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"Watchman, What of the Night."

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Camp-Meeting.

Arrangements have been made with the Michigan Passenger Association for the procuring of reduced rate tickets from all points within the West Michigan Conference to Allegan on the following dates:

Namely,—Monday, August 15, Thursday, August 18; Thursday, August 25. These tickets will be good to return any time up to, and including August 30, 1904. The rate will be one and one-third fare for the round trip. On no other dates can these tickets be purchased. The going trip must be made on the day that they are purchased.

In order that those desiring tents might not be disappointed the Conference agrees to hold first-class tents in the best locations for all who order the same, paying for them in advance. This is done for the express purpose of relieving the Conference of the responsibility of furnishing tents to those who do not place their order. It is not possible for us to know how many tents will be needed unless those desiring tents will send in their order. We only agree to hold in reserve tents for those who pay in advance, but ask all who want tents to let us know not later than August 15. The rate of tent rent is \$3.00. A. G. HAUGHEY.

"This Order of Things Must Be Changed."

The above words occur in a testimony bearing on the distribution of our literature. This communication states that Satan has formu-

lated a plan to ruin our book work by placing all kinds of inducements before our canvassers to lead them into some other employment. Satan realizes that our literature constitutes one of the mightiest weapons in the hands of the Third Angel for sweeping away error and diffusing gospel light, hence his determined effort to draw the canvassers away from their work.

The Lord calls for a change in this order of things. He calls for men and women who are as true to duty as the needle is to the pole—men who will not be blown off their feet by every kind of difficulty that passes their way.

I was profoundly impressed by a letter received this week from a young man in an adjoining state, who is canvassing under very trying circumstances. He had been offered an official position in Conference work, providing he would drop his canvassing where he was. He refused the offer and in explaining his refusal used the following words:

"To work for official position is something I will never do. I believe in improving myself all I can so I may do more for the cause, but if I knew it would put me in office to stoop over and pick up a pin, I would not do it. When the Lord calls me to do something, then I can claim His support and press the work with all my might, but of myself I am very weak and if I were to seek for office, I could not claim His support."

This young man felt that duty called him to stand by the canvassing work and nothing could swerve him. That is the kind of people the Lord will use in bringing this message to a speedy triumph.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Progress of the Work at the Life Boat Mission, Chicago.

We thought our people in the

Lake Union Conference, who have the past few years so generously assisted the work of the Life Boat Mission, would be glad to know of some of the recent moves in the work.

When I returned from California to Chicago, after an absence of three years, I was much pleased to discern substantial progress in almost every feature of the Life Boat Mission work, notably that a very much larger number of the converts were being brought into the whole truth, had been baptized, and were conscientiously keeping the Sabbath. It was a great encouragement to me. I saw that the work was growing and developing.

So, after counselling with other brethren, we decided to organize a company of Sabbath-keepers at the Mission. This was done Sabbath, July 9, and consisted of twenty-two members. The writer was chosen as leader of the company, with brethren Van Dorn and Widgery as assistants. Bro. D. K. Abrams was selected to be secretary and treasurer.

Sabbath services and Sabbath school are regularly held, and a baptistry has been built in the Mission. The Sabbath after the company was organized, it was my privilege to baptize four candidates three of them sisters.

It is our plan to have Sabbath-keeping converts who are baptized hold their membership in our regular churches in Chicago, and accordingly we have arranged with the church elders so that they will examine the candidates with us before baptism.

Monday evening, July 18, I began a series of Bible studies, to continue five nights in the week, at the Mission, taking up government of God, and the law of God, the change of the law, the prophecies,

and other doctrinal features of our message. The regular Mission service begins at 7-45, and these studies begin each evening at 6-45, and continue up until the time of the opening of the regular evangelistic meeting.

At present we are having studies with a number of interesting cases. The Life Boat Mission not only reaches those who are in the bondage of vice and intemperance, but is more and more attracting the attention of all classes, and one cannot help being impressed with the fact that at a Mission meeting there are representatives of all classes of society.

We hope our brethren and sisters will pray for us, and we most cordially invite you, whenever you are in Chicago, to visit the Life Boat Mission. W. S. SADLER.

To the Patrons of Emmanuel Missionary College.

I wish to state that at the close of the summer school, August 16, I shall retire from the presidency of Emmanuel Missionary College, and Prof. H. A. Washburn, formerly of Bethel Industrial Academy, of Bethel Wis., will on that date assume the responsibility of this position.

I have been asked by the Lake Union Conference to spend the time until October 1, visiting the camp-meetings in company with Prof. Washburn in the interest of this institution. After that I shall devote my time to the development of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal School. Information concerning Emmanuel Missionary College should hereafter be obtained from Prof. Washburn. Kindly address all communications to H. A. Washburn, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Sincerely,
E. A. SUTHERLAND.

Organization of Church Schools.

NO. IV.

THE CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR.

It is the duty of the chairman of the board to preside at all meetings of the board, and also at all

meetings of the constituency of the school unless it is a true church school, in which case the church as a whole is the constituency and the elder should preside. It would be perfectly proper, however, for the elder to call the chairman of the school board to the chair during the discussion of the church school business.

The chairman as well as secretary has a perfect right to examine the books of the treasurer, the receipts, vouchers, etc. In fact, it is a part of the chairman's duties to make himself acquainted with the exact financial situation of the school. How otherwise can he well decide important matters concerning the school?

If the chairman is a suitable person—one who can devote the time and energy, and sensibly do what needs to be done—he should be designated by vote of the board as the director of the school.

THE DIRECTOR.

This is that officer of the board who is to perform the work voted by the board, buy the supplies under vote of the board, etc., in fact, he is to be the "hand" that executes the wishes of the "mind" as expressed by vote of the board. Generally speaking a director should make no purchases unless voted by the board and yet sometimes it may be best. Here, however, is a good rule to go by. "Let no officer buy anything for the school except on vote of the board unless he is willing to pay for the article purchased out of his own money if the majority of the members of the board oppose the purchase." The director of all persons, should be the most frequent caller at the school. His influence should be felt (not imagined) on the side of law and order, and the teacher should be made to know that there is one who stands ready to help whenever aid is needed. Rarely, if ever, should an officer of the school take the reins of government from the teacher's hands. Rather let the director be a court of resort in case of serious difficulty.

But the pupils ought not to be compelled to wait till some flagrant case of discipline comes up, before knowing the attitude of the school board. It is not at all difficult for "news" to travel in a church, and in some schools where parents know that children are a little hard to manage it may save much trouble if "it gets out around" that the school will be "backed" by the authority of the church school board. It would aid matters in some places materially if all patrons of the school would speak to their children in language similar to what I heard my revered father speak some twenty-five or thirty years ago. "Justus, if I hear of your getting a whipping for bad conduct in school, you will get another when you get home."

I might add that my whippings at school were few and far between, but when they did come, I was very particular to keep the knowledge of it off the family bulletin board till some period of time quite remote from the date of the unfortunate experience.

But more as to discipline in some future article. What I wish to enforce is the thought that the board should be a power for right, and not a mere non-entity.

In my next number I shall speak of the supplies and equipment.

J. G. LAMSON.

West Michigan Church Schools to Date.

It may be of interest to the people of the conference to know of some definite assignments of teachers for work next year. The most of these cases are those in which the church school board have rehired the former teachers, and so the matter has not transpired through the superintendent's office. I am glad indeed that so many of our teachers pleased their patrons so well that in many instances a change of teachers and a change of management will not be necessary.

Miss Pearl Hallock, Miss Frances Case, Mrs. Ella Sanders, and Miss Flora Williams have been rehired

for the Battle Creek church school. Miss Edna Bellows has been re-engaged at Haskell Home, Miss Florence Kelsey re-engaged at Grand Rapids, Gilbert Iles re-engaged at Wright, Miss Winifred Trunk re-engaged at Grand Ledge, Miss Jennie Judson re-engaged at Lake Odessa, and Miss VoWyla Aiken has been engaged for Bauer. In several schools beside these the former teacher has been invited to remain, but for one reason or another has not yet consented, or the board has not met for decided action, and still other schools have made no provision as yet for the next term. As rapidly as assignments are made, the assignments will be made known through the "Herald."

The West Michigan Educational Department is certainly doing its share of the general work of the conference in supplying laborers for other places. Miss Edyth Ayers, formerly assistant primary at Battle Creek is now in Washington, D. C., where she will remain for a time and later go to India as a teacher. Miss Mary Lamson, formerly church school teacher at Charlotte, Battle Creek, and still later at Cedar Lake in the Academy, goes in August to Boulder, Colorado, to become principal of their church school. Miss Mae Sanborn is in New England and expects to work next year in the East Michigan Conference. Miss Addie Vollmer of Glenwood and Miss Rosella Snyder of the Haskell Home, Battle Creek, have offered themselves for work in the Southern field and will no doubt be located definitely very soon. Miss Laura Foster, last year principal of the Haskell Home school, has been elected Educational Superintendent of the Northern Illinois Conference. We are not feeling very sorry about any of these changes. None of these teachers who leave the conference are going because there is no work for them in the conference or because we do not want them any

longer. They are all welcome to stay, but we rejoice to let them go because we know that they will enter upon larger or more needy fields. May the Lord be and abide with them. J. G. LAMSON.

GRAND LEDGE.

Monday, July 11, I had a very enjoyable meeting with some of the friends at Grand Ledge. The church school question was the topic for consideration. Miss Winifred Trunk, who had been teaching at Carlton Center, had just completed a short spring term at Grand Ledge, and so well pleased were the patrons of the school that Miss Trunk has been engaged for next year. Grand Ledge thus takes its place again with her sister churches in caring for the children within her borders.

MORLEY.

Sabbath forenoon, July 23, I had the privilege of speaking to the company at Morley. Brother Lucius Kellogg was present and assisted in the exercises. Hearts were touched as the Word was spoken, and it was a pleasant experience to all present.

HOWARD CITY.

Through the kindness of Brother Charles Waters, I was driven to Howard City and arrived in time to take part in the meeting held in this church in the afternoon. The subject of the church schools was discussed, and much interest was manifested in the church school work. Miss Edith Terwilliger taught here last year and the patrons of the school all speak well of her work. The brethren were not prepared to plan definitely for next year's work, but meetings will be held later to take the matter up, and it is to be hoped that the brethren here will find a way to carry on a school for a portion, at least, of this next year.

I am very much enjoying my work in connection with the church schools and see many places in which the Lord's hand is leading and directing His work. I have yet to visit many other places where the school work should be in progress. J. G. LAMSON.

Tithe Report for July.

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| Allegan, | \$107.26 |
| Allendale, | 15.03 |
| Agnew, | 8.28 |
| Battle Creek, | 269.50 |
| Bedford, | 95.61 |
| Burlington, | 6.42 |
| Berrien Springs, | 144.28 |
| Blendon, | 43.44 |
| Bushnell, | 58.19 |
| Bangor Society, | 21.70 |
| Brookfield, | 38.11 |
| Byron Center, | 17.52 |
| Cedar Lake, | 214.34 |
| Covert, | 5.00 |
| Clifford Lake, | 10.43 |
| Carson City, | 21.09 |
| Charlotte, | 141.00 |
| Coldwater, | 42.35 |
| Carlton Center, | 56.38 |
| Dimondale, | 49.52 |
| Douglas, | 46.60 |
| Denver, | 20.19 |
| Decatur, | 15.51 |
| Eaton Rapids, | 1.35 |
| Edmore, | 75.47 |
| Frost, | 2.45 |
| Fremont, | 32.39 |
| Grandville, | 9.55 |
| Glenwood, | 76.72 |
| Grand Rapids, | 308.21 |
| Greenville, | 196.86 |
| Grand Ledge, | 19.47 |
| Gowen, | 5.00 |
| Hastings, | 40.74 |
| Homer, | 21.25 |
| Horr, | 3.97 |
| Individuals, | 41.11 |
| Kalamazoo, | 50.50 |
| Kent City, | 27.46 |
| Kinderhook, | 31.68 |
| Lowell, | 20.32 |
| Lake View, | 107.02 |
| Lyons, | 9.38 |
| Medical Department, | 11.00 |
| Mendon, | 45.58 |
| Monterey, | 75.30 |
| Maple Grove, | 75.36 |
| Orange, | 76.72 |
| Otsego, | 36.41 |
| Paw Paw, | 32.50 |
| Potterville, | 18.47 |
| Quincy, | 127.28 |
| Rothbury, | 55.75 |
| Sand Lake, | 20.30 |
| Shelby, | 22.20 |
| Trufant, | 13.87 |
| Vermontville, | 19.70 |
| Wright, | 94.64 |
| West Leroy, | 31.35 |

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News and Notes.

Several interesting reports are omitted this week for lack of space.

Sabbath, August 6th, Elder VanHorn will meet with the church at Homer.

The crops on the Cedar Lake Academy farm are as good as any in this section. The young orchard is looking fine, and the corn is the best anywhere about here.

D. W. Reavis left Battle Creek this week for Washington, D. C., where he will continue his work as Manager of the Department of Circulation for the Review and Herald Publishing Co., which has been removed to that city.

Wm. Peaſce, author of "The Master's Greatest Monosyllables" and the "Lover's Love or John Three Sixteen" recently spent a few days at the sanitarium at Battle Creek. Last Sabbath morning he gave an excellent talk to the patients and helpers.

Brethren Thropp and Evans are holding meetings near Howard City. They report a good interest and some eight or nine persons have accepted the truth. Three have been baptized and joined the Howard City church while others are waiting.

It is found that the windmill at the Academy is very inadequate for the pumping of water. Whoever may know of a gasoline engine for sale, or that may be traded for the large steam engine and boiler now on hand, will confer a favor by writing to S. M. Butler, Cedar Lake, Mich.

The leading educational people of the Lake Union Conference recently held a counsel in connection with the summer school at Emmanuel Missionary College. Among those in attendance were, J. G. Lamson, S. M. Butler, J. J. Irwin, Lottie Farrell, Prof. Washburn and E. K. Slade.

All persons sending freight in the form of tents, fixtures and camp meeting outfits to the Allegan camp-meeting, desiring them to be delivered on the camp-ground by the conference freight agent, should bill them to themselves care of A. G. Haughey, and send the bill of lading to the West Michigan Conference, Allegan, Mich.

Dr. L. A. Reed of Jacksonville, Ill., spent a few days (July 18-23) at Emmanuel Missionary College giving lectures on true science work to those in attendance at the summer school.

Dr. Reed has made the subject of Bible science his field of study for some time and his lectures were much appreciated.

Elder S. M. Butler left Cedar Lake last Thursday for a trip to the Superior camp-meeting at Gladstone. Enroute he spent Sabbath at Petoskey where his wife and son had preceded him. Brother B. A. Wolcott, Preceptor at the Academy has assumed the oversight of the school in the absence of the principal.

Sabbath and Sunday, July 23, and 24, Elder I. D. VanHorn met with the company at Burlington. He reports some excellent meetings which were well attended. The friends of the village were very cordial, and on Sunday Elder VanHorn was invited to occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church. On Sunday evening the members of the various churches attended the services at the Adventist church.

The new catalogue for the Cedar Lake Academy is now in the hands of the Advocate Printers at Berrien Springs, and will soon be ready for distribution. They are for the asking and a postal card giving correct address will bring one. The school has advanced its course of study to what it was two years ago, and will be prepared to give students all the subjects usually found in the high school course except the dead languages.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Staines spent a few days in Battle Creek and Marshall last week with relatives and friends before going South to assume new responsibilities in connection with our school for the colored at Huntsville, Ala. As these workers leave our midst, our prayers also attend them that their efforts may be abundantly blessed of heaven. The fields are truly white unto harvest but the laborers are few.

Jennie DeYoung, of Grand Rapids, writes very encouragingly of the progress of the work there. The elderly lady mentioned in her last report has finally decided to obey the commandments of the Lord, and keep his Holy Sabbath. Honest hearts are every where waiting for you and me to bring them the knowledge of this truth which has so graciously been permitted to shine into our lives. Shall we not then make haste to sound the good tidings ere eternal night shall gather when man's work is o'er?

Under date of July 30th Elder Parkhurst writes:—

"My heart is filled with gratitude and praise to God, that I am able to report a still increasing spiritual interest in the church here in this city. Our labors for others have not been unsuccessful, and there is a constantly increasing desire for the message of "truth."

Sunday evening, July 24, I baptized seven persons, all adults, and to-day, Sabbath, July 30, twelve names were added to the church; one of them by letter.

We are of good courage and feel like pressing the battle more vigorously than ever. Brethren pray for the work in the cities.

NOTICE.

My nine-room cottage with cellar, good barn, splendid well and cistern, poultry house with parks, and one acre of bearing fruit trees, located in the village of Academia, Ohio, one block from the Mt. Vernon Academy, is for sale.

ELDER A. G. HAUGHEY,
Plainwell, Mich.