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"What we need is knowledge that will strengthen mind and soul, that will make us better men and women."

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THE NOBILITY OF CHARACTER IN MAN.

It should be the purpose of every man and woman to have a high aim in life. The religion of Christ is not intended to repress ambition or crush out the will; on the contrary it places the will and the ambition of man in the right channel and enables one to achieve and gain heights that the world can never reach. The purpose of God in our creation is more than that we should eat, drink, and sleep and thus pass quietly through and out of life. No! His purpose for us is that we shall become a blessing to ourselves, to our fellow-men, and an honor to our Creator.

Through His grace we should daily aspire to attain that which is pure, noble, and true. One of the saddest objects in this world is that of a man or woman, on the verge of the grave, who can only look back over a life of wasted years.

We believe that it is the privilege of every individual to live a life of usefulness, filled with golden deeds for God and humanity. In order to reach this high ideal in life we should be willing to take a humble place, put a modest estimate upon ourselves, and daily seek every means of improvement within our reach.

In order to attain the greatest height of usefulness in the cause of God a Christian education is indispensable. For these reasons an intermediate school is now being established in our conference.

We trust that this school, under the prospering hand of God, will be a help to our people in becoming efficient workers in the cause of present truth, and that it will be an aid to each one in the formation of a noble character.

Let us all pray for the success of the school and encourage our young people to attend.

M. C. Guild.

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"Intermediate schools are highly essential. Therefore we must establish schools that will be as the schools of the prophets."

The preceding is taken from the Testimonies and the truthfulness of the statement has been proved in our own conference. For a long time, we, as a conference, have felt the need of an intermediate school within our borders. This was talked about and planned for as long ago as when Elder Irwin was educational secretary. The old letter files show this. We have always been glad to see our young men and women get a Christian education, but it has been with regret that we have seen them go away and not return to us again. It has been a continual drain upon our conference leaving us a needy field because of a lack of workers.

Action of the Committee.

From henceforth this will be changed. The school committee met last Friday to take active measures in establishing and vigorously pushing the intermediate

school so that it will begin the first Monday in October.

Aim of the School.

The aim of the school will be to train workers for the great mission fields. An effort will be made to create in each student a feeling of responsibility and a noble purpose, such as should characterize every true Christian. Bible rules are to be the guide of the daily life.

Discipline.

The families where the students room will be held responsible, to a large extent for the discipline and conduct of the students outside of the schoolroom. But besides this there will be a committee who will be expected to look after the moral and spiritual good of each individual student.

Detail of Plans.

The tuition will be twenty dollars for six months. This can be paid in full at the beginning of the term or at the beginning of each month.

The board will be on the European plan and will cost from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per week. Rooms can be had with Sabbath keepers at seventy-five cents per week. This will make the board and tuition from eight to nine dollars per month, as little cost as could be expected for good work.

The text-books will be largely those recommended in the Church-school Manual but each student had better bring whatever books he has for they can be used as reference books.

Besides this, bring as much bedding as you will need, looking-glass, toilet articles, and carpet or rugs if you desire them.

I am sure that all will see the importance of this school among us and we most earnestly ask for your co-operation and support. Especially do we ask your prayers that this school fulfil the purpose for which it was established and send forth laborers, not a few, but many, into the great harvest field.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST.

Books and stationery will be kept on sale by the Tract Society.

The Petoskey Church has started a library and the students will be allowed the use of the same.

The Petoskey young people have an enthusiastic Missionary Volunteer Society and hold meetings every Sabbath afternoon. Different members are called upon to lead these meetings so they get a practical experience in this line of work.

The students who are coming to the Intermediate School will doubtless be glad to learn something concerning the schoolroom. School will be held in the rooms now occupied by the conference officers. The rooms are light and warm and will make very comfortable quarters for the students this winter.

God has greatly blest North Michigan in its short history of six years. The success of the work in the past has been largely due to the loyalty of the brethren and sisters in upholding those at the head of the work with their hearty support. Now we call to the young people of North Michigan to show their loyalty to the home field by attending our conference school and in helping make it a success.

E. A. Bristol.