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THE MASTER'S TOUCH.

In the still air the music lies unheard;
In the rough marble beauty lies unseen:
To make the music and the beauty, needs
The Master's touch, the sculptor's
chisel keen.

Great Master! touch us with thy skillful
hand;
Let not the music that is in us die.
Great Sculptor! hew and polish us, no
let,
Hidden and lost, thy form within us lie.

Spare not the stroke! do with us as thou wilt.
Let there be naught unfinished, broken, marred;
Complete thy purpose, that we may become
Thy perfect image, thou, our God and Lord.

--H. Bonar.

THE MID-SUMMER OFFERING.

Word has been received from the General Conference Council in Switzerland that it was decided to take up the mid-summer offering on Sabbath, June 29, and that the proceeds of this offering be turned into the \$150,000 Fund. The time is near at hand, and yet there is time enough left for every one to make preparation for a liberal offering. It is not intended that those that have already contributed toward the \$150,000 Fund should be denied the privilege of making a still further contribution at the time of the mid-summer offering; and especially will this be an opportunity for those who have contributed nothing so far toward the fund for the extension of the work in the great mission field. What a grand privilege there is now in this opportunity for every loyal Seventh-day Adventist to make a liberal offering for the advancement of the work.

While our people throughout the Lake Union Conference have done nobly in raising this large fund, yet it is not nearly completed. There is nothing inconsistent in believing that everyone will now do his part, and that the balance of the fund will be provided for at the time of this mid-summer offering. Certainly it is not an impossible thing to accomplish. There are those perhaps that have means in the banks, that could be spared quite as well as not. If the Lord moves upon the hearts of such to contribute quite large sums, we feel very sure that the blessing of God will attend such a decision; for in this way such individuals may be able to make up for those that are in poorer circumstances, and not able to raise even the full amount of the smaller sum allotted. Let us lay aside all thought of an individual assessment, and give as the Lord has given to us. The power to get wealth is from the Lord, so we are told in the Word of God, and in our giving, let us give as He hath prospered us. This is the Lord's plan; and if it is strictly followed in the case of the mid-summer offering, there certainly will be an abundance to complete the raising of the \$150,000 Fund. A word to the wise is sufficient. Let us all act upon these principles, and the work will be accomplished.

ALLEN MOON.

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Conversion is the act of joining our hands to the pierced hand of the Crucified Saviour. The new life begins with the taking of Christ's hand, and His taking hold, in infinite love, of our weak hands. --T. L. Cuyler.

EAST JORDAN CAMP-MEETING.

Some may wonder why the camp-meeting is to be held the third time at East Jordan. I will briefly explain that the large committee appointed to locate the camp-meeting decided on East Jordan as first choice, Kalkaska as second, and Alba third. The conference committee after looking over the three different points decided to take the first choice because of the interest there seems to be in East Jordan and the saving of a large amount of money moving our equipment. As everyone knows the past year has not been the most prosperous and it seems proper to hold the meeting in the place that would be the most economical.

We hope everyone will be pleased with the decision and that a goodly number will be in attendance. Application has been made for the railroad rates which we hope will be granted. Very likely in the next paper full particulars will be given.

S. E. WIGHT.

COMPLAINERS, READ THIS.

A clapper in an old church tower professed to be greatly grieved because the bell it hung in was cracked. It was ever and anon telling of its grief in dolorous tones, and excited the sympathy of many unsophisticated people. But Diogenes, coming along, said, "Cease your whining, Master Clapper; remember, in the first place that you cracked the bell, and, in the second place, nobody would know it was cracked if you didn't tell him." When you meet a man who is always complaining of the coldness of the church, and the want of harmony among its members, tell him this fable. Those who make the most complaints are often those who are the most to blame.

Is there a cracked bell in your church, and are you the clapper!--Selected.

ELECTION OF SABBATH-SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Several letters have come to me of late asking who should appoint the committee to nominate Sabbath-school officers and how the elections should be carried on, also other items which I will mention briefly.

All should remember that the recommendation of the conference last year was that the Sabbath-school officers should be elected by the church the same as church officers. In most cases it is best to have a committee to bring in nominations. This committee may be appointed by the chair if the congregation desires but in no case should the chair appoint the committee unless instructed by the congregation. This is a common error into which many fall of taking it into their own hands to appoint the committee. The committee may be appointed from the congregation but in this case one member should never name more than one on the committee.

S. E. WIGHT.

A QUOTATION.

We quote the following from an article by Elder C. A. Hansen in the WEST MICHIGAN HERALD of May 29, 1907:

"We had coming to our place a rich, educated Hindu, who was well versed in Hindu theosophy, and one person with us had "Living Temples" and loaned the same to this wealthy Hindu. He took the book to his home and gave it a careful perusal and after a few weeks came back and said that that book was the most like his religion of anything he had ever seen, and at once asked the person who had loaned it to him to send for five copies of it so that he might give it to his friends."

Edward Everett Hale once said to a friend: "Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time." "Some people bear three kinds,--all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have."

BARK OR PULL - WHICH?

We read once of a boy who had a dog hitched to a small load. The dog stopped pulling to bark at a man who was passing. The boy said to the stranger, "Don't mind the dog sir; He is only barking for an excuse to rest: it is easier to bark than to pull the load."

We all will do something-- we can pull or we can bark, but when we are barking we are not pulling. It is ever so much easier to bark than to pull. It costs neither brain nor muscle, thought or prayer; it requires no sleepless nights, no watchfulness, no anxiety.

The man who works may make mistakes; he who pulls may pull the wrong way, and be obliged to acknowledge and correct his wrong. But the man who keeps up a perpetual bow-wow at those who are pulling, will have a fearful record to meet by and by. "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer." "Do all things without murmurings or disputings."

The above thoughts from an old REVIEW are pertinent to-day. One good-sized package in our load to-day is labeled "\$150,000 Fund". Some have been pulling. Thank the Lord for that. A few may exercise their right to bark-- bark at the General Conference, bark at "extravagance", . . . bark at our own state needs, --bark because it is easier to bark than to pull. Which class are you in? If you have been pulling, that is no excuse for barking now. If you cannot help, do not hinder. Time is short; souls are perishing. ---Selected.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

Iron River.

According to previous plans a general Swedish meeting was held with our Swedish church near Iron River from May 18-27. This meeting was a trial as a substitute for a Swedish camp-meeting, but altho the meetings were good, and in spite of busy time, well attended, we found that such a meeting for so short a time could not answer for a Swedish camp-meeting.

Elder S. Mortensen from Chicago and the writer conducted the meetings which could not be held on account of the farmer's spring work only in the evening with the exception of Sabbath and Sunday when two or more meetings were held. We had some rain and snowstorms and roads were bad, but in spite of that the meetings were well attended. Many outsiders both young and old came out and listened with good interest. If the meetings could have been continued I believe some of the dear young people would have come out on the Lord's side because some of them were much impressed. May God continue to strive with them.

Elder Wight was with us the last two days and spoke twice. His practical instructions were well appreciated by the church. This church has a membership of twenty-nine and has past through some lifting times. Last year they paid in tithe \$409.50 and \$156.22 in donations besides building a church which was used part of last year for a school house. I hope and pray that the Iron River church will continue to be true and loyal to the Lord.

A Swedish family near Pentoga, fifteen miles from Iron River, is keeping the Sabbath and will be baptized next Sabbath or Sunday. Two families near Wallace, Menominee Co., are keeping the Sabbath and are waiting for baptism. Two more are very favorable toward the truth and seem to be a field I must soon enter.

Geo. G. Johnson.

East Jordan.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Believing that you are all interested in the progress of the work in this place, many of you having attended the camp-meeting held here the past two seasons, I am going to tell you something of the present situation.

Not in years have I seen so wide spread an interest where there has been as little apparent opposition from the other churches with one exception as here, up to the present time. There seems to be growing something of a spirit of opposition, as people whose minds have been convinced, but whose hearts do not give evidence of thorough conversion, "turn away their ears from hearing the law."

The Latter Day Saints have been untiring in their efforts to hinder the work, and Satan has not lacked for ways and means by which to oppose every advance move. But our trust has been in the All-Powerful One and we have not been confounded. Indeed we can see that the work is onward.

A spirit of union has prevailed in our little company, and our courage is good in the Lord. But we need your prayers, O, so much. Many souls hang in the balance and unless God works mightily, worldly honors and achievements will weight most heavily in the minds of the majority. But surely, if we are faithful, some of these dear ones will give their hearts to God in loving obedience. Will not each one pray earnestly that the constraining power of God's holy Spirit may rest upon the hearts of the convicted ones now, as well as at the time of the approaching camp-meeting?

One thing more, Should any of you have clean copies of the SIGNS, BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, LIBERTY, and perhaps INSTRUCTOR, that are not needed in your own localities, will you send them postpaid to me at once to be in readiness for distribution at the camp-meeting? Then, come, yourselves, to the meeting, with your hearts aglow with gratitude for this precious truth and a burden for souls, that you may help to give them the light that illumines your pathway.

Yours for the Master,
Inez A. E. Lay.

WILLS AND LOANS.

No doubt there are those in the Conference, with whom we have not corresponded, who have money they would like to place in the hands of the Conference to be used in the cause. Many are thinking of making their wills in favor of the cause but put it off. Every individual should attend to this and not wait until the enemy has stolen the march on them and their money has gone to the world. The reason why I am writing at this time is that for some time I have tried to get a certain individual to will their property to the cause and news came the other day that this person was lying at the point of death. Very likely the readers of the News Sheet know what the Testimonies say in regard to this.

Perhaps there are individuals who have some money, more than they wish to keep for their own use, who would be glad to place it on deposit with the conference. We will say to such that if you can do this it would be a great help to the work and your money would be much safer than in the banks. We will be pleased to correspond with any who wish to do this.

S. E. Wight.

A LETTER.

The following letter dated June 10th was received by Elder Wight:

"Dear Brother:

"After receiving the NEWS SHEET I felt very much impressed with Brother Montgomery's appeal that the Conference should buy the property of which he writes. I think it should be seen after at once. The property and situation should be looked over by several of the Conference Committee and if they in their judgment think it is what is needed it should be bought at once.

"It seems to be we should be able to find sixty men in the North Michigan Conference who can give fifty dollars each to buy this property. If this is the just the property that we ought to have there you may put my name on the list as one of the sixty for I am very much interested in the work in the Copper Country.

"Wishing you much of God's richest blessing, I am,

Yours in the blessed hope,
Newton Blough."

Onaway, Mich.

CEDAR LAKE COMMENCEMENT.

I had the privilege of attending the commencement exercises of the Cedar Lake school June 4th and was much pleased with the program. Elder A. G. Haughey delivered the address. The chapel was well filled altho it was a stormy evening.

There were two students, Miss Ruth Saxby and Glenn Straight who finished this year. There were eight North Michigan students in attendance at the close of the year. Three of these are to stay on the farm this summer and work. It is expected that four North Michigan students will finish their work at this school next year.

Wednesday morning, June 5th, most of the students left for their homes.

S. E. Wight.

OBITUARY.

Guilford,- Sister Guilford, wife of Brother H. S. Guilford died at her home in West Branch, Mich., June 11, 1907, aged seventy-four years.

Sister Guilford was born in Henderson, N. Y., and later lived near Owosso, Mich. In 1857 she accepted the truths held by this denomination and in 1860 was married to Brother Guilford.

Her sufferings were great a few hours before her death but relief came in answer to prayer and she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. She leaves her aged husband, three sons, and many friends to mourn their loss.

A short service was held in West Branch after which the remains were taken to St. Charles, Mich., where services were conducted by Elder L. G. Moore and she was laid away to await the Life-giver.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

A few days ago we received the following encouraging letter from Sister G. F. Ernst of Bates. Sister Ernst canvasses for "Great Controversy" whenever she has the opportunity:

"I have thought all day of these lines as I have felt the importance of working as never before. I wish every one of our people would work to get the truth before the world.

' Yes go and thou shalt know far more of bliss,
Than we who sit at home and bless ourselves
That we have heard of God, and idly wish
Others might know the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Go to thy labor, thy race it must be swift,
The battle is soon over, and a crown of glory
Is laid up in heaven."

Yesterday will be a day long to be remembered. God went before me and how the people listened as I showed them Great Controversy. One lady said she knew that God sent me. It is sweet to work for Jesus. We can rest right in the Lord. I wish everyone would try it. I find people glad to talk. If I could I would spend my time going from house to house. My little girl must have some care and training. I want to my little and do it well.

I could relate some wonderful things but others probably have still more wonderful experiences. This I do know that God wants this message carried now and if we are not careful someone will take our crown. That is the way it comes to me. I feel I am the least among many but I must do my little."

Begin now to plan for the East Jordan camp-meeting. Pray that the meeting may be the best we have ever had.

CLERKS -- ATTENTION !

Blanks have been sent to all the clerks to be filled out with names of the delegates chosen for our next conference. If any of the clerks have failed to receive these blanks let me know at once and others will be sent. The matter of electing the delegates should be taken up at the next business meeting of your church.

Edith McClellan.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR bearing date of July 9 will be a special educational number, its mission being to stimulate our young people to prepare themselves for service in the Lord's work. This number of the INSTRUCTOR should be placed in the hands of all of our young people. It is intended especially for them and if our churches are not taking enough of the INSTRUCTOR to give a copy to all, an extra supply should be ordered at once. The price will be only two cents a copy. For small orders, postage

NEWS AND NOTES.

Several subscriptions have expired for the NEWS SHEET. Have you renewed yours yet?

Three were baptized and united with the church at Petoskey, Sabbath, June 15th.

Elder S. E. Wight left Petoskey the 20th to attend the Gladstone meeting.

All Sabbath-school and Y. P. S. Secretaries who have not reported to the Educational Sec'Y should do so at once.

Do you owe the Tract Society? Kindly remit at once. The Tract Society must meet obligations the 1st of July and need your remittance to do this.

Brother H. W. Johnson has been successful in taking orders for Practical Lessons at Munising .

The headquarters of the Lake Union Conference have been removed from Indianapolis to South Bend, Ind. All correspondence intended for the President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Lake Union Conference should be addresses to Rooms 9 & 10, 209 S. Main St., South Bend, Ind.

Miss Marian Bissett visited friends in Petoskey June 23 and 24 while enroute from Berrien Springs to her home in Munising.

Will all the brethren and sisters help their librarian to raise the amount their church owes the Tract Society. This can be done best by cash. One paying the amount they owe the local society.

Sister Myrta M. Kellogg passed through Petoskey June 24th on her way to the Gladstone meeting.

All our young people should plan to use the July number of LIBERTY which is to be a Christian Endeavor Number. It will be prepared with a nview of giving the young people of Christian Endeavor Societies a clear understanding of the true principles of Christian liberty. It will be the best number ever issued. Price to workers is two and one-half cents per copy for twenty-five or more copies to one address.