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It is Not Work But Worry.

It is not the work, but the worry,
That wrinkles the smooth, fair face;
That blends gray hair with the dusky,
And robs the form of its grace;
That dims the luster and sparkle
Of eyes that were once so bright,
But now are heavy and troubled,
With a weary despondent light.

It is not the work, but the worry,
That drives all sleep away,
As we toss and turn and wonder
About the cares of the day.
Do we think of the hands' hard labor,
Or the steps of the tired feet?
Ah! no, but we plan and ponder
How to make both ends meet.

It is not the work, but the worry,
That makes us sober and sad;
That makes us narrow and sordid,
When we should be cheery and glad.
There's a shadow before the sunlight,
And ever a cloud in the blue;
The scent of the roses is tainted;
The notes of the song are untrue.

It is not the work, but the worry,
That makes the world grow old;
That numbers the years of its children
Ere half their story is told;
That weakens their faith in heaven,
And the wisdom of God's great plan.
Ah! 'tis not the work, but the worry,
That breaks the heart of man.

—Inez May Felt.

The Religious Liberty Collection.

The annual collection for religious liberty work ought to be a very liberal one. The enemies of religious liberty are very active just at this time. They have taken courage from the comparative silence of the chief advocates of liberty of conscience during the past few years; and now everywhere a crusade is being carried on in favor of new Sunday laws, and the enforcement of existing religious legislation.

We are living in the days of the prevalence of monopoly, and it

seems to be in the very air. Religionists of the type spoken of in Jude, i. e., "Having not the spirit," are seized with a frenzy for securing a religious monopoly so as to freeze out all opposition. They are likely to succeed unless the people can be educated in the principles of eternal truth and justice.

Money is needed to provide a quantity of sound literature for circulation among the people, and to send the religious liberty periodicals broadcast. Men must be kept in the field, and with legislative bodies; not merely to prolong the time of peace, but that the people may be left without excuse in the day of God, for the violation of the rights of humanity. Let it not be said in that day that we have hid our light "under a bushel." God has given light that it may shine. And where are the people in these days to whom He has given greater light on religious liberty, than to this people? Remember the time for the collection, Feb. 1, 1908.

ALLEN MOON.

A Few Suggestions to Canvassers.

That we are in the time when Religious Zealots are working with MIGHT and MAIN to secure the legal right to persecute is evident. Please read carefully the article in the Review of January 23 and then consider carefully whether you have not something to do in the way of warning your neighbors of the spirit behind this whole movement.

The heading of this article should include MANY more than it does at present: in fact it ought to include every able bodied person in our

ranks who is old enough to comprehend the situation.

Note especially the vast THrong included in the article in the Review mentioned above. Many of these people are sincere, and think they are doing God a service in thus helping to instate a compulsory law on Sabbath observance. Reader, did you ever pause to consider the responsibility that rests upon YOU PERSONALLY to warn your neighbors? Why not begin now? Set aside a certain time each week to use as God may direct in the line of Christian visiting and of placing timely literature before the people. Pray much. Work cautiously but earnestly and untiringly, and you will see fruits of your labor in Eternity if not here. In another column is a list of tracts bearing on the present issue. Send for a supply and scatter them among your friends and neighbors.

Besides the above we have quite a supply of Story of Joseph which we will furnish at 12½¢ each in board. Also several hundred Object Lessons which ought to be in the homes of the people. Any one who will sell 100 copies of these at \$1.25 each and turn the full amount, (\$125.00,) over to the Tract Society will be given a scholarship for one year in Cedar Lake Academy. Fathers and mothers why not interest your sons and daughters in earning a scholarship for another year? It can easily be done during the winter months and then have the spring and summer in which to help on the farm. It would certainly be good missionary work for parents to assist the young people in earning the scholarship. The family are all

interested in the education of the sons and daughters. Why not encourage them in this plan and thus help themselves as well as you, and also the Conference and the Conference school?

Pray over the matter and may the Lord direct you for the right. Then let us hear from you.

A. C. HAUGHEY.

From the Field.

Grand Rapids.

(We take the privilege of quoting the following from a personal letter written by A. T. Benjamin, superintendent of the Grand Rapids Sabbath school, and former president of the Young People's Society:)

"In our Sabbath school, we are giving all our donations to missions, and are meeting school expenses by special donations. We have been trying the plan for about the last three months with excellent results, and though late in starting this plan last term, I am glad we can report all expenses paid, school out of debt, and that all donations from the Sabbath school go to missions, and further, that we have money ahead for school expenses. And our S. S. donations have not dropped off any either, as some might suppose. Our attendance is good, and interest is fine, and all are seemingly pulling together and the best of spirit and unity prevails. This is no doubt true in a great measure to Bro. W. W. Robinson's untiring efforts while superintendent last term. And again, the nature of the Sabbath school lessons is creating a healthy interest. Our Youth's Instructor club has been increased from 35 to 50 copies. * * *

As regards the Young People's Society, the attendance is very good and regular, averaging about 25 to 30 present each week. This includes several older people who attend. The interest is very good and the spirit of willingness to help, and make the meeting a suc-

cess is very manifest. Beginning with the new year, we are studying the Book of Revelation verse by verse, and chapter by chapter, and upon completion of this will take up Daniel, and then Romans and Galatians, perhaps. We feel that Revelations and Daniel cannot be understood too well, and are making a special effort to see that the young people understand these prophecies. We use the black-board to help in giving the studies, in which all take part. As you probably know, our society ordered 500 copies of the Special Watchman, which have just been received, and are now being used in missionary work. Nearly all are taking part in this work and are trying to spread the truth in their own neighborhoods and among their relatives, at least. I hope to hear some interesting experiences before long. * * *

One thing that I forgot to mention about Sabbath school is the teachers' meetings. These are held every Tuesday night."

General Meetings.

According to appointment, the first meeting of the second series of general meetings was held at Paw Paw, Tuesday, January 14. The president of the conference was present, also the medical, field, and educational secretaries. The meetings were largely conventional in character, and all of the various departments of the work required attention. At each meeting a question box was provided, and the many and varied questions propounded showed the interest which is taken by our people generally in the various departments of conference work.

The first meeting at Paw Paw was held at 2 o'clock p. m. This hour was occupied by Elder Haughey in outlining the work of the conference, and the purpose in holding these meetings. Preaching service in the evening and conventional meetings Wednesday forenoon completed the Paw Paw

appointment; and having been driven across the country to Lawton by Brother Frohmader, we took the train for Glenwood, the next appointment, where we arrived in time for a 3 o'clock meeting. As at Paw Paw, a preaching service was held in the evening, and a long session in the forenoon of the next day. We are glad to greet friends here from Decatur and Dowagiac.

The next appointment was Buchanan, at 7:30. This church was lately organized and are holding their services in a rented church building. There were present quite a large number of young people, the most of whom are employed in Brother Barnhurst's duster factory. Some of these are saving their earnings preparatory to attending school next year.

Friday morning found us on our way to Berrien Springs. We much appreciated the privilege of a visit at Emmanuel Missionary College. There are at present 105 students enrolled, and all seem to be making the most of their opportunities. All the services here were well attended, and upon the Sabbath the chapel was well filled. Friends were present from Berrien Springs, Buchanan, Decatur, and Sodus.

So much interest was shown in the asking of questions that three sessions were devoted to the answering of them, and we trust good will result. We were sorry to part company at this place with Dr. Otis, who was suddenly called to his home in Grand Rapids because of the serious illness of his mother-in-law.

Our next meeting was at Benton Harbor, Sunday afternoon at 2:30. It being impossible for all to leave the college in time for that service, the educational secretary preceded the others and conducted the first meeting. After a short intermission, the other workers having arrived, another meeting was held. This service as well as the evening one, was devoted to the answering of questions. The most of these

were Biblical, and were carefully answered by Elder Haughey. There were several present not of our faith who seemed to take a deep interest in the subjects presented. Monday forenoon was also spent at this place.

Monday afternoon we went to Bangor where a service was held at 7 p. m. There are some discouragements connected with the work at this place, but we believe the matter will all work out for the best in the end. We trust our people have been encouraged by these efforts, and that God's blessing may rest upon the seed sown that it may yield a bountiful harvest.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

The Educational Work.

Three weeks ago a condensed school report was published through the columns of our esteemed little conference paper, but it has been some time since anything like a detailed report has appeared; I therefore take pleasure in furnishing the following.

There are many encouraging features connected with the work. As the attention of our people is called to the importance of training the children and youth, a hearty response is met.

There is no higher or nobler occupation, or one in which results will be more quickly seen. "He who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; an education that cannot be completed in this life, but that will be continued in the life to come; an education that secures to the successful student his passport from the preparatory school of earth, to the higher grade, the school above!" "All the treasures of the universe will be opened to the study of God's

redeemed. With undimmed vision they gaze upon the glory of creation suns and stars and systems all in their appointed order, circling the throne of Deity." "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." Oh! that all might realize the importance of laying upon earth the foundation of an education which may be completed in the university of heaven under the instruction of the Great Teacher.

As will be noted from the previous report there are 19 schools, 26 teachers, and 436 pupils in the West Michigan Conference. About 80 of these are in the 8th grade, or above.

Each school has been visited, personally, at least once; and some several times. In nearly every school an earnest devotion to study was manifested, and a spirit of true Christian courtesy prevailed. I am sorry that truth required this statement to be modified to the abverb, nearly. It is impossible for good thorough work to be done amid disorder and confusion. This statement—"Order is heaven's first law"—was never more truly demonstrated than in the school room. Love should be the only motive actuating the Christian teacher in controlling the school. Let the child feel and know that you love him—not so much by what you say as by what you do. Deal gently and kindly, yet firmly with the child. It is a terrible thing to wound his tender heart. But if all other means fail, and the child is still unruly, but one course remains, and severe punishment must be meted out upon the offender, and the discipline of the school be maintained. When satan rebelled the government of heaven, there was war, and satan and all his sympathizers were cast out. This was necessary that the spirit of rebellion spread no further among the loyal sons of God. And

it was all done because "God is love."

Three days were spent in visiting the different departments of Cedar Lake Academy. This school now numbers 75. The good Spirit of the Lord is present and many are enjoying a rich Christian experience. Excellent work is being accomplished in the class rooms. It is expected that a class of 10 or 12 will graduate this year.

Let our people every where seek God most earnestly for a measure of His Holy Spirit to guide in this all-important work.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Religious Liberty Leaflets.

	Pages	Price
1. Principles Too Little Understood	8	1-2c
2. Sunday Laws	-	8 1-2c
3. Logic of Sabbath Legislation	8	1-2c
4. The Civil Sabbath	-	12 3-4c
5. Civil Government and the Church	4	1-4c
6. Religious Liberty—What Eminent Authorities Say	-	12 3-4c
7. The Churches Greatest Need Today	-	4 1-4c
8. Church Federation	12	1-4c
9. Limits of Civil Authority	4	1-4c
10. A Vital Question—Is the Sabbath a Civil Institution?	8	1-2c
11. What are Works of Charity and Necessity?	-	4 1-4c
12. "Backward States"	-	8 1-2c

Obituary.

January 17 I attended the funeral of Brother A. H. Savage near Stanton, Mich. He had suffered with rheumatism for years, and could not walk without crutches. He was a christian through it all. He was born in Pennsylvania and came to Michigan when a young man. He accepted the truth in the summer of 1904. He died at the age of 61 years. He leaves a wife and several sons and daughters to mourn their loss. He chose II Tim. 4:7,8, as the text for funeral services from which we made remarks.

W. R. MATTHEWS.

Elder J. W. Hofstra spoke in the Kalamazoo church Sunday evening, January 26, to an attentive audience. Subject "The blessed hope."

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News and Notes.

Elder W. C. Hebner was confined at his home a few days last week with the lagrippe.

Elder J. W. Hofstra has recovered from his attack of the quinsy and is able to work again.

Our office workers all enjoy the new quarters on account of the good light and the quietness.

Mrs. Myron Butterfield is visiting her parents, Elder W. D. Parkhurst and wife, who live in Springfield, Ill.

The sixth annual session of the West Michigan Conference will be held at Charlotte, Mich., February 13-17, 1908.

We understand that they have been having a regular epidemic of lagrippe at the Emmanuel Missionary College.

A few of our Sabbath Schools have not sent in their reports. We want to hear from every school for the quarter ending December 31, 1907.

Elder A. G. Haughey, C. A. Russell and A. C. Haughey left Otsego Friday to attend the general meeting at Bedford, Quincy and Coldwater.

These are busy days at the office now, as the years work is being wound up and reports to get ready for Conference. We all like to be busy and are good natured over it.

Brother E. B. Tucker of Edmore, Mich., desires to correspond with an Adventist who understands black-smithing, with a view of engaging in the business. Address as above.

We hope to hear from all of our Young People's Societies. If your society has not sent in a report for the last quarter of 1907 we wish you would see that a report is sent in at once.

The Sabbath Schools in the United States and Canada succeeded in raising a thousand dollars a week for missions during the quarter ending September 30, 1907, and have over nine hundred dollars to spare.

Did you make any pledges at camp-meeting? Have you paid them? Our good conference treasurer is always ready to receive pledges, gifts, or anything in the line of money, so send in your money.

We are still WATCHING for our Morning Watch Calendars but we have not seen them as yet. We will fill our orders as soon as we can. We hope you will be patient with us for we cannot help the situation.

We hope every family will secure a copy of the report of the Sabbath School and Young People's Convention. They are only ten cents and contain over two hundred pages of good things. Address, West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

We have received the following from several of our Sabbath Schools: "We are giving all of our donations to missions now." This sounds GOOD, but it will sound BETTER when ALL of our Sabbath Schools can say it.

Life is sweet. Every one values health. You can have both. Send 75 cents to the West Michigan Tract Society and "Life and Health" will visit your home once a month for a whole year. How much more do you want?

The Sabbath School Worker contains many helps for teachers. Do all of the teachers in your school have access to it? If not send to the West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich. It will not cost you but 35 cents a year single copy. In clubs of two or more, 25 cents a year.

The Youth's Instructor comes out in a new dress this year, and we believe we like it better than the old one, if it does cost a little more. It is \$1.00 a year now, but it is worth it, for it is the best paper there is for our youth. Are your young people subscribers? Do you want them to keep pace with the Missionary Volunteer work? Let them read the Youth's Instructor. It will pay you to invest one dollar in your sons and daughters.

If any member of the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle failed to receive a list of the review questions on the book "Early Writings" please notify the editor and we will see that you get one. Some of the examination papers have been sent in, and we take this opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of same. When we get them all looked over we will try to write a personal letter to each one. We hope that all will continue the good work, for the lessons at present are on the interesting book, "Into All The World."