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Evangelical.

Sometime, Somewhere.

Unanswered yet? The prayer your lips have pleaded
In agony of heart these many years?
Does faith begin to fail, is hope departing,
And think you all in vain those falling tears?
Say not the Father hath not heard your prayer;
You shall have your desire, sometime, somewhere.
Unanswered yet? tho' when you first presented
This one petition at the Father's throne,
It seemed you could not wait the time of asking,
So urgent was your heart to make it known,
Tho' years have passed since then, do not despair;
The Lord will answer you, sometime, somewhere.
Unanswered yet? Nay, do not say ungranted;
Perhaps your part is not yet wholly done,
The work began when first your prayer was uttered,
And God will finish what He has begun.
If you will keep the incense burning there,
His glory you shall see, sometime, somewhere.
Unanswered yet? Faith cannot be unanswered;
Her feet are firmly planted on the Rock;
Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted.

Nor quails before the loudest thunder-shock.
She knows Omnipotence has heard her prayer,
And cries, "It shall be done," sometime, somewhere.

—F. G. BROWNING.

"Behold The Lamb of God."

The work of John the Baptist was nearing its close, but there was yet one thing to come, and that was Jesus. So we find the record in John 1:29 that John saw Jesus coming and exclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." John had labored with the assurance that Jesus would come at the appointed time, and he labored faithfully to prepare the people for Jesus.

As he prepared the people for the first advent of Jesus, so must we prepare them for the second advent. This text will become more precious to us as we study it and realize its importance. By beholding we become changed. Does not this suggest the thought that we must do as did John, "Behold the Lamb of God?" As we see Jesus in all his beauty, we will become like him and bear the fruits of the Spirit. It is not our privilege to walk and talk with Jesus in the same manner as the disciples did; yet we may have him with us and dwelling within even in this degenerate age.

The Word of God says that John was standing with two of his disciples when he again saw Jesus and as before he called, "Behold the Lamb of God." A long time had he waited, but now he had seen the Messiah, and with all the powers which God had given him he called the minds of the men of his day to the "Lamb of God."

But a short time in the future John would be called upon to give his life as testimony. He must seal his work with his life's blood:

What a joy, what a peace of mind came to John as he thought of Jesus! He had seen the Lamb of God, which enabled him to give his life. Those words, so full of meaning, have come down to us in these last days designed to give comfort when all the world has lost faith in Jesus. When driven from our homes and scattered to the four winds of heaven, then these words, laden with life, will enable us to bear our lot with patience. They will uphold us in our work as did the angels Christ in the garden. Let us see the effect of beholding the Lamb of God.

Here we find Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, had found Jesus, and the first thought was, "My brother will be glad to see the Messiah." So he, with all the enthusiasm of one who had found the pearl of great price, brought his brother to Jesus. His whole soul was filled with the thought, "I must tell my dear brother." He had beheld Jesus. How it changed the life! He found Him precious and could not keep silent.

In Luke 5:12 we find another instance of beholding Jesus. Here is a poor man sick of leprosy, and, according to the laws of the land, he was banished from loved ones, from home and all that man holds dear,—an outcast, no one to whom he might look for sympathy; and as he walked he was obliged to cry, "Unclean! Unclean! Unclean!" that the people might not come near him. One day Jesus passed his way, and the desire to be healed made him bold to see Jesus. He beheld the Lamb and was healed. The secret of his healing lay in beholding. Just think of a happy home that evening,—little children rejoicing to see papa, whom they deemed as lost! And is not this

the result of beholding Jesus? Jesus the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

We have the man sick of the palsy, another case showing the change wrought by beholding Jesus.

A certain woman had an issue of blood twelve years, and though she had spent much in seeking a cure, found no remedy. The fame of Jesus had gone abroad, but he was yet a long way off. The day came that Jesus was in her country, and she determined to see him and be healed. Her heart filled with courage; she struggled through that large crowd that surrounded Jesus; and as she neared him, she feared that the crowd might yet keep her back. "If I can but touch the hem of his garment, I shall be healed." Getting near enough, she stretched out her thin, pale hand and touched Jesus, and lo she was healed.

She had been beholding the "Lamb of God." Her faith had healed her. No doubt she heard John the Baptist and the words kept telling her to "Behold the Lamb."

Spiritual leprosy and palsy exist in the world to-day even as in our Saviour's time, and the human family has an issue of blood which is draining the life, as did the issue of this woman. There are many to-day groping their way through the crowd seeking light, and as the ambassadors of Jesus go out to give the truth, the sick (those sick of sin and this world) will recognize the truth as being of the "Lamb of God."

But there is a day coming in which there is to be a famine, not of bread, but for hearing the Word of God. In that day the world must look to the remnant people for God. They must look to the last people to "Behold the Lamb of God." "For we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him." Let us daily "Behold the Lamb of God" and have our lives hidden in the life of Christ.

J. M. IRVING.

From the Field.

BENTON HARBOR.

I began canvassing in Benton Harbor the first of May for "Desire of Ages," and the Lord has wonderfully blessed my efforts. Some of our people have expressed doubts as to the sale of this book, thinking it expensive; but the people I have canvassed do not think so. One day I received four orders among the poor class, and they said it was a purchase they would not regret, even though they had to sacrifice to get it. After I showed the book to one lady she said, "O I do want that book, for it is just what I need in my home, but I don't see how I can meet the payment." She thought a while and then said, "Well, the Lord has promised to supply all our needs. Now I believe the Lord wants me to have that book in my home, so I am going to give you my order and trust the Lord to help me to get the money to pay for it." That night when I knelt in prayer I asked the dear Father to bless that family and to prosper them so they could meet the payment. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, and the cattle on a thousand hills. Invariably I ask the Lord to bless those that subscribe for the book, and I have faith to believe that they will be ready for their books.

I have been somewhat anxious as to the result of the copies of "Controversy" I sold here last summer. I thought perhaps when they discovered they were Adventist books they would be prejudiced and would not receive me so kindly as they had before. Last week I was working in a neighborhood where I had sold several copies of "Controversy." I called at a place where I had not succeeded in placing a book, but had sold one next door. The lady recognized me at once and her face lighted up. She said, "O you are the lady with the religious books. Come right in. We have thought of you so many times since you were here, and have

talked of how much good your visit did us. I have always regretted that I did not purchase that book." Well, I had no trouble in securing her order for "Desire of Ages." Then I asked if the same lady lived next door that lived there last summer. She said, "Yes. You know you sold her a book and she is delighted with that book and has told all her neighbors about it. Whenever anyone comes in she gets her book and says, 'Now here is a book that tells me everything I want to know. It explains the Bible just right.'" I did not hesitate to call on that lady. She also recognized me and gave me a warm welcome into her house. We had a good visit, and after I showed her the book, she said without any urging, "Well, I must have that book, for I like the other one so well. They are good books and I will have no other kind in my house." She promised to use her influence among her neighbors to get it into their homes.

I must relate another experience, although I did not sell a book. I called on a lady who was formerly an earnest church worker, having a Sunday-school class and being organist. Her husband was not a Christian, and she had grown cold and given up her church work. It was very seldom that she attended services. She was very much affected while I was giving the canvass. Tears filled her eyes, and when I came to Gethsemane and the sad scenes of Calvary and the crucifixion, she broke down completely and cried. We cried together and she made new resolutions to start in the Christian life again. When I took her hand at parting, her lips quivered and her eyes again filled with tears. She said, "I am so glad you came." I tried to encourage and comfort her. The Lord came very near and we both felt his presence. Praise his name! She said later she would get the books. Now do you think my visit there was in vain? Would we dare say that the Lord

is not in the canvassing work? If he is in it, it must prosper.

I work only a few hours a day. Some days I do not go out at all, my health not being good; but I have sold altogether twelve books besides some conditional orders which I think are good. Last week I worked fourteen hours, made sixteen exhibitions, and sold six books, proceeds \$22.25. Will we dare say that "Desire of Ages" cannot be sold?

Now the Lord has said through his servant that twenty should be in the canvassing work where there is one. May the dear Lord lay the burden upon many honest hearts to take up this branch of the work, remembering that God has said that many souls will be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth in this way that could not be reached in any other way.

The other morning I started out to my work singing, "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" O I am so glad that the dear Lord has given me some humble place to work in his vineyard. At a meeting of the young people in Battle Creek just before I started for my field of labor I told them something of my work, and almost the entire audience promised to pray for me. I wish they might know how their prayers have been answered. I have felt that earnest prayers were being offered for me, and it has helped me.

May the dear Lord hasten the day when our Savior will come and the earth be made new, and when the tears will be wiped from all faces, and the inhabitants shall not say, "I am sick."

Oh, so near us gleams the morning
We can almost see the light
Of the angels downward tending,
And the conquerors clad in white:
See the Saviour robed in splendor,
Bidding sin forever cease:
See life's sunshine, warm and tender,
And the holy dawn of peace.

Oh, so near us lies the promise
When the grave shall yield its dust,—
When the King shall bring the glorious
Resurrection of the just.

Oft I ask with earnest longing,
"When shall loosen death's dark seal?
When shall dawn the glorious morning
That the future shall reveal?"

Oh, so near us lies the triumph
When the glorious King shall come:
He will open wide life's gateway,
And will call the children home.
Then the sandals will be loosened,
And the tired feet will rest.
And we'll say of all the journey,
"It was well and God knew best."

ELLA PORTER.

Dear Readers of the WEST MICHIGAN HERALD:—

The eyes of our people have been toward Washington ever since the commencement of the thirty-sixth session of the General Conference, and your most fervent prayers have been ascending continually to the throne of grace, for God's presence and blessing in the deliberations of this conference. The delegates have felt the power and influence of these earnest requests. God has heard the supplication of his people. God's presence has been with us and we trust will be with us until our work is finished here. Surely our brethren have been a unit in all their deliberations and actions. The Lord tells us in the 133rd Psalm that where his brethren are in unity there he will command his blessing. This promise the Lord has verified unto us, as all those who have attended this conference will testify.

This conference has been called a "Missionary Conference." This name surely expresses the character of this great gathering. Two basic ideas seem to have taken hold of every delegate and permeated all their counsels; i. e., to establish the work at home and abroad on a still firmer foundation and to send out as many missionaries as possible. In other words, to carry the third angel's message to all the world in this generation.

Yours in Christ,

J. W. HOFSTRA.

Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., May 25, 1905.

Notes From the General Conference on "The Message In Print."

The publishing work of this denomination is not a department, as is the medical or Sabbath-school work; it is the message itself in print.

By means of our publications, every Seventy-day Adventist may assist in carrying the third angel's message to the world in this generation. What an army of workers we would have if every Sabbath-keeper were enlisted in pushing our publications! Everyone can do SOMETHING. Some can do a great work, but ALL can do a little.

A State secretary in a certain western State sent to twenty churches in his conference for statistics as to how the members came into the truth. Five hundred seventy persons responded, and the following items from the report will be of interest to our readers:

Through tent-meetings and sermons,	164
Through reading our publications,	169
Through camp-meetings,	11
Through Bible work and house-to-house work,	87
Through reading Bible only,	26
Through personal work of lay members,	12
Brought up in the truth,	101

It will be seen from these statistics that the publishing work proved to be the most effective means of all in reaching the people. Surely a work that brings such results ought to be pushed with energy by all.

M. N. CAMPBELL,
Field Secretary.

Chautauqua Health Lectures at Battle Creek.

On Sunday evening, May 21, Dr. J. F. Morse gave at the Tabernacle a lecture on "Modern Methods of Combating Tuberculosis." This was the concluding lecture of a course of six that have been given on Sunday evenings at the Tabernacle. The other lectures were

upon the following subjects, and were given by the parties named: "Modern Food Adulterations." "Nature Remedies vs. Patent Medicines," "How to Live Twice as Long and Twice as Well," by Dr. A. J. Read; "The Simple Life," by Dr. J. H. Kellogg; "Modern Foes of Human Life," by Dr. Morse.

All the lectures have been beautifully and emphatically illustrated by appropriate stereopticon views. Several chemical experiments have also been introduced to illustrate and explain the points made in the lectures. The lectures have been the ablest efforts of these philanthropic gentlemen, and have been given freely by them with no thought of compensation excepting the good they might accomplish. The course has been given under the auspices of the Battle Creek Tract Society. The attendance has been large and enthusiastic, comprising many not of our faith. The good that will result will be far beyond computation.

At the concluding lecture the following resolutions were unanimously adopted by a standing vote of the congregation:—

"Resolved, That as a congregation we hereby express our hearty appreciation of the valuable and timely instruction placed before us in the series of lectures which is now being brought to a close; and that we feel that we are placed under deep obligation by the efforts of Drs. J. H. Kellogg, A. J. Read and J. F. Morse, who have so generously given of their valuable time in the presentation of these lectures. Our thanks are also due to those who have furnished and so ably manipulated the beautiful illustrations.

"Resolved, That we will endeavor to profit by the things we have heard, and do all we can to live in accordance with correct principles, and to lead others to do the same, so that we may thus glorify God in our bodies and spirits which are his."

News and Notes.

Miss Mildred Wilson of Bauer has been the teacher during the past year.

"The more we know of God, the more intense will be our happiness."

The church-school at Maple Grove is to have its closing exercises Thursday afternoon, June 1.

Brother Brackett reports that his wife and son, who have been very seriously ill, are rapidly improving.

"How seldom man realizes to what heights he could obtain if he would allow God to direct his every step."

"When we are willing to count all things but loss that we may win Christ, our eyes will be opened to see things as they really are."

Elder Brink closed his meetings which have been held at King's schoolhouse for some time, Sunday evening, May 21. There was a good attendance at the last meeting, but only one has accepted the truth thus far.

Elder Hansen began his tent meetings at Kalamazoo Friday evening instead of Monday evening as reported last week. The weather was a little chilly, but there was a good attendance. W. E. Videto was with the company and spoke on education Sabbath; also Brother Brackett, the district director, was present and gave a short talk on church unity.

The Academy at Cedar Lake closed Wednesday, May 24. The closing exercises were held Saturday evening, May 20. Doctor P. S. Bourdeau was present and gave a very interesting talk on "Mental Development." Miss Inez Morey of Edmore rendered several instrumental solos. Altogether the program lasted two and one-half hours, and seemed to be appreciated by all who were present.

We are very sorry that through the fault of the mail the Sanitarium items for last week arrived too late for publication.

A copy of the June number of "Life and Health" has just reached us. We find this paper contains some very excellent articles, among which are, "The Growth of the Sanitarium Idea," "Healthful Dress for Children," "Summer Suggestions," "Consumption Cured by Roughing It," "What the Chinese Eat, and How They Prepare It." It also contains many interesting reports from our medical missionaries in foreign countries. If you are not already a subscriber, do not delay to send your subscription to "Life and Health," 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C. Price, fifty cents per year. Write for special terms to agents, and try to interest your neighbors in this valuable little paper.

Sanitarium.

The band gave a short concert in the gymnasium Saturday evening.

Doctors Kellogg and Read have returned from their trip through the East.

Frances Smith and Edna Langley, who formerly nursed here, visited with friends at the Sanitarium last week.

A commodious four-horse coach has been provided for the patients' use, and makes hourly trips on pleasant days. This encourages many to get out-of-doors and secure the benefit of fresh air and sunshine.

Brother Tom Mackey and wife of Chicago are with us again and are rendering very efficient help in the various religious services. Brother Mackey addressed a large audience Sabbath forenoon in the gymnasium. We hope to have them with us for some time, and believe our large family may get much good from their sojourn here.