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The 1908 Collection for the General Religious Liberty Department.

The annual Religious Liberty collection for the General Religious Liberty Department will be taken Sabbath, February 1, 1908, in all of our churches. There will be a special religious liberty program that will be carried out that day in our churches in the United States. This program will be published in the REVIEW of January 16, 1908.

It will be remembered that this annual collection is the only resource of the general department, hence it is important that the offering shall be a liberal one. The rapidly increasing efforts of those who are seeking for Sunday legislation should arouse the most indifferent to take hold of this work as they never have before.

We are far behind already in our work of enlightening the people. Already three Sunday bills have been introduced into the present session of Congress. A special campaign has been started here in Washington by the Protestant ministers and the Roman Catholic clergy to secure a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

We are planning a most vigorous counter-campaign to the one referred to above for the purpose of placing literature concerning the Third Angel's Message in the homes of the citizens of Washington, D. C.

You are without doubt aware of the almost universal demand for the enforcement of Sunday laws that is now prevailing all over the country. We certainly need your

earnest prayers and free will offerings, in order to make the work effective. Please begin to plan for this offering at once.

K. C. RUSSELL.
Ch'r. Religious Liberty Bureau.

An Open Letter.

Dear Brethren of West Michigan:

I know that you ever hold dear your right of religious liberty as given by the all-wise Creator. We all rejoice that the exercise of liberty has been safe-guarded by the United States government, and especially by the great commonwealth of Michigan.

We have great reasons for praising the name of our heavenly Father throughout the length and breadth of the land for the protection that the nation and states have thus far given to their subjects. How long this liberty will be so protected we do not know, but let us all unite in praise and supplication that the four winds of heaven may be so held that the cause of religious freedom or liberty may be so promoted and that the three angel's messages so heralded that the truth-loving and pious may be so conformed to the image of our divine Lord as to fit them for subjects of his kingdom.

To do this we earnestly urge and pray that all our members throughout the West Michigan Conference will do all they can toward augmenting the annual offering that is to be gathered Sabbath, February 1, 1908, and is to be devoted toward the upbuilding of the cause of liberty.

Praying that the blessing of God will be with you in securing the funds with which to make your of-

ferings, and asking his blessing to attend the offering when made, believe me

Your fellow-brother,
A. G. HAUGHEY.

Articles on the South.

The WATCHMAN is a live and valuable missionary journal. It occupies a very important position in our denominational literature. This is appreciated by many, as its rapidly increasing mailing list testifies.

Many doors in the South are already closing to the truth. On account of conditions in that field Sister White has written much about the difficulties of carrying on the work there. Prof. Magan has a good understanding of conditions in the South, has had experience in lecturing on the South, and has had an intimate association with Elder W. C. White and Sister E. G. White in studying the whole situation and devising the best possible means of presenting the truths concerning the South. These facts, in order to be circulated freely and effectively throughout the country, must be published in the South. This shows the wisdom of establishing the Southern Publishing Association and the WATCHMAN. "The WATCHMAN is to have a place in the field at large. It bears the message of truth as verily as do the Review and the Signs of the Times."

The publishers of the WATCHMAN have arranged with Prof. Magan to write for its columns on the conditions and missionary opportunities in the South. His first articles along this line will be on the race question. They will begin in the

WATCHMAN of February 4. Other kindred topics will be considered in his articles, which will run throughout the year. Prof. Sutherland will also have a series of articles, beginning February 4, on the history of educational effort in the South. All these articles will be of more than ordinary interest. Their publication is essentially the publication of present truth. Our people must understand these conditions, or fall behind in the message.

This is a favorable time to begin subscriptions to this good paper. Not only should our own people study these things, but others should be interested. The study of these articles will lead to an appreciation of the third angel's message. Subscriptions should be sent in at once. Order through the tract society or direct of the WATCHMAN, Nashville, Tenn.

"Knew Not Joseph."

"Now there arose up a new king over Egypt which knew not Joseph." Joseph's brethren were envious of him because of his dreams and because he was his father's favorite and for these APPARENT reasons he was placed where he had to endure severe trials and temptations but his trust was in God and not in self and consequently in every instance he was victorious. He passed from position of slave and prisoner to chief ruler of the land the king only being greater on the throne.

After passing through the years of plenty and the famine came and his brethren appeared before him for food for their famishing households, Joseph could SEE the hand of God and see the REAL reason for all he had passed through for he said to his brethren, "GOD did SEND me before you to preserve life.

Our Pilgrim fathers were denied a place of refuge in the Old World and they came to the bleak inhospitable shores of New England, a country inhabited only by savages with the avowed purpose of found-

ing "a state without a king and a church without a Pope" and the subsequent history of this country attests the wisdom and success of that purpose. This country established a government which recognizes the fact that certain rights are "inalienable" and that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that governments are instituted among men to secure to them these rights, but "a new king has arisen that knew not Joseph." A party has arisen who is working to get control of the Legislation and judicial bodies and subvert these heaven born principals, and the spirit of the Dragon is behind it to re-enact the scenes of the dark ages. Who is prepared for the crisis?

"We are living, we are dwelling,
In a grand and awful time,
In an age on ages telling,
To be living is sublime.
Hark! the waking up of nations,
Gog and Magog to the fray;
Hark! what soundeth? Is creation
Groaning for her latter day?"

"Let every lamp be burning bright.
The darkest hour is nearing—
The darkest hour of earth's long night,
Before the Lord's appearing.
Then trim your lamps, my brethren, dear,
Then trim your lamps with godly fear;
The Master's coming draweth near,
Let every lamp be burning."

A. B. C.

Divine Healing.

R. C. HORTON.

We read in James 5:13, "Is there any among you afflicted let him pray. Is there any merry let him sing psalms." Whether it be mental or physical, if it is an affliction, God says, pray; and this is just what Paul did when he was afflicted. He besought the Lord to remove it, but the Lord gave his servant to understand that it was not best to remove, and this was just as much an answer to his prayer, and just as satisfactory to the Apostle as though it had been removed, for he says, "Most gladly

therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." II Cor. 12:9.

David said that it was good for him that he had been afflicted that he might learn God's statutes. Psalms 119:71. The Lord some times chooses his people in the furnace of affliction. Isa. 48:10, and when chosen in this way, we should always be willing to bear it patiently, for it often means salvation to us. But the Lord will make it known to us when it is for our good for it to remain and then we should glory in it as did the Apostle Paul.

Again, is any sick among you let him call for the elders of the church, and let him pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up, and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another that ye may be healed. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we a.e, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again and the heavens gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." James 5:14-18. Remember it was the prayer of faith that brought the rain, not the first time, for he prayed seven times before the cloud was seen; and it will likewise be the prayer of faith that will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up.

Some have thought that this had a double meaning: that if the Lord did not raise them up from the sick bed, he would raise them up in the first resurrection; but we do not so understand it. A man does not have to be sick and then be prayed for in order to be raised up at the last great day. No, indeed. Nor does he have to be sick and then be prayed for in order to be saved from the second death. Such ideas

do not reflect the mind of the Spirit of God. The Lord is not speaking of raising men up from the dead, but of raising them up from their sickness in answer to the prayer of faith.

(To be continued.)

From the Field.

True, there will be joy when the work is done, but there is joy to the true worker for God every time a book that contains the precious message of truth is placed where it can bear its message of light to those who sit in darkness. I have found this true, for it has been my privilege to place our good book, Christ's Object Lessons in the hands of many young people in the past few weeks. Parents, if you want a double joy, earn a scholarship for your son or daughter.

MRS. IDA INGERSOLL.

Buchanan.

The work in Buchanan is prospering, although under difficulties. Since our tent effort last Spring and Fall we have organized a church with a membership of twenty. Our company is small at the present time because of the absence of some for a while, but those who remain are faithful and loyal to the work.

This winter there are several who have accepted the Sabbath and have decided to keep the commandments of God, and there are others who are interested in Bible readings at the present time. We hope that others will accept the Truth and help strengthen the work.

The week of prayer was a source of strength to us all—the means of preparing us for better service. During the holidays three members of the Buchanan church sold 249 special copies of the Watchman. This shows how the Third Angel's Message may be placed in the homes of the people by the distri-

bution of our literature like the leaves of Autumn.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

Paw Paw.

We spent a part of the week of prayer at Paw Paw, and have a very interesting and profitable time to report.

At 10:30 each morning, a little company of about twenty persons gathered in the neat little church building, and together enjoyed the readings prepared for that time, as well as the seasons of prayer and the wide-awake social meetings which were a part of the service each day.

The brethren and sisters of the Paw Paw church seem to be awake to the times in which we are living, and to have a lively appreciation of the perils which are thickening about us, as the message closes up. All expressed a determination to continue in the good old way which Seventh Day Adventists have been following for years in the past, declaring their firm belief in the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ.

It is our hope that we may meet these dear brethren and sisters again; if not here, then inside the kingdom to which we are all traveling.

MINNIE C. HARNDEN.

Canvassing Notes.

The Lake Union canvassing report for October and November compared with that of '06 shows a loss of 50% for the former and 2% for the latter month. January ought and doubtless will show an increase.

West Michigan gained 159% in October and 90% in November and Southern Illinois gained 551% and 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % for a corresponding period. Both are good. Let us make West Michigan still better. If all will take hold it will be done.

January is the month which usually shows a decline, but from all reports from the field our work-

ers are determined to have January 1908 show an increase. May it be so.

A. C. HAUGHEY.

Obituaries.

Williams.—Died at her home in Allegan, Mich., December 11, 1907, Mrs. Emeline Williams, after a short illness of pneumonia. Though she had been in poor health for years she was able to visit her daughter at Pearle on Thanksgiving day. Sister Williams united with the Seventh Day Adventist church of Pearle twenty-nine years ago and remained a faithful member to the end. She was a kind mother, a good neighbor and a remarkable Bible student, being able to quote from any portion of the sacred book. One son and three daughters mourn her death. Her husband, George H. Williams, died twenty years ago. The funeral service was conducted at the Adventist church, Sabbath, December 14, by Elder A. G. Haughey.

Sister Almira L. Ring died at the home of her daughter near Edmore, Mich., December 11, 1907, at the age of 64 years, 6 months, 8 days. Sister Ring accepted the Truth about seventeen years ago and remained faithful to the end. Her life testified that she had been with Jesus and learned of Him. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church at Smyrna, Mich. She leaves one daughter, one adopted daughter, and one brother to mourn their loss. Remarks by the writer from II Sam. 14:14.

W. R. MATTHEWS.

Palmer.—Died at Labarge, Michigan, October 21, 1907, Sister Louisa L. Palmer, aged fifty years. The immediate cause of death was apoplexy. Louisa L. Lindsey was born in 1857, and was united in marriage to Amos W. Palmer. She accepted the third angel message under the labors of Elder F. I. Richardson in 1888. Her consistent life as a Christian, and her

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kind ministrations to the sick and needy endeared her to many. She died in a well grounded hope of soon being awakened to meet her coming Saviour. She leaves a husband, one sister, three brothers, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. Funeral services from Rev. 14:13 were held in a well filled church at Alaska, Michigan.

A. SMITH.

A Sad Death.

Died of consumption at the city of Laodicea, State of Neglect, in the fifteenth year of her age, Sister Prayer-meeting, eldest daughter of Brother and Sister Church. The health of Sister Prayer-meeting was quite poor most of last year, and she gradually grew weaker till her life was despaired of. For several weeks a few of her dearest friends, by their personal visits and efforts, kept her alive, and at times she would revive and give promise of health and strength once more. But even her truest friends neglected her, and in discouragement she died. Several lived close by, and a large circle of professed Christians

Canvases' Report.

Name	Address	Days	Orders	Value
J. Q. Foy,	Battle Creek,	72	26	\$50 25
J. C. Wells,	Hesperia,		7	16 00
Mrs. E. M. Ross,	Freeport.			5.75
Mrs. Ida Ingersoll,	W. Olive,	12		78.25
Ezra Phillips,	Cedar Lake,			10.60
Eugene Sykes	Albion,	10	14	36 75
Total				\$197 60

were within a radius of one mile; but not one was present at the sad death.

Had only two been present, our sister's life might have been saved; for when two are agreed as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them. Probably two-thirds of her friends might have been present if they had been disposed, but they were not and a blessed sister and daughter died in solitude from sheer neglect. As there were no mourners, there was no funeral held.

In closing this sad statement of facts we can do no less than add a sincere prayer that at least the hearts of Brother and Sister Church may be so tendered as to mourn the loss of their daughter, which will lead them to study the subject of the resurrection and pray that it may speedily come about that they shall be once more united with the blessings of the departed one.—Selected.

News and Notes.

Lake Union Conference will be held in Chicago, Ill., March 17-29, 1908.

West Michigan Conference will be held at Charlotte, February 13-17, 1908.

We are very sorry we have not received our Morning Watch Calendars as yet.

We have not received the examination papers from very many of the members of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle. Please send them in as soon as possible.

Delegates' Credentials have been sent to all the churches. If any fail to receive them please notify the office.

Sabbath, February 1, a collection will be taken in all of our churches for the General Religious Liberty Department.

Elder A. G. Haughey attended the meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee in South Bend, Ind., January 8.

We have received reports from about half of our Sabbath-schools, and we are thankful for this, but we will be more thankful when we receive reports from all the schools. Please send them in as soon as possible.

We hope all those who made pledges at the camp-meeting toward the fund that is being raised to support Miss Winifred Trunk in the Washington Foreign Missionary Seminary will pay them as soon as possible. Send money to E. A. Merriam, Otsego, Mich.

We have received two beautiful songs entitled "Footsteps That Never Come" and "Homeward." These two songs are published in folder form, and 25 cents will purchase them both. Address Charles P. Whitford, Orlando, Florida.

These songs have been given to Brother Whitford by their author to assist him during his declining health, and all orders will be promptly filled and duly appreciated by all concerned.