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Trust.

When the shadows deeply falling
Fain would lead my steps astray,
Sweet the voice of Jesus calling,
"Child return, this is the way."

When my eyes o'er flow with weeping

For the loved ones death hath won,
Jesus, in thy faithful keeping,
I can say, Thy will be done.

Patience I'll bide the ending
Of my trials here below;
For the prize of life contending,
On to vict'ry I will go.

This is not my place of resting;
Over on the other shore,
Free from sorrows here oppressing,
Is my home for ever more.

A. SMITH.

Tune: TALMAR.

The Thanksgiving Ingathering.

This plan I believe, is one that God approves. I heartily indorse it. The great work now incumbent upon us, as a people, is to consent to carry this glorious truth into all parts of the earth, especi-

ally the dark unenlightened corners of the world. God has said every nation, kindred, tongue, and people would hear his glorious message, and that the earth should be enlightened by its glory. It is evident from our statistics that our people are 100,000 strong. The exact number of our membership is not quite this large, but even this number does not, by any means, include every person who loves this truth. The writer, from his long experience, is confident that in the aggregate there are thousands of others scattered here and there who believe this message and love the glorious hope we all have. A hundred thousand strong! Oh, what a power we may be if all are alive and awake, and strong in God and in the power of his might, moving forward as a unit, pouring out our means to do a great work in a short time. It is time to arise and shine for our light has come. Surely the time has arrived to be no longer satisfied with little things. God never calls upon people to do things unless, through his grace, he gives the power to do it.

I welcome this new move for the furnishing of the "sinews of war" and liberal support to our Mission Board in sending forth the truth, and its missionaries to the ends of the earth, because I believe God's time has come, and to be in the light is to recognize his call, and act accordingly. The Mission Board has been greatly hindered for lack of means. The calls for help are constantly increasing. God has been moving upon young men and women, putting it into their minds to offer themselves to

go out into the crying and needy fields, but for lack of means, the Mission Board had, in some instances at least, to smother their missionary zeal by telling them the means were insufficient to send them. This is a sad fact, and can but indicate that there is a lack on the part of our people to believe the opening providences of God. May this cease to be the case with us in the immediate future.

There is no lack of means among our people to carry on the work to success if we walk in the might of God. We are rejoiced to see the growth in the gifts of our people. Only two or three years ago more than \$100,000 was readily raised, and did a vast amount of good, and this year we have been raising another fund of \$150,000. This year is almost completed. This fund has been a wonderful help in the South and other places. Have our people been impoverished by making these gifts? By no means. We have never heard of a single instance of distress because of the raising of this fund.

The calls of our brethren are reasonable, but no call could be more in place than this Thanksgiving service for missions. One short week of earnest endeavor by this people in fulfilling the promise that the "wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto thee," will be sufficient to give this message at this crucial period the necessary means to swell it into the Loud Cry, and greatly hasten the coming Kingdom. The Lord is coming! Let all the people do their full duty in preparing for this great event.

GEO. I. BUTLER.

The Appearance of Evil.

A little dialogue in a recent number of one of our papers calls to mind another little dialogue along the same line that occurred in southwestern Iowa twenty-five years ago. An intelligent lady began keeping the Sabbath, and somehow she was baptized with a heavy gold ring on her finger. We urged her to lay it aside, but her answer was always, "No; I did not put it there. Mother did it just before she died; and I cannot take it off."

A little later along in the winter, we invited her to take a little trip to visit a family of our people about twenty miles away. The next morning their little girl fastened a brass button to her finger, and came and stood before the sister, looking first at her finger, and then at her own. I said, "Why, Mabel, little Adventists do not wear rings." This scared her, and she ran away crying.

Nothing more was said about the matter until the next day going home, when the lady placed her bare hand before me. I saw the ring was gone, and said I was glad. "What made you take it off?" I asked. She said, "Did you not see Mabel looking at my finger?" I said, "No; I did not notice it." She said, "I did, and I was ashamed, and wanted to hide my hand, and that text, 'Abstain from all appearance of evil,' came to me with terrible force."

She never put the ring on again, and died a few years ago a noble witness for the cause she loved. I hope this may help some one to lay aside such things.

S. M. JACOBS.

Obituary.

Haysmer—Killed Oct. 1, 1908, by the falling of a tree, James Haysmer, at his home in the township of Bushnell, Montcalm Co., Mich., at the age of 75 years, 8 months, and 17 days.

Brother Haysmer was born in

Staplehurst, England, where he resided until he was about 19 years of age when he came to America, settling in the state of New York, where in 1856 he was married to Miss Anna M. Staines. In the fall of the same year he moved to Michigan where he has since resided.

Soon after the close of the war Brother Haysmer accepted "present truth" uniting with the Bushnell church of which he was a member till death.

Three of the nine children born to Brother and Sister Haysmer have served as missionaries in foreign lands, Albert J. serving eleven years in the West Indies, Jennie (Mrs. Wilson) nine years in Australasia, and Nora (Mrs. W. R. Anderson) eleven years in Africa, where she died last February. The rest of the children with the exception of one who died in infancy, are engaged in the service of the Master, either directly or indirectly, and their consistent Christian lives bear witness of the early instruction and influence of the home.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large and sympathizing audience in the Bushnell S. D. A. church Oct. 6, from 1 Thess. 4:13, 14.

S. D. HARTWELL.

What to do With the Petitions.

We are anxious that all our people who can do so shall engage in the petition work, and we are anxious also that these petitions and the work connected with them should accomplish the most possible good. After they are circulated, it is not our desire that the petitions should be forwarded to us, but that they should be retained by those circulating them until Congress convenes, and then forwarded, with brief, appropriate, and well-written letters to the Congressmen in the National House of Representatives representing the respective district in which the petitions have been circulated. We think this a far better plan

than to have all the petitions sent to the officers of the Religious Liberty Bureau in Washington, and by them forwarded to these representatives. Legislators like to hear from their constituents. We therefore earnestly request all our brethren and sisters circulating petitions to bear this in mind, and act accordingly. The next session of Congress convenes on Monday, December 7. The petitions can be forwarded then or any time after that date during the session, which closes March 4.

W. A. COLCORD,
Sec'y Religious Liberty Bureau.

Grand Rapids.

Dear Readers of the Herald:

It has been some time since I have written you, and perhaps you would be glad to know that the Lord is greatly blessing me in His work here.

One thing that has been especially encouraging to me of late is to see the mighty working of God's Spirit upon the hearts of the husbands of many dear readers who have stepped out into this blessed truth. Some have been very bitter, and it has been impossible to reach them, only by way of the Throne. We can now see the Lord answering our prayers. They are showing some interest in hearing the truth. Surely we should "praise God for His wonderful works to the children of men."

Sometimes we think that we are doing much for the Saviour; but what could we do without Him? He can get along without us; but we can not get along without Him. His Spirit is working upon the hearts, while we are teaching the word, causing them to understand it. I do thank God for the Holy Spirit.

I should be pleased to tell you some of my experiences; but can not now. If you want to know what they are, just carry this truth to someone who sits in darkness, then you will have something to tell, and you will find yourself

"growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth."

Remember me at the Throne of Grace, for I greatly need your prayers.

MRS. CLEORA GREEN.

Battle Creek.

The following item is taken from the Battle Creek Journal under date of October 14. We hope to be able to give our readers further details in the near future.

"The end of the attempted disruption in the S. D. A. church, which was commenced two years ago when F. E. Belden filed a bill of complaint requesting that the S. D. A. church be restrained from reorganizing and embodying any new religious tests into the church creed, came late Monday afternoon when attorneys representing both the plaintiff and the church appeared before Judge North and agreed to an order being entered dismissing the bill of complaint filed at the commencement of the suit. The costs are to be assessed to the plaintiff and by the terms of the agreement, the parties who have been attempting to disrupt the local church, practically admit their defeat."

Kalamazoo.

Almost six months have passed since we moved to this conference and took up our pastoral work with the church in this city. During this time we have been exceptionally busy about our Master's business carrying forward various lines of work in behalf of the church and the cause in this place.

By raising several hundred dollars we have been able to transform our house of worship from an uninviting, dilapidated structure, to a neat sanctuary, a fitting memorial of the truth in this city.

We are installing a new furnace at this time and hope to soon have our new house of worship ready for dedication.

The church has been greatly blessed in this undertaking, liberal souls have been made fat by their giving, backsliders have been reclaimed and sinners converted to

God. Our Sabbath congregations are an index of a spiritual awakening.

Since camp-meeting Brother Pool and I have held gospel tent meetings in this city; our attendance has been fair and our interest encouraging. As a result of our tent meetings and our efforts in behalf of the church, fifteen precious souls have been added to the church, fourteen upon profession of faith and baptism, and one by letter.

There are others that are deeply interested for whom we continue to labor. We close up our tent labor together with thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that he has given us a place in his work and blessed us in winning souls to Christ.

P. G. STANLEY,
N. H. POOL.

An Added Opportunity.

Just sixty years ago, November 18th, while bowed before God asking His blessing upon our pioneer paper, the REVIEW, Sister White saw in vision this paper as a stream of light encircling the world. As a foundation to all of our literature, the beginning of this paper was bathed in tears, and blessed through prayer, has borne a message of truth through all these intervening years. Sixty years ago it was sent out free to all who would receive it, and in response, money flowed in to more than defray all expenses.

How fitting then, upon the sixtieth anniversary, to again, in faith, send out this pillar of truth free upon a mission of light and love to all who will receive it. Through the Thanksgiving number of the REVIEW an opportunity will be offered for a most blessed experience to all who, in faith and prayer, avail themselves of it. As a consecrated offering to foreign missions this effort will place in the homes of friends, neighbors, and the public at large, several

hundred thousands of this truth-filled paper, and into the depleted treasury of the Foreign Mission Board a large sum of money with which to carry forward the many missionary enterprises now under way in the world's most needy fields. Surprising results are awaiting all those who, in faith, follow the plan outlined by the General Conference Committee for this great Missionary Campaign. It means far more than many are able to comprehend.

It has been demonstrated that nineteen out of twenty among all classes respond to our invitation when soliciting for missions. Men and women everywhere are waiting and are ready to help us for the asking at this time. How consistent, then, upon this Thanksgiving anniversary, to let the dear, old REVIEW fulfill the words of the Angel to Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundations of this house, and his hand shall finish it." Under God the REVIEW has been an important factor in establishing and maintaining the gospel of the Third Angel's Message. It is reasonable to expect, therefore, that it should bear an important part in this closing work. Those who take part in this Thanksgiving missionary effort will reap some of the blessings and the power of God in their lives that has attended the REVIEW since its dedication by tears and prayer sixty years ago. They will also bring a knowledge of the message, and through this, salvation to some who may never be saved in the Kingdom without the work they may do at this time. Let all plan to have an active part in it.

JASPAR WAYNE.

"Cheerfulness is a small virtue, it is true, but it sheds such a brightness around us in this life that neither dark clouds nor rain can dispel its happy influence."

The Holy Spirit; His Office And Work.

Just as truly as the Bible teaches that there will be a special manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power during the last days, so certain we may be that there will be many false teachings, and much misrepresentation in regard to this wonderful and vital subject. Not only are those who are unacquainted with the truth putting forward false doctrines, but some who have long been connected with the message are teaching error. The Word plainly shows that the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit is given in the full development of the Third Angel's Message, to ripen the harvest of the earth.

Elder R. A. Underwood, President of the Northern Union Conference, who is well known throughout the denomination for his sound position on the fundamental doctrines which distinguish the remnant people, has written a series of nine articles on the subject of the Holy Spirit; His Office and Work. This series will be published in the WATCHMAN. The first number will appear in the issue of November 10. Our brethren and sisters generally should show a deep interest in this series of articles. Those who are not already taking the WATCHMAN should subscribe at once. A general effort ought to be made to get the WATCHMAN containing these articles into the hands of a large number of people.

The subscription price of the WATCHMAN is only \$1.00 per year; 50¢ for six months; or 25¢ for three months. The WATCHMAN bears a cheering, invigorating message every week. Every issue is fresh, pointed, interesting and easy to sell. It is just the paper for workers who have regular paper routes. Subscriptions should be sent through the tract society.

"It is as easy to call back a stone thrown from the hand, as to call back the word that is spoken."

Special German Paper.

It is being planned to issue a Foreign Mission number of the Christlicher Hausfreund for thanksgiving week, containing the same articles and illustrations that will appear in the special number of the Review and Herald.

These papers will be furnished free to all who will use them judiciously in soliciting contributions to our foreign mission work. This will afford an excellent opportunity of working among our German friends and neighbors in presenting the needs of the foreign work.

Let everybody look around and see how many German families you can reach in this way, and send all orders for the German papers direct to the International Publishing Association, College View, Nebraska. They will be mailed free of charge.

News and Notes.

Sun sets Friday, Oct. 23, 5:07.
Sabbath Oct. 24, 5:05.

G. H. Cranda'l has moved his family to Otsego.

Brother G. W. Frank, of Monterey, called at the office one day last week.

Elders M. S. Burnham and J. M. Wilbur were with the Monterey church over Sabbath, October 10.

Elder A. G. Haughey has gone to Nashville to attend a council of workers to be held the latter part of the month.

Elder A. G. Haughey was in Berrien Springs last Tuesday and Wednesday to attend a meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee.

We have recently received \$1.06 from Roma Wertz for the China fund; also \$1.00 from the Homer church. If there are others who

have not sent in their donation we hope it can be done soon so the fund may be sent on to China.

At the request of the elder of the Paw Paw church the Editor spent a very enjoyable Sabbath with the company there. As far as consistent with his regular duties he will be glad to visit other churches that may express such a desire.

We have received sample copies of the special REVIEW and find it far beyond our expectations. There are more than 125 scenes in home and foreign lands that have been engraved beside the special new headings for this number. We feel sure that every individual who sees it will want one.

We have had opportunity to look over carefully the two new numbers of the Religious Liberty Library. No. 13 is entitled "Alexander Campbell on Moral Societies," and clearly states principles that are just as true to day as they ever were. No. 14 gives portions of a speech by William Lloyd Garrison before a convention called in Boston in 1848, to sound a note against the passing of Sunday laws at that time. Surely these are valuable additions to our literature at this time and should be scattered by the thousand.

"Every member of Congress, every member of a State legislature, every official of the federal or State government, is a representative of the people. In his official capacity he acts only as such a representative; and as no person can represent others in religion, but each one can represent only himself, it is plain that representative assemblies and government officials of any class can have nothing to do as such with religion; and when they do meddle with religion, they simply usurp power that does not belong to them. Every step taken in this direction is a step toward the overthrow of republican government."