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"Go Ye Also Into The Vineyard."

Its time that the Spirit
Of God is poured out
On the children of men
Through the nations about.

"Go work in my vineyard,"
The Master doth say,
"And whatever is right
Ye shall receive for your pay."

The harvest is ripe,
And the laborers few;
Then let us go the work
And our courage renew.

For the fields are white
With the over-ripe grain;
Then let us no longer
Here idle remain.

Is the over-ripe grain
Fast wasting away
For the lack of our presence
In the vineyard to-day?

Lets go to the vineyard
And gather in grain,
To the praise of our Saviour
In His glorious name.

OTIS N. LANDON.

Recommendations and Resolutions Adopted at the Fourth Annual Session of the West Michi- gan Conference Held at Otsego Jan. 18-21, 1896.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

1. That in selecting teachers, careful attention be given to soundness in the principles of our faith, including Christian Education, dress, and general deportment, as well as mental ability.

2. Inasmuch as our schools, to be a permanent success, must in no way fall behind the public schools in mental training, and in addition have all the advantages of Christian training, a strong effort be made to bring all our schools up to a high standard of excellence.

3. Realizing that it requires consecration, involving oftentimes a sacrifice on the part of our teachers, we recommend that this work be given the hearty co-operation and prayers of ALL our people.

4. We urge upon all those conducting examinations of teachers the most pains-taking care in the matter of preserving standings, and the granting of permits, licenses, and credentials.

5. We urge the importance of good school government, and submit that the teacher has the same power of control in the school room that the parent has at home.

6. We recommend that the Educational Secretary visit each school in the conference at least once during the year, and by actual personal work see that it is in successful operation.

7. That teachers be encouraged to send in reports of their school work for publication in the "West Michigan Herald."

8. That all our teachers be encouraged to attend a summer normal class at Berrien Springs.

9. That our teachers be asked to co-operate with the text-book committee in any way said committee may desire.

10. That the resolutions passed by the Lake Union Educational Conference continue to use as far as practicable the books now in hand for the school year of 1905-06.

Recommendations Passed by the Educational Council of the Lake Union Confer- ence Held August 3-7, 1905.

1. That the Pacific Union Conference Manual be selected as the guide for our primary teachers in

their work, and that our teachers be counseled to follow this Manual as far as shall seem to them consistent.

2. That each teacher introduce into his school at least one line of manual training this year.

3. That as soon as possible the educational superintendents be relieved of their duties, that they may spend their time in the field.

4. That more than ever we seek to inspire our pupils with a desire to give the message, and let this be the chief incentive to labor.

5. That it be the sense of this assembly that four weeks of twenty school days shall constitute the school month.

6. That each teacher show his interest in the educational work by contributing regularly at least once each term to "Home, Farm and School" such matter as will be of interest to others.

7. That for readers our teachers use Sutherland's series of Bible Readers as far as prepared, and that we leave to the discretion of the teachers the selection of further readers, and

Whereas the General Conference Educational Council will convene next June, and whereas they will doubtless make definite recommendations relative to text books, and whereas the Lake Union Conference will doubtless desire, as far as consistent, to be in harmony with the recommendations of the General Conference, we recommend, That in the case of all text books, our teachers in this Convention in 1905, together with these resolutions, be published in convenient form for the use of our teachers, and others interested in this work.

Financial.**March Receipts.**

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Allegan	\$ 19 00
Allendale	4 80
Bangor	10 30
Battle Creek	1,258 42
Bauer	7 19
Bedford	91 65
Belding	19 30
Benton Harbor	41 49
Bloomington	23 46
Burlington	28 75
Carson City	31 63
Cedar Lake	36 62
Ceresco	34 00
Denver Center	18 57
Douglas	3 20
East Michigan Conf.	3 60
Grand Ledge	59 50
Grand Rapids	122 41
Grandville	152 35
Horr	5 00
Individuals	12 00
Iowa Conference	9 55
Lowell	27 80
Massachusetts Conf.	5 88
Mendon	75 00
Minnesota Conf.	4 65
Morley	6 00
Odessa Mission School	4 95
Ontario Conference	4 00
Otsego	75 26
Palo	8 00
Pennsylvania Conf.	11 80
South Lancaster, Mass.	5 33
Spring Arbor	20 00
Stockholm, Sweden	6 50
Sturgis	3 83
Takoma Park	6 31
Trufant	28 65
Waverly	6 00
West Leroy	5 75
Wright	41 47

\$2,339 97

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Tithe	\$2,339 97
West Mich. Sanitarium	148 55
Sabbath-School Offerings	4 82
Weekly Offerings	27 13
Haskell Home	15
Freewill Offerings	25
Annual Offerings	25 00
Mission Board Offerings	

ings	28 54
Self-Denial Fund	1 00
Southern Field	25 51
African Native Workers Fund	4 00
Religious Liberty Offerings	178 14
Huntsville School	30 00
Sanitarium from sale of Ministry of Healing	73 60
	\$2,886 66

WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY.

On Account	\$199 31
Merchandise	38 77
West Mich. Herald	1 76
	\$239 84

From the Field.

GRAND RAPIDS.

Thinking perhaps the readers of the HERALD would be interested to learn of the progress of the Third Angel's Message in Grand Rapids, we present the following report.

Upon the removal of Elder W. D. Parkhurst to Springfield, Ill., where he went to take up his duties as president of the Southern Illinois Conference, the conference committee requested the writer to come to Grand Rapids and take the oversight of the work in this city.

We have been here about six weeks at the present writing, and are beginning to be fairly well acquainted with the situation. The church has a membership of about two hundred and is in possession of a comfortable house of worship that has lately been renovated and beautified in its interior apartments. The attendance at the Sabbath services ranges from one hundred to one hundred fifty.

Services are held each Sunday evening for the benefit of those not of our faith and the attendance has increased from the first, so the auditorium is now well filled each evening. We are presenting a series of discourses on the signs of the times and the interest is deepening. Cottage meetings are also

being held where the various points of our faith are presented in regular order, and a good healthy interest is being manifested in this work also.

The church is taking a commendable interest in missionary work. 350 sets of the special "Signs" have been taken, and a thousand copies of one tract have been arranged for. A working church is invariably a live church. Those who are "do-nothings" now are sure to hear the terrible words spoken, "Thou wicked and slothful servant." May the Lord awaken his people to a sense of their great responsibility to unsaved humanity.

The medical work is represented by the West Michigan Sanitarium, which under the careful direction of Dr. L. J. Otis, assisted by a corps of faithful nurses, is enjoying a good degree of prosperity. This sanitarium is a conference institution and is worthy of the hearty support of all our people. Those who desire skilled treatment under Christian influences can do no better than come to this institution. Dr. Otis is a surgeon as well as a physician.

Sister Jennie DeYoung is rendering faithful service as a Bible worker. The Lord is blessing her labors and souls are embracing the truth.

Sister Somerset has conducted our church school this year and has given most acceptable service. She has also conducted a night school two evenings in the week for the benefit of older persons who could not attend day school. This has proved a very heavy draft on her physical resource. The Lord bless our self-sacrificing teachers!

We are now planning for a tent effort in Grand Rapids this season, and the church is preparing to cooperate with this plan.

We feel very much encouraged over the prospect, and believe the Lord has much in store for the Grand Rapids church.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

Missionary.

The Century Vexing Problem.

It has been stated that the difficulties arising between capital and labor is "the century vexing problem." The most of our readers will remember the very excellent number of the Signs of the Times that was gotten out nearly two years ago on this question of Capital and Labor. This paper had one of the most striking cover designs that has ever been produced. Articles by leading men covering the principles of this great question were given. It has a very striking double page illustration in the center of the paper.

Altogether it is one of the most convincing, attractive and useful numbers of the Signs of the Times that have ever been issued. And while it was gotten out two years ago, the matter it contains setting forth the great principles underlying this subject, as well as prophecies pertaining to it, are even more important now than they were then.

The Signs office still has several thousand copies of this issue on hand, and we would like to invite our brethren and sisters throughout the field to assist us in disposing of them. This valuable matter should be in the hands of the people. Will you not help? The price of the papers, when taken in quantities of fifty or more, is $1\frac{1}{4}$ cents a copy. Less than fifty copies, $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents a copy. In quantities of 100 or more, one cent a copy.

A. O. TAIT.

Some Great Thing.

II KINGS 5:13.

Naaman was an officer of high rank in that proud, cruel, pagan Assyrian Empire. The record says, "But he was a leper," so what avails all this empty glory, for soon the death knell must sound.

The Lord is to have a representative in that heathen court, but the little maid (Vs. 2-4) nor the Lord's prophet (Vs. 8-10,) neither Naaman's

servant (V. 13) could carry God's message into that place; but the Lord used each of these humble instrumentalities in bringing about the healing and conversion of Naaman.

No doubt it is right and best to have high aspirations and lofty ideals and use God-given powers to become proficient in all we undertake, but there is too great a tendency to ignore the small things that pave the way and lead up to the great things. Naaman was willing not only to lavish his costly presents upon the prophet, but was anxious to do some great thing. He was accustomed to ostentatious display; but here the tact and wisdom of the servant had its effect. Naaman could see no reason in washing in the muddy Jordan when there were plenty of clear streams at home.

Now the lesson. God has said there should be one hundred canvassers where there is now one, and, this being so, there must be some in this conference to whom that "Voice" is saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

When Naaman yielded and obeyed he found not only healing of the body, but of the soul. He was a converted man, and now there was before him a greater thing to do than he had ever dreamed of—the making known of the true God in that vain, proud, voluptuous, heathen court. How many there are yet who have not learned what Naaman did, that there is "no God in all the earth but in Israel."

Now, what is the canvasser's work? Is it not the carrying of the everlasting gospel to many who would never hear this message from any other source? And some of those will obey and take the message where we can not go, perhaps before kings and courts, perhaps to foreign fields, to heathen pagan lands.

Perhaps to yield means to the sacrificing of not only home comforts and pleasant associations, but

literally the home itself. Some have done this, but He who notes the fall of the sparrow will never forsake the one who conscientiously responds to the call of duty and privilege.

If you can not devote all your time, try to consecrate a portion of it, if it is only with some of our papers. But ever be willing to leave the results with God. Let eternity reveal the fruit.

Who says, "Here am I, Lord; send me?"
A. B. C.

The Perfect Man.

"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect." Even as Christ, our divine pattern, was made perfect through suffering and doing the will of his father, so we are made perfect by keeping his commandments and sinking into Him. Christ is our divine pattern, and if we would be perfect, we must allow ourselves to sink out of self into the Perfect Pattern and be moulded after the Perfect Man; and the Word of God, which is a two-edged sword, will trim away, or cut off all objectionable traits of character, and by keeping the Word constantly by us God will keep us perfect from day to day.

But it is necessary that a man have faith in the living God before he can become a perfect man, for without faith it is impossible to please Him. A man may be ever so good a husband, ever so good a neighbor, ever so honest in his business dealing with his fellow men, but unless he believes in the living God, there is something lacking and he cannot be a perfect man. Hebrews 11:6. Again the Lord says in Matt. 7:16 "Ye shall know them by their fruits," for "Faith without works is dead, being alone." James 2:14,26. We have very little confidence in that man's profession of religion who fails to show it in his daily life. "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit." Matt. 7:17.

The rich young man came to

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Jesus and asked what good thing he must do to inherit eternal life. Matt. 19:17. This young man appeared to be a good man, and when Jesus told him to keep the commandments, he said that he had kept them from his youth up; and yet the fact that he had great possessions in the midst of so much poverty and suffering proved that he loved his wealth more than God, making a god of his wealth, which is contrary to the first commandment which says, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:3. This young man was deceiving himself and is like the man described in James 1:22,25, who was a hearer of the Word only and not a doer and is "likened unto a man who beholdeth himself in a glass and goeth his way and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was." A man who is continually striving after perfection keeps looking into God's perfect law as in a glass and quickly discovers any flaw in the garments he is trying to keep pure and clean.

Though a perfect man may not be popular with the world, (1 John 3:2) even as our divine pattern was

not popular with the world, still he has nothing to fear, for his life is hid with Christ in God. Col. 3:3.

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

MRS. DAISY OHMER.

Human Science Disproved.

"And, thou, Lord in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth." Heb. 1:10. "Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened?" Job. 38:6.

"He hath founded it upon the seas and established it upon the floods." Ps. 24:2. See Ps. 136:6.

Thus the popular theory that the interior of the earth is a molten mass intensely heated, is disproved by the Word of God.

"Upon the third day thou didst command that the waters should be gathered in the seventh part of the earth: six parts hast thou dried up, and kept them, to the intent that of these some being planted of God and tilled might serve thee." 2 Esdras 6:42.

At the present time only about one-fourth of the earth's surface is land, and a large amount of that is untillable and uninhabitable.

At the time of the flood the rocky covering of the internal waters of the earth was broken up, and collapsing drove the water to the surface. See Gen. 7:11; Great Controversy Vol. 1, pp. 73 and 84. Much of this water remained upon the surface after the flood.

At the subsidence of the deluge God formed strata of coal, oil, gas, and limestone in the earth's superstructure for the good of the last generations of men, and, also as arsenals from whence He would draw forces to execute His anger. See Deut. 32:22. A. SMITH.

News and Notes.

The canvassers' institute at Paw Paw will be April 17-26.

The editor spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Battle Creek.

Elder A. G. Haughey spoke in the Battle Creek Tabernacle last Sabbath.

Elder M. S. Burnham met with the church at Bloomingdale last Sabbath.

Elders A. G. Haughey and M. N. Campbell and Brother E. A. Merriam spent Tuesday in Berrien Springs.

The subscription for the "Signs of the Times" in clubs of five or more is one dollar a copy. Single yearly subscription \$1.50.

We hope the Sabbath-school secretaries and secretaries of the young people's societies will send in their reports promptly.

Mrs. E. S. Osborn died Monday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John I. Snow of Otsego. Her obituary will appear later.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Collins, who have been spending the winter in Florida, are visiting Mrs. Collins' sisters, the Misses Jennie and Nellie Nelson, in Otsego.

Miss Ruth Saxby, who has been teaching the church school at Glenwood, has been called home on account of sickness in her family, and Miss Hall will finish the school at Glenwood.

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