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"I consider the government of the United States as interdicted by the Constitution from intermeddling with religious institutions, their doctrines, discipline or exercises."—Thomas Jefferson.

A Significant Action.

On Friday, May 14, the United States Senate reversed its record of nearly a century, and passed, without debate and without opposition, the Sunday closing bill for the District of Columbia, as recommended by the Committee on the District of Columbia. This bill was rushed through the senate among other bills of minor importance while few senators were in their seats, and the character of the legislation involved in it received no consideration whatever. It will now go to the House, where it will be more than likely to wait in committee until the next session of the present Congress, when it is probable that

some action will be taken upon this or a similar bill.

The action of the Senate in passing this Sunday bill commits both branches of Congress to religious legislation, as the House has already passed similar Sunday bills, which failed to get through the Senate. A very significant step has, therefore, been taken toward granting what has long been demanded—a national Sunday law, which would give life and efficiency to the existing laws in the various States, and which will really be the signal for a new crusade in behalf of enforced observance of the Sunday sabbath. There are but few who appreciate the full meaning of the present situation, and those few are certainly under obligation to do all in their power to make clear the outcome of these first steps on the part of the national government. The sure word of prophecy should be both a guide and stimulus to action in this significant crisis.—Review and Herald, May 21.

Lake Union Conference Notes.

THURSDAY, MARCH 26.

The exercises of the day were begun at 9 a. m. with a prayer and social meeting led by Elder H. R. Johnson, of Wisconsin.

At 10:15 the business session convened as usual. Elder Daniells talked a few minutes about the method of distributing funds to the mission fields. This session and the one at 2:30 p. m. were spent in discussing the resolutions brought in the day before.

Elder Daniells resumed the study of "Organization" at 4:00 p. m.

A question had been handed in bearing on the attitude toward anyone in conference employ who was tearing down the work they were paid to represent and uphold. Numbers, the twelfth and sixteenth chapters; 1 Sam. 24:4-6; 2 Sam. 15. Study these Scriptures. We will not have time to take up the detail of these cases. There are many more that might be mentioned. We should not undermine confidence in one another. We are none of us perfect but we should go to the individual when we see any of our associates doing what we believe is wrong.

To take up the study in the New Testament we refer to the sixth chapter of Luke. In one edition of "Desire of Ages," page 291, there is a commentary on the choosing of the twelve apostles. These were to stand in the same relation to the church as the twelve princes did to Israel. The same principle was extended right over to the Christian church. A selection was read from "Redemption, or the Ministry of Peter," pages 29 and 30.

1 Tim. 3:14,15. "The church of living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." A "pillar" is something to hold up.

There is a vital connection between this truth and the church of God. Study the fifteenth chapter of Acts.

Elder Daniells was asked to continue these studies at the 9 o'clock hour Friday.

At 7:30 p. m. Elder Daniells spoke, taking as his text 2 Peter 3:10-12. The question of hastening the coming of the day of God is the part I want to look at to-

night. We have been delaying the day of God, or we have not hastened it as we might. I believe I ought to give myself more earnestly to this work. Ought we not all to do this?

What does it mean to preach this gospel of the Kingdom in Chicago, or any other place? It means to go right in and go to work and make the people understand it. I believe the day will come when the daily papers of the land will be used of God to publish the message.

We must be spiritual, but with that we must also be workers. As fast as a man gets hold of God, he must get out and work for God. One must bid farewell to the comforts and pleasures of this world. We cannot have the advantages of others. We must not have anything that is so attractive that we cannot leave it to work for God. When we let a house or a farm stand in the way of going and doing for God we are in great danger. We are to be one grand army of toilers.

At this point a copy of Present Truth, No. 2, published in 1849 was exhibited. It contained eight small pages, published as money could be obtained and was sent out free. Comparison was made with the Review in its present form with twenty-four large pages issued weekly. We have now one hundred papers in the various languages. There are 670 different tracts, pamphlets, and books which have called out a great army for their circulation.

The statement has been made that our work is more than half done. Now, is not that true of our literature? We have the preparation, and what we need is greater enthusiasm on the part of those who are distributing it.

At the start, the work was limited to a few towns in New England. Now nearly every country on the earth has representatives of this message. Persia and Arabia

the stronghold of Mohammedanism have not been entered. You can hardly sail into a port but what the Mission Board is represented. All that remains to be done is to send them more laborers. Now, is not this part of the work more than half done? The way has been pioneered and they are asking for more men.

We remember when almost the whole world was a mission field and now we have twenty-one organized Union Conferences. There are now only six Mission fields not included in these Conferences.

Let us plunge in and go through this work. Not with our boat tied to the shore but with the rope cut and every tie severed. Push in to win and sweep along to the finish.

(To be continued.)

Life and Health.

The June number of LIFE AND HEALTH comes out with a bright and attractive new cover design, and filled with practical instruction for the hot season. Special attention is given to the prevention and treatment of the prevailing summer diseases, especially typhoid fever and the common maladies to which children are subject. With these are associated some very practical hints on subjects of holidays; vacations—their uses and abuses; the cause of the constantly increasing demand for stimulants; the unhealthful properties of the flavors of summer drinks; pure milk and water supply; dangers from ice; and much other timely matter that renders this issue of great value.

This number of LIFE AND HEALTH is of a nature that will appeal to the good judgment of all, and will not only be of great value to those who read it, but will be financially beneficial to those who sell it. Those who sold 150 copies a day of the May number will do even better with the June number.

If any of our readers have not investigated the spiritual and financial effectiveness of LIFE AND HEALTH work, we advise them to

write to this office for full information and special instruction to agents.

The Naval Signs.

SOUVENIR EDITION.

Fifty thousand copies of the first edition of the Naval number of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES were sold before the battle ship fleet reached San Francisco harbor.

This was followed immediately by a souvenir edition of one hundred thousand copies, and a large part of these have already been disposed of. The flags of the first cover page of this souvenir edition are printed in three colors,—red, white and blue,—and the effect is very striking.

Agents are having remarkable success selling this number. One agent in Portland, Or., ordered 400 copies last week. She sends at once for 500 more, and says they are going well.

One sister who never before sold a paper resolved to have a part in the work with this number. She began work with 30 copies in a small town where it was the opinion papers could not be sold. Before she had completed her territory, she had sold 110 copies.

Two young ladies drove from Healdsburg, Cal., to the Lodi camp-meeting. On the way, by working in the towns through which they passed, they sold 400 copies.

In San Diego, Cal., although the fleet has come and gone, the church is pushing the work with the Naval SIGNS, and a thousand copies have just been ordered.

The fleet will remain in the Pacific Coast several weeks before it starts on its long journey around the world; and as long as the battle-ships are here,—yes, until they return to the Atlantic Coast from which point they started,—they will attract attention and a deep interest will be taken in their movements, therefore the Naval Number of the Signs of the Times

can be sold to advantage for weeks to come.

This number gives opportunity to tell the people the true meaning of the tremendous preparations which are being made for war. Shall we let this grand opportunity pass? Besides proclaiming the truth, work with this number is yielding excellent profits.

The price of this three colored souvenir edition is as follows:

Single copies	-	10¢
25 to 100 copies	-	4
100 copies and over	-	3½
Regular subscription price, 1 year, 52 numbers,	-	\$1.50
Address this office.		

From the Field.

Cedar Lake Notes.

Sabbath, May 16, five students followed their Lord in baptism. This rejoices our hearts.

The spring work on the farm is moving nicely. There are especially good prospects for clover hay.

Dr. Otis has just been spending several days at the Academy giving some much appreciated health talks.

Elder Haughey and Roscoe Garret spent Sabbath, May 16, at the Academy. Elder Haughey spoke at the forenoon service.

Mrs. Nyman, our new matron, came this week. Sadie Hogan, who will help with the domestic work, is expected in a few days.

The teachers and students are very busy these days closing up the class room work for the year. Tests and examinations are the order of the day.

Elder W. R. Matthews has been occupying the chapel hour this week, giving us a very interesting and instructive outline of our doctrinal points and mission work.

The closing exercises will be held in the Academy chapel May 26 and

27. The Juniors will render a program Tuesday evening; the primary department Wednesday afternoon, and the graduating class Wednesday evening.

Carlton Center Church School.

Our school begun September 2 with a membership of sixteen. The attendance has varied on account of sickness and home duties, our highest membership being seventeen.

Our school is held in part of the chamber of a dwelling house. Our study room is 16x15. Although our room is small and at times has been crowded, most of our number, like those of Israel who did not murmur, have been thankful for the privileges and blessings we have had, thus making the way short and pleasant.

We have not done as much missionary work in some ways as has been done before, but "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with your might." I think this has been the purpose of each heart. The result is that we have two quilts pieced which are to be sent to the Southern schools. All in our school have had a part in this.

We have endeavored to do thorough work in all of our classes, and with few exceptions have followed the outline closely. We have studied to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen which needeth not to be ashamed.

There are two of our number who await baptism.

We hope the records kept in heaven of our work for this year—yes, for life, will be such as will deserve a crown when Christ comes to say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

ETHEL MAY COOPER.

"Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time; for that is the stuff life is made of."

Battle Creek Notes.

Brother Whitmarsh occupied the Tabernacle pulpit Sabbath morning, May 16, and delivered a most excellent sermon on Religious Liberty. He spoke earnestly of the great importance of religious liberty and said it was a question which had stirred his very soul, and that every man and woman who has been watching the trend of affairs in the United States of America can see that we are simply following in the lead of Rome. The text selected was 1 Chron. 12:32. The text shows that the men living then had an understanding of the times in which they lived, and the speaker very ably showed that if it was important for the men of those times to have an understanding of the times in which they lived, it is doubly important for us in our day to understand the events happening around us. He clearly proved that although it is right to be subject to the higher powers of civil authority, still when these laws conflict with the laws of the great God of heaven, then we must choose to obey God rather than man. He cited Daniel, and the three worthies in the fiery furnace as examples of this. Although God had commanded that all people should obey and respect the great kings, Nebuchadnezzar and Darius, yet when the king made a law conflicting with the law of God, Daniel chose to obey God instead of the king; then God sent an angel and shut the lion's mouths so that Daniel was protected. And when the three worthies refused to bow down to the image which the king commanded to be worshiped, God protected them in the fiery furnace, showing that it is better to obey God rather than man.

He declared that the principles of religious liberty, and the position which we as a people are taking in regard to them are exactly the same as they were in the days of Daniel; exactly the same as in the days of Jesus; that it was the same position that the apostle Paul

took upon this momentous question; and the very same taken by the reformers later on. "May God grant that we may always say amen to these principles."

Elder M. B. Miller spoke to the young people in the afternoon, giving a very interesting and instructive discourse, admonishing them to give heed to the convictions of duty which came to them.

Mrs. Flora H. Williams has been engaged to take the principalship of the Battle Creek Academy for the coming year.

Nearly all of our teachers are making plans to attend the summer school at Berrien Springs.

Brother E. E. Miles of South Lancaster, Mass., was with us over the Sabbath.

MINNIE C. HARNDEN.

The following item appeared in one of our union conference papers:

One of our canvassers delivered ninety dollars worth of books last week and sent eighty-seven dollars to the office. He can get books any time he desires.

Would it not be well for other canvassers to deposit their money with the tract society? Then they will always have enough on hand to pay for their books in advance. This can be done by making a little effort.

News and Notes.

H. D. Howe, of Decatur, made this office a call Sunday.

Brother Wilson, of Grand Ledge, was a visitor in Otsego last week.

The address of Mrs. Cleora Green is now 134 Adams Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

M. C. Whitmarsh was in Otsego last Friday and returned to Battle Creek to stay over the Sabbath.

Camp-meeting, August 13-23. Place has not been decided but will be soon. Let everyone begin to lay plans to attend.

Special Testimony, Series B, No. 10, is entirely out of print. Those mentioned in last week's paper can still be had.

The Conference Committee will hold a meeting at Grand Rapids this week.

Elder E. F. Collier has shipped his household goods to Chicago and expects to go this week to begin his labors in that city.

Get some Religious Liberty Leaflets to enclose with your correspondence. From 25 cents to 75 cents per hundred. Ask for a list.

The Announcement for the Summer School is at hand. A copy can be had by addressing Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Clifford Russell has been teaching the Otsego Church School for a few days. Miss Edna Ayars, the teacher, is struggling with a severe case of ivy poisoning.

We have a few copies of the pamphlet "Redemption" referred to by Elder Daniells in the conference notes. This pamphlet was published in 1878. While they last we will mail them postpaid for 10 cents each.

Believing that it will be worth the increased price by wholesale, the Pacific Press is now printing the special Signs in colors, and charging one cent a copy more than the first published prices, see list in another column.

The SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER for June is fully up to the usual standard. Those of our teachers and officers who do not have access to it are missing a great deal. The price is only 35 cents per year. Why not order it to-day?

The work on the Otsego School farm is progressing nicely. The oats are up, and the corn is being planted this week. The sheep have been sheared, and the barn will be

moved soon. A good assortment of small fruit and berries has been set out.

When we study the book of Revelation, the "Seer of Patmos," written in story form, by Elder S. N. Haskell, will be of great assistance. The price is \$1.25, but we have a few copies that we will mail, postpaid, at 75¢ each.

A new subscriber to the HERALD says: "I got my paper last week. Wish it came every day." There must be others who would enjoy reading it just as much if they only knew about it. Show them yours and ask them to subscribe.

It has been decided to publish in book form a series of articles entitled, "Suggestions for Missionary Workers" that appeared in PROGRESS. This booklet will be very helpful to all who have to do with the tract society work in the local churches, as well as our workers in general. The price will be 25 cents. Orders may be placed with this office and they will be filled as soon as our supply reaches us.

Next Sabbath, May 30, is Educational Day throughout the Lake Union Conference. A suggestive program has been prepared and sent to all our church elders. Local conditions may make it advisable to change this program, but special efforts should be put forth to make it interesting. Where good, appropriate music can be prepared, it will be an additional incentive to a large attendance. We look for encouraging reports.

Bargains in Books.

We are overstocked with some of our books and will mail them postpaid at the following prices:

Last Day Tokens, paper.....	.08
Gospel in Creation, cloth.....	.30
Seer of Patmos, cloth.....	.75
Story of Joseph, board.....	.20
New Testament Primer, board...	.25

"The waves toss wildly and idly on the surface, but the deep currents move to definite ends."