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Our Hero Missionaries.

They have journeyed far on a stormy tide
To the friendless shore and the strange hill-side

Where the wild winds sigh and the darkness creeps;

For their hearts are sad with a world that weeps.

And theirs is a love that never sleeps.

Where the stress is great and the battle long
They strengthen their faith with psalm and song:

And if for guerdon they have defeat,
The hymns of their angels are ever sweet,
And they take their rest at the master's feet.

God is the source of their secret strength.
They trust in Him, and they see at length
That morn is breaking after the night,
And the harvest fields are gold and white,
While shines around them God's fadeless light.

But who shall follow where they have led?
Who live and labour and love instead?
O, hearts of youth, earth waits for you;
Be strong and brave, be firm and true,
Faithfully promise, and nobly do?

—Marianne Farningham.

More About The Conference.

The conference will convene at 6:00 p. m. Thursday, January 18, at which time we trust all the delegates will be in their seats. Preaching service at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, the 18th, and Friday, the 19th, and probably each evening of the session.

Efficient help will be furnished by the General Conference and the Lake Union. The conference laborers are delegates to the conference by virtue of their employment.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and an additional delegate for each full fifteen members.

Remember, the conference opens at 6:00 p. m. Thursday, the 18th.

Church clerks should forward the delegates' credentials to the conference secretary as soon after the annual election as possible in order that the records may be completed before the conference opens. The secretary of the conference and the secretary of the executive committee will act as a committee on the seating of delegates.

Remember to bring comfortables, blankets, and pillows. The delegates ONLY will receive free entertainment, both lodging and food.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President.

Home Missionary Work.

Some time ago we were informed through the "Review" that the International Sunday-school lessons for 1906 were to be on the works and words of Christ, and suggested that it would be well for us to take "Desire of Ages" to the Sunday-school worker in our vicinity and recommend it as valuable help to them in their work.

I have wondered how many were acting in harmony with that suggestion, and with what results. I have felt for some months that perhaps I was not doing my full duty, and I found a very helpful text in Proverbs 22:20, "Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge?" What people have ever been favored in this respect than the remnant church? Please read verses 17-21 of this chapter and note carefully the 21st verse.

What if we were to make several calls and spend quite a little time without securing even one order? Would you consider it a failure? I know of one person who has tried it and feels well repaid by the opportunity thus presented for personal interviews and getting acquainted and talking of the Word and the possibility of such a union with Christ that we may reflect His life. One of the results of this work is the blessing the worker receives. How many of us will heed the "counsels" given us and take up the work right at our door?

A. B. C.

From the Field.

GRAND RAPIDS.

Some of us desired to do something to advance the truth of God in this city, so we have started a small Sabbath-school in our neighborhood. I have the seniors, Mrs. Willey the kindergarten, and Sister La Fave the intermediate and primary. The children are interested in the Sabbath-school. We have the "Youth's Instructor" and "Little Friend." We are holding Bible readings as we have the time and opportunity, and we find the people are interested, and we believe that some of them will accept the message.

How can we afford to be idle when the harvest is ripe and laborers are needed in every part of the field? There are many blessings for us if we will take up the work around us. I give this little experience thinking it may encourage someone else to take up some work for the Lord. Let us pray for those who are laboring in the great harvest field.

W. C. WILLEY.

PAW PAW.

The Sabbath-school and missionary convention appointed to be held in Paw Paw December 30 and 31 was held at that time, and while as events the meetings are now things of the past, yet it must be realized by those who were privileged to attend, that the influence of the meetings will extend into the earth made new.

The Sabbath-school convention opened with prayer by Brother Brackett, our district director. Sister Margaret Haughey was the first one to speak on "The Need and the Purpose of a Convention" and at once struck the keynote of every subject on the program that followed by the statement that the need and purpose of a convention was the salvation of souls.

Brother Hartwell, our Field Secretary, then spoke on "The Importance of the Sabbath-school" and emphasized the importance of every member being in his place at the time appointed for school to open.

Brother Brackett then spoke on "The Duties of Sabbath-school Officers." His suggestions could not help but bring this question to many minds, "Who is sufficient for these things?" and as we were compelled to realize our weakness, there came a realization of the fact that "God is our refuge and strength."

Other important subjects relative to the Sabbath-school work were considered by members of the Paw Paw Sabbath-school, each one deserving of special mention if space would permit. It was evident that all to whom parts were assigned had been guided by Him who "doeth all things well."

The missionary convention was opened by Brother Hartwell speaking on the importance of placing our publications in the hands of the people. He then called Brother Castle of Hartford, a veteran canvasser, forward, who spoke on "The Canvassing Work and its Results." Brother Castle based

his remarks on God's Word and Testimonies of the Spirit of Prophecy. He spoke feelingly of this important branch of gospel work and showed that his interest was in no way abated, but that the canvassing work was still dear to his heart.

Brother Messer of Bloomingdale and Brother James Johnson followed, speaking on the same line of work, and having had experience in the field that none but the canvasser can know, made us feel that there was a special blessing that come to all who would engage in the canvassing work.

The evening meetings held by Sister Haughey, and Brethren Hartwell and Brackett were very helpful, as "meat in due season" was presented. The Paw Paw church regards the convention as a visitation of the mercy and goodness of the God of Israel, and only regret that there were not more of our people from neighboring churches to share the good things with us. We feel that we can heartily recommend a convention of the same kind to any church in the West Michigan Conference or the world, as a help in time of need.

We thank you all for your company and help and ask you to come again.

GEORGE MATTESON.

Financial.

December Receipts.	
Acre Fund	\$ 50
Annual Offerings	1,113 73
Cedar Lake Academy	5 00
C. O. Lessons Fund	1 25
Educational Fund	15 86
Expense	04
Freewill Offerings	25
Haskell Home	1 56
Merchandise	87 74
Miscellaneous Offerings	27
Mission Board	33 12
Nashville Church	50
On Account	295 05
Sabbath-school Offerings	21 21
Self Denial Fund	10 89
Southern Field	6 66
Southern Missionary Society	8 60

Tent and Camp-meeting F'd.	2 00
Tithe	1,980 92
Washington Fund	2 95
Weekly Offerings	59 98
West Michigan Herald	2 00
West Michigan Sanitarium	252 73
	\$3,902 81

December Tithe Receipts.

Agnew	30 75
Allegan	64 20
Bangor	12 50
Battle Creek	19 75
Bedford	40 47
Belding	56 36
Benton Harbor	90 99
Berrien Springs	174 44
Burlington	4 31
Byron Center	1 56
Carson City	33 73
Cedar Lake	296 71
Ceresco	13 00
Charlotte	94 61
Covert	23 01
Diamondale	46 82
Eaton Rapids	7 67
Grand Ledge	61 86
Grand Rapids	223 54
Grandville	17 75
Hastings	20 95
Howard City	5 34
Individuals	71 42
Kent City	26 58
Monterey	85 75
Mt. Pleasant	17 30
Orange	70 75
Otsego	50 71
Pottersville	2 00
Rothbury	33 00
Shelby	10 68
Sturgis	28 79
Trufant	73 50
Vermontville	13 50
Waverly	74 11
Wright	82 51
	\$1,980 92

Was, Is Not, And Yet Is.

John saw the ten-horned beast for the church, in the days of his development and decline. He was seen first to ascend out of the sea. Rev. 13:1. His seven heads were all heads of the dragon.

The beast is declared to be the eighth head and of the seven, not

ONE of the seven as it is generally interpreted, even as a son is of his father and mother, but not either one of them. The eighth head is of the seven because he combines in himself all the elements of the seven forms of government that preceded him.

Said the angel to John, "The beast that thou sawest [for the church in the last days] was [from 538 to 1797] and is now [having been wounded to the point of death] and yet is" [for he is yet alive, though apparently dead.] Rev. 17:8, 11.

"The prophesy of the Revelation is being fulfilled, 'that all the world wondered after the beast,'" Rev. 13:3; 17:8. Testimonies Vol. 6, p. 14.

This beast, healed of his wound, is to be, at the second coming of Christ, cast alive (in full organization) into a lake of fire. See Rev. 19:20. At the end of the thousand years he is to come up as he went down, out of the bottomless pit into which Satan had been cast, and, with all the ungodly, go into perdition. Rev. 17:8; 19:20; 20:14, 15; 11. Peter 3:7.

A. SMITH.

PRIDE.

(Concluded.)

"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts."

In a word, we are trying to stand with one foot on the earth and the other in heaven. They are too far apart; it is impossible. The reason we do not have the rest, and the peace, and the joy, and the honor God has repeatedly said he has in store for us, is because the matter of first importance is our salvation, and as long as we are intent upon consuming his gifts upon our lusts to our eternal destruction, it is his merciful kindness that withholds the stored-up blessings.

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend

of the world is the enemy of God.

"Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The Spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

"Be afflicted, and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness.

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up."

Let us turn to Genesis 3:5 and read how perverted pride was first aroused in Eve.

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."

Here was flattery introduced and vanity sprung up at the touch. Can we doubt from this first effort of Satan's that he knows human nature? Isn't it wise, then, that we possess this same knowledge of ourselves that our enemy uses to such disastrous ends? If we know that flattery induces envy and that envy is the beginning of murder, will we not shun the net of the flatterer?

Following pride to its logical end we read Ezekiel 16:49-50.

"Behold, this is the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

"And they were haughty and committed abomination before me: therefore, I took them away as I saw good."

Can we, then, with any reason court flattery when we are shown so plainly that the end is eternal destruction? Is not the truth to be

preferred at all times, and ought we not to await with patience the operations of God's providence in our behalf?

We must acknowledge that this tendency to sin is in all of us alike. We must confess our inability to cope with it ourselves.

Let us read Matthew 18:3, 4 and learn the means of escape from this inevitable destruction prepared for us by a loving Saviour.

"Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"Whosoever, therefore shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

There is our escape. We are recommended to conversion and humility, and we are not left to wonder what humility is or how it is practiced.

In the eleventh chapter we read this beautiful invitation, commencing with the twenty-eighth verse:

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

If a beast of burden attempts to haul a load without a yoke, it is gauled by the chains, and labors under a great disadvantage. We have burdens to bear. We are struggling in Satan's chains. Christ offers us a yoke to make it easy. He wants us to exchange our burden of despair and envy for his burden of hope and faith and love. Shall we make the exchange?

I repeat that Approbativeness is the link which binds man to man, forming the social chain. "Know ye not that the world is at enmity with God?" Society, as we know it, is maintained for the satisfaction of that form of perverted Approbativeness called vanity. When vanity lacks a flatterer, envy is aroused.

God's plan for society has quite a different foundation. His scheme of happiness in social intercourse is humility. Read Philippians 2:1-11.

F. HOUGHTALING.

Shall Our Youth Go To Battle Creek?

Much instruction has come from the pen of Sister White recently regarding the dangers of sending our youth to Battle Creek to obtain an education. The most important of this has just been printed in a neat pamphlet of 64 pages entitled "Testimonies for the Church," Series B, No. 6.

This is an important pamphlet and contains timely instruction for all our people and should be in the hands of not only our young people but of every Sabbath-keeper in our denomination. Price 5 cents. Secure a copy at once.

Order of your state tract society or of the nearest denominational publishing house.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

The winter term opened January 2.

Several new faces are seen among the students this term.

The Misses Nina McCurdy and Elsie Buck returned to school Wednesday. They spent the vacation at McBain visiting friends.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Crouch among us again. Fred was here two years ago, but since then has been at his home in Petoskey.

Two of the resident students, James and Belle Olmstead, have not yet returned from Pennsylvania, where they spent the holiday season.

All our rooms in the dormitory are filled; two students, a man and his wife, are occupying a room in the school building; and we have been obliged to partition off one end of the dining room for other

students. We can fit up other rooms in the school building that will be comfortable and pleasant.

Martin Halverson, an old student, returned to school the 3rd. He was prevented from attending the fall term. We are glad to welcome him back. He was accompanied by his mother, who came to make the school and her daughter Thallie a short visit.

News and Notes.

The children of the Covert church school are doing good work distributing papers.

The Young People's Society at Paw Paw is doing some missionary work with the "Signs of the Times."

The Sabbath-school convention that was to have been held at Grand Ledge last Sabbath was postponed on account of serious illness of some of the members.

We are thankful that a few of our Sabbath-school secretaries have sent in their reports early. We hope the rest will send in theirs SOON.

We have a supply of Sabbath-school contribution envelopes, and if any school needs a supply, please let us know. We will be glad to supply you. These envelopes are free.

Will the secretaries of the Young People's Societies PLEASE send in their reports immediately? We desire to have all these reports in soon so we can make up a complete report to present at the time of our conference.

We hope our readers will be pleased with the new head-dress that appears on the paper this week. The cut was a gift from Brother Harry Taylor of Grandville, Mich. We do not know of a better way to show our appreciation than to use it.

This is the second copy of the "Herald" that we have sent you since your subscription expired. We were anxious for you to have the matter pertaining to the arrangements of the fourth annual session of the West Michigan Conference, which is to be held in Otsego January 18-21, 1906. We hope to have a report of the proceedings in the columns of the "Herald." If you will send in your renewal at once, you will not miss a single issue.

There are several of our Sabbath-schools that do not take the "Sabbath-School Worker." We would like to see this journal in every Sabbath-school in the West Michigan Conference. Single copy, one year, thirty-five cents. Two or more copies to one address, each twenty-five.

We quote the following from letters from two of our subscribers:

"I enclose twenty-five cents for another year's subscription. I have taken the 'Herald' ever since it was printed, and I do not want to do without it."

"I notice the blue-pencil mark on my last number of the 'Herald.' I enclose twenty-five cents for renewal. I find the little paper full of good reading. We cannot afford to drop out one means of grace or one ray of light. I hope the paper will continue to grow in size and spirituality."

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