. WASHBURN.

From the Field.

Glenwood Church School.

Our school closed Wednesday, May 29, after nine months hard study, from which we see some encouraging results.

On taking up the work here in the fall I found that the children were behind in some of their studies, particularly reading and spelling. We have aimed to reach a higher standard along these lines, and the results are plainly seen. The examination papers show that the children have an interest in their school and nearly all handed in excellent work.

Our average attendance has been fourteen, with all grades to the eighth represented except the second, third, and fifth.

We have been quite well supplied with books, maps, globes, dictionaries, etc.

A number of papers have been sold and given away. We raised \$1.50 for the Finnish Mission.

A quilt has been pieced during the winter, the proceeds of which

will also be used for missionary work.

Wednesday afternoon, May 29, the pupils rendered a program, consisting of recitations, dialogues and singing, which was both interesting and instructive. We were pleased to welcome the teacher and pupils of the public school. Many of the children's parents were present, making in all over fifty visitors.

In the evening a school meeting was held, where we talked over the results of this year's work and laid plans for the next.

The parents seemed to be well pleased with the work done during the year. To God be all the praise.

VO WYLA AIKEN.

This past winter and spring our work mostly has been in behalf of the churches—a work of which there was great need. Many times have we been called upon to wrestle with very serious problems, but God, who, when we ask Him for wisdom, "giveth liberally, and upbraideth not," has been our helper. To Him be all the honor and praise for what has been done. We thank Him that He is willing to make us "workers together with God."

We have visited and worked for a number of churches. The following are the churches where we bestowed most of our labor: Monterey, Douglas, Allegan, and Grand Ledge. In all these churches the Lord has used us to accomplish great good.

At Monterey we were blessed with adding five members to the church there. Three of these whose names never had been on any of our books. The number of tithe-payers was increased, and where there had been misunderstandings these were removed that the Lord might come in with His blessing, which He certainly did.

With one of these new members we had a very blessed experience—a lady of about thirty years. She

had been an invalid for five years or more; the first three with inflammatory rheumatism, after this tuberculosis took hold of her. This disease brought her to the grave in the first part of April. At the time we were introduced to her by one of our sisters, we found her in the last stages of this dreadful malady, and hungering for the bread of life. From that time on, and as long as we remained in that locality, we visited and studied the Bible with her nearly every day.

Every day she was anxiously looking for us. The truth once by her dispised she commenced to love, and became desirous of becoming a member of our denomination—a desire which was granted her with gladness by the Monterey church. Tears were in the eyes of those present at the meeting when we made known her request. Many of the members believed that God had kept her as long as he did that she might see the light and receive its blessing in joy. But a few weeks after this she died in the full assurance of her Master's great love for her and the promise of the life eternal.

We have worked in and about Douglas for some time. A goodly number were added to the church there. Seven of these are awaiting baptism. The Lord gave us many precious experiences at this place. We also ordained the newly elected elder and deacon. The church in Douglas is rejoicing for what the Lord has done for them. The church has been painted and decorated—a good sign of the new courage which has entered into the lives of the members in Douglas.

From this place we went to Allegan, where we labored between four and five weeks. God's blessing rested upon the work at Allegan. No new members were added during our stay there, but the Lord used us as instruments of reclaiming some of the members who were in a lukewarm condition. Some of these are now holding responsible offices in the Sabbath-

school and church. Most all renewed their covenant with God and are rejoicing because of the blessings received. We hope to finish our work there some time in the future.

From Allegan we went to Grand Ledge, where we are laboring at the present time. Although only a short time here, still we may see precious results from our work. One bright, young lady has taken her stand for the Lord. She with an elderly lady expect baptism. At the time of this writing a good interest has been awakened in the vicinity of Grand Ledge. A tent effort is likely to be held there to gather the ripening grain. The harvest is truly ripe. Pray for harvesters.

Yours in the blessed hope,

J. W. HOFSTRA.

A Day of Gladness.

Sabbath, May 11, was a day of interest and profit in the meetings at Gland, Switzerland. The camp is nicely located on the north side of Lake Geneva. The Alps Mountains, with many snowy crowns, are in plain view of the place. The day was one of beautiful sunshine and the tent was filled with our people at both the principal services.

The meeting in the forenoon consisted of a strong sermon, in which was presented the Scriptural teaching concerning the help given to the Christian through the Holy Spirit.

In the afternoon the services consisted of a sermon followed by a social meeting. The sermon emphasized the importance of God's children being conformed to the image or likeness of Christ before the time of translation. This theme was dwelt upon for more than an hour after the sermon, by many persons who spoke feelingly of the things the Lord has done, and is doing for them.

The sermon and the testimonies which followed were translated into the German, the French and

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Spanish languages. Thus the things said were given in four tongues at one time. There were testimonies borne by representatives from Finland, Iceland, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, England, Wales, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, India, four provinces of Russia and many parts of Germany and Switzerland, besides the part which was taken in the services by those who were present from America. Probably a wider field was represented than had ever before been present to confer with reference to experiences connected with the Third Angel's Message.

The testimonies were intelligent, earnest and pointed. They kept well to the one leading thought, and yet were diversified in expression. It was truly inspiring to hear from so many countries the same blessed truth so unitedly expressed in one meeting. But what will it be when we reach heaven and hear from every age and every land all praising the blessed Redeemer for the great salvation?

WM. COVERT.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

We were pleased to shake hands again with one of our winter students, Elmer Ferguson, who came to attend the closing exercises.

Miss Lydia Clark who was in the school during the year, started for Berrien Springs Wednesday morning, June 5, to attend the Summer Normal.

Mrs. Saxby of Charlotte attended the closing exercises and remained a few days to visit friends. She and her daughter Ruth returned home Friday morning.

Elders A. G. Haughey, S. E. Wight, W. H. Heckman, B. F. Kneeland, W. C. Hebner, Jacob Hofstra and S. D. Hartwell attended the commencement exercises Tuesday evening, June 4.

The next day after school closed a canvassers' institute was begun. Classes have been formed for "Coming King," "Herald's of the Morning," and "Great Controversy." Elder S. B. Hartwell has charge of the classes. B. F. Kneeland was present and assisted. Seven are taking advantage of the opportunity offered to fit themselves for this branch of the work.

Although it rained all day Tuesday, and was stormy in the evening, the friends and neighbors turned out well to the exercises, and the Assembly room was well filled. The rostrum was decorated with potted plants, and, with the class motto in white in the rear, gave a pleasing effect. After the diplomas were presented, those who had completed studies during the year received a certificate of standing. Elder A. G. Haughey gave the address, Elder S. E. Wight, president of the North Michigan Conference, offered the prayer, and the benediction was pronounced by Elder B. F. Kneeland. The program was well rendered, each person acting his part with credit.

Notes From the Summer Normal.

Elder Kauble occupied the pulpit at Kalamazoo Sabbath in the absence of the pastor, Elder Kneeland.

Miss Florence Howell and sister, Miss Fannie, arrived Sunday. Miss Howell is the instructor in primary methods.

Prof. Lamson went to Holly Friday, the Adelphian Academy being still in session, returning Monday.

Classes have been organized in all the common branches, and in botany, drawing, rhetoric, general history, algebra, and geometry.

Miss Hallock was called to Chicago evening after the Sabbath upon important business, returning to the school on Monday. She was accompanied by her guest, Miss Mary Lamson.

Miss AlmeJa Haughey started Sunday for Brantford, Ontario, where she will spend a much needed vacation at the home of a former E. M. C. student, Mrs. Dr. Hill.

Those already upon the ground as instructors are: N. W. Kauble, J. G. Lamson, J. H. Haughey, W. D. Curtis, C. A. Russell, Fred Green, Miss Pearl Hallock, Miss Cora Hicks, Miss Florence Howell, and Miss Edna Decker. Floyd Bralliar of Iowa is expected this week.

We are pleased to acknowledge the generosity of the college management in making no charge to the teachers for anything which does not involve an expense to the college. The dormitories are free, and there will be no charge for tuition. Board on the European plan averages about \$1.50 per week.

In spite of the short notice given, there are now nearly forty teachers in attendance. Several are taking studies in advance work, and a real professional spirit is manifest. Best of all, a spirit of consecration and true devotion pervades the school, and the desire that this Normal shall be the means in God's hand of obtaining a deeper Christian experience is often expressed.

Tent Companies Attention.

Those who have charge of the tent companies are requested to correspond with Elder J. W. Hofstra, Otsego, Mich., stating to him where, and when they desire to have the tents shipped, and how many family tents are needed.

Sabbath, June 29, is the day for the collection of the mid-summer offering. This offering is to be applied on the \$150,000 fund.