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"As God Hath Prospered Him."

The Lord has put the support of his work upon a systematic and just basis. It is "according to that a man hath," according "as God hath prospered him," that the Lord expects returns from his servants. The Lord has not bestowed his gifts alike. To some he distributes more than he does to others. He is not a hard Master, reaping where he has not strewn. He does not expect returns from all alike. And if we all were only as faithful in our returning to the Lord the tithe and offerings in proportion as we have received from the bountiful hand of God, there would be no inequality of burdens, no one overburdened because of others failing in bearing their share of the responsibility. Each person himself only knows to just what extent the Lord has prospered him.

It is not expected that our neighbor shall know the exact amount

of our income. This is a matter between us and the Lord. It might possibly be also truthfully said that many do not even know themselves to what extent the Lord has blessed them. But ought they not to know? It would appear from 1 Cor. 16:2 that every man should take time each week to find out this thing for himself, and when he has done so, to promptly then and there lay aside a certain portion for the cause of God, "according as God (the week before) hath prospered him." "Upon the first day of the week (Sunday) let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

Even the same man's amount might be more one week than another. But how can he give "as God hath prospered him," unless he knows the amount? And how can he determine the amount without giving the matter definite thought and study? We believe thousands of dollars might be added to the resources of missions, bestowed where God wants resources expended, especially just now, in strengthening the forces out in the mission fields, if our dear brethren and sisters would do this simple thing as outlined in this text, at the beginning of every new week carefully recounting the blessings and prosperity of the week just past, and laying aside the sum appropriate to the prosperity. Then a continual, steady stream of support for the cause of God throughout the great world-field would be constantly flowing into the treasury. And if all would do this, there would be no lack. Many of the strong appeals for financial help would not

be needed; for the treasury would be supplied.

Please consider carefully these words sent us by the Spirit of the Lord, directly upon this point. "God calls upon his people to awake to their responsibilities. A flood of light is shining from the word of God, and there must be an awakening to neglected obligations. When these are met, by giving back to God his own in tithes and offerings, the way will be opened for the world to hear the message the Lord designs it shall hear. If God's people had the love of Christ in the heart, if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter."—Special Testimony.

The doors of usefulness are opening, but really there is a lack of funds. Is it because too many have been sent on to the fields?—No one can say this is true. What, then? Is it possible some have lost the spirit of self-sacrifice? Have some withheld the tithe and offerings belonging to God? Oh! may every one truly awake to his responsibility in meeting the demands of the hour.

The Mission Board would be glad to send on thoroughly prepared young men and women who have volunteered for service anywhere God's providence shall send them. But because of a "lack of funds," they must wait. In the judgment this responsibility will

be placed some where. It will be laid down at the feet of somebody. But that man who is now faithfully putting into the cause, in tithe and offerings, "as God hath prospered him," will be free then, because he is free now, having complied with the requirements laid down by the Lord in his Word.

If in the past we have brought condemnation into the soul because of our withholding God's part, let the sin be put away at once by thorough repentance, and restoration (Luke 19:8,9; Ezek. 33:15) as far as possible, and from this time forward lay aside "devoted" treasure according as he hath prospered us, God's tithe and offering each week. Very much depends upon our faithfulness in thus honoring and obeying the Lord.

T. B. BOWEN.

India is suffering an intensely hot summer, hotter than has been experienced in twenty years. The work is becoming well established in the hill country—Mussoorie. The sanitarium is overflowing with patients. Doctor Menkel performed a very successful major operation recently. Arrangements are perfected for holding a series of meetings in the city. People are accepting the truth. One man who had been opposing his wife for keeping the Sabbath has himself yielded, and will henceforth exert his influence—being a well-to-do man of influence—in its favor. Brother Burgess is now making rapid recovery to health, his fever having abated. Plans are being laid for moving the printing office from Karmatar to Lucknow, the fourth city of India, which has splendid transportation facilities to all parts of the country. While there is a constantly growing unrest, bordering on an anarchistic uprising, yet our workers are of good courage, and are earnestly seeking to bring the truth to the attention of the people.

Elder W. J. Tanner, who is now left alone in Hayti, writes that there is great danger of a sudden uprising of the people at any time. He says: "All indications that the human mind can take in make it clear that if trouble once breaks out here, we shall be in danger. This seems to be the general impression among all foreigners. I feel, however, that we are better protected than those who may see strength in the presence of foreign warships; for are we not right where God put us in order that we might carry on his work? I would not exchange the confidence that this knowledge gives me for the presence of a Pacific fleet. Nevertheless, to be away from home under such circumstances is more or less of a strain on one." And the Mission Board has no one to send to connect with him in Hayti. Souls, even under these trying conditions, are accepting the truth. He further adds: "At the present time we are more in need of help than ever. The work is more than holding its own among those who have accepted the Sabbath the past two or three years, and is making gains in new places, as, for instance, Port de Paix, where we now have a little company who have been observing the Sabbath only a few weeks. Letters from there tell me that the past few weeks three or four have begun the observance of all the commandments, so that now we have a company of seven or eight in the capital, also, a place where we have as yet done no public work. These are calling for a visit and baptism."

"Wise men lay up knowledge."

"In reading prefer quality to quantity."

"If God's Word were studied as it should be, men would have a breadth of mind, a nobility of character, and a stability of purpose that is rarely seen in these times."

Life and Health.

How many of our readers are familiar with our health journal, *LIFE AND HEALTH*? How many realize that this journal is published with a view of meeting the needs of every home,—teaching obedience to hygienic principles in the care of the health, and emphasizing individual duty in preserving life and health as long as possible? How many are familiar with the principles it represents, and the simple home treatments it prescribes for various diseases? How many comprehend the real need of this health journal in their own homes, and in the homes of their neighbors and friends? How many know that true religion and the laws of health go hand in hand, and that it is impossible to work for the salvation of individuals without teaching them to discard sinful gratifications which prevent spiritual things from impressing their mind? Who among our readers are being impressed with the fact that all who believe the special message for this day and age are obliged to do all they can in the circulation of our health literature?

Let none forget that the circulation of *LIFE AND HEALTH* will be a powerful agency in preparing the people to accept the special truths that are to fit them for the soon coming of the Son of Man.

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Obituaries.

Christopher S. Bullock was born near Rochester, N. Y., April 6, 1836; and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. H. McKee, in Trowbridge township, Allegan county, Michigan, June 2, 1908, aged 72 years, one month and 27 days. At the age of 19, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah J. Schoolcraft, who survives him. To this union were born seven children. One died in infancy, but all of the others except one, who was detained because of sickness in the

family, were present to attend the last sad rites.

For many years he had been a firm believer in the soon-coming of his Saviour, and was a faithful member of the Otsego Seventh Day Adventist church. Ever of a cheerful, sunny disposition, he leaves behind him a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. There are left to mourn, the devoted wife and mother, one son, five daughters, two sisters, eleven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at the Otsego S. D. A. church and was largely attended.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Mrs. T. V. Canright was born in Scranton, Pa., March 30, 1827, and died May 21, 1908, in Coldwater, Mich. She leaves her husband and one daughter, Mrs. Della Hath, of Coldwater. Sister Canright has been ill for some time past, suffering greatly. She died in the faith, and was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery. A large number of friends attended the funeral services. The writer spoke words of comfort from 1 Thess. 4:13-17.

JOHN E. HANSON.

Myrtle Pauline Hilliard was born August 11, 1906; and died, after an illness of four days, June 17, 1908, aged one year, ten months and six days.

Comforting words were spoken from the text, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Rest, little one, rest,

Till Jesus shall appear;

And then with all the good and blest,

In fresh, immortal beauty dressed,
We'll never shed a tear.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Burlington and Tekonsha.

Since our last report the members of the Burlington church invited the pastors and members of the Baptist and Methodist churches to join with us in a union service; and they accepted the invitation

150 to 200 attending. The writer spoke on the second coming of Christ. A deep interest was shown by all present. This brought us an invitation to call upon the Baptist pastor, and to speak to his people the following Sunday, when a goodly number of our Baptist and Methodist brethren and sisters attended, as well as our own people. An earnest request was made to speak again in the evening but we had to return to Union City to meet another company. The subject, "2300 Days," was only touched upon, and this created an interest upon the part of the people to hear the rest. In the Sunday School services that followed, the theme of the morning was considered as much as the lesson. Two weeks later our people arranged for a morning and evening service at the Presbyterian church in Tekonsha. We were also requested to take charge of the Sunday School service. This enabled us to speak to this people on the resurrection, John 21:14,25, and the second coming of Christ. A good interest was manifested on the part of those present, and our own people greatly rejoiced, praising God for the opportunities offered to place our truths before so large a number of people not of our faith. Let us pray that the seed thus sown may spring up and bring forth a large harvest, especially in the hearts of the Baptist pastor and his wife who were so deeply interested in hearing God's truth.

J. E. H.

Notes From the Summer School.

Professors O. J. Graf, W. E. Straw and Roscoe Garrett are in Cleveland attending the educational council.

Elder N. W. Kauble and family left Monday for their new field of labor in Kansas. He is to take charge of the new industrial academy near Oswego.

Prof. Frederick Griggs visited us recently, and addressed the teach-

ers several times. His talks were timely, and were crowded full of most helpful suggestions.

Prof. C. L. Taylor started for California, Sunday, on important business. He expects to return in a few days to take up his duties as principal of Beechwood Academy.

Professor Boylan attended a young people's convention in East Michigan Sabbath and Sunday, and Professor Russell visited the Frost church in the interests of the educational work. Both returned Monday.

A meeting of the Lake Union board of examiners was held at the college Wednesday and Thursday, at which many important matters were discussed, and plans laid for the advancement of the work. There were present, Profs. Straw, Graf, Taylor, Boylan, and Russell, Mesdames McMahan, Williams and Williman, and Misses Hicks and Plugh.

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View of the Camp at Hastings, 1907.

Our Camp-Meeting.

The annual camp-meeting of the West Michigan Conference will be held on the Sunday-school Picnic grounds, located in the city of Grand Rapids, near Reed's Lake, Aug. 13-23, 1908.

This is a beautiful spot, with plenty of open space for pitching the large tents and abundance of shade for the location of the living tents. It will be lighted with electricity, and an abundant supply of lake water for cooking and a reasonable supply of spring water for drinking purposes will be accessible to all those encamped upon the grounds. The Ramona Park is just across the street from this ground, and during the evening a street car comes past the gate of the picnic grounds every minute, as there are three leading lines of Grand Rapids that run out to the lake.

More complete announcement will be made later.

A. G. HAUGHEY, Pres.,
E. L. RICHMOND, Sec'y.

North Michigan.

The camp-meeting at Gladstone, Mich., closed Sunday night, June 29. A goodly number of our people were campers in the ground, and several interested listeners from without attended evenings and on Sunday. The Lord drew very near, and the speakers and laborers were enabled, by the as-

sisting grace of God to act well their part. The truth for our times was presented clearly and with power, and all present were happy in the Lord and heartily expressed their determination to ever stand firmly on the Lord's side. Two meetings were held each day in the tent for the French, and they were greatly encouraged. And interesting readings were given to all on the Testimonies for our times, which were deeply appreciated. The necessity of engaging earnestly in the missionary and canvassing work and of having church schools as far as possible in all our ranks was forcibly considered. Eleven precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism in the large body of water near by. All were happy and of good courage in the Lord.

A. C. BOURDEAU.

"We first make our habits, then our habits make us."

News and Notes.

The cement basement for the new barn is nearly completed.

Elder J. M. Irving has been having a new experience in Kentucky. He promises a report soon.

Are you planning to attend the camp-meeting? You will miss a good thing if you stay away.

John E. Hanson has gone to Louisiana and will be with a tent

at Ludington until the camp-meeting at Lake Charles, August 6-16.

Elder J. W. Hotstra has been visiting some of the churches in the east part of the conference. He reports eight baptisms at Charlotte. Let the good work go on.

Elder W. R. Matthews is in Grand Rapids assisting in the tent meetings. There seems to be a good interest and we hope to see results from these meetings.

The Editor was in Muir last week. Several have taken their stand there as a result of the labors of Brethren Whitmarsh and Nyman. They move the tent to Lyons this week.

What are you doing to help us get one thousand subscribers for the HERALD? A little effort on the part of each one will soon bring the desired result. Ask for sample copies if you need them.

Reports are still coming from W. C. T. U. workers telling how much they appreciate the Temperance number of the Watchman. Are you doing your duty by your neighbors and friends with this excellent paper?

The faculty for Emmanuel Missionary College will include the following: O. J. Graf, president; J. H. Haughey, W. E. Videto, Geo. Runck, M. D., Miss Alma Graf, Miss Almeda Haughey, N. L. Hill, John Martin. Prof. Graf is already at work and will be pleased to correspond with any who plan on attending school the coming year.

The SIGNS OF THE TIMES will be a weekly after all. Instead of two separate papers the first number each month will be the magazine and the rest of the month there will be a less number of pages but all will be the same size. Send in your subscriptions. If you want the weekly the price is the same as it has been, \$1.50 per year. Monthly alone, \$1.00 per year.