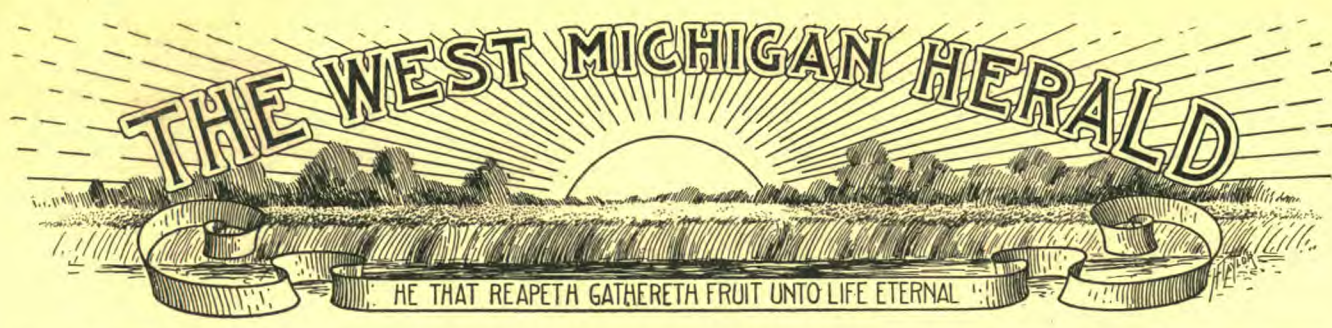


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TUESDAY, AUGUST 20.

At 10 a. m. Elder G. B. Thompson occupied the time. After reading Rev. 14:6-10, he said, "The time has come for this great three-fold message to go to all the world. There is a power behind this message that we cannot stop for it is going to all the world and the Lord come in this generation." He told us about the progress of the message in India. There are three hundred million souls in India, and we are under just as much obligation to carry the gospel to them as to the United States. Something must be done for India, and we must awake and do the work that the Lord has given us to do. There is a great field in India for our young people who are just out of school. The

workers in that field have done a noble work, but we need more laborers in that great field. Who will go?

3:00 p. m. An educational meeting was held at this hour. Elder N. W. Kauble was the first speaker. The Word says, "and all thy children shall be taught of the Lord." He said the lesson for this hour is the true system of education. "Anything in education that is not in harmony with the word of God is not the true system. God's way is so plain that any ordinary person can know it. God's system is just as much like the other system as light is like darkness. One system appeals to the selfish ambitions of man and the other causes us to say, 'how may I employ my service to-day that I may do better service to-morrow?' The true system of education takes the word of God for one hundred cents on a dollar."

When we have formulated our system of education perfectly, we will have manual labor in our schools, and the hands will be trained. The best thoughts that have ever been given to humanity came from a man who worked with his hands, and that man the Lord Jesus Christ.

The next speaker was Elder W. D. Curtis. He referred to Paul's experience in the storm when the angel stood by and told him that God would keep him, and Paul said to his companions, "I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me." The speaker then said, "I wonder how many Seventh Day Adventists believe what God has said about Christian education? We find the first school in

Eden. It was a family school. God and the angels, the teachers, Adam and Eve the students, the great book of nature the text book. Their manual labor was to dress and keep the garden. Christian education means to develop the mental, physical and spiritual powers of man."

All the meetings that were held at 5:00 p. m. were very interesting. Dr. Harry Miller talked to those who gathered in the large pavilion. Clifford A. Russell talked to the youth. The meeting for the primary and intermediate children was very interesting. Several of the children expressed their desire to have their sins forgiven and be obedient to their parents and be saved in the kingdom. They asked the workers to pray for them so they remained after the others were dismissed and earnest prayers ascended to the throne for these lambs of the flock, and the Lord came very near by his spirit. The kindergarten children had a very interesting lesson on Creation.

7:30 p. m. Elder G. B. Thompson spoke at this hour. He read Ps. 103:19,20. He said, "The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens. There is one universal king. Wherever you find a human being or a world it is in God's kingdom. This world is a mere speck in the universe of God. Sinners are in the majority in this world, for it is the one lost sheep, but the ninety and nine have not gone astray. We are only a drop in the great bucket of humanity that is scattered through the great universe of God. Isa. 40:15.

"We have a wonderful God: He spoke all the worlds into existence,

and as he has one throne, and one kingdom, he has but one law. The original copy of God's law is in heaven. Rev. 11:19. Talk about man changing God's law! When you can go into heaven, into the sanctuary and take the law and throw it out, then you can change God's law. God could not change his law, so he gave his own son as a sacrifice. God could not bring his law down where man had fallen, so he sent his son to come down and lift man up to the law.

"Who can look at the law and say they never broken it? It stops men's mouths. Rom. 3:19. The law cannot save us, but we have a Saviour who can save us from the law. The only document that we have written by the finger of God is his law. When he gave it he did not inspire Moses to write it. How we prize a letter written by a dear friend. Do we want something written by the hand of God.

That was a wonderful scene when God handed down his law; his voice shook the earth, but when he comes he will shake not the earth only, but also heaven. If we have not kept that law, we will want a hiding place. Let us hide in Him now. The last church will keep the commandments. Rev. 12:17; 14:12. Let us pray the Lord to write the law in our hearts by his Spirit and be with that company that are to be saved in the kingdom of God."

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21.

At 8:30 a. m. Dr. Harry Miller gave us a talk on China. He was dressed in the Chinese costume. He told us many interesting things about the manners and customs of the people.

At 10:00 a. m. all the people gathered in the large pavilion and Elder G. B. Thompson occupied the first part of the hour. He called our attention to the needs of the field. The work of God is to be finished in this generation. We are told to lift up our eyes and look upon the fields that are ready for harvest. That is what we

have been doing at this camp-meeting. We have been looking on Africa, India and China. The fields are white ready to harvest. When is the harvest? At the end of world, and that time is now. Is the last generation in its infancy or old age? Answer, Old age. How much time do we have in which to finish the work? God is wiring the world with the Third Angel's Message. We have just made a beginning. We have a tremendous task before us. We must send workers to all parts of the world and it will take money. Some one will have to make a sacrifice. We have come to a time when Seventh Day Adventists must sell what they have and give alms. Let us speculate in the Third Angel's Message for a while.

Elder A. G. Haughey read Rev. 14:6-10 and then he said he felt it was time for the West Michigan Conference to finish raising their quota of the \$150,000 fund. He told how the Lord had blessed him as he had given to the cause of God, and that he wanted to continue to give.

Elder G. A. Irwin was the next speaker. He said that the West Michigan Conference was back \$4,185.29 on the \$150,000 fund, and that he wanted to raise the amount before we stopped for dinner. The spirit of liberality came in and the people pledged and gave in cash and the amount was more than raised.

At 5:30 p. m. a very interesting meeting was held for the young people. The following recommendation was presented:

"We, the undersigned, do recommend the young people of the West Michigan Conference to support Miss Winifred Trunk in the Washington Training College the ensuing year."

A. G. Haughey
M. N. Campbell
S. D. Hartwell
Signed
J. W. Hofstra
Clifford Russell
Margaret Haughey.

This recommendation was passed and recorded in the book of acts, for \$201 was pledged before the meeting closed. The Lord is blessing our young people, and we praise His name for it.

7:30 p. m. Elder M. N. Campbell spoke on the Sabbath at this hour. He stated that it is a well known fact that among professed Christians there is a difference of opinion on this question. But God has given us a standard by which to determine every question that may arise, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them."

From the Old Testament the speaker read the history of the making of the Sabbath and its purpose, showing that it must always remain a fact through all eternity that God rested on that day, and if we would keep God's rest day we must keep it upon the day He rested, since facts cannot be changed. It was not for time, but for eternity, since it will be kept in the new earth. He showed that the other days of the week were called the six working days, but the Sabbath is a sign forever of sanctification,—a standard of holiness. It was given as a test to Israel, and God is testing those of these days to know who regards His approval higher than the esteem of men. It was clearly shown, also, that, if the Sabbath had always been kept, there never would have been an idolater. From the New Testament Christ was revealed as our Example in Sabbath keeping, since, as His custom was, He entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He further declared that one jot or tittle (the smallest part of a Greek letter) would not pass from the law. He instructed His disciples to keep the Sabbath, and how well they obeyed is revealed in the fact that after the crucifixion, they returned to their homes and kept the Sabbath according to the commandment. This day of the crucifixion is de-

clared in the Scripture to be "the day of preparation, and the Sabbath drew on." But on the morning of the first day of the week, they came and found Christ risen from the dead. No where in the Bible are we told that Christ gave us the first day as a memorial of His resurrection. One memorial, and only one, has he given of that event, and that is baptism. The Lord has said, "To obey is better than sacrifice." We show our love for Him by keeping His commandments. A blessing is pronounced upon those who do this, and they are the only ones the Book says, who will have a right to enter in through the gates into the city of God.

(To be continued.)

Faith, Prayer and Divine Healing by Elder R. C. Horton.

I wish to treat these subjects in the fear of the Lord; and pray God that not a word or thought may be expressed that is not in keeping with the divine mind.

I have no desire to enter into controversy over a subject of so great and holy magnitude as is the one with which we are now dealing. I can only give my honest and sincere convictions upon these subjects and treat them in the light of Divine revelation, leaving the results in the hands of Him that worketh all things after the counsel of His own will.

FAITH.

What is it? Whose is it? What is its basis? Who are the subjects of faith?

• Faith, what is it? The apostle Paul says, it is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1. The substance of things hoped for, or, in other words, it forms a basis of hope. True Christian hope is made up of desire and expectation. We can only expect that the Lord will fulfil the promises that he has made. These promises are based on certain conditions; when these conditions are complied with, as the

Lord requires, the Lord will never fail to fulfil his word. Oh, beloved, how could he? His holy word says, "God is not a man that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent; hath he said and shall he not do it, or, hath he spoken and shall he not make it good?" Num. 23:19. There is no shadow of turning with God. He speaks and his word must be fulfilled. "I am God I change not." "With him there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17.

Some have thought that faith is belief, without any particular reference as to what we believe. This cannot be true; for we read that "devils believe and tremble." James 2:19. Surely they are not the subjects of faith. If faith were only belief, it would make no difference as to what we believed if we sincerely believed it. It is true that belief is an element of faith; but one may believe with all his heart without the slightest degree of faith. You will therefore see that the power and strength of faith consists not in the act of believing, but in believing the right things and believing things as they are; believing what the great God of heaven and earth has said, believing it because He has said it. Faith consists in taking God at his word. It comes only by hearing. Rom. 10:17—in hearing what God has said. But where do we learn what God has said?—In his Word. We are therefore to search the Word of God to learn what he has said, and believe it because he said it. It never can be true to us unless we do believe it.

We read that "Abraham believed God and it was counted unto him for righteousness." Rom. 4:3. Gal. 3:6. The Lord had made him a great promise, and so far as human foresight could discern, there was no possibility of this promise ever being fulfilled. But he believed God. The Lord had spoken and it must be true. "He

staggered not at the promise of God; and being fully persuaded that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness." But for whose sake was this written? Surely not for his alone; but for us also, if we believe God as did faithful Abraham. Rom. 4:20-24. Could there be any chance for failure on the part of God? Certainly not; for all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him amen, unto the glory of God by us." II Cor. 1:20.

There is nothing that displeases God so much as for us to doubt his word. The Lord can do nothing for us while we remain in doubt and unbelief. His ancient people could not enter the promised land because of their unbelief. And we are commanded to "fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should come short of it." Heb. 3:19 and 4:1.

"Oh that my people had harkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries. The haters of the Lord should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured forever. He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee." Psa. 81:13-16. The Lord is able to do for his people above all that we are able to ask or think, according to the power that works in us. Eph. 3:20. And that power is the power of God secured by us, and working us by faith, and thus by the mighty working power of God in us through faith we are enabled to "walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing; being faithful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness." Col. 1:10, 11.

(To be continued.)

The Dead Friendship of the Living

I thought it was mine forever and aye,
 This friendship which now is dead;
 But its life went out like the fading glow
 Of the dying evening's red!
 I thought it would last as long as my need
 If a friend both kind and true—
 But the spirit fled, and the soulless form
 No power could with life embue.
 I cover it up as I would a fair face
 On which death has set its seal;
 So fair in the morn—so dread in the eve—
 And the heart is slow to heal!
 Forget the sweet past with its happy hours.
 And the genial smile and tone
 Of a friendship that's dead, yes dead as the
 flowers
 That the Frost-king claims his own.
 For friendships can die—as hearts sometimes
 break—
 And nought can the mourner do
 But decorously cover the still, cold face
 And hide the dead thing from view.
 By Helen A. Steinhauer.

The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

A Missionary Volunteer Reading Course has been started for the benefit of our young people, and will be conducted by the Young People's General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department for the purpose of helping our young people in the choice of good reading and to assist them to read to a definite end.

The course this year will consist of three books to be read in the order named:—

"Early Writings," by Mrs. F. G. White. A book so well known throughout the denomination needs no introduction.

"Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells, is a work on modern missions, which treats of every land and people of the world, giving the area of the fields studied, describing their people, religions and languages, and giving biographical sketches of the leading missionaries to each field.

This work will be supplemented by a general study of our own missions, from the booklet. "Outline of Mission Fields," prepared by Elder Spicer. The foreign mission lessons, which have appeared in the Instructor, will also be good

help along this line. As we study each field, we will locate on a map of the world our own mission stations and learn who is there, when the work started, and with what success it is meeting.

The third book studied will be "Pastor Hsi," by Mrs. Howard Taylor. This is a sketch of a life that shows the wonderful power of God over sin. Pastor Hsi was a wicked Chinese student who was converted to Christianity. He immediately gave up his opium, sued for peace with his enemies, and spent the remainder of his life drawing men to Jesus. The book abounds in inspiring, soul-encouraging experiences of His, in his opium refuge and evangelistic work.

The course will be conducted through the Youth's Instructor beginning October 1, and will continue eight months.

All who desire to take this course should send in their names for enrolment to their respective conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries. No tuition for the work is required.

At the close of each book, examinations will be sent out, and all who satisfactorily complete the course will be granted a certificate by the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department.

THINGS NEEDED FOR THE COURSE.

The Youth's Instructor, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., 75c per year.

"Early Writings," by Mrs. E. G. White, 75c.

"Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells, cloth 50c, paper 35c.

"Outline of Mission Fields," S. D. A. Mission Board, free.

World Map, showing prevailing religions, beautifully colored, 15x27 inches, 45c, mounted 65c.

"Pastor Hsi, One of China's Christians," by Mrs. Howard Taylor, cloth \$1, paper 65c.

These supplies may be ordered through the local tract society.

News and Notes.

School opens at Cedar Lake Academy September 17.

Elder A. G. Haughey spoke in the Grand Rapids church last Sabbath.

The camp-meeting Sabbath-school donations amounted to \$77.62.

Elder J. W. Hoffstra gave a very interesting and profitable talk at the Otsego church last Sabbath.

Clifford A. Russell spent a few days last week at Shelby in the interests of the church school work.

Eight of Otsego's children and youth were baptized at camp-meeting. These lambs of the flock united with the Otsego church last Sabbath.

The Otsego Sabbath-school had a picnic Sunday, September 1, at the country home of one of the brethren. Everyone seemed to enjoy the fresh country air.

Misses Edith Shepard and Margaret Haughey went to East Jordan last Monday to attend the North Michigan camp-meeting. They will work in the interests of the Cedar Lake Academy and the Missionary Volunteer work.

Miss Almeda Haughey, who has been spending a few weeks with her brother and sister in Otsego, has returned to Berrien Springs, Mich. She is a member of the Emmanuel Missionary College faculty. The school opens September 11.

Elder S. M. Butler, wife and son have gone to College View, Nebr. Elder Butler will be a member of the college faculty. Elder W. H. Heckman and wife will sail for England some time in September. Elder B. F. Kneeland and wife will make New Jersey their field of labor. The prayers of the brethren and sisters of the West Michigan Conference go with these laborers as they go to their respective fields of labor. We praise God that we have the good laborers to send to needy fields.