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Missionary.

Something You Want.

What? The West Michigan Herald for 1905. This blue pencil mark is to call your attention to the fact that your subscription expired sometime ago. We have told you this before, but you were too busy to notice it.

Now you want the Herald the coming year, so we are going to make you an offer. If you will subscribe for the Herald now you may have it until January 1st, 1906, for 25 cents.

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Week of Prayer.

We have much to praise the Lord for. During the past year the Lord has blessed our efforts in behalf of His cause.

Elder Horton, assisted by Brethren Hofstra and Collier, was successful in organizing a good church at Bangor. Elder Horton and Collier are now in the midst of a good interest at Berlamont. The work in that field was started by Brethren Prescott and Messer.

Elder Hebner and Brother Heckman have labored at Rothbury and Holton. A church has been organized at each of these places.

Brother Kneeland, assisted during the fore part of the summer by James Irving, who is now a student in the Mt. Vernon Academy, and was assisted by Jacob Hofstra during the latter part of the season, has been successful in organizing a good Sabbath school at Nunica, at present they have a good interest at Nortonville.

The Sabbath-school at Paw Paw has doubled during the past twelve months. The Sabbath-school at Otsego has also doubled in the same period of time.

Elder Parkhurst has labored in the city of Grand Rapids. A number of members have been added to that church. He has been ably assisted by the Bible workers and the Medical Missionaries.

The Medical Department of our work is making a healthy growth.

Much more might be said concerning the growth of the work in the West Michigan Conference during the past year, but sufficient is here told for all to see that the Lord is blessing our efforts, and that additional members are being enrolled upon our church books. No argument is needed to convince all of the prosperous times in which we are living. With the additional membership and good crops, with high prices for labor, we see no reason why we should not have a larger annual offering this year than last.

It will be impossible for us to distribute our workers so as to reach all the churches in our conference during the Week of Prayer. As is seen from the above a number of our laborers cannot leave their interests. We earnestly urge upon all our church members to do all

they can toward making this Week of Prayer the best one of their lives. We hope that as far as possible we will give up our business pursuits and spend the time in praise and prayer to our Heavenly Father.

In a recent communication from Elder Daniels we see that our work is being rapidly extended into all parts of the world. Beginning with 1863 and extending down to 1903, a period of forty years, statistically speaking, we have a little more than doubled in power and influence each succeeding decade.

If each member in the West Michigan Conference would set his heart to it, that by the grace of God he would be an instrument in the hands of the Lord for bringing souls into the saving knowledge of the truth in the year 1905, the West Michigan Conference would double in influence.

Now, if we cannot go abroad to proclaim this message, God has blessed us with good crops and means and given us this opportunity of expressing our thankfulness by helping to swell the annual offering, which is used to furnish clothing, fuel and eatables to our own brothers and sisters who have gone to other countries to teach the natives, the message which we all love so dearly.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABORERS FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Elder Horton and Brother Collier, their interests at Berlamont, Bangor and Mendon.

B. F. Kneeland and Jacob Hofstra, their interest at Nortonville. Sister Kemstra, Muskegon.

C. A. Prescott, Shelby and Rothbury.

Elder Hebner, Fremont, Holton, Denver and Hesperia.

Elder S. M. Butler, Cedar Lake. Mrs. S. M. Butler, Edmore.

Miss Jennie DeYoung, Howard City.

Mabel Jaffray, Greenville.

Elder Parkhurst, Grand Rapids.

M. N. Campbell, Paw Paw and Decatur.

Elder M. B. Miller, Kalamazoo and Urandale.

Ezra Brackett, Allegan and South Monterey.

C. D. Rhodes, Ceresco and Burlington.

Arthur Bayley, Bedford.

Mrs. Minnie Harnden, Charlotte.

Elder A. G. Haughey, H. Nicola and W. H. Heckman, Battle Creek.

Elder I. D. VanHorn, Hastings and Grand Ledge.

Dr. P. S. Bourdeau, Wright.

Elder D. T. Bourdeau, Orange and Sand Lake.

Elder G. C. Tenney, Quincy.

Elder Fred Brink, District 6.

Elder M. S. Burnham, Glenwood.

E. A. Merriam, Carson City and Bushnell.

Miss Margaret Haughey, Mecosta and Morley.

Misses Lillian Smith and Jennie Nelson, Otsego.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

The Work For The Blind.

How can we give the Third Angel's Message to the blind?—We can tell them of Jesus soon coming in the same way as the message is given to those who see, by literature and personal efforts. The CHRISTIAN RECORD is the organ through which we have given hundreds, yes, thousands of blind persons a fair knowledge of the message.

The work for the blind is in its infancy, yet it is moving steadily forward. Many lonely hearts have been made glad by reading the RECORD. We appeal to the brethren and sisters in each state; we appeal to each conference president to give the work his consideration; we appeal to the tract societies to subscribe for the RECORD in behalf of the blind people who cannot pay for literature. Each state conference and tract society should consider it a privilege to supply all

the blind in their state who are not able to pay for the paper with at least one year's subscription, and thus give them a chance to read for themselves. Is this asking too much?—No. Let us give the blind an opportunity. The result will be that laborers will be raised up who will give the message to the blind.

Almost daily we receive applications from blind individuals for something to read, and most of them add that they are unable to pay for anything. We bring them to you, dear reader, and entreat you to help us carry the message to these truth-loving people.

We have thus far spoken of only the blind, who have all their senses except vision. But there are those who are not only blind but also deaf. An awful condition! But they can read with their fingers. God wants us to be eyes and ears to these unfortunate beings.

We have copies of the CHRISTIAN RECORD in ink type which we will gladly mail to anyone wishing to read the paper. It is filled with the message for to-day. Each issue tells of the soon coming of the King. Subscription, \$2.00 a year. It is set in American Braille and New York Point.

The management of the CHRISTIAN RECORD has been transferred from Washington, D. C., to the Central Union Conference, with the office located at College View, Nebraska. Please send all donations and subscriptions to the secretary, Miss Katie Coleman, and all funds will be turned over to the treasurer, J. Sutherland.

L. N. MUCK,

Editor Christian Record.

Missionary Campaign Supplies.

"The Gospel Message for To-Day." Price 1 cent each, or 70 cents a hundred.

"Who Changed the Sabbath." Price 1 cent each, or 70 cents a hundred.

"Heralds of His Coming." Price, 1½ cents, \$1.00 a hundred.

"Waymarks to the Holy City."

Price, 1 cent, or 70 cents a hundred.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY LEAFLETS.

"Principles Too Little Understood." 8 pages. Price 38 cents per 100.

"Sunday Laws." Price 38 cents per 100.

"The Logic of Sabbath Legislation." Price 38 cents per 100.

"The Civil Sabbath." 12 pages. Price 55 cents per 100.

"The Family Bible Teacher" consists of a series of Bible readings, the price of the series being 10 cents.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS.

"Object Lessons," Price \$1.25.

"Story of Joseph," " .25.

"Education," \$1.25. "Mount of Blessing," 60 cents. "Things Foretold," 50 cents. "Cobblestones," 75 cents. "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation," \$1.00. "Great Nations of To-day," 25 cents. "Little Folks' Bible Nature" (board,) 25 cents, (cloth,) 40 cents. "Steps to Christ" (cloth,) 50 cents, (paper) 25 cents. "Power for Witnessing" (cloth,) 75 cents, (paper,) 25 cents.

Order the above from the West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

REVIEW AND HERALD.

The "Review" visits every family in the following named churches and companies:

Cedar Lake
Bangor
Bloomingdale
Otsego
Blendon
Holton
Paw Paw
Wright
Glenwood
Orange
Decatur
South Monterey
Allegan
Lowell
Kalamazoo
Freemont
Lyons
Carson City
Bushnell
Frost
Carlton Center.
Urandale
Bedford
Grand Ledge

From The Field.

To the West Michigan Herald:

Since my last letter to the "Herald" the Lord has given us (little Marguerite Dobson and myself) a safe journey to South Carolina.

Marguerite is a little nine year old girl which was rescued with two others from some show people last winter. She has been with me since that time, and as it seemed best, after advising with several, to take her along with me, I did so. The brethren and sisters of the Grand Rapids (Mich.) church kindly helped by paying her fare. We arrived in Columbia, S. C. Sunday, Nov. 6, and found Elders Webster and Carey with their families conducting a tent meeting. The attendance has been fairly good until the past week, as it is getting rather cool nights for a tent meeting. Brother Webster has succeeded in securing the use of a school house near by, in which to continue the meetings for which we are very thankful.

Two women and one young girl have been shown evidence of genuine conversion, and commenced the observance of the Sabbath last week. There is a doctor attending every meeting now. He seems very much interested and says he wishes to hear all we have to present. There are many houses open for Bible work. I have ten weekly appointments already besides playing the organ for the meetings. So pray that souls may be won in this hard field.

We find rent and living in general more expensive than in Michigan. Apples are from three to six dollars per barrel, and Irish potatoes are a luxury to be indulged in occasionally.

We have a nice large room next door to Bro. Webster's family, and are quite comfortably situated.

The color line is very strongly drawn here and we have to be very careful. Half of the population, perhaps more, is colored, and scarcely anything has been done for them.

Remember this needy field in your daily prayers. We are of good courage in the Lord, and looking for the Lord to lead us to those who will make good workers in the cause, that we may help them as we can into the harvest.

ELIZABETH MGHUGH.

CHARLOTTE.

November 28 we visited the church school at Charlotte, which is being taught by Sister Myrtie Lawrence. Charlotte church was one of the first in Michigan to start a church school, and they have had a school for several years in a room built for the purpose at the side of the church. There is not as good an outfit of school supplies as we should like to see, but the teacher and pupils are of good courage and are selling Life Boats to purchase a globe. Already they have sold thirty-two.

A Thanksgiving program was rendered which those who heard say was excellent.

One feature of the school that was commendable was the way in which the teacher questioned the pupils upon their reading lessons, encouraging them to put in their own language the substance of what was read.

W. E. VIDETO.

STURGIS.

Sabbath, Nov. 26, was a good day for the brethren and sisters at Sturgis. The leader gave a short talk and then read the reading which was prepared for the day. We had some good, stirring testimonies, and some good resolutions were made.

We have ordered 100 of the special number of the "Signs." Brother F. B. Johnson has taken a number of orders for "Coming King" and other small books. We need a good German worker as there are many German in Sturgis and surrounding country.

CHAS. H. BRISBIN.

Elder A. G. Haughey attended the dedicatory services at Paw Paw, December 3.

Medical.

Medical Report For November.

Complete examinations	12
Prescriptions	121
Medical calls	35
Consultations	101
Treatments given	238
PATIENCE S. BOURDEAU, M. D.	

Sacredness of the Human Body.

1. "Temple of the Holy Ghost." I Cor. 6:19.
2. "Tabernacle of the Soul." Healthful Living 93.
3. "Earthly dwelling place of Christ." Healthful Living 11-14.
4. "Instrument through which He is to think, act and speak." Healthful Living, 1116-12:18.
5. "To represent God to the world." Healthful Living 10:6.

Water An Important Factor To Good Health.

Next to air water is the most important to sustain life. We can not live but a very short time without water. Three-fourths of the earth's surface is water: from four-sevenths to five-sevenths of the human body is water.

Our kind Heavenly Father has abundantly provided us with pure water, from the gentle rivulet and bubbling spring to the mighty lake and ocean we find it in abundance for man's use and pleasure, and yet we occasionally (?) yes often, very often find individuals who use it as sparingly as though every drop was gold. Not long since I was giving a lady a bath who told me that she was sixty years of age and never before had been in a bath tub.

We may not all be able to have the convenience of a bath tub, but there is no reasonable excuse for any one not bathing as often as necessary to keep clean. For centuries the bath has been recognized as an important factor to good health.

Pliny tells us that for six hundred years Rome needed no other medicine than her 856 public baths which were provided for even the very poorest of her inhabitants.

She boasted THEN in the health and strength of her people. TO-DAY we see a great degeneracy in her people from the dwarfed and deformed Italian who crowd some of our large cities and in our lumbering districts.

WHY THE BATH SO NECESSARY?

1. Because it is a duty we owe to ourselves, our Creator and our fellow men to keep ourselves clean and respectable. One cannot have the same self esteem for himself who will allow his body to go filthy and dirty.

2. The poisons of the body are constantly being eliminated through the skin. It is said that the average adult eliminates two pints of insensible perspiration daily. The skin is constantly dying and wearing off, and if the body is not kept in a healthy condition and the pores kept open, reabsorption of the poisonous matter takes place. Hence the dingy skin, the sallow complexion and dull eye. Colds are easily taken and a hundred other ailments that might be avoided by means of the simple bath.

One good, warm (not hot) bath daily in the winter and two in the summer with plenty of good soap and a brush or coarse cloth, is not too much for any one to take. In addition to this a warm bath at night (not too warm, say 96° to 98° for ten minutes) and a good cold bath in the morning on rising is one, if not the BEST insurance against sickness. The cold bath should be taken in a warm room if possible.

Rub the body vigorously with a rough bath mit and dry with rather harsh towel and RUB till a glow is attained. This does not require more than five minutes so one need not take as an excuse the lack of time.

I have seen people who would not think they could take the time to bathe each day, who spend five times the time that it would take to bathe, in idle gossip when they did not look as though they had seen a drop of water for a month.

If you have not a bath tub take a wash tub, if you haven't a wash tub take a wash bowl and wash the body clean. Manage some way to keep the skin clean and active and you will add years to your life.

MRS. EDITH E. BRUCE.

Obituary.

HIGLEY—Laid peacefully to rest, Nov. 25, 1904, in the Wright, Mich., cemetery, Emulous Higley, aged 79 years and 9 days.

Brother Higley's last end may be described in the words of the Psalmist; "Yea, though I walk through the valley and the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." He faced death bravely with a firm hope of a part in the first resurrection. He accepted the truth under the labors of Elder I. D. VanHorn while living on a farm in Muskegon county, Mich., and had remained a firm believer of the same for about 35 years.

He was born in Cattawaugus county, N. Y., and lived on a farm until 18 years of age, when he moved to the city and learned the blacksmith's trade. He came to Michigan in 1847, and for 31 years has lived at his present home in Wright.

He was married to Elizabeth Allen in 1850, and to this union were born seven children, of whom only two are now living. Besides these he leaves an aged companion and a great many friends to mourn his loss, but they are consoled with this thought, that he fought a good fight and finished well his course and that soon they will meet him where partings will be no more.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 1:18.

GILBERT J. ILES.

News and Notes.

Elder A. T. Jones occupied the pulpit at the tabernacle in Battle Creek, Sabbath, December 3. He gave an interesting discourse on Bible temperance.

The infant child of Brother and sister Merton Hilliard, of Otsego, was buried Sunday, Dec. 4. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder A. G. Haughey.

Brother W. H. Heckman led the meeting of the Battle Creek young people's society, Sabbath afternoon Dec. 3. His subject was the Heavenly Sanctuary.

The jail work which Sister Straight carried on at Charlotte for eight years previous to her removal to Cedar Lake is now being carried on by Sister Fray, formerly May Hill.

The editor visited the Haskell Home Sabbath-school Sabbath, December 3. We were pleased to find a well organized school and so many interesting and happy children. This school has not been reporting to the Sabbath-school department of the West Michigan Conference, but we were glad to know that they want to belong to our family of schools, and we are more than glad to have them. We visited the James White Memorial Home and found some Medical students holding a Sabbath-school for the aged pilgrims. We hope to see a well organized Sabbath-school for these dear souls.

Canvassing Work to November 29th, 1904.

Great Controversy	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps
Mrs. Ella Porter	28	18	\$48.50	\$ 1.50
Coming King				
W. A. Doering	18	7	8.00	1 20
F. B. Johnson	50	50	64.50	2 00
"Heralds"				
W. A. Doering	24	4	5.25	80
Home Hand Book				
F. B. Johnson	4	2	13.50	
Helps				
Henry Busick	26	12		6 00
Total	150	73	\$130.75	11.50

It will be observed from the above report that the canvassers as a whole averaged a little over a dollar per hour for the time they worked. Brother John Way reports having sold 250 Life Boats, distributed 12,000 pages of tracts, and held six Bible readings during the past month.

M. N. CAMPBELL,
Field Secretary.