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Evangelical.

Religious Liberty Offering, Sabbath, March 12.

The General Conference council last October recommended that a special offering for religious liberty work be taken early in 1904. The first Sabbath in March was the date first set, but to give more time for announcement, we have set the time on Sabbath, March 12.

In the reorganization of the work on departmental lines called for in general, union, and state conferences, the time has fully come to develop the department of religious liberty, to enable it to bring out up-to-date literature, and to make an earnest effort to lift up the voice of warning against the influences that are working to bring about the enforcement of Sunday laws. We know that these agencies are working day and night to mold sentiment and secure control of legislation to enforce the worship of the beast and its image. We shall be surprised at the sudden manifestation of strength on the part of these organized movements one of these days. Now is our

time to work. One call for immediate work is supplied by the opportunities in connection with the St. Louis World's Fair.

In order to bring out special literature on the religious liberty issue, and to foster the interests of this work among all the conferences and churches, the General Conference Religious Liberty Department must have funds. Elder Allen Moon, chairman of the departmental committee, has his office in Chicago. The Committee is planning an active campaign. If the notice is given out promptly, and all unite in the offering, a good working capital for the year will be given in this one collection, which will take but a few months' attention from the regular service. Will not ministers and church-elders announce this, and encourage the people to act liberally and unitedly? The offering should be sent through the channel of the local conference treasury.

A. G. DANIELLS.

The War In The Orient.

Grim visaged war is stalking at large in the Orient. How many of us are watching the situation of affairs in the East, and seeing in this an evidence of the soon coming Saviour?

The beginning of war between Russia and Japan, two of the strong powers of the old world, is of great interest to us from the standpoint of our foreign missionary work, as our work in these two countries will be affected more or less by the ravages of war; but far greater than this should be our interest from the standpoint of prophecy. For years we have been looking for the breaking out of that terrible conflict that will embroil all the nations of the world.

True, there is a great work yet to be done, but we have been told repeatedly that the work that we have failed to do when it should have been done will have to be done under the most adverse circumstances.

All the principal nations of the world, including China, have declared their neutrality. France, however, has openly notified the world that she is still Russia's ally, and will see that Russia's interests are protected in the east in case of her defeat. Germany sympathizes with Russia, simply because she prefers to see the white race rule in the Orient. England sympathizes with Japan, but refrains from openly rejoicing at Russia's initial defeat. The sympathy of the American people seems generally to be with the Japanese. There is considerable talk of war between England and France as a result of the present hostilities, in which case the course of Germany would be uncertain. In view of the war in the East, Turkey and Bulgaria show signs of an intention to go to war. If they should do so a general war would be probable. The world's peace prospect is far from reassuring.

For years we have been looking for the closing of this message in this generation. Are we ready to see it close? Do we believe God will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness? Is there a preparation in our lives for his coming? If we are, we will indicate it by more earnest effort for the speedy advancement of the truth than ever before. "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

HATTIE E. ALLEE.

Christ is the pattern for His disciples.

Educational.

Note From Berrien Springs.

It was my happy privilege to be present Tuesday evening, Feb. 9, when thirty new students were received into the Emmanuel Missionary College. Twenty-eight of these came from Battle Creek, and two from Owosso, Mich. The facilities for students' lodging and comfort in this institution are not yet perfected, and there are some questioning as to whether such a large addition to the school could be made comfortable. But the faculty and pioneer students were quite equal to the occasion. It was a true inspiration to learn that those who had been in the school could and did give up their rooms to the new arrivals so as to extend to them the best possible welcome and comfort. The welcome given and the beautiful spirit in which it was received made the occasion very profitable and pleasant.

About twenty of the thirty who came on that day expect to enter the canvassing work after they have spent three months in preparation for this essential feature of the Lord's work. Ten more from Battle Creek were planning to enter the same school one week later.

This interest to enter the school for the purpose of receiving a training for the Lord's work is some of the fruit of the late revival effort made in Battle Creek. Many more desire to follow the example set by those who have lately entered the school, as soon as conditions will allow it.

Dwelling conveniences are greatly needed to provide for the students which should be in the school. A most earnest effort should be made, especially by our young people in the Lake Union School District, to do this as soon as possible. Every unsold Object Lessons should be disposed of before another quarter passes away. No effort should be spared that would help to forward this very desirable end. No good can come from longer waiting. The Lord has been working to bring students to the

school, and they are pleading for room in the institution. The providence of God is speaking to us on this subject in language more forcible than tongue can tell or pen can write. Do we hear, and will we give heed to the call?

WM. COVERT.

Winning Your Scholars For Christ.

The earnest Sabbath-school worker has not failed to notice how restless and uninterested her scholars are apt to become whenever she begins talking to them on any subject relating directly to their salvation through Christ. Care should be taken to approach this subject wisely. Any plan of approach which is found to result in lack of interest or in impatience should be avoided. This may require the wise consideration of a number of questions which are most likely to stand in the way of interest.

Mistaken ideas of the Sabbath-school teacher with regard to the truths of the gospel, and misstatements growing out of these, may have much to do with the unfriendly attitude of the class, or certain members of it, toward a Christian life. But generally this attitude is due to a misinterpretation of that which is said, and may be changed by making use of new ways of presenting truth. Besides, the teacher must consider the environments of her scholars, and remember that other influences are at work which may add to her difficulties.

The hope of the Christian worker in leading her scholars to Christ lies in enabling them to see him as he is. This is a work which should engage her thought continually, and to a better knowledge of which each Sabbath-school lesson should lead. Christ came to reveal God as HE is, that we might embrace him truly; and if he is to be the at-one-ment with God to our scholars, they must know Him as He is. A true embrace of Christ, including love for his character, should follow a right knowledge of Him; but there must be a true regard for Him before there can be desire to embrace Him.

Many children feel that not to dislike Christ is equivalent to loving him; but the teacher must secure an active love for Christ on the part of her scholars, else she has not succeeded in really winning them to him.

The spiritual nature of our union and fellowship with Christ is a most troublesome problem for the child, and it is with difficulties growing out of this that the teacher has to contend. Only that which appeals to the child's outward senses—which he can see, hear and handle—appears real. "How can I embrace Christ?" "How can I show I love Him?" "How can I know that the love I give is accepted and returned?"—these are natural questions and serious ones. The child who has never been brought to know Christ as a companion is apt to be more skeptical along these lines than is the grown person. All that the teacher says of God's presence and of talking with God seems unreal, and this goes far to account for lack of interest when such subjects are mentioned. But this condition may be overcome if the teacher herself has learned to live with Christ.

Much that is true is said of prayer as the teacher's aid in leading her scholars from darkness and indecision to Christ and heaven. But prayer should mean loving communion with Christ. As thus you take your scholars to Him it does much to make the road easy and attractive for them. In this connection faith both in them and in God is most helpful, and in your anxiety for your scholars you should never forget God's love for them. Thus your prayers may ever be full of faith.

The Sabbath-school teacher ought to be as Christ is. If she has caught His spirit it will shine forth in her life. Let her love her scholars with a love born of the spirit. This will do much to charm them with Christ and prepare them to seek Him eagerly.

HATTIE E. ALLEE.

Medical.

Wasting Nerve Energy.

So many people needlessly and recklessly waste their nerve energy. They drum the chair or desk with their fingers or tap the floor with their toes. They hold their hands. They sit in a rocking chair and rock for very dear life. If they go up stairs they make the whole body do the work that was intended only for the legs. If they write or sew they get down to it with a vengeance and contract their brows and wrinkle their foreheads and grind their teeth.

If they have an unusual task to do they screw and contract and contortion every muscle of the body, making themselves tense and rigid all over, when the work perhaps required but one set of muscles, or perhaps the mind only, as the case may be.

Wasting nerve energy. Fritting it away. Dissipating it needlessly.

Little things, to be sure. But little things have a way of adding themselves up into big things. Some day when some emergency arises and they need to draw on their nerve energy they will find that the supply has been exhausted. That they are nervous bankrupts. That they have unconsciously, day by day, flittered away their nerve force, and there is no longer any reserve to draw upon.—Selected.

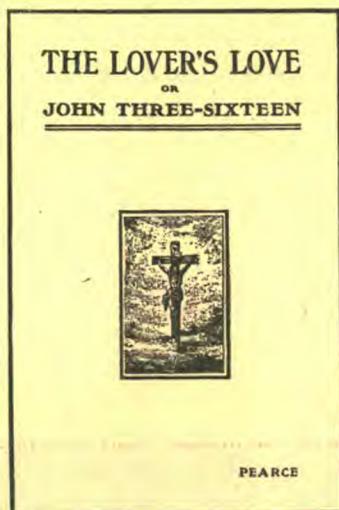
Ice For Nausea.

A physician advances the theory that the distressing sensation of nausea has its seat in the brain and not in the stomach, and that relief may be obtained by cooling the base of the brain. He claims to have tested this often and thoroughly in the case of sick headache, bilious colic, cholera morbus, and other ills in which nausea is a distressing symptom, without a single failure; also, that he once relieved the nausea resulting from cancer of the stomach by the application of ice to the back of the neck and occipital bone. The ice is to be

broken and the bits placed between the folds of a towel. Relief may be obtained by holding the head over a sink, or tub, and pouring a small stream of water on the neck.

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Publication.



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them. It ought to be in the home of every Sabbath-keeping family in the world, and a chapter read each day in the family worship. The young people will like it, and it will bind their hearts to God. It is a trade book in a neat, cloth binding. It has 176 large pages $5\frac{3}{8} \times 7\frac{5}{8}$ inches, and it is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches thick. Price 75 cents, postpaid. Order of West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

A Promise for the Future.

A most valuable series of articles entitled "Hints and Helps for Sabbath-school Teachers," will begin in the April number of the WORKER. These articles are by a veteran teacher and Sabbath-school worker, Prof. C. C. Lewis. The following list of topics will give some idea of the treat that is in store for our readers. We especially urge all schools that have not yet sent in an order for the Journal to do so at once, that they may have the benefit of this complete series:

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The teacher's calling and opportunity.

The Teacher in His Study.

The study of the lesson.

The study of the pupils.

How to adapt the lesson to the pupils.

The Teacher Before His Class.

How to secure and hold attention.

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News and Notes.

—Ordis Dow of Portland expects to enter the canvassing work soon and will handle "Great Controversy."

—The Cedar Lake Academy Board held a meeting at Cedar Lake last Monday night. We shall expect a full report next week.

—M. N. Campbell, Field Secretary, writing under date of February 28 says:—"The prospects are bright for the canvassing work."

—Dr. Paul Christman, a member of the Faculty of Emmanuel Missionary College, expects to enter upon private practice in Kansas at the close of the spring term of school in March.

—Prof. W. W. Prescott spent a few days in Battle Creek last week enroute to Omaha to attend the Central Union Conference, and Sabbath morning at 11 o'clock gave a very excellent sermon in the Tabernacle.

—Eld. A. G. Haughey and D. W. Reavis in company with Prof. W. W. Prescott, Eld. W. C. White and Prof. P. T. Magan left Battle Creek Tuesday morning to attend the Publishers convention March 2 and 3 at Omaha, Nebr.

—Elder R. C. Horton recently visited Hartford, Lawrence, Paw Paw, Decatur, Glenwood and Benton Harbor. He reports one person who took his stand for the truth at Glenwood and a good interest manifest at each of the places named.

—Irving Steinel, of the Ionia County Canvassing company, reports courage and success. "We expect to make our first delivery next week, and the second, April 11-15. We have had some splendid visits with the people, having many opportunities to present our precious truths. THE LORD IS GOOD."

—The Battle Creek Church Board has authorized a manual containing the standing rules of the board, and a directory of the work-

ers and officers in that church. Besides this the manual will have a directory of the workers of the West Michigan Conference, and the officers and statistics of the Lake Union Conference.

—A copy of the "Manuel of Organization" of the Young People's work, compiled by J. Grant Lamson, Superintendent of Education, has just reached our desk. The work is neat, concise and contains valuable information for every young person, for which we bespeak a careful reading on the part of each. HATTIE E. ALLEE.

—At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees of the West Michigan Conference Association held in Battle Creek February 4, 1904, the following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Allen G. Haughey; Vice president, Madison B. Miller; Secretary Ezra Brackett; Treasurer, Drury W. Reavis; Auditor, J. Grant Lamson.

—In another column of this issue special mention is made of the Sabbath School Worker. It is especially desired that every teacher and worker in the Sabbath Schools of West Michigan shall avail themselves of many valuable helps and hints for aggressive Sabbath School work by subscribing at once for this journal. We cannot well afford to be without it if we would make our schools all that they should be. HATTIE E. ALLEE.

—As will be noticed in last week's Herald, the Department of Education has been assigned the task of raising the Tent and Camp-meeting fund, and the balance of the fund voted last year to the Academy at Cedar Lake. Now to be perfectly frank and honest and plain, it is the ambition of the superintendent of this department to interest the young people in this work so as not to take a single minister from the field to go about the churches gathering up these funds, and taking the pledges of those who cannot give now but will

later. A first-class book has been prepared making it an easy matter to take the pledge and leave a copy with the one who makes it, or to give a receipt for cash donations to either fund. Now there are some fathers and mothers in this conference that will be pleased to see the young people try to do this work. There will be some elders of the churches that will be saying "I am glad that they are giving the young people a chance to do a definite work." Now I want to hear from every father and mother in the conference that likes this idea, and especially do I wish to hear from every church elder and clerk as to whether you like it or not. Will you not reply immediately, and if you have a young person in mind that you think will make a likely collector, one who will take a pride in doing faithful work, please send the name of such an one to me and state the address and age. May we not have an early answer to this request.

J. GRANT LAMSON,
Battle Creek, Mich.

East Michigan Conference.

The annual state meeting of the East Michigan Conference will be held at Ithaca, Mich., March 17-21. The Ithaca church has kindly extended an invitation to the Conference to hold this meeting in their city. All of the Conference laborers are requested to attend this meeting, and let all come praying that the Lord will meet with us and greatly bless the presentation of truth at this time. Special meetings for the public will be held each evening, when the vital points of faith will be presented, including the Eastern question, which occupies so large a place in the public mind at this time. Elder J. G. Lamson has been asked to present this subject. It is expected that Elder Wm. Covert, vice-president of the Lake Union Conference, will attend this meeting. We hope for a large attendance and a profitable meeting.

J. D. GOWELL, Pres.
E. K. SLADE, Sec'y.