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May every soul that touches mine-
Be it the slightest contact--get therefrom some good,
Some little grace, one kindly thought,
One inspiration yet unfelt, one bit of courage
For the darkening sky, one gleam of faith
To brave the threatening ills of life,
One glimpse of brighter skies beyond the gathering mist,
To make this life more worth while,
And heaven a surer heritage.

--Selected.

OBJECT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS AND WHY THEY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

God has sent the following word to us: "As a people who claim to have advanced light, we are to devise ways and means by which to bring forth a corps of educated workmen for the various departments of the work of God, We need a well disciplined, cultivated class of young men and women."

"Special talent should be given to the education of the youth . . . The children are to be trained to become missionaries. . . . If the instructors have a religious experience themselves they will be able to communicate to their students the knowledge of the love of God which they have received. These lessons can only be given by those who are themselves truly converted."

It is not only wasted time, but it is a positive loss for an individual not to receive his spiritual training during childhood. It may be put more forcibly still; the person whose spiritual training is put off until he is fifteen, or later, is forever stunted in his growth. Such a person may be saved but he will never do as well as he would have done if his training had begun in childhood as God commands it should be done.

Is it not reasonable to suppose that a child who has had the principles of Christianity woven into the fabric of character from his infancy would be much more liable to be a Christian than one who has had little Christian training until he is grown?

What are you raising your child for? Have you given him to the Lord, like Hannah of old? If he has been dedicated to the service of the Lord do you think his parents should spare any labor, any expense, to see him fitted for his field of labor?

The salvation of your child depends on the training you choose for him. Where will you have him get his education? It depends on what you intend him to be. If you want him to be a Christian, will you not send him to a school where the principles of Christianity are taught? It is just as reasonable to expect a boy whom you wish to be a doctor to get his preparation in a school where engineering is taught as it is to expect your boy to be a Christian and get his education in the public school, which if it taught no error, could no more than make of him a worldly man. But the public schools do teach error. They teach infidelity. For example: While attending a public school teachers' institute at Frankfort last spring I heard one of the leading educators of the State make a statement nearly like the following, while contrasting the education our boys and girls are getting to-day with the education our grandfathers received. He said, "Who would think to-day of believing the story of Abraham, Noah, Jonah, etc., as told in the Bible." He called such ideas old and foggy, and classed these Bible stories with the fairy tales.

Then our up-to-date school books do away with the Creation and the changes wrought by the flood.

"The education which upheld paganism in religion and monarchy in government was the same as that which in later day controlled Greece and is known by us to-day as Platonism. It is but another name for an education which exalts the mind of man above God and places human philosophy ahead of divine philosophy. This philosophy deified nature and would to-day be known as evolution."

Drummond in speaking of evolution says, "How strange that God failed to make known this stupendous truth (?) through His word and left it for science, in the hands of Plato's descendents to figure out. What is needed was a credible presentation in view especially of astronomy, geology, paleontology, and biology. These as we have said had made the former theory simply untenable and science has supplied rheology with a theory which the intellect can accept." Living Fountains, page 115.

Thus faith has been laid aside and the human mind exalted, and our boys and girls now study the nebular hypothesis, explaining the creation of the worlds, in their geography and astronomy; they dwell upon the ages and ages consumed in the formation of the earth. They study the fossils of the ages past and from them describe the evolution of man from a polyp.

Why sit dreaming of heaven or spend money to proselyte while pagan education leads your own children by the hands and weaves about their mind a network of theories which blind their eyes to spiritual truths?

Can you afford to have the fabric of your children's character made of such material? True, you do not teach him these things at home but you do send him to school where he will learn them. He goes to Sabbath-school one hour a week where he is taught the truth, but he is receiving the other instruction, at least, twenty-five hours a week. Can we expect our children to be other than what they are taught to be? If a heathen should ask you why you attempt to save India when your own children are drifting toward heathenism what answer would you give? It seems hard to believe that any Christian parent willingly offers his child to the world when he himself has been bought with the price!

No church can evangelize the world as long as it remains blind to the importance of educating its children. Why? Because the only source of strength in any growing body is from within. The tree full of life puts forth buds, leaves, branches; it puts forth its own strength and life. The church that depends on additions from without lacks power, its lacks stability.

A gentleman was one day visiting an Australian sheep farm. While admiring the magnificent sheep he asked the owner with great earnestness how he succeeded in rearing such flocks. The simply answer was, "I take care of my lambs sir." Isn't the lesson plain?

We know of many children of Seventh-day Adventists, now in the world, who might have been Christians, yes missionaries, had they received a Christian education. Can parents expect to be saved if they neglect to give their children a Christian education and they are lost in consequence? This is a solemn question, but think about it.

(To be continued)

M. Armilda Bogar.

THE HASKELL HOME.

There are in the Haskell Home at Battle Creek a number of children that belong in the Lake Union Conference; and as the General Conference has recommended that each union conference should have the care of all the orphan children within its own borders, arrangements having been made by which all the children now in the Home must be provided for outside of that institution, it becomes necessary for the Lake Union Conference to make provision for those now in the Home, as well as others that may need care, by placing them in a home especially prepared for them.

It has been suggested that there are a number of responsible people in the various conferences of the Lake Union, that would be glad to take one or more of these children and adopt them into their family. The ages of the children range from five to fifteen years. Some of them are girls and some are boys.

If any of the readers of this article are interested in these children and would

like to take one or more of them into their family, they should first obtain a recommendation from the president of their conference, and then send their application to the secretary of the Lake Union Conference, W. H. Edwards, 223 Unity Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind., and he will see that it is forwarded to the proper parties, and the applicant will be given an opportunity to visit the children and select such as he may desire to adopt. Only Seventh-day Adventist families need apply, and these must be reliable and responsible.

Allen Moon.

ARE WE AS A PEOPLE IN FAVOR OF TEMPERANCE?

It has been suggested that one number of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR be devoted to the temperance question, especially since our people have of late been urged through the Spirit of Prophecy to take a more prominent stand for the Temperance cause.

Cannot our young people be depended upon to circulate this number which will be the May 14th issue, among the boys and girls of the public schools and also among the young people of the Christian Endeavor and Epworth League, and also with those who are not members of any society or church.

"Because of our opposition as a people to the passage of Sunday laws, we have been quite frequently represented as affiliating with the saloon keepers. In view of this, is it not well to trim our lamps anew, and send forth the clear rays of truth every where, that all may know positively where we stand on a subject that our church has long espoused more heartily than any other people?"

This special number will be sent to the regular subscribers at the usual price, and in new clubs of less than twenty-five it will cost two and one-half cents a copy. In clubs of twenty-five or more the price will be two cents. It can be sold for five cents a copy."

Will not all our young people take the matter up and work with a will in this work?

Myrta M. Kellogg.

DO YOU AGREE?

A question I would like to ask of every one who reads this article is, Do you harmonize with the statement recently made by one of the officers of a leading conference in the United States? While some are saying that the calls are becoming so frequent that the people are becoming discouraged, and look upon the raising of the \$150,000 Fund as a great burden, we are thankful to see that many are writing in the vein of this brother.

The following is a quotation from his letter to the writer: "I trust the \$150,000 Fund will soon be raised, and another one started for \$200,000 when that is off our hands. We know that if a few such amounts are raised, the work will close, and our Saviour will come and bring deliverance to his people; and that is what we are looking for. May the Lord hasten that glad day."

This has the true ring. This is the right spirit. These calls for large sums of money to build up our denominational institutional work, to set in prominent position and in dark places of the earth the lighthouse of saving truth, are a strong indication that the work will soon be finished. Are your knees feeble? Does your courage fail? A short, sharp, mighty conflict, the last, and all is over. O let us be faithful in being, in saying, in doing, in giving.

J. S. Washburn.

"Why live I here? The vows of God
Are on me, and I may not stoop
To play with shadows, or pluck earthly flowers,
Till I my work have done, and rendered up account."

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

Cleon and Boon.

Since my last report I have visited the church at Cleon where I spent one week. The brethren there have been doing some good work in trying to get the truth before the people. Brother Samuel Druce, for the past year, has been connected with the Sunday School there where it was possible for him to introduce points of truth, thus creating an interest which he has followed up with Bible readings and this has resulted in two precious souls accepting the Sabbath.

Of course such labor calls for effort and expense in time and in literature but I am wondering if it doesn't yield profitable returns. I believe that many of the members of our churches could follow the example of this brother with profit, not only to the cause of God, but to themselves, for the result of labor bestowed on others is a renewal of spiritual life to the bestower.

I am now (April 17) engaged in a series of meetings at the Altman schoolhouse, four miles northeast of Boon. There are a few Sabbath keepers in this vicinity, members of the Colfax church. There is some interest to hear. The weather is very bad and stormy, snow about six inches deep and still coming. We hope to see a change in the weather soon when we expect to see the attendance increase. We are of good courage.

W. R. Matthews.

Gladstone.

It is some time since we have reported, and will say we are enjoying good health after our long, cold winter and we have many, many blessings to thank our loving Heavenly Father for. Many during the past winter have passed away and are silent in death, and no doubt a large part of the same are where hope and mercy can never reach them. This should be one great incentive to us as workers to inspire us to faithfulness in the Master's work. In Vol. 6, page 4, 1st paragraph we read, "We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events; prophecies are fulfilling, strange eventful history is being recorded in the books of heaven," and in the middle of the paragraph it says, "Only a moment of time as it were remains."

We have been made to rejoice in seeing some souls take their stand with God's remnant commandment keeping people. We can report courage and good cheer of nearly all of our young companies in this part of the field. At Perkins the little company are erecting a place of worship and have them building nicely under headway and they are planning for a church school there the coming year.

At Hiawatha the little company are very anxious that they may have a church school started this fall. In Vol. 6, page 199, 2nd paragraph, it says, "In countries where we are compelled by law to send our children to school a church school should be established. If there are no more than six children to attend," and the statement is made, "Work for your children as tho you were working for your life."

May the dear Lord help us to improve our opportunities and sense the importance of the hour is the prayer of your brother.

R. J. Bellows.

E D U C A T I O N A L W O R K .

April 8th, I left home to visit some of our church schools. Stopping over at Saginaw I met Elder Ostrander and wife. He had the misfortune to be in a street car accident a short time ago and as a result has not been as well since. At the station I met Sister T. G. Lewis who was on her way to Omer and we went together the rest of the way.

Sister Ethel Griffin is teaching the spring term at Omer, but on account of the bad roads the attendance was very small and it was decided to close the school for a week or so. Sister Griffin seemed to be getting along very nicely, tho it is her first ex-

perience in teaching. She has been attending school at Cedar Lake during the year and hopes to return next year.

I was pleased to have the opportunity of attending a meeting of the Young People's Society. They had an interesting meeting using the studies in the INSTRUCTOR in the book, "Ministry of Healing". All our societies would find it interesting I think. The book is the latest of Sister White's works and can be obtained at the Tract Society for a dollar and a half. At Omer these meetings are held every other Sabbath after Sabbath-school and the regular meeting is held on the other Sabbath. This plan seems to work very well with them.

I reached Brother McKenney's the day before the school closed and was present at their little entertainment. The children did nicely and the thirty visitors had many points of truth brought to their minds. The children have made great improvement since I saw them last year and Brother and Sister McKenney feel amply repaid for all the sacrifice they have made to have the school.

I hope that others will plan to have a school for their children next year.

Myrta M. Kellogg, Educational Supt.

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Amount Received to April 22, 1907.

Church or Company	Member-ship	Amount Paid	Amount to be Paid	Church or Company	Member-ship	Amount Paid	Amount to be Paid
Alpena	18	\$ 2.75	\$54.00	Grant	26		\$ 78.00
Alden	33	14.00	99.00	Hancock	18	\$12.15	54.00
Bear Lake		.65		Iron River	31		93.00
Baldwin	11	.50	33.	Leetsville	23	1.50	69.00
Cedar Run	23		69.00	Mesick	49	1.00	147.00
Cleon	30		90.00	Menominee	32	19.17	96.00
Chase		2.00		Omer	41	2.40	123.00
Colfax	23	9.10	69.00	Onaway	76		228.00
Clarence	19	3.00	57.00	Petoskey	51	37.53	153.00
Cadillac	17	.20	51.00	Rose City	17	23.89	51.00
Dighton	18	1.00	54.00	Stephenson	15		45.00
Eastport	21	3.14	63.00	Soo	22	1.25	66.00
Ensign	35	5.50	105.00	Scottville	13		39.00
Escanaba		20.00		Traverse City	25	1.50	75.00
Ewart	17	7.00	51.00	Wildwood	16	.74	48.00
Frankfort	43		129.00	Whittemore	19	11.00	57.00
Gaylord	35	3.50	105.00	Wilson	24		72.00
				Total Receipts-	- - - - - \$175.02		

C A M P M E E T I N G S .

Gladstone.

June 24 to June 31, 1907.

This meeting will begin Monday evening, June 24th and it is hoped everyone who expects to attend this meeting will arrange to be on the ground that day. Tents will rent for \$2.50; bed springs, 50¢. We are not sure about chairs yet. So far we have not been able to definitely arrange for these but very likely some will be secured. It is impossible to rent lumber. This will have to be paid for in full and then will belong to the occupants of the individual tents. The ground will be dry and very little lumber will be needed.

It is hoped that everyone who wishes a tent will order at once, and we would request all who possibly can to send money with order. We do not expect to send any more

tents than what are ordered so do not wait until the last moment to order.

A good attendance of the French brethren is expected at this meeting and for this reason it has been decided that a meeting tent will be pitched for the French brethren. Elder A. C. Bourdeau is to be in attendance and he will be there from the first to the last of the meeting. In the past our French brethren have had to meet in small tents whenever or wherever they could but this year it will be different. We hope all our French brethren will keep it in mind that a special is going to be made this year for them. More concerning this camp-meeting will be given in the next paper.

Conference and Camp-meeting.

East Jordan, Mich., Aug. 29 to Sept. 9, 1907, to be preceded by a worker's meeting.

Particulars of this conference and camp-meeting will be given in the next paper which will be issued Tuesday, May 14, 1907.

S. E. Wight.

A T T E N T I O N!

On page 5 is given a list of the amount paid in by the different churches and companies to the \$150,000 Fund. In the column headed "Amount to be paid" is given the amount each church will raise for this Fund provided each member pays three dollars as is being done in the other conferences. The names of some of the companies do not appear in this list as the money they have sent in has been credited to the church to which the members of the companies belong.

ORGANIZATION OF THE HANCOCK CHURCH.

Elder S. E. Wight and Elder Geo. G. Johnson visited the Copper Country April 6 and 7 where they organized the Hancock Church with a membership of seventeen. Elder Wight then went to Gladstone to look up a site for the Northern camp-meeting, going from there to Menominee where he spent Sabbath and Sunday.

Elder Johnson stayed with us several days visiting the Swedish people of whom he found about 1800. Thursday evening a goodly company of them gathered at my home and listened to a very interesting discourse by Elder Johnson in their own language.

G. Montgomery.

N O T I C E!

The new pamphlet, "The Church; Its Organization, Order, and Discipline," by Elder J. N. Loughborough has just been published. This pamphlet should be in the hands of all our people. It contains much valuable information on all subjects pertaining to the church and denominational affairs, and will answer many questions that have been perplexing to those who have recently connected with this work. Price, 25¢ postpaid. Order of the Tract Society.

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Owing to the advance in the price of tracts the Tract Society will not be able to give any discount on tracts hereafter but will charge the full list price.

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The special numbers of the SIGNS should be ordered at once. All our churches, companies, and isolated brethren and sisters should take a club of these SIGNS. Some have already ordered clubs containing as high as a hundred copies. Send your orders to the Tract Society.

These special numbers of the SIGNS will present the leading points of our faith and now is the time to give the truth to our neighbors and friends by using this paper. Taken in clubs of five or more to one address, fifty cents per copy for six months; less than five copies, seventy-five cents per copy.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Sister M. Armilda Bogar is teaching the spring term at Frankfort.

Elder O. Montgomery spent Sabbath and Sunday, April 20th and 21st, at the Soc. He reports a good meeting with the brethren and sisters there.

Brother Silas Griffin has moved to Omer and Sister Griffin has had to give up her school known as the Gaylord # 2 school. It is hoped that the children can be in the regular Gaylord school next year.

The date for the Swedish general meeting has not been fixed but we hope to give the exact date in the next paper. The meeting will be held at Iron River.

The school at Grant has been started again after a month's vacation. Brother H. Kent Nelson is teaching after having spent his vacation teaching at Frankfort.

Sister T. G. Lewis came from Wisconsin, where Brother Lewis is located, to visit her parents, Brother and Sister Thos. Burt at Omer.

Brother O. Montgomery expects to visit friends in Rose before returning to Copper Country.

Garland Bogar is teaching the spring term at Leetsville, he having returned from Cedar Lake where he has been attending school during the year.

Brother S. E. Wight has been invited by the Adelpian Academy to assist in giving instruction in making tents. They expect to establish this industry in their school at Holly.

The school at Nester closed April 16th and Sister Clara Stephens returned to her home at Cedar Run.

A Young People's Society has been organized at Whittamore. We have not learned who the officers are.

The Canvassers' Institute was not held because so many who desired to come expressed themselves as not being sure they would be able to attend and only two or three said they were coming for certain, so it was not thought best to make arrangements for a meeting under such circumstances. Brother H. W. Johnson has arranged to go into the field with those who are positive they wish to canvass.

The Conference Committee met at Petoskey, April 22 and 23.

We were pleased to receive a call April 23rd from Brother E. C. Collard of McMillan.

Brother E. A. Bristol visited the Traverse City Church Sabbath, April 20th.

Brother Walter Oliver of Ensign was in Petoskey the first of the week.

The school at Gaylord closed April 11th, after having had seven months school. Sister Jane Sweet has been teaching there.

Anyone having a copy of "Rise and Progress" which they are willing to sell please write to Elder O. Montgomery, 716 Hancock St., Hancock, Mich. He is desirous of securing a copy of the same.