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### Comfort.

When all earthly helpers fail me,  
Thou, O God, wilt still befriend;  
And though sorrows keen assail me,  
Thou wilt bring them to an end.

Nothing earthly lasts forever;  
Even time will soon be o'er;  
Wilful sin alone can sever  
Me from Him whom I adore!

Blessed Lord, then let me feel Thee  
Present in both heart and home;  
Sweeter, dearer,—yes and nearer,  
Till the day that Thou dost come!  
H. A. STEINHAEUER.

### Prophetic Time.

To his beloved prophet, Daniel, God gave dreams and visions concerning important events that were to transpire in the world effecting the interests of His people, which were generally at the time promptly explained and understood.

But one of these periods involving a long period of 2300 years when the sanctuary was to be cleansed (see Daniel 8:14), was, on

account of the prophet's inability to hear it, only in part explained and understood at the time. Fifteen years later, however, while Daniel was engaged in earnest prayer for his people and Jerusalem the angel Gabriel again appeared to him and continued the explanation of the vision. The mind of the prophet had for so long been occupied with the subject that he was prepared for the seeming abruptness of the introduction by the angel.

"Seventy weeks," said the angel, "are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city."

According to many of the best Hebrew, Greek, and Latin scholars and critics the word "determined" is an unfortunate rendering of the Hebrew term "nechtak," which signifies to cut off. The 70 weeks, each day for a year, equal to 490 years, were cut off from the 2300 days or years, of Daniel 9:23-27, is a continued explanation.

The commencement of the 70 weeks, and with it that of the 2300 days is declared by the angel to be "from the going forth of the commandment to restore, and to build Jerusalem." Daniel 9:25. This commandment was completely embodied in three royal decrees. See Ezra 6:14. This occurred in the year 457 B. C. The incident is established by the concurrent agreement of more than 20 eclipses.

The events that were to transpire in the 70 weeks were, first, "7 weeks" allotted to restoring and building Jerusalem in troublous times. See Neh. 4:15-23; second, thence 62 weeks to Messiah the Prince, fulfilled at the baptism of Christ and the commencement of

His ministry in the autumn of A. D. 27. See Luke 3:21-23; Mark 1:14, 15. The only prophetic time then fulfilled was the 69 weeks reaching to the manifestation of the Messiah; third, In the last week that remained of the 70, Messiah was to "confirm the covenant with many." This was the new covenant of Hebrews 8:8-13, and the "many" people with whom he confirmed the covenant, were Jews, or the "house of Israel," to whom Jesus first directed the gospel to be preached. See Matt. 10:5-8; Acts 3:25, 26; 2:41; 6:7. Fourth, in the midst of the week, or three and one half years from the time He commenced His ministry in the spring of A. D. 31 Messiah was "cut off," crucified not for himself but for the sins of the whole world. Fifth, in the autumn of A. D. 34, the apostles turned from the Jews, and preached the gospel to the Gentiles, as well. See Acts 13:44-47.

From and after A. D. 24 when the 70 weeks or 490 years ended there remained 1810 years of the 2300 years, which added to A. D. 34, brings us to the autumn of A. D. 1844 when the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, the only one in existence then, began. See Hebrews 9.

A. SMITH.

### Thanksgiving.

We are nearing our release forever from the bondage of sin, and, just as God permitted the Israelites to take the wealth of the Egyptians, in order that they might have the necessary means to build the sanctuary and carry forward the Lord's work, so God would be



pleased for us to gather means from the world around us to carry forward the closing work of this great Message.

The "God of Israel" is not dead, and He who anciently "gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them SUCH THINGS AS THEY REQUIRED," will go before His people during our Thanksgiving campaign and give us "such things as we require" to carry this glorious message forward in the earth.

The silver and the gold all belong to the Lord, and He can impress those not of our faith to give of their money to support His work in the earth, just as easily as He can impress our hearts to go forth and ask for the money.

Let none feel timid about asking strangers to give for the support of our foreign missionary work. The Lord has promised that "strangers shall stand and feed our flocks" and "the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls." Why not give them an opportunity to fulfill this prophecy next month by going to these strangers with the special number of the REVIEW AND HERALD and show them that the Lord has a mighty work going forward in the earth, and that He needs their money to carry it forward.

It was the wealth of the heathen united with the faithful work of God's people that anciently enabled Nehemiah to complete the building of the wall in fifty-two days. Nehemiah depended upon this help from strangers, or he would never have made the following request before he started in on his work:—

"If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till I come into Judah. And a letter unto Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city."

Nehemiah did not hesitate to ask a heathen king to not only aid the Lord's work himself, but also to have the governors assist in the work.

For years we have read Isa. 60:1-5 and have expected the time would come when the "Wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Why not see the beginning of the fulfillment of this prophecy in a marked manner next month by going to the strangers with the special REVIEW AND HERALD, giving them a chance to "minister unto thee?"

This is a new departure in our work, an advance move, an evidence that we are nearing the completion of the work. Let us go forward, brethren, and press the battle to the gates and share in the final triumph of the Third Angel's Message.

S. N. HASKELL.

#### Among the Schools.

After having enjoyed the experience of between five and six weeks in the tent meetings at Fremont, I am again devoting my entire time and attention to the educational and Sabbath School work.

As the results of our educational work become more and more apparent, our people are rallying to its support in a way that is most encouraging. Twenty-two schools are now in operation, employing thirty teachers. Every school heard from thus far reports as large or larger attendance than last year. One school closing last year with an attendance of two, has now enrolled twenty-six. While all this is encouraging, yet our heart goes out to the hundreds of boys and girls who are not receiving a Christian training. Not one half of our children and youth are in our own schools. But some say "We cannot afford to maintain a church school." You cannot afford to do otherwise. God holds us accountable for the kind of education we are giving our children.

While in Newaygo County I visited the school at Denver. The

school there is under the management of Flossie Hall. There are three students in this school who are reviewing the branches, expecting to attend the summer normal and then engage in teaching.

Last week a few days were spent visiting the schools in Grand Rapids and vicinity. The school at Wright was found to be rapidly increasing in membership. We found Miss Ross, the teacher, anxious to avail herself of every opportunity to improve her work. This is her first experience as a teacher.

I remained here over the Sabbath, and upon invitation spoke to our people in the forenoon after an enthusiastic Sabbath School. In the afternoon in company with Brother James Root I met with the little company at Nunica where another Sabbath School was enjoyed, after which I spoke upon the "Progress of the Message."

Monday was spent in visiting the Grand Rapids school. I was much pleased to see the devotion to study manifested and the cordial greeting extended by both teacher and pupils. Miss Wilson is closely following the course of study, and her pupils are making rapid progress.

From Grand Rapids, I went to Bauer where a school has been in progress for the past seven or eight years. This is Miss Brassington's first experience in a Christian school, but I believe she has left the ranks of the world's teachers with no thought of returning. I found this school planning to co-operate with the church in the distribution of the Mission REVIEW, and in soliciting funds for our foreign missions. I hope our teachers and schools throughout the conference will make a grand rally in this direction. Ascertain how many papers your church has ordered and send your names to E. L. Richmond, the conference secretary, to be entered upon an enrollment card which will be sent you. Let Thanksgiving week be a busy



one, in school and out, and remember the ones who participate in the work and the ones who will share in the blessing.

The Otsego intermediate school is progressing nicely, considering the obstacles which have been met and surmounted. The enrollment is now twenty-eight with new arrivals frequently. The temporary quarters are somewhat cramped, especially for the primary department, and all will be made happy by the completion of the new building.

Experience has proven that the Lord's work should be managed in as businesslike a manner as the world's work. "Not slothful in business" is the injunction of Divine Writ. Accordingly an order book has been prepared, a copy of which has been sent to each school. All money paid into the school treasurer's hands should be receipted for by him; and no money should be paid out except upon the written order of the clerk, countersigned by the chairman. Thus each member of the board knows the financial standing of the school, and for what purpose and in what amounts the money is disbursed. Great care should be exercised that every penny received for school purposes is accounted for, and that every pledge is filed ready to be presented at the proper time. Careful attention to these important details will prove a potent factor in inspiring confidence in the financial management of our schools.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

### Muskegon.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters:

How true the words are from the Testimonies, "It is Christ who speaks to the heart; it is he who creates an interest where there has been no desire to hear." I have found it true here in Muskegon. We can only speak to the ear, but the precious Holy Spirit must bring the word home to the heart, and when we do not see results right away, let us be faithful in sowing

the seed, knowing we shall reap if we faint not.

At present I visit thirteen places weekly to hold Bible studies, one Danish family, two American, and the rest Holland. On Thursday evening twelve attended the reading regularly for a number of weeks, till some one asked the minister what he thought about it, although they had confessed it was the truth, and he, of course, told them not to listen to it any more. So that company has lessened. But I trust God's Holy Spirit will not leave them, but convict them so they will see how vain it is to trust in men and not search for themselves. Honest hearts there are among them although they think as much of the minister as though he was a god, and our work is to fish and hunt them. Jer. 16:16. And I want the Lord to teach me by his Spirit how to do it quietly so I will not scare them away, for it means much to fish and hunt souls. We cannot be careless in this work.

One of my Holland readers is a converted Jew. He still believes the Sabbath to be right though he does not keep it. He and his wife are so interested in this truth. Pray for this family that the Lord will use him among his own people. O, our Father is so good, and with bitter experiences he also gives us sweet ones, so we can bear it. I know nothing can be done against the truth, but only for it. Remember the work in Muskegon for I believe the Lord has much people in this city. Let us work faithfully. Soon our Master will come, and I desire to hear from His lips "Well done."

Yours in Christ,  
JENNIE DEYOUNG.

### The Thanksgiving Ingathering for Missions.

Never before in the history of this people were there so many opportunities to proclaim the third angel's message as there are in this year of grace, 1908.

Our publications have gone to the world for many years, and have, no doubt, been the means of carrying the message to a great number of its adherents—especially to isolated believers. Now in the providence of God a new and exalted opportunity is to be given us during the Thanksgiving week—a large illustrated missions edition of the REVIEW is to be published and supplied in quantities without cost to all our people for missionary work. This missionary work will be such in the truest and broadest sense of that term—both home and foreign.

As the paper is given to an individual, its character shown and the purpose of its circulation explained, a request for a Thanksgiving Offering is to be made. In most cases the individual thus solicited, who is given an intelligent understanding of our foreign missionary work, will not decline to give a dollar or more to the cause.

If all our people take hold of this heaven-born project to aid our foreign missions, what can we not see accomplished? Surely each one of our faithful missionaries in foreign lands will not only receive their small monthly wage when it is due, but many recruits will be hasting to the needy fields with assurance of support.

What may we expect as a reaction upon the home mission work and the workers thus engaged? Surely an unprecedented revival in all our local churches and in every individual member's life. This scheme affords opportunities to give the message for the first time to inquiring truth seekers without exciting prejudice. Would to God that we appreciate this time of favorable visitation and use and improve it!

Is it asking too much that every member of every conference, to a man, do his utmost to raise the standard for missions and aim to make this the banner effort of his life?  
W. H. HECKMAN.



### Thanksgiving Number.

The November issue of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES monthly special will be a Thanksgiving number, and it will represent a veritable feast of good things.

The edition will give a brief history of Thanksgiving Days from the time when the Feast of Tabernacles was instituted among the children of Israel to the present day.

The Home Department will contain an interesting Thanksgiving story, entitled, "Mrs. Staples' Silk Dress." A Vegetarian Thanksgiving Menu is also given in the Home Department. Mr. E. G. Fulton, who furnishes the menu and recipes, is a master-hand in the preparation of wholesome and attractive dishes from the best things Mother Earth produces,—grains, nuts, vegetables, and fruits.

Notes on Current Topics will present in brief some of the great questions before the world at this time, including that of Spiritualism. Elder A. O. Tait has an article entitled "What is Spiritualism, Anyway?" in which he has given some of the main points in the present agitation and gives the Divine interpretation of this subtle doctrine.

Following this are general articles entitled,—

"The Plan of Salvation," by Mrs. E. G. White;

"The Infinite Power of God's Law," by J. O. Corliss;

"The Day of the Sabbath," by M. C. Wilcox;

"Political Growth, Municipal and City," by Prof. G. W. Rine;

"Anarchism in India," by Prof. J. L. Shaw;

"The Cost of the Saloon," by Dr. H. F. Rand;

"Structure of the Chinese Language," by H. W. Miller.

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"The only way to arbitrate with a temptation, is to kill it first, and talk it over afterward."

### Lake Union Herald.

The first issue of the Lake Union Conference paper will probably bear the date of November 4. It will be published at Emmanuel Missionary College and be mailed from Berrien Springs.

We have been looking forward to the time when we would have a paper of this kind that would bring us more closely in touch with the doings of this Union Conference, and no doubt the new sheet will meet with a kindly reception from our brethren and sisters throughout the territory.

The first issue will be mailed to all our subscribers and it is probable that our local paper will be discontinued soon. If this is done those who are subscribers to the WEST MICHIGAN HERALD will receive the new paper in its place.

This change will make no difference with the reports we ask our workers to send us, for the Secretary has been appointed to furnish items of information from West Michigan. It may be that we cannot always give quite as extended reports as we have but we want all our laborers to feel a burden for keeping us well posted at the office.

It was planned to have an 8-page weekly paper with a subscription price of 50 cents per year. We do not know of any change from the original plans. All orders should be addressed to LAKE UNION HERALD, care College, Berrien Springs, Mich.

### News and Notes.

Sun sets Friday, Oct. 30, 4:57.  
Sabbath, Oct. 31, 4:56.

Get in your order for the special Review.

G. H. Crandall was in Grand Rapids Friday.

Eld. M. S. Burnham met with the Allegan church last Sabbath.

The Sabbath-school lessons for the next quarter will be on the Book of Philippians.

The roof is nearly on the school building and the framework of the office building is well under way.

Leon G. Nyman called at the office last week. He expects to work in Cass county as the Lord may open the way.

This is a good time to look over the supply of tracts you have on hand and get an order off for those you are most likely to need this winter.

The "Kansas Worker" for October 21 contains illustrations of the buildings of Strode Industrial Academy. Elder Kauble writes that they now have an attendance of 100.

Reports have been received this quarter from all but 13 of our Sabbath-schools. We hope to receive a report from these within a week so that our report to the General Conference Department may not be delayed.

Thus far the churches have ordered about 10,000 copies of the Thanksgiving REVIEW. This is not a third of the number that it was voted to use. There are fully half of the churches that have not been heard from. Is your church one of the delinquents. If so, why?

The magazine LIBERTY should be placed in the hands of all law-makers, ministers and other prominent men in every locality. Where no other arrangements have been made for the offering for October 31, we suggest that it be taken on that day. It is only a few short weeks until Congress convenes and we need to do everything in our power against the passage of the Johnson Sunday Bill. Let every one arouse to the situation.