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## From the Field.

### The Work at Battle Creek.

The writer has been in Battle Creek most of the time during the past three weeks. I take this my earliest opportunity of setting forth a few facts regarding the present conditions at that place as viewed by the writer.

A series of special meetings have been conducted in the tabernacle for the express purpose of considering what has been written in reference to the work in that place. These meetings have all been conducted in an orderly manner. No harsh or unkind words have been spoken by anyone. There has been no such thing as a church trial; it has not been thought of by those who have had this series of meetings in charge. There has been nothing sensational in these meetings.

There is a great question of principles at stake. It is plain to be seen that there are two factions, both claiming to believe the truth of God and express their desires to live in harmony therewith. Both cannot be right. The banner that has been held up by the Seventh-day Adventist people is that on which is inscribed the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Seventh-day Adventists believe in keeping all the ten commandments and believe that the faith of Jesus as expressed by John the Revelator is the Spirit of Prophecy.

For several years appeals have been made to us as a people, ask-

ing that we cease to center so many interests at Battle Creek. We were told that the judgments of God would visit Battle Creek if we did not heed the appeals. The burning of the Sanitarium and the Review and Herald buildings furnish sufficient evidence to all believers that the appeals were not heeded. Viewed from the standpoint of the Spirit of Prophecy "the Battle Creek Sanitarium was erected against the expressed will of God." At the General Conference assembled in Battle Creek in the year 1901, under the guidance of the Spirit of God an action was taken which closed the Battle Creek College. The re-opening of the Battle Creek College in 1903 was in direct opposition to the action of the General Conference and to the counsel given through the Spirit of Prophecy. One faction stands upholding the actions of the General Conference, and the other upholding those who have worked in opposition to the actions of the General Conference.

A little booklet of sixty-four pages, entitled "Series B, Number 6, Testimonies to the Church," regarding our youth coming to Battle Creek to obtain an education, is now on sale in the conference office at Otsego. This booklet gives a correct view of the situation and can be had for a remittance of five cents.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

COLDWATER, QUINCY AND WEST LEROY.

The fore part of the week of prayer I spent with the Coldwater church. The first meeting, on Sabbath, was well attended. After a very interesting Sabbath-school, in which all present took an active part, a season of prayer was engaged in and the reading for the

day was presented, and made a deep impression on all present. This was followed by a real spiritual social meeting in which nearly everyone present took a part.

Meetings were held each day and the readings listened to with interest and a prayer season enjoyed, and either a social meeting, or the writer spoke to those assembled on some practical subject, which seemed to be appreciated.

Owing to the greater part of the membership of this church living in the country,—some of them at quite a distance,—with some sickness, the attendance through the week was not large, yet those attending felt amply repaid for the time and effort expended. I visited nearly all the families composing the membership of the church, and left on Wednesday for Quincy.

At this place the meetings, through the week, were held at the home of the elder, Brother J. H. Thompson, not all the brethren meeting together every day, two families living several miles from the village, but uniting in the study of the readings each day. On three occasions during the week they all met together, on Sabbath in their church building.

This church being the former home of Sister Maud Miller, who gave her life for the spread of the third angel's message in China, and a sister of the church elder's wife having spent years in pioneer work in Africa, more than usual interest was taken in the articles relating to the work in other lands, and over \$50.00 was contributed to the Annual Offerings by this church on the last Sabbath, notwithstanding the membership of the church is small, and several are engaged in the work of the message in other places,—one in the Southern field, one in Washington,



D. C., and one in College View, Neb. There is nothing which contributes more to the spiritual advancement of a church than to have active members engaged in the service of the Master.

Sabbath, December 23, I spent with the church at West Leroy. Here I found sadness in the home of the elder, Brother Nathie, occasioned by the death of a daughter, which occurred on the 18th inst., after a lingering illness of several months. The Christian's hope is the consolation of the bereaved ones.

The brethren of this church are all living at quite a distance from the church, and their meetings are held at the home of Brother Nathie, near Scotts. The West Leroy church had not been visited by any conference laborer for a long time, and our visit was welcomed.

S. D. HARTWELL.

KALAMAZOO.

It is some time since we have reported through the columns of the HERALD concerning the progress of the work in this growing city, but we have not been idle, nor has the work been standing still.

The week of prayer brought an awakening to many in the church, and while there was nothing of a demonstrative nature attending the services, yet many were stirred to a realization of the solemnity of the present hour, and have determined by divine grace to attain a higher plane of holy living.

A deep interest in the distribution of our literature has been aroused in the church. Several are devoting a considerable part of their time to the sale of our books, large and small. Others are distributing the special "Signs" and the leaflets. As a result of this work many openings for holding Bible readings and cottage meetings have appeared. A genuine interest has sprung up in many hearts to learn more of this truth. Two weeks ago a lady came to the

church to celebrate her first Sabbath. She came into the truth as a result of literature furnished her.

Last night I presented the Sabbath question in a home where I have been holding readings for some time past, and two practically decided to obey. Others are inquiring, and we feel sure that the Lord has now set His hand to call out the honest in heart to take their stand with the remnant. This will be equally true in every other church when our people turn to the Lord with singleness of heart and put away their sins and backslidings.

Our courage could not be otherwise than good at the signal evidences of God's presence and leading since coming to this field of labor.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

GRAND RAPIDS.

The week of prayer has been a season of great refreshing to many hearts in the Grand Rapids church. Last year we divided our company and held meetings in the four quarters of the city, with very good results; but this year we felt impressed to hold meetings in but one place and that the auditorium of the church. While our attendance was not as large as we longed to see, yet those who were physically able and had a burden to seek the Lord for a deeper experience, attended nightly, making a goodly congregation.

Under the searching influence of the Holy Spirit many hearts that had wandered from God turned and set their faces resolutely toward the Father's Home. Two or three persons gave their hearts to God for the first time, I understand. While this was a great blessing, it is but an earnest of what God will do for those who continually seek him. He says, "Those who seek me with all their hearts shall find me," and "those who ask for the Holy Spirit shall receive it." Then shall we not keep on seeking, finding, receiving?

The Sunday evening following the close of the week of prayer five earnest souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Brother Wm. Crothers rendered valuable assistance in these meetings.

W. D. PARKHURST, Pastor.

### Obituaries.

PARMENTER.—Died near Edmore, Mich., December 13, 1905, of typhoid fever, Milton D. Parmenter, aged 37 years, 6 months, and 4 days. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Samuel 20:3.

M. C. WHITMARSH.

BOOTHBY.—Died at the home of his son near Bangor, Mich., Robert Boothby, aged 77 years. Brother Boothby was born in England June 23, 1828, and came to this country at the age of twenty-five, where he has since resided. About two years ago he decided to obey the third angel's message and has during that time walked in the way of God's commandments. He is survived by a wife, three sons and three daughters. Words of comfort were offered by the writer from Numbers 23:10.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

### PRIDE.

Let us lay aside . . . the sin which doth so easily beset us. Heb. 12:1.

The Bible is a mirror given us by God, which, when held before us, gives each of us a true likeness of ourselves. And it is our fault, not his, if we, in our idleness and self-satisfaction, leave the mirror hidden and refuse to look into it.

It is a knowledge of ourselves as we are and of Christ our pattern which shows what we are to be, that God would have us acquire. Then, if we are to "lay aside THE SIN that doth so easily beset us," it is indeed pertinent that we know and locate that sin.

All sin is conceived in the mind, as the body cannot perform a sin-



ful act until permission from the mind is gained. An intelligent investigation of the processes of thought would, therefore, seem the true method of locating and analyzing the sin to which our attention is called in this text.

Although there are forty-two faculties of the mind which combine together to produce human thought, there are but three avenues through which sin can enter and from which sinful acts can be originated.

Located at the crown of the head where the hair parts in all directions is the faculty of Self-Esteem. The possession of it in marked degree gives one a tendency to stand erect, throw out the chest and pull back the chin. It stiffens your backbone. On either side of Self-Esteem is found the faculty of Approbativeness.

God made every faculty for a good use. The fact that there is not one faculty of the mind which is given over exclusively to sinful purposes shows conclusively that sin, as we practice it, is apart from the original design of the Creator.

As Satan has duplicated God's day of worship, so we find that he has perverted each faculty of the mind. Those thought-producing organs given us for great and good intellectual effort are, with the consent of our wills, exercised for the abortive purposes of Satan to work our present and eternal destruction.

The true purpose of this sentimental faculty called Approbativeness is to give us a regard for the feelings of others. It prompts us to try to please our fellows. It is the organ of society—that link binding men to each other in polite association. Perverted, this faculty becomes the chief instigator of sin. Approbativeness in association with Self-Esteem is responsible for all expressions of lordliness, self-importance, arrogance, hauteur, pride, vanity, affectation, bombast, egotism, pomposity, dress parade,

or swelled head. And from it envy and jealousy arise.

In that part of God's mirror known as James 4:1-10 we are shown the operation of sin in us and its effects. It reads:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence even of your lusts (margin reads, pleasures) that war in your members?"

"Ye lust and have not: ye kill, (margin, envy) and desire to have and cannot obtain: ye fight and war yet ye have not because ye ask not."

By noticing the margin, you see that the words kill and envy are used synonymously. That is because envy is the inception of murder. The force of destructiveness which performs the real act of murder is prompted by envy. The executive force is irresponsible. It is this higher mental action perverted in its exhibition of envy that is the real murderer.

It is this envy working in us that forces us to overwork, to be dishonest, to strive with all our might for money. It makes us leave our Bibles unread, our prayers unsaid, our kind words unspoken, and the assembling of ourselves together neglected. Then let us turn our eyes from following after these elusive follies and look with faith to the Father of all and be content with his gifts to us.

F. HOUGHTALING.

(Concluded next week.)

### How May We Develop the Missionary Spirit in the Sabbath-School?

If there is a people with a mission, it is truly Seventh-day Adventists. That mission is a decided message of warning to be borne to all the world in this generation. "The time of test is upon us" and we must be true to our mission.

Consecration is the only firm basis for the missionary spirit to rest upon. Therefore the first step toward the development of that spirit in our Sabbath-school would

be more personal work by the converted members with those who are not. That would result in their giving their own selves unto the Lord and consecrating their all to his service, for with the flooding of the soul with the love of God and by the indwelling of the Spirit of God, there enters into our minds a clearer conception of God's great and matchless love for humanity, shown by the gift of his only begotten Son for our redemption, and the great denial and self-sacrifice in the life of that Son that can not be sensed by one who has not tasted and found that the Lord is good. Only by beholding the workings of the Great Missionary does the desire enter our hearts to obey his words, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself."

Are you and I doing all we can to win the souls in our Sabbath-school to Christ? If not, let us resolve, by God's help, to do so from now on. Only those who learn to be soul-winners in their own Sabbath-school will be successful missionaries.

The next step, particularly with the young, would be to help them find work to do according to their ability. Short, pithy papers may be written and read occasionally on missionary topics. Missionary exercises by the children will help to keep up their interest in the progress of the work in other lands. Children can carefully be taught to give, but they should also be taught how the money is appropriated. If children are educated along missionary lines, there will be regular and generous giving. It is hard to teach benevolent and self-sacrificing lessons when the money is spent for lesson papers, quarterlies, etc. Therefore let the Sabbath-school donations be used entirely for missions.

A birthday box is often of much interest to children, and the amount therein contained will be greatly increased if the older ones also remember when their birth-



days come. This box is also open for free-will offerings.

The second-Sabbath missionary readings deepen our interest and should not be omitted.

A careful study of Acts 9:32-37, in which the early church gives us an example of self-sacrifice for the spread of the gospel, would be an incentive toward more liberal giving on the part of all.

"We are in the last end of the missionary generation." Let us then do all in our power to encourage our Sabbath-school scholars to embrace the opportunities offered by God and use all the facilities within their reach for the furtherance of this cause.

MRS. HARRY TAYLOR.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

With this issue of the West Michigan Herald we begin our fourth volume. Many subscriptions expired with last week's issue, and it may be that yours was among the number, and if it was, you were notified. We sincerely hope that you will renew at once, for it is through the columns of the Herald that we communicate with the brethren and sisters of the West Michigan Conference.

The fourth annual session of the West Michigan Conference will be held in Otsego January 18-21, 1906, and from now until that time many important matters will appear in the columns of this paper, and we hope to be able to give a full report of the conference proceedings, and you do not want to miss these things. For this reason we earnestly solicit you to renew at once and thus not miss a single issue.

### News and Notes.

Miss Nina Nelson of Saginaw, spent last week in Otsego visiting her sisters, Misses Jennie and Nellie Nelson.

Through an oversight last week the name of Mrs. N. L. Travis was omitted from the list of members

of the committee on entertainment of conference delegates, appointed by the Otsego church.

S. D. Hartwell, Ezra Brackett, and the editor attended the Missionary and Sabbath-school convention at Paw Paw last Sabbath and Sunday. Fifty sets of the special numbers of the "Signs" were taken by the church.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association make the following announcement: "We are pleased to be able to announce that arrangements have been made with the author to continue the publication of 'Christ in Song' at regular rates and discounts and that a new edition is now being printed; and though we cannot state definitely just the date we will have the books ready for shipment, we trust no unforeseen hinderances will prevent the completion of the new edition at an early date."

### Notice to Church Officials.

Blank delegate credentials have been sent to all the church clerks. The number is based upon your last report sent to this office. If your membership has increased and you are entitled to more delegates than you have received blanks, please notify us. The basis of representation is as follows: one delegate for the church organization, and one for each full fifteen members.

The quarterly report blanks have also been sent to the church clerks. We are anxious that these reports be returned to the office at the earliest possible date in order that we may know the exact membership of our conference.

The delegates should be elected at the annual election or at a special meeting called for this purpose. The credentials should be returned to the secretary of the conference as soon after the election as possible.

All delegates to the conference will be entertained free. The committee to act on entertainment

wishes to know the names of those who will represent the various churches in order that they may arrange for their care. Each delegate should provide himself with a quilt, blanket and pillow. This will enable the church to provide comfortable quarters for all the delegates that may attend.

We are very anxious that the coming conference shall be the most successful in every way of any that has ever been held in the West Michigan Conference. Let us pray that the special blessing of heaven may rest upon this important gathering of God's people.

E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

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