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"Proscription has no part or lot in the modern government of the world. The stake, the gibbet, and the rack, thumb-screws, swords, and pillory have no place among the machinery of civilization. Nature is diversified; so are human faculties, beliefs and practices. Essential freedom is the right to differ, and that right must be sacredly respected."—John Clark Ridpath.

### Influence of Social Surroundings.

We will never know in our mortal state how far reaching our influence is. Nothing that we can do to influence our associates toward a better Christian experience should be left undone. Neither can we afford to omit any of those things that influence us to live better lives.

Under the heading used as the title to this article we find such good instruction in "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IV, pages 106 and

107, that we take the space to print part of it here.

"It is no small matter for a family to stand as representatives of Jesus, keeping God's law in an unbelieving community. We are required to be living epistles known and read of all men. This position involves fearful responsibilities. In order to live in the light, you must come where the light shines. Brother K, at any sacrifice, should feel under solemn obligation to attend, with his family, at least the yearly gatherings of those who love the truth. It would strengthen him and them, and fit them for trial and duty. It is not well for them to lose the privilege of associating with those of like faith; for the truth loses its importance in their minds, their hearts cease to be enlightened and vivified by its sanctifying influence, and they lose spirituality. They are not strengthened by the words of the living preacher. Worldly thoughts and worldly enterprises are continually exercising their minds to the exclusion of spiritual subjects.

"The faith of most Christians will waver if they constantly neglect to meet together for conference and prayer. If it were impossible for them to enjoy such religious privileges, then God would send light direct from Heaven by his angels, to animate, cheer and bless his scattered people. But he does not propose to work a miracle to sustain the faith of his saints. They are required to love the truth enough to take some little pains to secure the privileges and blessings vouchsafed to them of God. The least they can do is to devote a few days in the year to a united ef-

fort to advance the cause of Christ and to exchange friendly counsel and sympathy.

"Many devote nearly all their time to their own temporal interests and pleasures, and grudge the few days spent and the expense involved in going a distance from their homes to meet with a company gathered together in the name of the Lord. The word of the Lord defines covetousness as idolatry; then how many idolaters are there, even among those who profess to be followers of Christ!

"It is required that we meet together and bear testimony to the truth. The angel of God said: 'Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.'

"It will pay, then, to improve the privileges within our reach and, even at some sacrifice, to assemble with those who fear God and speak for him; for he is represented as hearkening to those testimonies, while angels write them in a book. God will remember those who have met together, and thought upon his name, and he will spare them from the great conflagration. They will be as precious jewels in his sight; but his wrath will fall on the shelterless head of the sinner. It is not a vain thing to serve God. There is a priceless reward for those who

devote their life to his service. Dear brother and sister, you who have been gradually entering the darkness, until, almost imperceptibly, it has grown to appear like the light to you. Occasionally a feeble glimmer penetrates the gloom and arouses the mind; but surrounding influences shut out the ray of light, and the darkness seems denser than before."

Dear brethren and sisters these are solemn words, and it will be well for us to study them carefully, and begin to shape our work so that we can attend the camp-meeting in August. The Lord has great blessings in store for us if we will do our part. Let us not only go ourselves and enjoy his blessing, but do what we can to assist some who might not otherwise be able to go.

E. L. RICHMOND.

### Lake Union Conference Notes.

SABBATH, MARCH 28.

The usual Sabbath School of the South Side church was held at 9:30 a. m. Elder E. K. Slade reviewed the lesson of the previous Sabbath. The school closed by repeating the Lord's prayer in unison.

At 11 a. m., the sermon was delivered by Elder R. A. Underwood, using as a basis 1 John 3:1-3. Justification alone will not do, we must be purified. Everything that contaminates the soul must be burned out if we ever get into the kingdom.

God's love is beyond our comprehension. When He comes we are to be like Him. Not only in form but in character. But, brethren, if we are like Him when He comes we must be like Him before He comes. We must be living witnesses of the power of the Gospel of Christ.

Let us notice a few texts on the coming of Christ. Matt. 24:30; Luke 9:25, 26. The glory of Christ will be a consuming fire to the wicked, but not so to the righteous. John 17:10, 22. 2 Thess.

1:7-10. When God speaks of them that believe it implies obedience. When he speaks of them that obey it implies faith. 1 Cor. 15:45-49.

The devil is going to counterfeit the coming of Christ and use it as a crowning deception. Matt. 24:23-27—"Great Controversy" p. 624; Rev. 1:13-15.

Heaven's Divine Being came to this earth and partook of the human that we might be partakers of the divine. Heb. 3:3-6.

Satan will impersonate Christ, healing the sick and doing many wonderful miracles, but there will be one people who will say he is not Christ. They will be looked upon by the people of the earth as blasphemers. When Christ really does come, God's people will then say "Lo, this is our God, we have waited for Him, and He will save us." Brethren, are we ready for Him? Are there any of you that dare say that you are ready? How many of you want to make a new consecration to God? Satan is snatching one here and one there, and you and I are no safer.

A baptismal service followed the sermon.

At 2:30 p. m. a large number gathered for a praise service and over seventy inspiring testimonies were given.

At 4 p. m. the Young People's meeting was called. Brother Tanimoto, who expects soon to return to Japan, spoke about his experience in coming to a knowledge of this truth. He will go to the Seminary at Washington to finish his preparation.

O. Montgomery took a little time to tell about the Mission for the Finns in the Copper Country.

At 7:30 p. m. Elder M. C. Kirkendall occupied the hour. Heb. 4:1, 2 was used as the text. This refers to the experience of Israel. They failed because of unbelief. Gen. 15:13, 14. When God led the children of Israel out of Egypt they thought they were being led wrong. When they came to the Red Sea there was a mountain on

either side of them and the Egyptian host behind. Everytime they murmured it was because of unbelief. If they had not turned their backs on God at the Red Sea, at Marah, at the wilderness of Sin, they would not have been unfaithful at Kadesh-barnea. God is testing this people and if we stand true to Him now our characters will be perfected so that when the great trial comes to us we will be able to stand.

Luke 17:32, 33. Is God speaking to tell us that Lot had a wife? He wants us to remember that she looked back and disobeyed the commandment of God. To my mind she lightly regarded His commandments and when the test came she regarded His instruction lightly. How are you regarding the instruction of the servant of God as it comes to you?

Matt. 24:14, 32-34, 42; Luke 2:25-32; Dan. 12:9, 10; Deut. 4:5-7. Israel was placed here as an example to the people. But they did not fulfill His purpose. God used Nebuchadnezzar to proclaim Him to the world when a whole nation had apostatised from Him. If every Seventh Day Adventist should turn their back on God He would raise up someone to carry this message to the world and Jesus would come in this generation.

(To be concluded.)

### Sabbath School Report.

First Quarter in 1908.

No. of Schools	-	80
Present Membership		2352
Average Attendance	-	1639
No. of Classes	-	357
No. Senior Division	-	927
No. Junior Division		453
No. Intermediate Division		300
No. Primary Division	-	317
No. Kindergarten Division		124
No. Home Dept.—local		29
No. " " Conference		138
Total contributions		\$554.89
Used for local expense		232.68
For Missions		322.21

CLIFFORD RUSSELL, Sec'y.

### Will You Join Us?

What our cause needs most to-day is men and means—men who are consecrated, body and soul, to the work of proclaiming this message; men who will stand for principle though the heavens fall. Such men are in demand in every department of our work. Men who can do things, and do them right, who can be trusted to follow instructions, have always been in demand in every avenue of commerce and labor.

We have before us the greatest undertaking in the world, that of carrying the glad tidings of a soon-coming Saviour to all the world. Do we sense the magnitude of our work?

But where are the men, and whence the means to prosecute this tremendous undertaking? The answer to the first question is found in the army of children and youth who are to-day obtaining a training in our school for this very work. Never before was there so great an interest taken in our educational work, and never in the history of that work were there enrolled as students in these schools so many of our young people. Never before were there so many of our young people dedicating their lives, and consecrating their talents to the foreign fields.

The second perplexing problem, that of finance, will have been largely solved when all of our Sabbath Schools take hold of the matter in earnest; and by making the missionary phase of our work prominent, and encouraging all to donate liberally—not coming to the house of God empty—contribute all the regular donations to missions.

Let each individual pay for his own supplies, and where extra copies of the papers are needed, or other supplies required, let a fund be created for this purpose. Keep constantly before the children the fact that every penny given is to be sacredly guarded, and used only to help swell the mission fund.

What incentive can it possibly be to the child to save his pennies and place them in the envelope when he knows that they are to go toward paying the subscription to some paper, or for the purchase of lesson pamphlets for those who are amply able to purchase their own supplies?

Last year the Sabbath Schools in the U. S. and Canada lacked but \$500 of giving a thousand dollars a week to missions. Shall there be retrenchment? Shall we recall any of those who have gone to the front? Rather, shall not we rally to the support of those noble, self-sacrificing workers who, for the love of souls sitting in darkness, have left home and friends, braving the perils and privations of the missionary's life, and have entered the dark corners of the earth with the rays of light God has given us? And shall we not say to those in the prime of manhood and womanhood who stand ready to enter the work, Go, and God be with you. We will look after the base of supplies, while you are out upon the firing line.

In the quarterly report found elsewhere in this issue it will be noticed that only about three-fifths of our donations are going to the foreign fields. Two-thirds of our schools are now devoting all their donations to missions. Now, were the other one-third to swing into line, and all unite in swelling the fund, our foreign mission work would receive a new impetus, and we, in turn, would receive the blessing, which comes from unselfish giving.

One of our schools last quarter, having a donation of over \$20, gave just 5 cents to missions! Can it be possible this measures the interest in carrying this gospel of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour to a perishing world?

Let us as Sabbath School workers and as individuals, fully grasp our opportunities, and now, just now, while the calls are coming

from every land, press together, and roll up an offering for missions which will completely eclipse anything accomplished heretofore.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

### Battle Creek Notes.

The program recommended by the educational department of the Conference was carried out in the morning service, May 30, with the exception of an address by Prof. C. C. Lewis. In the afternoon, Brother Ostlund from Reykjavik, Iceland, addressed a general meeting of the old and young, giving an account of his experience in that far away frozen country. His talk was much enjoyed by all.

Mrs. E. M. Hamp was baptized Sabbath afternoon in the Tabernacle.

Elder F. D. Starr, from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, spent the Sabbath in Battle Creek.

News from Mr. Bayley reports him as enjoying his work in Philadelphia. He says it is hot weather there already.

Mr. Walter Mead, one of our good Sabbath School workers, plans to leave Battle Creek the first of this week. And so one by one we lose them.

Miss Mattie White has been chosen to work in the office of the church clerk as Mrs. Minnie Harnden leaves. She began work June 1.

Mr. Ellis Tattersoll, who has been attending school at Mt. Vernon, is home for the vacation. He expects to put in his vacation working at the Sanitarium, and return to Mt. Vernon in the fall.

The announcements for the closing exercises of the Battle Creek Academy are out, and a very interesting program is planned to be given Thursday evening, June 11, in the Tabernacle, at which time a class of five, consisting of

Ethel Bosler, Grace Davis, Ethel Spencer, Alice Kirkland and Paul Counts, will graduate. Elder M. N. Campbell is expected to deliver the address. Prof. J. G. Lamson gave the baccalaureate sermon in the Tabernacle, June 6.

### Battle Creek Academy.

The writer, at the request of the principal, Mrs. Flora Williams, had the pleasure of meeting twice with this school, containing about 100 students. At both visits the children and young people manifested a deep interest, quite a few requesting to be remembered in prayer. One little fellow, after the classes were dismissed, sought and found the Lord. It was a beautiful manifestation of faith on his part, and we were all deeply touched. Sister Williams believes that there are about 15 more ready to accept Jesus, and she is greatly concerned about them. Let us all pray for them, and that every student will be converted before the term closes.

JOHN E. HANSON.

### Missionary Volunteers.

Miss Winifred Trunk has left for her new work in Australia. The faculty of the Foreign Mission Seminary write us that she was the best student they had in the school last year and are anxious that we send them others just as good. Those who made pledges for Miss Trunk's support should be prompt in sending in what there is due so that we can pay up her expenses. We lack about \$50.00 of having enough on hand and we are making plans to send at least two students to the Seminary next year. Are there not some of the Missionary Volunteer Societies who have some of these funds yet on hand. Please send in all these remittances as quickly as possible so that we may not be behind in any good work.

A. C. HAUGHEY,  
Sec'y. Missionary Vol. Dept.

### News and Notes.

Camp-meeting, August 13-23.

Order Sabbath School Lesson Pamphlets now.

Mrs. G. H. Crandall visited in Otsego last week.

Elder James Irving is in Stanford, Ky., where tent meetings will be conducted.

Elder A. C. Bourdeau was with the church at West Leroy over the Sabbath, May 30.

Brethren Whitmarsh and Nyman have pitched their tent in a good location in Muir.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice Hoffmaster were in Otsego Sunday, looking for a house to live in this summer.

The address of Elder E. F. Collier is 238 South Trumbull Ave., Chicago, near Garfield Park.

John Snyder of Muskegon has reached Otsego, and will work on the new buildings this summer.

Miss Jennie DeYoung is visiting in Fremont for a couple of weeks before taking up work in Muskegon.

Six canvassers entered the field last week at the close of the institute conducted by A. C. Haughey at Cedar Lake.

Why not subscribe for the HERALD now? If you have subscribed already get someone else in your locality to do likewise.

Those who find this paragraph marked with a blue pencil may know that their subscription expires during the month of June.

Married, Tuesday, June 2, 1908, Samuel S. Gray and Miss Edna Bellows. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, near Eaton Rapids, and they will commence housekeeping in Otsego at once.

Frank Artress, who has been in Washington, D. C., for several years, has taken charge of part of the construction of the new buildings here.

Charles Waters, who has had charge of the farm at Emmanuel Missionary College, will go to Stuart (Iowa) Academy. Roy King has taken his place.

Clifford Russell attended the graduating exercises at the Emmanuel Missionary College last week. He has returned to take up work there at the summer school.

Every one who has any question as to the truth or falsity of the doctrines of Christian Science should read the pamphlet we have on that subject. Post paid, ten cents.

The Seventh-day Adventist church at Des Moines, Iowa, was burned Wednesday morning, June 3, at 4 a. m. The fire started in the basement where the bakery was located and is almost a total loss.

Elder A. G. Haughey, J. W. Hofstra, G. H. Crandall and E. L. Richmond were in Battle Creek last Thursday to attend the hearing of the case against the Trustees of the Tabernacle. The judge will render his opinion in the near future.

George L. Sterling of Paw Paw, and Miss Mabel H. Klopfenstein of Bowling Green, Ohio, both under appointment of the Mission Board to take up school work in Society Islands, were united in marriage, June 2. They will sail from San Francisco, July 1, for Tahiti.

The Lake Union Summer Normal School at Berrien Springs begins the 10th. An excellent corps of teachers has been provided and it is hoped that every one who expects to teach in any of our schools the coming year will be present even though they are not able to attend the first few days.