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LIVE IN THE SUNSHINE.

Live in the sunshine; don't live in the gloom;
Carry some gladness the world to illumine.
Live in the brightness, and take this to heart—
The world will be gayer if you'll do your part.
Live on the housetop, not down in the cell;
Open-air Christians live nobly and well.
Live where the joys are, and, scorning defeat.
Have a good-morrow for all whom you meet.
Live as a victor, and triumphing go
Through this queer world, beating down every foe.
Live in the sunshine—God meant it for you!
Live as the robins, and sing the day through.

—MARGARET E. SANGSTER

Reduced Rates to the Camp-Meeting.

I am authorized by the Chairman of the Michigan Passenger Association to announce that reduced-rate round-trip tickets will be sold at one and one third fare to Allegan from all points in the West Michigan Conference August 14, 16 and 17, limited to return to and including August 29, 1905.

MUSIC AT THE CAMP-MEETING.

We hope to be able to furnish good music at the Allegan camp-meeting. Elder C. A. Hansen will be chairman of the committee on music, with Drury Reavis as assistant.

HELP FOR CAMP-MEETING.

We have the promise of Elders I. H. Evans, Allen Moon, W. D.

Curtis and William Covert. Elder C. P. Bollman will be present in the interest of the Southern Missionary Society. Elder F. C. Gilbert will be present and give a stereoptican lecture. Either Doctor Reid or Doctor Morse will be present and give a stereoptican lecture.

We may have Elder E. W. Farnsworth and wife with us a short time. Nothing preventing, all the laborers of the West Michigan Conference will be present. Come prepared to remain all through the meeting.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Importance of Attending Camp-Meeting.

The West Michigan Camp-meeting for 1905, will be held at Allegan, August 17-28. This will be a meeting of no ordinary interest, and none of our people should fail to attend. These annual gatherings for seeking God are becoming more important as we approach the final crisis in this world's history. All who have a proper sense of the dangerous times upon which we have fallen, and of the still more trying experiences which await all who make a serious effort to be loyal to God, will perceive the necessity of allowing nothing to prevent them coming to these yearly convocations.

The dangers which beset God's people are many; but we wish to mention only one in this short article. Speaking of the times just preceding his coming, Jesus says to his people: "Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and CARES OF THIS LIFE, and so that day come upon you unawares." Luke 21:34. Few of our people will give up their faith in the message because of a

conviction that it is not founded upon the word of God. But it will require earnest effort to resist the ever surging tide of worldliness which we are forced to encounter. Never, perhaps, in the history of the world did that tide bear so incessantly, and with such well-nigh irresistible force. It has fastened its grappling hooks upon people everywhere, in every walk and station. Satan has clothed Mammon in its most attractive robes, and is offering it to those who will fall down and worship him; and men are vying with one another in their effort to secure the prize. Thousands are literally bartering all they have,—health, strength, reputation, character, hope for eternity,—for the almighty dollar. The man or woman who does not join in this mad pursuit is considered abnormal.

It is impossible for God's people to escape this influence; the very atmosphere is charged with it. They would have to get out of the world to avoid it. They may, however, resist it, but only by the grace of God. It is for the purpose of providing spiritual strength with which his people may meet the temptation of Satan on this point that God has given to them the plan of meeting for his worship in annual camp meeting. Laying aside the cares of life for a week or ten days, and joining with our brethren in seeking God, often greatly modifies our estimate of the relative importance of the things of time and eternity. No man can be a Mammon worshiper whose vision is cleared by the Holy Spirit. Satan's masterly attempt to make the world appear attractive to Christ was made just after Jesus had been given a special endowment of the Spirit of God. We read that at his baptism the

Spirit descended in a bodily form upon him, and soon afterwards led him into the wilderness to endure the great temptations. With such a view of the unseen world as that Spirit had given him, Jesus was able to resist the offer of Satan concerning the world in its present state of rebellion against God.

Brethren and sisters, let us arrange our affairs at home so as to leave them for a few days and spend the time in seeking God. Jesus is soon coming, and then these things that seem so important to us now will be swept away. But joy and peace unspeakable and everlasting will be the heritage of those who have kept themselves unspotted from the world.

S. M. BUTLER.

A Bible Scholar in the Kitchen.

I know of one dear woman who had only a common school education, "and a very common one at that," she used in her humility to say, who yet became so choice a Bible scholar, that in her church and Sabbath-school it grew to be the habit with the people to defer to her opinion, and those who had had abundant opportunity for study learned to mark their own opinion with an interrogation when it differed from hers. To one who questioned her as to how it was possible in her narrowed and wonderfully busy life to give the amount of study and thought that she evidently did to Bible themes, she made answer:—

"Why, you see, I have a great deal of time to myself. After the children are started to school I am alone all day. And I know that at six o'clock there will be eleven hungry people who will look to me for a good dinner; so, of course, I have to spend a good deal of my time in the kitchen. Years ago I foresaw that the larger portion of my waking hours would have to be spent there, and I felt lonely and wanted a companion. So I covered my Bible with slate-colored cambric and took it to the kitchen

with me. After a while my husband put up a shelf on purpose for it, and made a little wire arrangement to hold it open, and we have had real good times together, my Bible and I.

"I can peep at a verse here and there and keep thinking it over as I go about my work, and think of all the other verses one knows that fit it, if we just give them time to find their places! Ironing days were very nice; it was long, slow work, you see, that didn't take much thought, because I knew exactly how to do it, and I could give my mind to some subject that needed studying, and every once in a while find a verse that made it plainer. Then in the evening, when I had a quiet half-hour to myself, I'd look up things that I hadn't had time for during the day, and find out what others thought about the same verse. That would be sure to start me on some new verses, and maybe we would go on for weeks, my Bible and I, studying that one subject."—Selected.

Educational.

Sabbath School Worker.

The August number of the Sabbath School Worker is an excellent one, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer being again connected with the Worker editorially, will be a guarantee of future excellence and practical worth in the Sabbath School work.

The August number contains announcement of the reorganization of the Sabbath School Department Committee, a thoughtful article on "The Teacher's Duty to her Class," Helpful Suggestions in Reviewing the Children, and other helpful articles. Under the heading, "Practical Experiences" are given two ways of overcoming a very real difficulty which kindergarten teachers often meet. The missionary exercise is interesting and instructive, the principal article having been contributed by Elder J. L. Shaw one of our missionaries to India. The blackboard illustra-

tions suggested for primary lessons are simple and may easily be reproduced, while the picture "Raising of Jairus' Daughter" may be used by the teachers in the class.

The Worker is worth more than the price asked—25¢ in clubs of two or more copies, and 35¢ in single subscriptions.

Relation of Church School Work to the Sabbath-School.

(Concluded.)

Parents can do much to increase the interest of their children in their studies, especially the Sabbath-school, by taking a little time each day, sitting down by the children in the home, or out in the open school-room of nature, as did mothers and fathers of ancient Israel, and searching with them for the hidden, but most precious gems of truth, and entering these into their every days lives. I quote: "And even greater care should be taken by the parents to see that their children have their Scripture lessons than is taken to see that their day-school lessons are prepared."

The Sabbath-school and the church-school together, cannot accomplish their aim without the cooperation of the parent. The united efforts of all those who have so much to do with the training of the child cannot help but prepare him to be an ambassador for the Heavenly King, and for an abundant entrance into the higher course of the School Hereafter. Is it not a grand opportunity for all—Sabbath-school teacher, church-school teacher and parent? "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

Sometimes we have a child in our school or home with whom we are almost discouraged: but when it is that our living faith may grasp and claim the many promises of help and strength and deliverance; then it is that we may earnestly and untiringly seek God for

salvation of that child, remembering that the whole heavenly host is more interested in the uncontrollable child than in any other; then it is by pleading and praying with this child that we may show it the way to go, and direct its mind to the One who is always ready and anxious to lift it up when it fails.

Again: one indispensable aid to discipline, and development of character which we wish to see in the children and youth, is to help them to do some practical missionary work. And the best way to help them is to work with them. The parent, Sabbath-school teacher and church-school teacher may council together and plan various lines of work which they and the children can do. A few of these may be mentioned—conducting a song and prayer service, in which the third angel's message may be studied, with some sick person or interested outsider, perhaps the nearest neighbor; working with our periodicals, the Signs, Life Boat, Bible Training School, or Watchman, and so on; scattering tracts, containing truth and joy for many a now sad and discouraged one, "like the leaves of autumn;" administering physical help, as well as spiritual, to the sick, giving simple treatments, preparing some dainty dish, cleaning up the house, washing and scrubbing, if necessary; and last but not least, ever letting beams of sunshine radiate from our lives in the Sabbath-school, in the church-school, in the home, by the many little kindnesses which opportunity affords us the privilege of doing.

Thus we see by never criticising or tearing down, but always endeavoring to hold together and lift up, the Sabbath-school, and the church-school, and the home can be one grand blending of the whole chain of the child's education, preparing him for the school above. I quote: "He who co-operates with the divine purpose in imparting to the youth a knowledge of God, and moulding the character into

harmony with His, does a high and noble work. As he awakens a desire to reach God's ideal, he presents an education that is as high as heaven and as broad as the universe; an education that can not be completed in this life, but that will be continued in the life to come; an education that secures to the successful student his PASSPORT from the preparatory school of earth to the higher grade, the school above."

Does it not give us inexpressible joy when we think of it, that through our united efforts, we can meet the great Teacher on that Gathering Day, presenting our children with the words, "Thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word;" and receive the welcome, "Enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

MISS MAUD G. HENRY.

From the Field.

SHELBY, MUSKEGÓN, AND ROTHBURY.

I spent Sabbath and Sunday, July 15 and 16, with the brethren and sisters at Shelby. They have a very interesting Sabbath-school. I was pleased to see the interest that was manifested by the children and youth, both in the Sabbath-school and young people's society. I would like to see them have the privilege of attending a church school.

July 19 and 20 I spent in Muskegon. I met with the "little flock" both evenings as I could not be with them on the Sabbath. Sisters Anna Kemstra, Edith and Edna Wilbur are doing faithful work. I was glad to find them pleasantly located and of good courage.

Sabbath and Sunday, July 22 and 23, I spent at Rothbury. I found a lively Sabbath-school. They hold their Sabbath-school in the town hall, but they hope to be able to hold it in their own church in the near future. They have the foundation laid for a church, and if they all take as great an interest in it as some of the children,

we see no reason why it should not be completed soon and free from debt. One of the little boys said he was saving his money to help build the church. We can learn many lessons from the "little lambs" of the flock.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

Medicial.

Two Brains.

Every person has, in reality, two brains. A right hemisphere and a left hemisphere. Each hemisphere is complete, containing within itself every force of mind.

The only difference is that one hemisphere is habitually used. As most people use the right hand in preference to the left, so most people use the left cerebrum in preference to the right. The left cerebrum is the one in constant use. It is in the left cerebrum that self-consciousness resides because of its constant use.

The right cerebrum, however, is capable of registering everything that happens, the same as the left cerebrum. It is in the right cerebrum where so-called subconsciousness resides.

A person may be giving attention to some self-conscious act with the left cerebrum and at the same time listening to what is going on about him with the right cerebrum. After the self-conscious act under the control of the left cerebrum has been completed attention can be turned to those things that have been registered in the right cerebrum during the self-conscious act. In order, however, to recover impressions made in the subconscious cerebrum the effort to recall must be made very soon after they are registered, else they will fade away beyond ordinary effort to restore them.

In times of great excitement or febrile disturbances long forgotten impressions made on the subconscious cerebrum may be restored to memory in such a surprising manner as almost to suggest the miraculous.

—Selected.

Mission Notes.

Eight persons were baptized recently in Speightstown, Barbados, and it was expected that others would follow soon.

An addition of fifty to the membership in the East Prusian Conference, and seventy in the West German Conference, during the past quarter, is reported. In most of the other fields of Europe there had been baptisms.

A recent letter from Pastor Cady, Society Islands, tells of the baptism of a Scandinavian brother in Raiatea. This man attended our first meeting in that island about fourteen years ago. Last June his two children were baptized at the time of our Eastern Polynesian conference. The seed of truth sown sometimes does not bear fruit till after many days.

In Fiji we expect that within a short time a school for native youth will be started, where a score or more will quickly receive a training for work among the savage races in Melanesia, New Guinea, New Britain, Soloman Islands, etc. A council will shortly be held in Fiji to decide the matter of the location of the school, and the general policy to be followed.

When a soldier falls in the front ranks of the battle, there should be a score of willing soldiers ready to press forward and fill up the gap. We anxiously look for the appearing of our Lord; but will he come until China's four hundred and twenty millions have heard the gospel? We must have more workers in China, and we must have them soon, so they can be learning the people and the language.—A. C. Selmon.

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so com-

prehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power. Work, O work! keeping eternity in view. A great work is to be done. Let the prayer go forth from unfeigned lips, 'God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.'"

News and Notes.

Do not fail to read all the "Herald" says about camp-meeting.

Sabbath, August 12, is the day for missionary services in our churches.

Bring your "Hymns and Tunes" and "Christ in Song" to camp-meeting.

Elders G. B. Thompson and A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath with the Grand Rapids church.

Bring your children to camp-meeting and let them have a share in the "feast of good things."

Mrs. A. E. Pearce of Bay City, Mich., is spending a few days in Otsego with her sisters, Misses Jennie and Nellie Nelson,

Bring your "Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterly" to camp-meeting. If you do not have one, call at the book tent. It will cost you five cents.

The quarterly meeting for the Kalamazoo, Otsego, Allegan, and South Monterey churches will be held at the last named place Sabbath, August 5.

We just received a neat little "Souvenir Book" of the "Michigan Home for Girls." It contains some views of the Home and a short history of its foundation.

Brother E. A. Merriam spent Sabbath and Sunday, July 22 and 23 at the West Olive church, and July 29 and 30 with the church at

Vermontville. He reports an interesting time at both places.

One of our readers sent in some subscriptions for the "Herald" and we quote the following from his letter: "I enjoy the Herald and I hope the time will soon come when every family in the West Michigan Conference will take it."

The Young People's Society of Seventh-day Adventists of Grand Rapids will hold a convention on August 12, 1905. A cordial invitation is extended to the societies in the West Michigan Conference to attend this convention and help to plan for a more thorough work for the Master.

PROGRAM.

- FORENOON SESSION 11:00 A. M. TO 1:00 P. M.**
 Voluntary..... Mrs. W. H. McKee
 Song..... Congregation
 Prayer
 Address—Object of the Convention.....
 Mrs. Edith Bruce, president.
 Male Quartette
 Object of Young People's Society.....
 Mrs. Lemons-Martin.
 Discussed by..... } Elder W. D. Parkhurst
 } Dr. P. S. Bourdeau.
 Solo..... Miss Ruth Peele
 Paper—Practicability of the Organization of
 Seventh-day Adventist Young People's
 Societies..... Mrs. W. W. Goss.
 Discussed by..... } Miss Jessie Counselman
 } Elder W. E. Videto.
 Duet
 Exercise by the children
 Paper—Duties of Officers and Members...
 Miss Nina Parkhurst.
 Discussed by..... } Adrian Benjamin
 } Myron Butterfield
 Song..... Congregation
AFTERNOON SESSION 3:00 P. M. TO 5:00 P. M.
 Song..... Congregation
 Prayer
 Ladies Quartette
 Paper—The Need of more thorough Organiza-
 tion..... Fred Hutchinson
 Discussed by..... } Miss Margaret Haughey
 } Professor H. N. Cisco
 Solo..... Mr. M. Counselman
 Paper—Education..... Miss Maud G. Henry
 Discussed by ... } Mrs. Florence Hutchinson
 } Elder S. M. Butler
 Quartette
 Paper—Weekly Programs.....
 Miss Clara Crowthers
 General Discussion
 Song by children and collection
 Song Congregation
 Benediction.