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Missionary.

For The Holidays.

It is a well-recognized gospel principle that we ought to take advantage of earthly conditions and customs to help spread the knowledge of the truth.

Paul preached a telling sermon to the superstitious Athenians with safety by taking his text from a pagan altar; he took advantage of the fact that a hostile audience was composed of Saducees and Pharisees to turn one against the other for the advancement of his work.

It is customary to make gifts to relatives and friends at Christmas time. Few things are recognized as more suitable for such a purpose than good books. The publishing houses of the world are running over time in preparation for the demand that is sure to come for books. Seventh-day Adventist publishing houses have an array of as fine books as can be found in the land that people would readily purchase for gift-making if they were given an opportunity to do so.

The writer knows from personal experience that there are many in the West Michigan Conference who were formally successful workers in the canvassing department who ought to respond to this call, and devote at least a part of their time from now until the holidays in giving the people a chance to buy some of our good books. We have publications suitable to every age and taste, put up in very attractive bindings, and filled full of the sweetness of gospel truth.

Brethren and sisters shake off the spirit of lethargy or laziness that has characterized our attitude toward this work for so long, and let us take hold of it in a way that will show men and angels that we mean business.

The four angels have been holding the winds until their arms are wearied. Soon the whirl winds of strife and anarchy will be let loose and then our opportunities for this kind of work will be forever gone. What lamentations will then be heard from many who might have done something in spreading this message by means of the printed page but did not do so.

Here is an opportunity, brethren, that we must not let slip. Let there be a general and hearty response.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Come—Let Us Celebrate Together.

Having sold that portion of our business which was exclusively commercial and having moved into our new factory, built especially for our denominational work, we ARE GLAD. In fact, we are celebrating. How are we doing it, you may ask. By originating and publishing the Third Angel's Message series of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES, a series in which the leading features of this message are

emphasized in a brief, readable manner, a series you can circulate among your friends and neighbors, as well as strangers, with the assurance that if read and heeded it will bring to them a saving knowledge of the Gospel for today. A series of which one experienced worker says: "It ought to have a circulation of 600,000 copies easily."

Is not this a good way to celebrate? Could you think of a better? Could newly dedicated rooms and machinery be put to better use than in producing a mighty soul winning series such as we have described? Could consecrated men, women, youth and children, in the factory and out, do better than unite in this celebration by placing this Truth filled series in the homes of their neighbors everywhere?

If you favor the disposal of the commercial portion of our plant, if you are pleased with our removing from the city into the country—if you believe we have good reasons for celebrating these events—please say "YES" by purchasing a liberal number of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES series, and use them quickly.

The price is as follows:—

From one to four sets of four papers each, 20¢ per set.

Five or more sets to single names and addresses, 15¢ per set.

Five to twenty sets to one address, 12¢ per set.

Twenty-five or more sets to one address, 10¢ per set.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES,
Mountain View, California.

"He that winneth souls is wise."

"And He saith unto them, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Special Issues of the Watchman.

The Four Special Issues of the SOUTHERN WATCHMAN, dated November 1, 8, 15, and 22, are to be Missionary Campaign Numbers, having illuminated covers and being beautifully illustrated. A new design for the first page will be used, having a mortice so that the central picture will be changed each week.

These numbers will be ready for distribution in advance of their printed dates. The first will appear October 12, and the others will follow in quick succession.

It is designed to use these in connection with the Special Signs Number, making a set of five papers, costing 15 cents per set, or ten cents per set in clubs of ten or more.

Each issue will be devoted to a specific subject.

November 1—Health and Temperance.

November 8—The Second Advent.

November 15—Immortality Alone through Christ.

November 22—The Sabbath.

Special Signs Number—The Coming of the Lord, and the Signs.

The SOUTHERN WATCHMAN is one of the best missionary papers published, and the Special Signs Number sells itself; So will the four November issues, and almost anyone seeing them will purchase the set. Their very appearance will create a desire to examine and read them.

Any one, even little children, can sell them. You will always be welcome in a home where these special numbers have been purchased.

The demand for these numbers is certain to be very great, and we expect to run our presses night and day to supply it. We urge you to place your order with the Secretary of your Tract Society early so that you will not have to wait. We will do the best we can to meet the demands upon us promptly but we

have printed and sold many thousands of the Special Signs Number, and still the demand continues, and we expect that the orders for the four special issues will greatly exceed this, taxing our two large presses to the utmost. Order promptly that you may receive your paper without delay.

I. A. FORD, Manager Southern Publishing Association.

The Family Bible Teacher.

A GRAND CAMPAIGN HELP.

One of the "helps" recommended by the General Conference Committee for the coming missionary campaign, is the FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER. During the past few months upwards of 10,000,000 pages of this series of Bible readings has been distributed. Many precious souls have already accepted Present Truth as a result, and hundreds of others are now investigating.

There are scores of Seventh-day Adventists who would like to have an active part in this campaign, but who hardly know how to go at it, not having had any experience or training in missionary work. They dread the thought of starting out and asking the people to "buy" something. The FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER entirely overcomes this difficulty. In addition an introduction slip which saves the worker making a verbal explanation at the door has been prepared. A sample of the introduction, together with a little booklet giving full instructions as to how to use the lessons, will be sent to any address upon request. These also tell how to obtain pay for the lessons, so that the work may be made self-supporting.

On freight shipments the rates of the FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER are 7 cents per set and 20 cents a package (a package containing 100 copies of the same lesson.) At these rates the freight is paid by the person ordering. When sent by mail, the charges are 10 cents a set and 29 cents a package, postpaid. The price of the introduction blank is

10 cents per hundred, net, postage 5 cents additional.

The FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER affords the little folks and everyone an opportunity to take part in this general missionary effort. By this method all can present the truth to their friends and neighbors easily and in a favorable light, while old experienced workers are enabled to reach, and that effectively, from twenty to forty times as many people as by the old plan of giving oral Bible readings. The instruction booklet, etc., as well as the lessons, may be obtained from your State Tract Society or direct from the Southern Publishing Association, Nashville, Tenn.

News From the Field.

HOLTON.

It has been almost two and one-half months since any report from us has appeared in the "Herald." The last one we sent, for some reason, did not appear. But though no report has appeared, we have not been idle, but have been pushing the work as best we could.

Our meetings began at Holton June 26, and closed Aug. 29, when we broke camp and moved three miles north, in the country on a four corners. Two accepted the truth at Holton, and several others acknowledged it, and its binding claims upon mankind. So we cannot tell what the result will be. But we pray God may watch over the seed sown, and bring about favorable conditions that it may grow and produce fruit to the glory of God.

Our attention here has been exceedingly good. The tent is well filled Sunday evenings, and during the week it is two-thirds full, notwithstanding the severity of the weather which has kept some away. We have placed a stove in the large tent, thus making it quite comfortable.

Several of those who attend seem very much interested, being very at-

tentive listeners, and we look for some fruit.

We are now in the midst of the testing truths and we cannot tell what the results will be.

We expect to have baptism next Sabbath or Sunday. Six have been contemplating baptism. All but one are the children and youth of our brethren; there may be that many or more, when we get ready to go forward with the ordinance.

The conditions of the weather will have much to do with the length of our stay here. Yet we want to remain long enough to bind off the work, and leave the people without excuse. And though we should see but little immediate results of our labors here, we do not feel discouraged, for the Gospel will save those who accept it, and condemn those who reject it. And so "it must be preached to all the world for a witness." We leave it all in the hands of a just God, believing in His own time he will water the seed and cause it to sprout, and produce a harvest that may please Him. And in order that we may do the work in a way that will stand the test of the judgment, we need much wisdom and strength from above, that no mistake be made, and to this end we desire and ask the prayers of the readers of the "Herald."

W. H. HECKMAN,

W. C. HEBNER.

Medical.

Health Notes.

The Lord desires us to be spiritually and physically healthy, that we may exert a pure wholesome influence."

"We should not, by taking on too many burdens, or by indulging any unhealthful habit, unfit ourselves for the service of God."

"If we desire to be as useful as possible in this life, we must live in accordance with the laws of God, taking proper care of the house we live in."

"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work.

"There is much work to be done for God and He desires us to guard against bringing ourselves into such a condition of health that we shall be unable to help in this work."

"The relation of diet to intellectual development should be given far more attention than it has received. Mental confusion and dullness are often the result of errors in diet."

"So far as possible, we should avoid hurried eating. The shorter the time for a meal, the less should be eaten. It is better to omit a meal than to eat without proper mastication."

"The importance of regularity in the time of eating and sleeping should not be overlooked. Since the work of building up the body takes place during the hours of rest, it is essential, especially in youth, that sleep should be regular and abundant."

"Meal-time should be a season for social intercourse and refreshment. Everything that can burden or irritate should be banished. Let trust and kindness and gratitude to the Giver of all good be cherished, and the conversation will be cheerful, a pleasant flow of thought that will uplift without wearying."

"There is need to consider not only the properties of the food but its adaption to the eater. Often food that can be eaten freely by persons engaged in physical labor must be avoided by those whose work is chiefly mental. Attention should be given also to the proper combination of food. By brain-workers and others of sedentary pursuits, but few kinds should be taken at a meal."

Sabbath-School Notes.

We understand that the Sabbath-school offerings go to the most needy fields, and we believe that those who have the distribution of these offerings know the conditions of all the fields much better than we do. Therefore we think it would be well for our Sabbath-schools to remember this and send their offerings direct to our conference treasurer and he will forward them to those who have the distribution of the funds. In this way we will be able to know just what our Sabbath-schools are doing.

Seventh-Day Adventists have the name of being good Bible students. If this is not true, now is the time to make it true by studying the Sabbath-school lessons. They are on different points of the truth. We hope that all of our schools will take a special interest in the study of the lessons at this time. We are living in a time when we need to know the truth for ourselves, for in the near future we will have to give a reason of our hope, so "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15. "But sanctify the Lord God in your own hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 1 Peter 3:15.

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep, for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Are we in earnest about going through to the Kingdom? Then let us make it our business to get ready. Let us show to the world that we are Bible Christians, as well as Bible students.

Much of the time during the winter months it will be impossible

for some to attend Sabbath-school, but all can study the lesson at home.

May the Spirit of God energize every Sabbath-school scholar of the West Michigan Conference is our prayer. MARGARET HAUGHEY.

News and Notes.

Brother Edward Collier has located at Mendon.

Elder A. G. Haughey attended the quarterly meeting at Otsego, Oct. 8.

The Cedar Lake Academy Board held a meeting at Cedar Lake Oct. 5.

Elder R. C. Horton is taking a much needed rest at his farm home near Lawrence.

Prof. H. A. Washburn and wife have gone to Colorado for the benefit of the former's health.

Elder D. T. Bourdeau visited the Lowell church recently, and the Spirit of the Lord came in and blessed abundantly.

The executive committee of the West Michigan Conference held a meeting in Grand Rapids October 12 to lay plans for aggressive work during the winter months.

The Emmanuel Missionary College opened October 5. The President, Prof. N. W. Kauble writes that he is of good courage in the work.

Have you seen a copy of "The Southern Missionary?" It is published monthly by the Southern Missionary Society, Nashville, Tenn. It is a very interesting little paper. Only ten cents per year.

Mrs. Edith E. Bruce, a trained nurse from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, has connected with the medical work in Grand Rapids. She desires to do city medical missionary work and her assistance will be appreciated by the medical workers of that place, and we are glad to welcome her to the work in the West Michigan Conference.

Brother E. A. Merriam spent Monday, Oct. 10, in Grand Rapids on business.

We are glad that some of our Sabbath-school secretaries have been prompt in sending in their quarterly reports. There are many others we have not heard from as yet. Please let us hear from you as soon as possible.

Elder A. G. Haughey, conference president, M. N. Campbell, field secretary, and E. A. Merriam, conference secretary, met at the office Oct. 9, and made some plans for carrying on a winter missionary campaign.

Elder S. H. Lane, President of the New York Conference, was in Otsego one day last week looking after some property that belongs to the General Conference. He gave the office a short call, and his words of encouragement were appreciated by us all.

Brother Perry Miner of the South Monterey church has bought a farm near Otsego. He will attend the Otsego church, and the brethren and sisters will appreciate the help that he and his wife will be able to render in the Sabbath-school and church services.

A union meeting of the Paw Paw, Glenwood and Decatur churches was held at the last mentioned place Sabbath, Oct. 8. The "Call to service" was presented by M. N. Campbell. There is much latent ability in these churches which we hope to see enlisted in the Master's service ere long.

Brother M. S. Worden, elder of the Lyons church, informs us that Elder C. A. Watkins of Louisiana, and sister Ida Dunlap, who is visiting the churches in the interest of the work among the colored people of the South, visited their church Sabbath, Oct. 1. Sister Dunlap spoke in the Methodist church Sunday evening Oct. 2, and a good interest was manifested. Brother Worden thinks that good could be accomplished by some earnest laborers in that place.

Brother M. N. Campbell was in Grand Rapids this week looking after the interests of the canvassing work.

Nothing preventing Elder A. G. Haughey will spend Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 15-16, at Bangor. There may be a church organized at that time.

Our readers will notice that this is a missionary issue. We hope you will read the missionary articles carefully and prayerfully, and watch the columns of the "Herald," for we will have more in the future. We trust that every one of our readers will be ready to enter in the missionary campaign. We want you to enter this campaign and labor until the work is complete. Let us all get in earnest, and scatter the seeds of truth, and do all we can to hasten the coming of Christ, and then we will go home rejoicing taking our sheaves with us.

The OCTOBER number of "LIFE AND HEALTH" is now ready. This issue, in all respects is the best number published. Some of its interesting matter will be found in Dr. J. R. Leadsworth's discussion of the great increase of suicide and the most potent means of combating the evil. Eustace H. Miles, M. A., a noted athlete, who is no less famous in literary and educational lines, has succeeded by careful observation and experiment in the matter of diet in greatly increasing his health and efficiency. His story is told in the October issue, and will be interesting and profitable. The series of articles beginning with the October issue entitled "My Experience With Water Treatments" written by one who had no teacher except good judgment, will be of practical value to all. The specially interesting "Household Department" will be of great value.

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