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Over It All.

Over it all—the care and the fret,
The mixture of joy and sad regret,
The anxious thought and the burdened heart,

The bitter loss and the cruel smart—
Over it all—this puzzling dream—
His glad love shines with holy beam.

Over it all—the day and the night—
The hours of dark, and the seasons of light,

Mistakes and blunders and faults and all
The pitiful cries from those who fall—
His kindness waits to help and bless
With a father's touch of tenderness.

—Selected.

The Sabbath.—No. 1.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Turn to the 12th chapter of Matthew and read the 8th verse:

"For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day."

The subject to which your attention is invited this morning, is that of the Christian Sabbath. We are assured in the words which we have selected for our text, that Christ was Himself the Sabbath's

Lord. That the Sabbath is indeed the Lord's day, and that Christ claims it as His own is evident from the text read. There are a number of Scriptures bearing upon this particular feature of the case to which I shall invite your attention.

Col. 1:13-16 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son; in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins; who is the image of the invisible God the first born of every creature; for by him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth visible and invisible; whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities or powers; all things were created by him, and for him."

The meaning of this language can not be misunderstood. It is as plain as human language can make it—that the Son, Christ Jesus, was the one who created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, "For by Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth visible and invisible, whether thrones, dominions, principalities or powers;—all things were created by Him, and for Him." There are several other texts of Scripture bearing upon this point that I will read.

In Hebrews 1:1,2, I find these words: "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." So this text of Scripture agrees with the one I read at first,

that it was through the Son that God carried on the work of creation.

In Eph. 3:9, I find these words: "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ."

Again in the gospel of John, the first chapter and the first three verses: "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made." Here is a being spoken of as the Word; a being who was associated with God in the beginning, who was himself God—a part of the God-head.

The 14th verse explains who this being called the Word, is: "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth." This refers to the Son who was made flesh and dwelt among us, the only begotten of the Father. Concerning him he said: "All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made."

In Genesis 2:1-3 we may notice some of the things that were made by him: "Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it he rested

from all his work which God created and made."

This being who is here spoken of as the Creator, the One who created the heavens and the earth, who in the preceeding six days had formed the earth and all upon it, and brought all manner of life into being: who made the trees, and all kinds of vegetable life and all kinds of animal life, and crowned his work with the creation of man, the highest work of God, and then rested upon the seventh day—this being is the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The verse of Scripture which I read to introduce the study, declares that all things were made by him, and without him was not anything made that was made. And so after the Son of God finished the work of creation he rested upon the seventh day.

Now, my friends, I would like to ask you in the light of Scripture, which day is the Christian Sabbath. Why, you readily answer, the day upon which Christ rested from his labors. It is a fact that God rested,—God the Son. You say, "Where do the Scriptures speak of Christ being God?" Hebrews 1:8. "But unto the son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever, a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom."

In these words, the Father addresses the Son and calls him God. "And unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is forever." That is the being who is referred to in the very first verse of the Bible. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." And in the first chapter of John it states: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by him and without him was not anything made that was made."

These are but a very few of a large number of texts that give us a right to think that it was God the Son who did the work of creating in the beginning. That be-

ing the case, it is God the Son who rested from his labors, and it was God the Son who blessed the Sabbath day and sanctified it or set it apart for the use of all mankind.

(To be continued.)

The Colored Mission Schools.

One branch of the work for the colored people of this country to be helped by the offering to be taken in all our churches on the first Sabbath in October, is the mission schools.

There ought to be at least thirty such schools in operation within the territory of the old Southern Confederacy by the first of January, 1909.

The last school year opened with nine such schools under the auspices of the Southern Missionary Society, and closed with eighteen. This number ought to be doubled by the close of the present school year.

These mission schools, which are widely scattered, are a most fruitful means of reaching the colored people with present truth. The teachers in these schools are devoted colored men and women who love the truth and who are doing unselfish work for their own people. Nearly all of these men and women are more than teachers,—they are all-round missionary workers. They instruct the children in the daytime and frequently conduct night classes for the old people who can not spare the necessary time in daylight to learn to read the Bible.

These mission school teachers also go from house to house, talking with and praying for the people. They comfort the sorrowing, minister to the sick, and as far as able relieve the destitute.

At the recent summer school held at Oakwood, these teachers told of the conditions under which they worked. One told of an improvised school room furnished only with soap boxes. Another spoke of teaching in a cabin without glass windows, where shutters

and doors had to be kept open, no matter how stormy the weather. Yet others told of crowded rooms, absence of blackboards and maps; but all were of good courage, anxious to return to their schools, to spend and to be spent for Christ's sake.

Nowhere is there to be found a more earnest, devoted, or self-sacrificing band of workers than our mission school teachers. Nor can any other line of work show better results.

Brethren and sisters, shall we not one and all rally to the assistance of this work the first Sabbath in October, by a much larger donation this year than last?

C. P. BOLLMAN,
Sec. So. Miss. Soc'y.

"Nothing succeeds like success," and from the reports of those working with the periodicals this branch of the work is surely to remain at the front.

One agent selling LIFE AND HEALTH in Detroit, Michigan, writes: "I like the work better every day; the people come up eagerly to get the papers." Another agent in Buffalo sold 100 copies in five hours and 400 papers in five days in Chicago. Another agent taking a trip ordered 1300 copies of LIFE AND HEALTH in lots of 50 and 100 to various towns along the way.

LIBERTY is also moving right along. One order for 1000 copies to one individual in Oakland, California, was followed in a few days by a wire order for 5000 copies for the Oakland Missionary Society.

The importance of the truth presented in the present number of LIBERTY demands a circulation of at least 100,000 copies. It gives the straight third angel's message. Our state needs the warning as well as others.

"A man who does not know how to learn from his mistakes, turns the best school-master out of his life."

Financial Report.**July, 1908, Receipts.**

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Agnew	-	\$ 18.75
Albion	-	50.92
Allegan	-	61.61
Allendale	-	21.50
Bangor	-	24.17
Bauer	-	35.37
Battle Creek	-	823.03
Bedford	-	163.71
Belding	-	9.00
Berrien Springs	-	128.81
Bloomfieldale	-	4.36
Brookfield	-	42.72
Buchanan	-	47.55
Burlington	-	8.04
Bushnell	-	9.24
Carlton Center	-	71.01
Carson City	-	26.60
Cedar Lake	-	122.52
Charlotte	-	89.53
Clifford Lake	-	59.77
Coldwater	-	64.08
Convis	-	6.00
Covert	-	14.50
Decatur	-	23.74
Diamondale	-	106.29
Douglas	-	25.23
Eaton Rapids	-	16.10
Edmore	-	72.98
Fremont	-	118.55
Frost	-	4.00
Glenwood	-	20.71
Grand Haven	-	24.71
Grand Ledge	-	32.13
Grand Rapids	-	110.13
Grandville	-	19.85
Hastings	-	45.68
Hesperia	-	8.68
Holton	-	48.62
Homer	-	22.96
Horr	-	3.95
Kent City	-	27.80
Kinderhook	-	12.50
Lakeview	-	25.81
Lowell	-	14.10
Lyons	-	19.40
Maple Grove	-	29.35
Mecosta	-	3.45
Mendou	-	58.01
Monterey	-	49.94
Mount Pleasant	-	20.39
Otsego	-	34.89
Portland	-	73.67
Pottersville	-	16.99

Quincy	-	129.33
Sand Lake	-	58.35
Shelby	-	38.38
Sturgis	-	5.58
Trufant	-	7.97
Union City	-	10.24
West Leroy	-	13.04
Wright	-	44.61
Individuals	-	37.80
Money Returned	-	16.66
Iowa Conference	-	11.88
Total		3,367.34

West Michigan Conference.

Tithe	-	\$3,367.34
Sabbath School offerings	-	413.53
Weekly Offerings	-	78.97
Bills Payable	-	700.00
Southern Field	-	3.19
African Mission	-	10.00
Educational Department	-	8.36
Annual Offerings	-	15.76
General Fund	-	57.51
Chinese Mission	-	17.00
Mission Board Offerings	-	103.23
Mid-Summer Offerings	-	511.97
Offerings (field not given)	-	21.10
Birthday Offerings	-	.03
Colored Work	-	6.25
Self-Denial Fund	-	1.91
Missionary Volunteer Educational Fund	-	5.59
Otsego Academy	-	94.46
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	-	14.76
Oakwood Manual Training School	-	.80
Hazel (Kentucky) Academy	-	.75
Takoma Park Church	-	12.00
Cedar Lake Academy	-	62.50
Atlanta (Ga.) Church	-	1.00
Religious Liberty Fund	-	5.51
Orphans and Aged Fund	-	.25
Total		5,513.77

West Michigan Tract Society.

On Account	-	\$300.11
Merchandise	-	34.00
West Mich. Herald	-	3.25
Total	-	337.36

"In the measure in which thou seekest to do thy duty shalt thou know what is in thee. But what is thy duty? The demand of the hour."

Richmond, Va., Sept. 2, 1908.

West Michigan Herald:

As my stay in Richmond is nearly over, I have been thinking that undoubtedly you would be interested to hear something about the place and our work here.

The city is one of about one hundred and twenty-five thousand inhabitants, nearly half of which are colored. It is a growing city and as you see the large buildings and fine houses, it is hard to realize that it was almost destroyed by fire in 1865.

That which makes the place of most interest to me is the recital of its early history so fraught with stirring scenes of frontier life and romantic incidents. It is situated upon the very spot once occupied by the famous Indian tribes, which were ruled by King Powhatan, father of Pocahontas.

Washington paid the city a visit during the Revolutionary War, and the house in which he stayed is still standing, it being the oldest house in Richmond. At the present time it is used as a museum.

The city was the very center of the conflict during the Civil War. The cry was "On to Richmond," and you would not have to go far from the city to be upon the scene of the most historical battle grounds of the struggle. These incidents with many others add much to the attractions.

Our work began here many years ago, and we are glad to find that a good beginning has been made. I came here the nineteenth day of June to be engaged with Elder B. L. House in a tent effort. The General Conference had donated a new pavillion to be used here which had been ordered from Kansas City, Mo., but by reason of the floods in that part it was delayed in shipment. Upon its arrival we pitched it in a good locality in the west end of the city and began our meetings July 9. The attendance has not been large at any time, averaging about forty-five.

We have gone carefully over

nearly all points of the truth and are glad to report ten persons keeping the Sabbath. They have not heard all points of our faith, but we believe they are going to accept all the light that comes to them and will soon be rejoicing in the third angel's message. There are also several interested parties that we hope will yet take their stand for all God's commandments.

We have given away over ten thousand pages of literature and believe that it has helped very much in leading the people into the truth. They seem very anxious to obtain our tracts and papers; many come back and ask for more to give to friends. Thus the truth has gone we know not where.

As a whole I have enjoyed my stay here very much. I consider that it has been a very profitable summer to me and am sure I can take up my school work again with renewed interest.

Truly yours,
O. L. DENSLOW.

We closed our meetings in Traverse City August the 14th with a good attendance. On account of the camp-meeting which is now in session, it was necessary for us to take down our tents and send them to Petoskey.

While the meetings were not largely attended, yet our hearts were made glad to see some give their hearts to the Lord. One was baptized and taken into the church. Several others are expecting to be baptized after this camp-meeting. Pray for us that God's blessing may be with us in this field of labor.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

The Master may never say to you, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou has done great and wonderful things in the world." He needs only to say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things."

Battle Creek.

A farewell reception was held at the home of Miss Beulah Sperry, Thursday evening, September 3, in honor of Mr. Howard G. Bayley, former leader of the Young People's Society and Superintendent of Div. C, of the Junior Dept. of the Sabbath School, who goes to attend the school at College View. The lawn was beautifully decorated with white bunting and Japanese lanterns. About fifty young people were present. The program consisted of recitations, vocal and instrumental music. Elder M. B. Miller made a few timely remarks, and in behalf of the company presented Brother Bayley with a set of the Testimonies. While we have greatly enjoyed his associations with us, we are sure the Lord has a greater work for him to do, and for this reason rejoice with him that he is able to further prepare for the Master's service.

News and Notes.

Order your supply of Lesson Quarterlies.

Professor Garrett is in Otsego making plans for the school.

The tent meetings in Kalamazoo are being held on the corner of Race and Eggleston streets.

The Battle Creek Academy opened the school year September 1st, with an attendance of 100 pupils.

Elder J. J. Irwin was elected president of the North Michigan Conference at their business session last week.

If you find a blue pencil mark here your subscription expires some time this month. May we not have your renewal at once?

Elder Matthews and Brother Nyman have their tent pitched in Charlotte near the center of the city. Meetings began last Friday.

Have you had a copy of the new "Christ in Song?" It contains those pieces you have always wanted. Prices, 45 cents, 60 cents, and \$1.00, postpaid.

A strong young man who would like to attend the Otsego school during the winter months and needs to earn some money this fall, will do well to correspond with Elder A. G. Haughey.

Missouri has been divided and two separate conferences organized. Elder A. R. Ogden was elected president of the Northern Missouri Conference, and Elder D. U. Hale of the Southern.

Petition blanks have been sent to all church elders. These should be circulated and signed by all our people, and their neighbors and friends, protesting against the passage of the Johnston Sunday Bill. Do not lay these away and forget about them. Have suitable persons selected to circulate them. Do it now. Do not send them to us. You will be notified later where to send them.

200,000 copies of the Temperance WATCHMAN have been sold and another edition will no doubt be printed soon. Some agents are selling five or six hundred per week. If you have not circulated it, you should send in your order to-day. One hundred copies or more to one address, 2½ cents per copy. A badge with each order for this quantity. Address all orders to this office.

The following was passed unanimously at the camp-meeting in Grand Rapids:

"RESOLVED, That we as members of the churches of the West Michigan Conference recommend that the proper officers of the Conference provide for each member, ten copies of the Special "Mission Number" of the REVIEW, and we pledge ourselves to use the same in harmony with the plans suggested."