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**Is It Worth While.**

Is it worth while, dear brother,

Worth while for you and me,

To let the light of truth shine out  
Across life's troubled sea!

Or, shall we stand here waiting;

While the breakers loudly roar,

And perishing souls about us

Go down ere they reach the shore?

Was it worth while for Jesus,

With love so great and free

To leave his home in heaven;

And die for you and me?

Oh yes, you answer quickly,

Worth while for the light to shine!

Worth while that we reflect that light,

Through our brief years of time.

—A. G. Adams, Battle Creek, Mich.

**To the Readers of the Herald.**

Over two years ago the West Michigan Conference began medical missionary work in Grand Rapids under the superintendency of Dr. Patience S. Bourdeau. This was an experiment, but through the persistent and self-sacrificing efforts of Dr. Bourdeau and her nurses and the blessing of God (without which the effort would have been in vain) the work has prospered and much good has been accomplished.

The work has developed until more room and greater facilities are needed to meet the demand of the public, and this change is being made. This means, even with the plainest furnishings, a great expense and we have thought if the people in the West Michigan Conference understood the situation they would be glad to help in this branch of the Lord's work.

We are not going to ask for money, but there are so many LITTLE things needed which cost money, and some may have a surplus of such things and be glad to donate them.

We need pillows, any size can be used, pillow cases, sheets, bleached or unbleached, large or small. We need some framed pictures to hang on the bare walls to make things more attractive to the patients. If any of our sisters have a surplus of these things and will donate them to the West Michigan Conference treatment rooms in Grand Rapids they will be greatly appreciated by those who have charge of the work. Send to Dr. P. S. Bourdeau, 475 Wealthy Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

(The above request is a very modest one and we hope that many will consider it, but do not CONSIDER too long, but ACT for they are in need of these things now.—Ed.)

**Michigan Home for Girls.**

The blessings God is showering upon His people surely ought not to be kept, for he says, "Talk ye of all His wondrous works; make known his deeds among the people." It is a pleasure to let others know of our blessings and how wonderfully God works.

Miss Maude Henry, our home school teacher, recently received a telegram that her sister in St. Louis was dying and for her to come

home at once. This sister was not a christian, and as Miss Henry could not bear to let her die without seeking to lead her to Jesus at this time of her need, we felt she must go. Kneeling in prayer we asked God to stay the disease, and if His will, to heal. The first letter I received from Miss Henry on arriving at her sister's home, announced the fact that at the very hour we were in prayer, when the doctors had said there was no hope, there was a marked change for the better, and the young woman is now well, and has fully surrendered her heart and life to her Lord, recognizing his answer to prayer and his claims on her life hereafter.

Miss Henry is teaching our girls without remuneration other than what she receives from the sale of some very beautiful pyrographic (burnt wood, leather and velvet) work. She makes picture frames, hair receivers, glove and handkerchief boxes, pillows, mats, doilies, napkin rings, and many other beautiful and practical articles. The Lord is blessing the noble and unselfish service of this consecrated laborer. We are glad to have this precious opportunity to teach christian education here and to see these dear girls drink in the precious rays of light and truth, is encouraging to us who are thus opening to them the hope of salvation. One dear girl who had allowed the enemy to get control of her mind in rebellion and disobedience, had a terrible lesson at the hands of the evil one recently. He is seeking an entrance into every heart, and will control both mind and body if he can. The physical suffering of this poor girl was terrible to witness, but we claimed the promise of the Saviour in Mark 16:17, and let "the oppressed go free." It was a glorious triumph over the powers

of darkness, and brought rejoicing to the entire household.

Being entirely without flour or potatoes recently, after earnestly laying our needs before Him who "holdeth the wealth of the world in his hands," I felt impressed to drive to a town some miles from the Home, and on the way I stopped at the home of a dear brother of like faith, and to my great joy, he handed me \$2.00, which assured us flour at the neighboring mill. Then in addition to this, our brother gave five bushels of potatoes and one bushel of apples. Our prayers were answered, and the ride home to the waiting family was a happy one, and that evening at worship there was a real praise service. Our God has promised to "supply all our needs by his riches in Christ Jesus," and he will fulfill our needs, both temporal and spiritual, for "no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." We have had ten stoves to fill this winter, at the home and city cottage both, five wood and five coal stoves, and we have kept warm all winter. One city firm donated seven tons of coke, and others donated wood and money to buy ten acres of wood which has been cut and hauled by brethren, who donated their services. Brother Hiser, Walker and Hoyt of the Grand Rapids church, have rendered valuable service. So the Lord is blessing His work in our hands, and we rejoice to be counted co-laborers with Him.

Sister N. H. Richmond spent two weeks in Greenville a month ago, and solicited \$80.00 in money, and some supplies. She is soon to make a tour of the state, visiting churches and speaking of this branch of the work. We are deeply grateful for the kindness of Brother John Banks and son of Greenville, Michigan, who donated the plastering of our hospital wing. It is now ready to be furnished, and thirty applicants for admission have been refused because the rooms were not ready. Eighteen girls have been

sheltered and cared for, and twelve of these are rejoicing in peace and the hope of salvation. We can fill the home in short order, when once it is finished. We shall then have a public dedication to God, of the Home, and do daily consecrate ourselves to His service for humanity.

MRS. W. H. MCKEE.

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### Educational.

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#### Importance of the Sabbath-school Work.

Importance, according to Webster, means weight, consequence. Is the Sabbath-school important or of any consequence? I would not say that the Sabbath-school is the all important thing, that it should take the precedence of every other branch of the work, but we all agree that it is an important work.

Shortly before Jesus' ascension he said to Peter, "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs." The Sabbath-school is composed of the sheep of his pasture, the lambs of the fold. They may be fed in the Sabbath-school by teaching them lessons from the Word of God.

We find that the Sabbath-school cannot be divorced from the home training and the church-school work. One is a supplement, the other an auxiliary. They remind us of a family of three children, each having different duties to perform, yet all working for the same purpose, namely, the support of the family. So there is an important work to be done in the Sabbath-school, church-school, and in the home. The chief aim and object of the important work to be done by each of these, is the conversation of the children. If the Sabbath-school fails to do this it fails to accomplish the object for which it exists.

The Sabbath-school should commence on time. At the first tap of the bell every officer, teacher, and scholar should be in their places ready for duty. The school should close on time. It should be made

intensely interesting from start to finish. While order and good management are essential they cannot take the place of the life-giving power which is found by a living connection with God.

We know it is easier to TELL how things should be done than it is to do them. It is easier to write out a theory than to put it into practice. But if christianity is anything at all, it is intensely practical. The Word of God sown in hearts is just as sure of results as is farming. If you plant a field to corn and care for it as you should you will harvest corn. While it is the power of God that causes the corn to grow we are to cultivate it in order to get good results. There are laws that govern the growth and development of vegetation. There are laws that govern the spiritual as well as the physical world. Our duty is to sow the seed. We shall not pass this way but once, when a day, or week, or month, or year, or a life-time has passed it can never be recalled. Eternity will reveal the results.

In view of this fact every officer and teacher, in fact, every one in the school, from the superintendent to the janitor, should be consecrated to God and to his service. The success of the school is not dependent upon the superintendent, but it takes the co-operation of the officers, teachers and scholars. By so doing the Sabbath-school will result in the salvation of souls.

GEO. M. WOODRUFF.

(Paper read at a convention held at Bauer, Mich., Feb. 25, 1905. Ed.)

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### Missionary.

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#### Progress In India.

We are soon to have baptism. One of the candidates is a lady eighty-six years of age, who has accepted the Sabbath truth through reading. Another is a lady advanced in years, who was a missionary for some years in the church of England. As she was not able to continue her work, on

account of ill health, they granted her a life pension, which is her only means of support. When it was noticed that she did not attend their services any more, the arch-deacon of her church visited her, and told her if she did not return to their church, they would be obliged to discontinue her pension. She told him that she must be true to God and to the light that had come to her. She has been keeping the Sabbath now for some months, and is coming to Calcutta for baptism.

I was much touched by a letter which Mr. Shaw received from a sister in New Zealand, containing three pounds for the education of a worker for the native people. She has children of her own, which she is desirous of educating in the Cooranbong school, yet she is willing to sacrifice first for India's needs.

MRS. J. L. SHAW.

Before leaving Raratonga, Brother G. F. Jones sent fifty copies of "Christ our Saviour" by a trading-vessel to Manikiki and other islands, and every one was sold. There are a few people on these islands who say they will not submit to the new law of the Cook Island government to give up the Sabbath for Sunday-keeping, in spite of the earnest entreaties of the missionary societies. They say, "If they change the Sabbath, they forsake the Bible." Thus the isles are waiting for His law.

What can I do for missions?—Pray that every member of the body of Christ may have the mind of Christ regarding His work in the regions beyond, and abounding in the grace of giving, may yield prompt obedience to the command of the Lord.

"Eight churches and companies to care for, five church building enterprises, besides our evangelistic work, are some of the burdens that now rest on us alone," writes one of our workers in the West Indies.

"English, French, Dutch, Spanish, Danish, East Indian, and aboriginal natives are included in the population of this field." Means invested there bear quick and abundant fruit. Mentioning their great need, this brother adds:

"We remember that we are only a little corner of the field. We think with deepest interest and longing of Europe, Asia, Africa and South America. We would not divert one cent of means from any of these needy fields; rather would we stimulate our brethren to give more. But after you have given liberally to the work in general, and to special enterprises, are there not some who could scatter a few crumbs this way?"

The devotion of our workers in their field is surely an inspiration to every Seventh day Adventist to answer their appeals, until we feel what it means to lay all at His feet in service.

"If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might, ere this, have heard the message of warning. But the work is years behind.—MRS. E. G. WHITE.

#### The Institute.

The canvassers' institute held in Allegan came to a close last evening. Having had the privilege of attending and conducting a number of such gatherings in the past, the writer is in a position to know whereof he affirms when he states that from every standpoint, except possibly that of numbers, this institute has been the best of all. There were nine persons who attended with a view to gaining a preparation for canvassing. They all bent to their work with a spirit of earnestness that was inspiring. The Lord was with us in a marked manner and in the farewell meeting last night each one testified to the benefit they had received from attending this gathering. During

the last few days of the institute we were favored with the labors of Bro. J. B. Blosser, Dr. P. S. Bourdeau, Eld. A. G. Haughey and Eld. W. D. Parkhurst. Within the next four weeks all who were at the institute will have their affairs arranged so as to be in the field. About twelve others who could not attend will also canvass this year so the prospects for this department of the work in the conference is flattering. May the Lord bless the faithful canvasser.

M. N. CAMPBELL,

Field Secretary.

April 3, 1905.

#### Battle Creek.

Elder Tenney occupied the Tabernacle desk at the morning services on Sabbath last, and preached a most practical sermon on what the Christian's behavior ought to be in view of the soon coming of the Saviour. He touched particularly on Sabbath keeping, admonishing us to set our hearts and minds on the things of God, especially in His house, and not be considering the new bonnet of that sister or the spring suit of this one, and how we must at once order such a suit for ourselves; such things should be left for another time and place, while we devote our minds to the worship of God.

Last week being vacation in the schools here, the children spent a number of days selling periodicals for the Tract Society. This helped the Society and put considerable spending money into their pockets, also.

The regular quarterly meeting was held in the Battle Creek church, Sabbath April 2, and the ordinances were celebrated in the afternoon.

The young son of Brother Griffin, who has been ill for some days past, died on Thursday evening. The funeral was conducted by Eld. I. D. VanHorn.

Prof. P. T. Magan is making Battle Creek a flying visit this week.

Dr. White is taking a short vacation at her home in Kalamazoo on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Dr. Eshleman was called out of the city over the Sabbath.

A plan is on foot in Battle Creek whereby the Districts are to take up a regular training and practice in music for the purpose of improving the congregational singing at the Tabernacle on the Sabbath, "that we may sing forth the honor of His name; make His praise glorious."

Brethren Robert Walker and Warren Bachelor were ordained at the Tabernacle on Sabbath afternoon at the beginning of the ordination meeting. Elders Tenney and H. Nicola having charge.

#### Sanitarium.

An informal social was held in the gymnasium last Wednesday evening for the Sanstarium family in honor of Miss Carolyn Hazard, president of Wellesly College. Following music by the orchestra, Miss Hazard told many interesting things about life in a great college. She described the various laboratory methods by means of which so much of their work is carried on. The grounds comprise about 300 acres, and the buildings of which there are a large number, are located on hills, each on its own hill, the elevation of which is about 100 ft. above sea level. They have three miles of board walks and these are always free from snow by 8 o'clock in the morning, so no student has an excuse for absence from chappel services. A short time was spent in social intercourse during which those present were served to pineapple, nectar and apple juice.

The students of the American

Missionary College of the Sanitarium held an extremely pleasant reunion in the East Hall parlors one evening last week. This is the only time that all four classes can be present and is always an exceptionally social occasion. Members of the faculty as well as prospective students were present.

Spring is bringing the usual increase of arrivals, one hundred thirty-three persons registering last week.

Dr. N. G. Evans has gone to Chicago for a few weeks, after which he will locate in Louisville, Kentucky.

On his return from an extended Eastern trip, Dr. P. F. Haskell made us a short visit. He departed for Keene, Texas, early last week.

#### News and Notes.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath at South Monterey.

E. A. Merriam spent Sunday in Allegan attending the canvassers' institute.

Elder C. A. Hansen is holding a series of meetings in the Kalamazoo church.

We hope the secretaries of the young people's societies will send in their quarterly reports.

If you want to know how to cure a cold purchase a copy of Doctor Heald's new book. Price 25 cents.

It will soon be time to make garden. We wonder how many are going to have a missionary garden.

We hope the brethren and sisters at Carlton Center, Odessa and Hastings will remember the meeting that is appointed for April 21-23.

We hope the Sabbath-school secretaries will send in their reports soon. We desire to have them by April 15.

Brother M. N. Campbell called at the office last Monday as he returned from the canvassers' institute.

April number of the "Life Boat" is a special Temperance number. It is full of many interesting and profitable things.

Elder A. G. Haughey and E. A. Merriam spent Thursday of last week in Kalamazoo looking after some conference interests.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Tuesday of this week at the Emmanuel Missionary College attending a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Doctor P. S. Bourdeau spent Sabbath and Sunday in Allegan attending the canvassers' institute giving some practical instruction in medical lines. She gave Otsego a call as she returned to Grand Rapids.

We have not had very many reports from our workers of late. Please remember that the readers of the Herald desire to hear from our field workers. Drop us a line so we can let the people know where you are located.

Brother Edward Collier has been holding meetings at Kinderhook. He closed the public meetings Sunday, March 26, and is conducting Bible studies in several homes. He says, "The out look is encouraging."

Brother W. E. Videto spent Tuesday of last week at his home in Otsego. He returned to Berrien Springs where he and Elder Horton are holding meetings. They are having a good interest and hope to see souls converted.