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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

The Spotless Church.

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April 20, 1907, By Elder M. N.
Campbell.

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I remember once a young lady came to my home to ask about baptism. My wife took her hat and laid it to one side, and we went into another room to have a private interview. I was instructing her on all points that she needed to know, and she was in agreement with them until I came to the matter of personal adornment,—feathers, plumes, flowers, etc. A change came over her and she began to weep. She did not see fit to explain why she felt thus, but on leaving I noticed her hat, and upon it was a plume. She never came forward for baptism. That little thing was allowed to stand in her way.

Some of our good sisters go down to the milliners and the milliner suggests that a little feather would set off the hat better, and they yield to the suggestion. Pretty soon some other sisters come along and see Sister So and So, with that little plume on her hat. They reason that if she can wear a feather, they can also and so they put on some big ones. If it is

right for one it is right for the other. The only thing to do is to cut the whole thing out. I am not using slang when I say it. Just cut it out.

I made an appeal to our young people the other day, and asked them to show their faith in the selection of their spring millinery and leave these objectionable adornments off. I am glad to see so few of those things in this congregation to-day. I only wish they were entirely missing, and hope by another Sabbath they will be.

There is much more that might be presented, but the time will not permit. I feel, brothers and sisters, that the time has come to be loyal. But loyalty in only one thing will not justify a man. The Lord wants us to be loyal in every particular. It is for your soul's good, and I make this appeal to-day to you. Brethren and sisters, won't you do it? Won't you come up to the high platform that the Lord desires you to stand upon? Let us stand where there is not one thing in our lives that Satan can get hold of. I appeal to you to-day to come up to a higher standard and to cut off those things and study to be an example to these young Christians coming up around us.

Now a word with reference to Sabbath-keepers joining "fraternal" organizations. Some of our people have been doing this, I understand. In this they have made a serious mistake. I hope when you go home you will get this last week's review (April 18) and on page 10 read the article on "The One Great Issue." This is an article dealing with side issues and

will do you a lot of good. This Third Angel's Message takes in everything good in the world; and if there are people having some good thing that we have not, then we have not a complete message. There is no reason in the world why Sabbath-keepers should be yoked up with these fraternal organizations. See Luke 12:22-28, Psa. 34:9,10, 37:25, Jer. 49:11. Do you mean to say to the world that this is an incomplete message? Well, when you go and join these various organizations, that is just what you are doing. You are sign boards pointing the wrong way. May the Lord help us to point the right way. May we be wholly sanctified by the Third Angel's Message, and may God give us grace to be Seventh Day Adventists in every sense of the word.

(concluded.)

The Work at the Capitol.

In a brief letter just received from Brother John E. Hanson, we are informed that he closed his work at the capitol the 14th of June. During his stay at Lansing, Brother Hanson had an excellent opportunity of mingling with our legislators and keeping in close touch with the legislative bodies. We have been favored with many interesting accounts of experiences that have been met in this work during the past months. On several occasions Brother Hanson has been permitted to stand before committees in "hearings" that were granted on bills that involve in any way the question of religious liberty. On all of these occasions he has been heard gladly, and the friendliness and cordiality shown

him throughout have been most gratifying.

Brother Hanson did not pose as a lobbyist having some measure that he was endeavoring to "put through," but his attitude has been that of one desiring to use his influence in favor of vital principles, and as far as we have been able to learn, his position has been regarded in this way by our legislators. It was my privilege to spend a little time with Brother Hanson at the State House, and the warm friendship that seemed to be manifested on the part of all towards him was most noticeable. Every legislator has come to know him, and as he has passed in and out among them we are certain that no one could fail to think of the vital principles for which he stood and labored. Brother Hanson's congenial ways and that smile that will not come off, won for him many friends at Lansing. We have reasonable evidence that the presence of our representative at Lansing during this term, has done much for the cause of liberty by way of educating those who should know of these vital principles. During the devotional exercises, at which Brother Hanson officiated a large share of the time, as well as at their various hearings, and by personal conversation, the vital principles of liberty were presented in a way to enlighten many. We feel that Brother Hanson should be asked to resume his work at Lansing when occasion calls for it.

E. K. SLADE.

From the Field.

Union City.

It was my pleasure to be invited to Union City for the Sabbath-school convention and to remain the next week until Friday, speaking to the public each evening at the Baptist church. Dr. Otis helped us by answering useful questions each evening before the service, while Sisters Haughey and Green visited the people.

The Lord is blessing Sister Green's labors in Union City, and the interest seems to be growing.

We organized a small company so that they might better carry on their business until a church organization can be effected. It is to be hoped that a series of meetings may be held here in the near future, as the people seemed willing to come out to the meetings. Truly the harvest is great; but the laborers few. May the Lord bless this little city with a faithful company of believers.

C. A. HANSEN.

Union City.

Our convention was a grand success. The Lord greatly blessed us in giving us a beautiful day, and sending in many people from the city.

The Congregational pastor has been very friendly to our people, and has permitted us to use his church two years for our convention.

Elder C. A. Hansen, Dr. L. J. Otis, Brother Myron Butterfield and wife, and Miss Margaret Haughey were present, also several from Mendon, Coldwater, and Burlington. We appreciate their presence much.

A consecration service was held in an adjoining room a half-hour preceding each session. We realized that our success depended on a close connection with our Leader. He came very near.

The Methodist pastor came in during the morning, and when he was asked to speak, welcomed us to the city, and wished us Godspeed in our work. The Congregational pastor made a few remarks in the afternoon, and also sang a duet with the writer.

Our brethren and sisters were much encouraged at these meetings, and felt well paid for attending. The last forty-five minutes of the afternoon session was taken by Dr. Otis. He also spoke to us in the evening, and gave to us some very valuable instruction. We are

indeed glad to have the doctor with us. He is doing much good in visiting the sick here this week.

Sunday afternoon Sister Haughey spoke to the Sunday School which is held at my home. The children gave \$2.15 for the "copper line." They have raised this money in four weeks.

Elder Hansen spoke to a good audience on Sunday evening at the hall, and announced that he would speak in the Baptist church each evening. This church had not been used for a year, so the workers met there Monday morning, June 24, and cleaned it. Before going to our homes, we had a meeting, giving ourselves anew to God, and asking His blessing upon our meetings. In the afternoon we went from house to house inviting the people to the services.

We have a question box, and Dr. Otis answers any questions on healthful living for the first twenty minutes every evening, then Elder Hansen speaks for thirty minutes. There is a good interest.

Sister Haughey will remain with us until Friday, June 28, when she goes to Kinderhook.

I praise God with all my heart for sending these dear workers here to help us. It has been such an encouragement to us in our work. The Lord has certainly blessed us "above all we could ask or think." Praise His holy name.

We will send another report later.

MRS. CLEORA GREEN.

Mayaguez, Porto Rico.

For the past three months a special effort has been made to extend the circulation of our Spanish paper, "El Centinela de la Verdad," in this island and in other places. We wrote letters to some of our brethren in near-by Spanish countries as well as to some distant islands, and sent packages of papers. The result has been encouraging if not flattering.

Brother Moulton spent three months in Santo Domingo and was

favored with over 1200 subscriptions. Mr. Brower spent a month on horseback in the east end of this island, and sent in 225 new names, all cashed in advance. His Spanish was much benefitted, and many people had the knowledge of the coming Saviour proclaimed to them. But traveling, even by horse, is very expensive and there are no profits when the cost of obtaining subscriptions is deducted.

The weather is becoming warmer, but a good sea breeze keeps constantly refreshing the thirsty land. This season seems drier than for some years.

Our courage was never better. We are glad we came. May the faithful prayers and labors be crowned with fruit to the glory of God.

MRS. J. C. BROWER.

Obituaries.

WOODRUFF.—Fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Bauer, Ottawa County, Mich., June 13, 1907, Bessie June Woodruff, beloved daughter of Brother and Sister George Woodruff, aged 18 years, 11 months and 24 days. Sister Bessie's health had been very delicate for a number of years, but she bore all her sufferings with Christian patience. At the age of ten years she gave her heart to God, was baptized and united with the Bauer church, and was always a faithful, earnest Christian until death. Thinking a change of climate might be an improvement to her health, she, with her father and sister spent the winter of 1905 in Florida. But when the very warm weather come she was not able to endure it and returned to their home in Michigan without much improvement in health. She, with her sister Amy, spent part of last summer with a tent company and attended the Hastings camp-meeting, after which she returned to her home. She gradually grew weaker until confined to her bed, going at times for eight or ten days without nourishment of any kind, which was

a marvel to all to think she could live in such a condition. Having strong faith in God, she had the assurance that she would be healed if prayer were offered. Accordingly, the family gathered on Wednesday, April 24, and, after earnest prayer, declaring herself healed by the power of God, she arose from her bed where she had spent many weeks, dressed herself and walked into an adjoining room. The family then enjoyed a precious season of praise and thanksgiving to God for his wonderful works. She was soon able to visit neighbors and friends, telling them of the wonderful power of God and what he had done for her. Many came to see her, and were convinced that she had surely experienced the healing power of God. She gained strength very rapidly, also gained in flesh—thirteen pounds in three weeks. She planted a missionary garden with her own hands, and was anxious to work for the Lord in every way possible. Surely her death was not the result of her long continued illness from which she had been healed. One cool evening while visiting a friend who was ill, she took a severe cold which resulted in her death after a short illness of four or five days. It was said by the family that she always seemed more like an angel in the home than like a human being. She leaves to mourn their loss, a father, mother, two brothers and three sisters, besides a large circle of friends and brethren and sisters in Christ. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Bauer church, Sabbath, June 15. Text, Mark 14:8, "She hath done what she could."

Dear Bessie thou art gone,
Our hearts are aching still,
It seemed so hard for us to say,
Dear Lord, "Not as I will."

Thou wast so lovely, pure and true,
Thy presence was so dear,
So sweet and kind to every one,
Seemed like an angel here.

But thou are gone, thy sufferings o'er,
Borne patiently and long;
We cannot wish thee back again,
We know that would be wrong.

We know our Saviour knoweth best,
We'll meekly bear our pain,
And wait in hope His trumpet's sound.
Then we shall meet again,

R. C. HORTON.

MEAD—Emma Mead nee' Stilson, was born in Hope township, Barry Co., Mich., June 24, 1857, and died of paralysis, May 2, 1907, in the Kalamazoo Hospital, Kalamazoo, Mich. She joined the Seventh-day Adventist church at Hastings thirty years ago, since which time she has rejoiced in the hope of the threefold message, and at her death she was a member of the Kalamazoo church. Though Sister Mead has seen many years of suffering, she has shown a most patient, Christian spirit, alway willing to say, "Thy will, not mine, be done." Funeral services were conducted by the writer, at which a large company of friends listened to thoughts of comfort found in Job 14:14. The sorrowing relatives and friends can look through the mist of tears to the glad day when Christ will call his sleeping saints to their final reward.

B. F. KNEELAND.

GILBERT—Died of paralysis at her home in Almena township, VanBuren Co., Mich., April 19, 1907, Sister Sarah M. Gilbert, in her 78th year. Nearly all her life was spent in Southern Michigan. Thirty-two years ago she came in contact with the third angel's message at the Health Institute and accepted it gladly. With her husband, James K. Gilbert, she became a charter member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Though much of her life was burdened with sickness, she bore the cross patiently, and by her unselfish life won a permanent and loving remembrance in the hearts of those who knew her. But we hope to see her face among the glorified

ones who will be caught up at the resurrection to be forever with the Lord. A large number of relatives and sympathizing friends gathered at the residence in Alma and the church in Kalamazoo where words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

B. F. KNEELAND.

Notes From The Normal.

(Too late for last week.)

Prof. Lamson went to Holly Friday. He will be gone all the week, as this is the closing week at the Adelphian Academy, and his presence there was imperative. He has arranged for the continuing of his work here during the intermin.

Miss Flossie Hall, one of our West Michigan teachers, was taken suddenly ill Friday night. Dr. Wallace was summoned Sabbath who pronounced her condition due to nervous strain and recommended rational treatments and complete rest for a few days. She is attended by Miss Sadie Bradwald, who is a trained nurse.

Dr. Wilbur H. Smith of Charlotte paid the school a visit Thursday and Friday of last week. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Nellie, who comes to take work at the Normal. The doctor gave three addresses while here, upon health topics, and the treatment of accidents and emergencies that may arise in any school.

Prof. J. G. Lamson delivered an address Tuesday evening upon the subject of Religious Liberty, and on the evening following, Brother J. B. Blosser addressed the teachers on the importance of circulating our literature. Both these addresses were eminently practical, and were listened to with profit by those present.

Sabbath, the 15th, a company from the College went to Baroda, a village seven miles west, to visit an aged couple who had become interested in the truth four years

ago through the efforts of some of the students. They were found still keeping the Sabbath, and rejoicing in the light, but in very feeble health. Friday, word was received of the death of the aged sister, and a request was made that the funeral be conducted by friends from the College. Accordingly a party of eight went from here Sabbath to furnish the music, and act as pall-bearers. The discourse was given by Brother Clifford Russell.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

S. M. Butler left Tuesday of last week to attend the Gladstone camp-meeting.

The young people of the Petoskey church made the Academy a present of a nice comfortable. The gift is much appreciated.

These are busy days on the farm now. The boys are kept busy weeding a large patch of onions besides caring for the other farm crops.

Mrs. Maude Landa was the guest of the Misses Nelson Thursday of last week. Mrs. Landa expects to spend part of the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rowland.

Misses Jennie and Nellie Nelson left Cedar Lake for Bay City Monday where they expect to spend part of their vacation at the home of their sister, Mrs. A. E. Pearce.

Brother C. J. Tolf who has attended the Academy for the past two years, left Cedar Lake last Friday for the North Michigan Conference. He expects to join Elder Matthews in a tent effort at Dighton. We trust success will attend their efforts.

About thirty citizens of the place with seven teams went to work recently to build a sidewalk up the "hill." The result is a nice gravel walk on the east side of the road from the depot to the dormitory. We have all voted it quite an improvement.

We quote the following from a letter received from Oliver Denslow, who is spending his vacation canvassing for Great Controversy. He is canvassing near Marcellus: "I have put in one week canvassing, working a part of each day, in all about twenty-eight hours, and my orders amount to \$24.50. The Lord has certainly blessed my efforts and to Him belongs all the praise. I have been kindly received in every home. I am going to put in more hours next week, and hope to do as well as I have this week any way." Oliver is working for a scholarship.

News and Notes.

Brother Myron Butterfield spent last week laboring in Coldwater.

Miss Margaret Haughey spent Sabbath, June 29, with the Kinderhook church.

The Lake Union Conference Executive Committee will meet at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, July 15.

Elders Campbell, Heckman and Kneeland and Brother Gray were callers at the office last week.

Elders G. A. Irwin and G. B. Thompson of the General Conference will attend the camp-meetings in the Lake Union during the summer.

Elder B. F. Kneeland has accepted a call to New Jersey to act as president of that conference. He will attend the Sabbath School and Young People's Convention at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, on his way to the new field. We hope that success will attend him in his work.

We hope that every Seventh-Day Adventist boy and girl of the West Michigan Conference will have a copy of the Youth's Instructor bearing date of July 9. It is a special educational number. A list of the subjects which will be presented appeared in last week's issue of the "Herald."