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Financial.		Medical Department		From the Field.	
October Tithe Receipts.				BANGOR.	
Agnew	\$ 36 36	Mendon	120 26	Services continue at Bangor.	
Allegan	94 37	Monterey	64 08	Usually there is rather a small attendance. One, a young lady of	
Allendale	84 55	Mount Pleasant	19 25	about twenty-two years of age, has	
Bangor	52 10	Muskegon	29 66	started. She will probably go	
Battle Creek	2,302 09	Otsego	113 53	with me. Sister Naylor, the young	
Bauer	102 27	Orange	40 06	lady who was with me, has gone	
Bedford	95 64	Palo	13 50	to Illinois to work for Dr. Elsie B.	
Belding	18 00	Potterville	2 00	Merritt and learn nursing and	
Benton Harbor	259 25	Quincy	112 90	treatments.	
Berrien Springs	40 45	Rothbury	52 23	The Covert baptism occurred	
Brookfield	19 35	Sand Lake	46 61	Sunday, October 22. Elder H.	
Burlington	10 07	Shelby	47 20	Nicola was with us. Eight were	
Byron Center	26 06	Trufant	13 10	baptized, Two of these were re-	
Carlton Center	53 15	Urbandale	63 41	baptisms, one was Sister Naylor,	
Carson City	29 23	Vermontville	18 05	and one had kept the Sabbath be-	
Cedar Lake	54 77	West Leroy	17 11	fore we came to Covert.	
Charlotte	154 47	Wright	59 41	Search for the jewels.	
Clifford Lake	27 86		\$5,907.59	MABEL JAFFRAY.	
Coldwater	53 96	October Receipts.		The Holland Work.	
Covert	23 00	Acre Fund	\$ 3 15	Dear Brethren and Sisters:	
Decatur	64 87	Annual Offerings	1 50	It is several months since we	
Denver	48 51	Birthday	2 01	have told you about the Holland	
Dimondale	53 81	Cedar Lake Academy	26 77	work. We are certain you are	
Douglas	93 35	China Mission	1 00	much interested in this part of the	
Eaton Rapids	5 28	Christ's Object Lessons Fd.	1 25	great work.	
Edmore	116 76	Expense	40	The Holland work, though mov-	
Emerald	5 91	Thank Offerings	15 00	ing slowly, is on the onward march,	
Fremont	27 04	Free Will Offerings	25	to God's praise and to our happi-	
Frost	5 00	Haskell Home	22 57	ness. Wherever we have been thus	
Glenwood	12 43	Herald	75	far we find some people willing to	
Gowen	22 08	James White Home	1 12	study God's word with us and come	
Grand Ledge	67 60	Merchandise	24 15	to the preaching service held in	
Grand Rapids	235 07	Mission Board Offerings	85 63	their language. This means more	
Grandville	49 41	Nashville, Tenn. church	3 20	than many have any idea of, for	
Hastings	50 50	Nashville Sanitarium	1 00	the Holland people are a priest-	
Hesperia	27 70	On Account	326 95	ridden people. What their domi-	
Holton	38 60	Sabbath school Offerings	814 64	nee (minister) says is a law to the	
Homer	45 69	Self-denial Fund	19 17	great majority of them, and usual-	
Horr	6 64	Southern Field	558 41	ly he warns them not to go to the	
Howard City	10 75	Tent and Camp-meeting		meetings held by any but their	
Individuals	102 67	Fund	6 97	own denomination. They believe,	
Kalamazoo	197 06	Tithe	5,907 59	and are not at all backward in say-	
Kent City	18 51	Washington Fund	1 25	ing so, that they belong to the true	
Kinderhook	44 50	Weekly Offerings	95 31	church and hold the true faith. For	
Lakeview	4 00			this reason if a minister preaches	
Lowell	98 52			any different than what their domi-	
Maple Grove	44 97				
Mecosta	6 00		\$7,920 04		

nee does, he is at once, by the greater part, branded as an heretic, a person who ought to be ashamed, a danger to society. Many look at our work in the following manner. "If this minister, meaning the writer, preaches like our minister, we have no need of him here, for we have a minister; if he preaches different from what our minister does, then is he not preaching the gospel, and we care not to have anything to do with him; he ought to be run out of the country." This and like conversations reaches our ears often. From childhood on they have been inculcated with their system of doctrine. Children as young as eight and even seven years are regularly catechised every week until they reach maturity; and in this way join the church.

Religious liberty is not understood and little known and acknowledged by them. Article thirty-six of their "Confession of Faith" treats on the subject "The Duty of the Magistrate." Part of it reads thus: "We believe . . . for this purpose the Lord has given the magistrate the sword in hand, for the punishment of evildoers and protection of the Godly. Her duty not only is to have a watch-care over the politics, but to keep the hand on the holy faith, to resist and destroy all idolatry and false religion." Anyone can see by reading the above that a people with such ideas can have but little use and much less respect for anyone who dares to differ from them. And he who comes to listen to a minister that teaches different views than what they hold is transgressing the church ordinances.

Notwithstanding this black sky over the minds of the Holland people, we discern a rift in the clouds here and there. And through these rifts God's promises are made visible, beaming with golden lustre. The prospect among this people is as bright and encouraging as God's promises. The "silver lining" on every dark cloud is not missing in the Holland work. The Lord has

blessed our labors this summer. Our hearts have been caused to rejoice several times when we saw some persons take their stand on the eternal rock of truth, which God graciously has given us in a time when the shallow religious waters of the popular churches are lashed into a filthy foam by unbelief, skepticism and all kinds of vague notions concerning God and His service.

Here and there we find people wide awake to the true situation of the Holland church; people who complain of dead formalism in their churches; who are glad to listen to the presentation of the truth. Several have come to us expressing their gratefulness for the gospel we proclaim.

At the present time we are preaching in the town hall of Olive Center, Olive Township. We have a good attendance, and those who attend the service are giving very close attention. Our work looks very encouraging here. Some are deeply interested. On the other hand Satan is not giving us an easy time of it. We have to battle over every inch of ground, but in God is our victory.

It is our daily endeavor and prayer that our lives and words may be such that they show forth the reality of the message we preach. We desire to so live before God that we may be used as instruments in His hand to bring many souls from among our own nationality into His heavenly garner.

Yours in Christ,
J. W. HOFSTRA.

The Berrien Springs church sent an order for three hundred and twenty sets of the special number of the Signs of the Times. Are there not other churches that can do as well or better?

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Educational.

Report of the Sabbath-school Department of the West Michigan Conference for the Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1905.

Number of Schools	-	82
Number of schools reported		72
Present Membership		2376
Average Attendance	-	1757
Total Contributions	\$611	36
Total Expenses of Schools	226	99
Donated to Missions	361	81
Donated to Haskell Home	22	57
MARGARET HAUGHEY, Sec'y.		

Report of the Young People's Societies of the West Michigan Conference for the Quarter Ending Sept. 30, 1905.

Number of Societies	-	11
Number reported	-	6
Missionary letters written		24
Missionary letters received		9
Missionary visits	-	69
Bible readings or cottage meetings		54
Subscriptions taken for periodicals		2
Papers sold	-	68
Papers mailed or given away	571	
Books sold	-	25
Books loaned	-	3
Pages of tracts given away	681	
Hours of Christian Help Work done	-	350
Articles of clothing given away		15
Offerings to mission work	\$130	66
MARGARET HAUGHEY, Sec'y.		

To The Young People of the West Michigan Conference.

"To John the Lord opened the subjects that He saw would be needed by His people in the last days. The instruction that He gave is found in the book of Revelation. Those who would be co-workers with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will show a deep interest in the truths found in this book. With pen and voice they will strive to make plain the wonderful things that Christ came from heaven to reveal."

"The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy the first place in the minds of God's people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention." Testimonies Vol. 8, pp. 301, 302.

In order for the message that is given in the book of Revelation, to occupy the first place in our minds, we must learn that message. The Revelator says, "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written; for the time is at hand."

We should make a special study of this book, and for this reason we are making an effort to place "The Story of the Seer of Patmos" in the hands of our people. We are recommending our young people's societies to take up the study of this book in their weekly meetings. Some of our societies have sent in their orders, and we would be glad if every society would do so.

Some of our societies study one thing, some another. Some are giving their donations to one thing and some another. It does seem that it would be much better for us to be united on some of these things, for more can be accomplished by a united effort.

At our last General Conference the following recommendation was passed: "We recommend, That superintendents and secretaries of local conference Sabbath-school and young people's departments seek to encourage the young people's societies under their supervision to unite in the support of one or more laborers in some mission field." Not any one of our societies can support a laborer, but if all of the societies would unite in this work, we know that the young people of the West Michigan Conference could support at least one laborer in the field.

A little over one year ago Sister Elizabeth McHugh, a West Michigan Conference Bible worker, went to South Carolina to labor. Our

conference has supported her in that field for one year. The year is up and unless the West Michigan Conference votes to support her another year, the General Conference will have to do it.

At a recent meeting of the Grand Rapids Young People's Society they voted to give their donations toward the support of Sister McHugh for the remainder of 1905. Now we wonder if the other societies, outside of Battle Creek, (they are sending their donations to Doctor Keichline in Cairo, Egypt) will not unite with the Grand Rapids society in this good work. We hope to receive a favorable report from each one.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

"Addresses For Young People."

The new book for the youth, "Addresses for Young People," by President C. C. Lewis, of Union College, is ready for delivery. The titles of the addresses are as follows: 1. Christian Manliness. 2. Reason, Revelation, and Faith. 3. Manual Training in the Public Schools. 4. Ideals and Ambitions. 5. The Sure Foundation. 6. A Higher Standard of Christian Education. 7. Workmen Approved of God. 8. The Art of Questioning. 9. Acquaintance with God. 10. Habit and Education. 11. Behold He Cometh. 12. The True Sabbath. 13. The Keeping of the Heart. The book is handsomely and durably bound in dark blue cloth, with side and back titles in white. No more appropriate birthday or holiday present for a young man or woman could be procured.

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News and Notes.

Week of Prayer December 9-16.

Send in your orders for "The Story of the Seer of Patmos."

The Lake Union Conference will be held at Berrien Springs, Mich., April 19-29, 1906.

The Fourth Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference will be held in Otsego, Jan. 18-21, 1906.

Brother M. N. Campbell informs us that the Kalamazoo church is using a large number of the special number of the Signs of the Times.

The Sabbath-school at Maple Grove will hold a Sabbath-school convention Nov. 11. The Sabbath-school at Portland will hold a convention Nov. 18.

Doctor O. Letson of Covert gave the office a call one day last week and he informed us that their church school is prospering under the direction of Miss Amy Woodruff.

Elder A. G. Haughey, M. N. Campbell, S. D. Hartwell, E. A. Merriam, Misses Jennie and Nellie Nelson, and the editor, all conference laborers, attended the Sabbath-school and missionary convention at Allegan last Sabbath and Sunday.

The Youths' Instructor is certainly growing better and it is the very paper for our young people. It should be in every family where there are children and youth. In fact, it will help fathers and mothers to grow younger. Send in your orders. Price 75 cents a year.

The Missionary and Sabbath-school Convention held at Allegan last Sabbath and Sunday was well attended by the South Monterey, Allegan and Otsego churches, and we were glad to see two from Kalamazoo. Elder A. G. Haughey occupied the hour at 10:30 a. m., basing his remarks on Matt. 24. At the close of the discourse a short time was devoted to a social meeting in which many took part, expressing a determination to go on in the battle until the victory is won. After an intermission of forty-five minutes, a short Sabbath-school was conducted, which was followed by a Sabbath-school convention. Some good papers were read which were followed by interesting discussions. Brother M. N. Campbell spoke in the evening from John 8:32.

Sunday was devoted to a missionary convention.

Our stenographers were present and reported some of the good things that were said, and we hope to give our readers the benefit of them.

Battle Creek.

Miss Ella Ross, formerly with the Review & Herald, is again in the city after an absence of some time.

We were much pleased to receive a flying visit from Elder A.

G. Haughey on Thursday last. "Small favors thankfully received."

A number of nurses from the Sanitarium have recently gone west to seek a more congenial climate, and are now located in sunny California.

A recent letter from Brother D. P. Wood speaks of himself and wife as being located at Jasper, Mich. for the winter, where he expects to labor in company with Brother Shepard.

Brother S. N. Curtiss, who has been in the city for some time, looking after the interests of the Review & Herald, and Mrs. Curtiss, who has been here also visiting friends, have returned to their home in Washington, D. C.

At this writing, two* of our worthy Sanitarium workers are lying at the point of death—Brother Rocket, and Sister Allison. We should be sorry to spare these two able workers from the vineyard of the Lord.

Miss M. Bessie DeGraw, from Madison, Tenn., has been in the city during the past week in the interests of the school at Madison, Tenn. On Sabbath a collection amounting to \$50 was taken up in the tabernacle for this work.

The children at the Haskell Home have been so filled with the missionary spirit recently that they have raised \$4.15 for Dr. Keichline in his work in Egypt and \$7.00 for Dr. Selman in China. Surely there is something in their example by which we may profit.

Our Christian Help bands are kept busy these days on account of the sickness in our midst. A number of extra sessions have been called in the different societies to lay plans for relieving the suffering around us; also to tie comfortables, piece quilts, and other practical things.

Our young people's society has its programs from Nov. 4 to Jan. 6 outlined and some interesting speakers will talk along such subjects as "Faith's Foundation," "The 2300 Days," "The Sanctuary and Its Cleaning," etc. Let all the young people take advantage of this most profitable series of lessons.

On Sabbath, Elder Tenny spoke to the tabernacle congregation in the morning, delivering a most excellent discourse, and Elder W. H. Heckman addressed the young people in the afternoon speaking on the subject of "The Inspiration of the Bible." This talk was most profitable and timely, and all seemed to be deeply interested in the line of thought.

Eight Academy students, three girls and five boys, were baptized at Rock Lake last Sabbath.

"Christ in Song" is out of print and cannot be had in any binding. It is expected that another book will take its place.

"Life is a training school, from which parents and children are to be graduated to the higher school in the mansions of God."

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