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Editor.

**The General Conference.**

THE week before the General Conference here in Battle Creek, is a busy one. The large church here is doing all in its power to make it pleasant for the delegates and others who will be their guests for a few weeks. But they are finding themselves taxed beyond their capacity. The attendance promises to be the largest in the history of the denomination. There are already several thousand Sabbath-keepers who reside here, and when this number is augmented by scores and hundreds more from all over the United States, it will make a congested mass. The eyes of all the Sabbath-keeping Adventists in the world are turned toward this center of the work, and many prayers are daily ascending to the throne of God that his servants assembled here may receive a refreshing, and a new impetus be given his work.

During the week, the General Conference Committee, and Foreign Mission Board have been engaged in auditing. Other delegates have also been present from England, Norway, and various parts of the Continent; from South America, India, S. Africa, W. Indies, Australia, the Pacific Islands, California, and different parts of the United States. Meetings have been held in the interests of the Publishing Association, and the councils have been blessed of the Lord.

Sister White arrived here the 24th. The Lord has had his gracious Providence over her during the long journey, and she stood the trip well. She met with us once in the morning prayer meeting, and it seems good to hear her voice once more. How blessed are we as a people to have the witness of Jesus in our midst! That the Lord will through this, his chosen instrument, reveal much light to us during the Conference, there is no doubt. She is to speak, I hear, in the Tabernacle next Sabbath, March 29.

Other items from the Conference will appear next week.  
G. B. THOMPSON.

**Book Selling.**

DURING January, February, and the greater part of March, I have spent most of my time in Syracuse. I have been learning how to sell our books. Sickness in the family has made it necessary to remain here much of the time. I have had all kinds of experiences common to those who go out. I have had many interested listeners. Have found very many who are dissatisfied with their Christian experience. Only once have I returned home at eve without either selling some book or taking one or more orders. The bill from the Tract Society during this time for books has been \$118.73. This amount of reading matter will bring many to know about the message.

The weather during much of this time has been very severe. It has been necessary many times for me to earnestly seek the Lord to keep at work. I now know how to work with books in the cities much better than ever before, and to approach all classes of society. I know from personal experience that "Christ's Object Lessons" can be sold to those not of our faith. This book seems more and more wonderful to me. I find so much in it that I have not known before. "Thousands can be reached in the most simple and humble way. The most intel-

actual, those who are looked upon as the world's most gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the simple words of one who loves God, and who can speak of that love as naturally as the worldling speaks of the things that interest him most deeply." Page 232. Each day's work for this book increases my interest in getting it into the hands of other than our people. Seems to me we must sell our 10,000 copies. I believe it can be done.

A. O. BURRILL.

From South Africa.

ELD. BURRILL'S oldest daughter, Ellen, is engaged in the school work in South Africa. Through the courtesy of her father, we take the following from a letter written to him under date of Feb. 12: "School [at Union College] has opened well. I have twenty-two pupils, and more are coming. We have started a normal course, and have three students in it. One of them is in my room. I am glad to have him to help, but feel it a great responsibility to do it. He is a nice boy of about twenty years of age. Eld. Hyatt's daughter is one of them. The other is a Dutch boy.

"It is sunset, and I see the sun's reflection on the clouds above the grand old mountain. The view from my room is one which ever reminds me of the One who has created all things for us. I can never describe to you the beauty of this mountain. The clouds are sometimes crimson, and other times golden, and other times are so dark and angry that they almost frighten. They are never two days alike."

To illustrate what effect faithful parental training has upon our children when they get a little older, altho personal, I feel sure Eld. Burrill will pardon our quoting a little farther: "Dear, dear father! The three years spent away from you only make me love you more, and realize more what love and care you have bestowed upon me. All I can do to repay it is to so live that even when separated from you, I may be a comfort to you. The thought of you keeps me in temptation's hour; for I cannot bear to bring sadness to your heart."

What more can any parent ask in return for patient, loving, and yet firm training than this? Let us not suppose that our children will love us more for letting them have their own way. It always results differently.

SIN'S inlet into the soul is much like the hole in the bottom of a boat. Sin, like the water, is ever ready to rush into the heart, but never runs back again through the same inlet. It must be pumped or forced out.

Some Reflections.

A FEW days ago, having written some important letters, I went to the corner of the street and placed them in an iron box, marked "U. S. Mail." Having done so, I paused for a moment to read the time when my letters would be taken from this iron box; and I did not seem to question in the least that when the time indicated on the card should arrive, they would be promptly removed. *I had faith in what I read.* Then I thought, Do I have faith like that in what my Lord says in his Word, and in the Testimonies of his Spirit? Do I give to him my all, relying implicitly in what he has said, knowing that no human hand can stay the execution of his decrees?

While thus reflecting as I walked away from the mail box, I took from my pocket a time-table—a human document—marking the exact time when the trains arrived and departed over an important Trunk line. I noticed that the time for my train to leave the station had almost arrived, and I must hasten or I would be late. I did not seem to question that the train would probably leave on time, and arrive at its destination as indicated. *I believed the time-table.*

Again I thought, God's Word is the great time-table. The mighty train of time is moving on. We are all travelers, and station after station is being rapidly passed. As we study this divine time-table, we see that our train has passed nearly the last station on the way, and our destination is almost reached. The journey of six thousand years is almost complete, and the time-table admonishes us that in a little while we shall enter the last station. O, I thought, Do I believe the time-table of heaven? While thus musing, I reached the depot, and my reflections were interrupted in the incidental preparation of getting on the train.

Reader, Do you believe the heavenly time-table? Are you on board the train bound for the celestial city? If not, be admonished that any delay may now prove fatal. Eventful times are these; the Lord's coming draweth near. G. B. THOMPSON.

FROM G. B. STEVENS, Saranac Lake: "I understand from a letter I received from Brother Cleveland that he had learned from some source that I was thinking of giving up the work of the Lord through discouragement, and was about to seek other employment. I will say for the encouragement of others that I have not thought of giving up the work for other employment, much less saying anything about it. I have stopped for a short time to

get up my year's wood, and do some other necessary work, but expect with the Lord's help to soon begin the blessed work again. Discouraged? No! Never had better courage. Praise the Lord!"

**Life Insurance.**

An agent of a life insurance company called upon a gentleman somewhat recently, and the following dialogue occurred:—

*Agent.*—"I have called this morning to see if you do not wish to take out a life insurance policy for yourself or your son. You have but one son, I believe."

*Father.*—"Yes, I have an only son, and have thought much concerning this matter. I believe I am ready to take out a policy for my son, providing you can tell me how much he is worth. He is a noble boy."

*Agent.*—"Well, I could not estimate his value, of course, but that is not necessary. Do you not insure your property?"

*Father.*—"Yes, sir; but property can be estimated. We know its value, and a policy can be taken out sufficiently large that in case a loss occurs, the company will reimburse me so that I will be as well off as before, and not sustain any loss. Is not this a fact?"

*Agent.*—"Yes, sir; I think it is."

*Father.*—"Now, sir; if you can estimate the value of my boy, who is the pride and joy of myself and wife in our old age, and indemnify me so that when the grim reaper crosses the threshold of our humble home with the scythe of death, and cuts him down, we will be fully remunerated for his loss, and not feel it, I will insure him. Can you issue a policy guaranteeing that when his dotting mother and I are called to stand by the silent grave and listen to the clods rattle down on his coffin, we shall have no bleeding heart or unspeakable sorrow, knowing that we shall receive in dollars and cents his full value? Can you insure us so that when we no longer hear his voice saying 'father,' or 'mother,' and his footsteps are no longer heard about the home, when we see the vacant chair, and behold the keepsakes, the things his own hands once handled but will touch no more, and yet we will feel no loss? If so, you can write me out a policy."

*Agent.*—"I have never looked at it in that way before. Of course no one can estimate a human soul."

*Father.*—"So it seems to me. It took a divine being—all the treasures of a universe—to buy a lost

soul, and you will please excuse me if I do not feel free to place a dollar and cent estimation on my boy, or my wife, or myself. I cannot do it, sir."

*Agent.*—"Well, I do not know as I blame you. Good morning."

The above illustrates the folly of so-called life insurance.

G. B. THOMPSON.

As ye *have* yielded your members as instruments of unrighteousness, *now* yield yourself unto God. This is the secret of our being kept.

**South Lancaster Academy Summer School.**

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY will conduct a summer school for church-school teachers this coming summer, provided there is a sufficient number wishing to take the work to warrant it being conducted. It will begin about the first of July, continuing two months. The expenses will approximate \$16.00 per month. This will include all expenses such as tuition, board, etc.

The summer school last year was a decided success, and we shall look forward to a profitable time this year. I wish to hear from those who would wish to attend this school, so that we may know whether it can be opened or not. Please write at once, so that arrangements can be made, and definite announcement given.

FREDERICK GRIGGS, *Principal.*

A CHARACTER formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure that we can take from this world to the next. Those who are under the instruction of Christ in this world, will take every divine attainment with them to the heavenly mansions.

It is fellowship with Christ, personal contact with a loving Saviour, that enables the mind and heart and soul to triumph over the lower nature.

It is not the length of time we labor, but our willingness and fidelity in the work, that makes it acceptable to God. In all our service, a full surrender of self is demanded. The smallest duty done in sincerity and self-forgetfulness, is more pleasing to God than the greatest work when marred with self-seeking. He looks to see how much of the spirit of Christ we cherish, and how much of the likeness of Christ our work reveals.

To learn of Christ means to receive His grace, which is His character. But those who do not appreciate and utilize the precious opportunities and sacred influences granted them on earth, are not fitted to take part in the pure devotion of heaven. Their characters are not molded according to the divine similitude. By their own neglect, they have formed a chasm which nothing can bridge. Between them and the righteous there is a great gulf fixed.—"Christ's Object Lessons."

**CANVASSING REPORT**

Week Ending, March 29, 1901.

AGENT.	Hrs.	Ords.	Val.	H'lbs	Del.	Val.
<b>COMING KING.</b>						
Walter A. Erb, Warsaw, GREAT CONTROVERSY.	19	9	9 00	2 50	2	2 50
J. Deeley, Binghamton, Miscellaneous Orders,	13	3	6 75	4 25		6 75
Totals, (agents, 2)	32	12	\$ 22 50	6 75	2	2 50

WHEN a church can be found that will acknowledge that they are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked, and will heed the exhortation that follows, then we shall have found the church through whom God will manifest all the power of the Holy Ghost.—“Power for Witnessing.”

**Items.**

The address of Eld. H. H. Wilcox until further notice will be Potsdam, St. Lawrence Co., Hewittville P. O. Box, N. Y.

A “Manual for Canvassers,” made up from selections from the “Testimonies,” will be ready about Apr. 15. It will be bound only in leather and contain about eighty pages. Price 40c.

Brother Bowen left Rome Monday night, to attend the General Conference, at Battle Creek. All orders, etc., should be addressed to the office here as usual, and they will receive prompt attention.

“The Great Nations of To-Day,” is the title of a new book just out, written by Eld. A. T. Jones. It is well illustrated, has new maps, and is just full of just the information you want on the national affairs of to-day. Paper cover; sent post-paid for 25c.

Brother J. C. Rogers and wife, who have been in Ithaca a few months past, will attend General Conference with no expectation of returning to Ithaca. They have sown some seed there by distributing books which we hope will bear fruit in the kingdom.

The sixth volume of the “Testimonies for the Church” will soon be ready. The price is 1.00 for the cloth, and 1.50 for the library. A thin paper edition will be made, bound in leather. Price, 1.50. This is an important volume. The proceeds go to the Christiana Publishing House.

Brother J. Q. A. Haughey, 202 Washington St., Battle Creek, Mich., has had translated into German that excellent tract of his on the coming of the Lord. The price is \$1.25 per hundred with cover, and \$1.00 per hundred without cover, post-paid. There is nothing better to place in the hand of a German. A cash order sent to the above address will receive prompt attention. Send for some.

**OBITUARY NOTICES.**

**HALBERT.**—Died in Taylor, N. Y., Feb. 27, 1901, Ransom Halbert, aged 71 years. Tho a very great sufferer for many months, his closing days were days of patience, peace, and calm trust in the Saviour. With tender, loving solicitude he talked with the different members of his family one by one, entreating them to follow after righteousness. He leaves a wife, six children, grandchildren, and many relatives to mourn their loss.  
ADDIE HALBERT PARKER.

**BUSINESS NOTICES.**

Under this head will be published short business notices for 25c for one insertion. Notice not to exceed four lines. It is best to send cash with item to be published.

**WANTED.**—A middle-aged woman to do general housework. A Sabbath-keeper preferred. Address, Mr. F. B. Poulter, Pulaski, Oswego Co., N. Y.

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