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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

**From the Field.**

MENDON.

The members of the church at Mendon and representatives from West Leroy and Union City met in Sabbath-school convention April 28. Two sessions were held,— one immediately following the regular Sabbath-school service and the other at 2:30 in the afternoon. During these sessions seven papers were presented and their topics freely discussed. These papers dealt with subjects of vital importance to our schools, and all present felt richly repaid for the effort put forth. A paper and open discussion by members of the intermediate department attracted particular attention and interest. As representing the youthful department of the Sabbath-school everywhere, they called for teachers of high standard and merit. That their desire may be met and their need not be wanting, shall we not all pray and labor to the end that our Sabbath-schools may be filled with officers and teachers of true character and purpose?

Other features of interest in the convention were readings, recitations and singing. A very profitable part of the program was the question box. Fourteen or fifteen questions were discussed, some with intense interest.

The conference secretary of Sabbath-schools was with us and presented many practical and helpful thoughts during the convention. Not of least interest was a short talk on missionary effort, encouraging the children and youth in raising means to help support an orphan in India.

How wide and far reaching is the Sabbath-school work. Let no one limit it to localities or recitation rooms. It encompasses the world, and the precious sheaves shall be gathered from all nations.

EDNA COLLIER.

KALAMAZOO.

The Kalamazoo church has just been favored with one of the best Sabbath-school and young people's conventions that it was ever the writer's privilege to attend. We hope the good instructions received may be put into practice and carefully carried out in our school. We feel that these conventions are not for mere pastime, but are ordered of God to instruct us in ways to better our schools.

We had the privilege of having Sister Margaret Haughey of Otsego, our conference Sabbath-school secretary, and also Brother Clifford Russell of Allegan, our educational secretary, to impart some good instruction to us which we appreciate very much. May God bless them in their work of encouragement as they go from place to place, helping to elevate the standard of truth along this branch of the work. They with the other dear ones have our thanks for their kindly aid in making the convention a success.

Mrs. S. A. McCoy.

SAND LAKE.

Our Sabbath-school convention here at Sand Lake was held on Sabbath, May 26.

There was a good attendance of our own members and a number of the brethren and sisters from Trufant and Howard City were with us. Sister Haughey was also with us and gave us practical instruction along the lines of Sabbath-school work considered. She gave a Bible reading Friday night.

The topics taken up were those generally considered in our conventions. Deep interest was manifested by all throughout the two sessions held. The papers prepared on the different subjects were considered very instructive by those present and the points were freely discussed.

Surely the convention was a practical help and an inspiration for better work to all who attended. We hope to see the result in more thoroughly consecrated officers and teachers, in more sympathetic co-operation of the scholars and in more carefully prepared lessons.

GUSSIE I. FIELD.

CANVASSING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

After my school closed at Campbellello I decided to try the canvassing work. The little experience I had had before was not such as to give me much encouragement, but the Lord has blessed me beyond my expectations. I feel that I can say or do nothing to urge the people to take the books. I can only show the book and depend upon the Holy Spirit to impress the hearts of the people with the truth. Many decide to take it before I am

half through with the canvass. The past week I have taken nineteen orders for "Coming King," nine for "Best Stories," and ten for "Gospel Primer." I am not used to the climate and have to go slow. Many days equal the warmest of the summer in Michigan. During the greater part of May it has been eighty degrees in the shade during the day.

I find many who believe the coming of Christ is near. One woman said to me, "I believe it, but not as I should. If I did I could not rest, but would be telling every one about it." I often wonder if we believe it as we should.

Here is a state half the size of Michigan and as thickly populated with only one hundred Sabbath-keepers. Only a small per cent of the population has ever heard God's message for these last days. The way is rapidly closing up in the South, and the probabilities are that this state will be one of the first in which it will close up. The laborers are few. We have no easy task to offer you, but the blessing of the Lord awaits those "whose hearts are warm with Christian love and whose hands are eager to go about their Master's work." I know of some in the West Michigan Conference who are impressed with the needs of the South. Pray not only for us, but for yourselves that the Lord will show you your duty in this matter. This field has been neglected so long that we can not have too many consecrated workers.

ELIZA WARNER,  
Laurens, S. C.

#### For The Cause.

When one goes fishing in the summer time and upon feeling a sharp tug on the line he brings in a fine rock or black bass, or it may be a pickerel, what a thrill of joy and satisfaction he feels; that is, if he is a lover of the sport.

In a similar manner a canvasser of our books rejoices when he learns that a soul has been brought to the

acknowledgement of the truth of the third angel's message through the seed sown by the reading of our literature.

I have thought it well before giving a few brief incidents of my experience so far in this important branch of our work, to introduce my article with a few thoughts, that I pray may inspire others to connect themselves with this phase of our home missionary work.

God has put the seal of his approval upon the canvassing work, therefore, this being his work, he will assist and encourage those who accept this fact and go ahead, working with God.

Some have asked me, "Can you make it joy?" "Will you make your expenses?" I say, "Yes! for we have His promise in Matt. 6:33."

"But don't you get in some very tight places?" Yes; but this only gives God the opportunity to display his hand in a more striking manner and causes one to realize that we have One at our side who never fails or forsakes us.

There is one danger that I have found which the canvasser must continually and carefully guard, and that is health. When you have been out hard at work and come to a place to stop for a meal or lodging, many times you are tempted not to be particular about what you eat. From what I can learn, sickness has caused many to leave the field. We can not be too careful on this point.

While I have found some persons prejudiced against our books because of our doctrines, I have found others who have books published by our people and desire more. Brother Matteson and myself while canvassing together found a lady in Yankee Springs township who had some of our publications and she spoke highly of them. We secured her order for "Great Controversy."

I found a lady in Middleville who had received a copy of "Great Controversy" as a gift from her

mother. She wrote a recommendation in my list of names, speaking well of the book. She has ordered a copy each of "Our Paradise Home" and "Glorious Appearing."

While I have not been long in the field and have not yet a very big list of orders for the Tract Society, what few I have I believe will do good, and I know the Lord will take these printed pages to impress and convict the readers.

There are many of our young people who are planning to attend college and some have already been and are now at home working. Why can not you during this summer plan to engage in this work?

Yes, I have been tempted to give this work up, by Satan offering me a better financial investment; but who has not been tempted? The apostle James encourages us with these words found in his epistle, the second to the fifth verse inclusive, of the first chapter: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

These are helpful words to me and they will be to others when difficulties arise in the work; but I have the hope of the acknowledgement of an honest endeavor to help those who have not yet had the warning of the coming visitation of God's wrath upon those "who worship the beast and his image and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

My prayer is that many may yet be willing to do as Jesus said, "Forsake all and follow me." Can we not give some of our time to the Master in such a manner that we may sow the seed of his eternal truths?

R. E. PUTNEY.

**Financial.**

**May Receipts.**

TITHE.	
Agnew	\$ 16 14
Allegan	513 00
Allendale	18 19
Battle Creek	592 48
Bedford	110 60
Belding	10 77
Benton Harbor	146 86
Berrien Springs	14 50
Bloomington	11 64
Byron Center	22 76
Carson City	79 64
Cedar Lake	43 70
Denver Center	5 00
Dimondale	30 65
Eaton Rapids	5 03
Grand Ledge	29 93
Grand Rapids	197 80
Grandville	41 42
Glenwood	29 99
Howard City	3 03
Individuals	25
Lowell	13 43
Lyons	39 05
Mecosta	6 33
Mendon	32 32
Monterey	29 60
Otsego	115 41
Palo	14 00
Portland	23 53
Pottersville	14 97
Quincy	147 05
Sand Lake	26 29
Shelby	11 39
Sturgis	4 00
Trufant	38 91
Waverly	49 48
West Leroy	13 55
Wright	32 13
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	\$2,534.79

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

Tithe	\$2534 79
West Mich. Sanitarium	189 66
S. S. Offerings	27 51
Weekly Offerings	35 03
Cedar Lake School	50
Orphans Homes	24 91
Freewill Offerings	1 00
Annual Offering	3 03
Mission Board Offerings	34 79
Self-Denial Fund	3 59
C. O. Lessons Fund	10 00
Southern Field	1 00

African Native Workers F'd.	4 00
Religious Liberty Offerings	1 03
Conf. Improvement Fund	20 50
James White Home	1 88
Japan Relief Fund	7 73
San Francisco Sufferers	80
Tent and C'p-meeting F'd.	31 00
Colored Work	40
Pacific Press Pub. Co.	
Offering	322 08
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	\$3255 23

WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Merchandise	\$ 61 61
On Account	148 00
West Michigan Herald	2 25
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	\$211 86

**Educational.**

**Cedar Lake Industrial Academy.**

I feel quite sure that the patrons of the Cedar Lake Academy will be pleased to learn that Elder and Sister Butler have been retained as instructors for the school year 1906-7. The prospects are that Brother and Sister Brower, former teachers of the Academy, will accept a call to go south, so the board have arranged with Brother Avery, a former church school teacher who has spent the past year in Emmanuel Missionary College as a student, to connect with the Cedar Lake school as a member of its faculty. Miss Mae Parker has been employed to teach in the commercial department. She has acted as teacher the past year, and will perhaps spend the summer in taking some special work, returning in the fall to resume her work as teacher.

The prospects for a strong course of study with liberal patronage is exceptionally fine. We anticipate that the coming year will be the banner year of the Cedar Lake school. From the present outlook, there will be as many as twenty young men and women who will complete the academic course. It is the plan of the board to graduate the students from the academic course and grant them diplomas.

The faculty of the Cedar Lake school, together with the board, are agreed and fully determined that the Cedar Lake school shall stand in the forefront of the intermediate schools of the country. Elder and Sister Butler need no introduction to the West Michigan people; they are well known throughout the territory. They are God-fearing people. Their influence has been exceptionally good. All the patrons of the school are well aware of this.

This Academy has advantage over most of the intermediate schools of our denomination in that it is isolated from the cities. There is no city within reach of it.

In a later issue information and additional matter will be given concerning the prospects and future of this school.

A. G. HAUGHEY,  
Chairman of the Board.

**The Standing of Our Schools.**

Many questions are being asked concerning the attitude of our school under the recent state law relative to compulsory education. I will state:

1. The law takes cognizance of our schools the same as of the public schools, and therefore gives to the teacher the same right of control in the school. Therefore there must be no more meddling or interfering with the management of the school than would be permissible in the school of the state. If there is a real grievance, let the matter be settled in a private interview, and not before the school.

2. The County Commissioner of Schools must send in a report of our schools to the Superintendent of Public Instruction in which he states the enrollment, attendance, studies pursued, etc.

A large number of parochial schools have recently been closed by the State Department of Public Instruction for failing to properly teach the common essential branches usually taught in the first eight grades of school work.

3. Our teachers, in common

with the public school teachers, are obliged to report to the County Commissioner all cases of irregularity in attendance of all pupils between the ages of seven to sixteen excepting those who are physically incapable or who live two and one-half miles from the nearest school. Private instruction at home is not recognized as constituting a "private school."

Now, what does all this mean to us? To me it means that our schools must stride to the front in punctuality and regular attendance, as well as in every avenue of ESSENTIAL learning. But in doing all this, let us ever keep in mind the real object of a Christian education,—the molding of the character of our children so that the talent growing up among us may be saved to the cause, and not be lost to it by drifting into the world, which is bidding so persistently for educated young men and women.

I stand ready to substantiate any, or all, of the foregoing facts, and I will gladly mail to any of our teachers not already possessing one, a copy of the new state law referred to.

I also desire to correspond with any of our churches who feel the need of organizing school work. Let us all work together in harmony for the upbuilding of this very important branch of the Lord's work.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

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### Medical.

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I have been intending for some time to give you some impression of our sanitarium at Grand Rapids as the result of my stay there for treatment last winter. When I went there I realized that I was in quite a serious condition, not having received any help from our home doctor. In examining my case, Dr. Otis found a condition that from all ordinary medical skill would have been serious. How thankful we should be for the light given to us as a people on the rational treatment of disease.

With the treatments carried on in harmony with this, in a short time I began to improve, and in a much shorter time than I at first thought, was able to return home, greatly improved in health.

I wish our people generally might give our institution more patronage and support. This is a very important way by which we will be enabled to bring the light of truth to many whom we could not reach through any other source.

J. E. ROOR,  
Coopersville, Mich.

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### News and Notes.

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Elder W. H. Heckman delivered a sermon at Union City on Sunday evening, June 3.

We are glad that several new subscriptions have been received for the Herald. Let the good work go on.

Miss VoWyla Aiken, who taught the church school at Cedar Lake the past year, has gone to Pennsylvania to spend the summer.

Miss Nellie Nelson took a short vacation last week and spent the time visiting her relatives and friends at Cedar Lake.

Elder M. S. Burnham, E. A. Merriam, Clifford Russell, and the editor attended the Sabbath-school convention at Kalamazoo Sabbath, June 2.

Elder H. Nicola writes as follows: "I spent Sabbath, June 2, with the Bedford church and baptized eight dear souls, most of them children. It was a precious occasion, especially to the parents. I expect to spend Sabbath, June 9, with the church at Coldwater."

The Union City Sabbath-school will hold a convention Sabbath, June 16. Sabbath-school will be held at nine o'clock, followed by a session of the convention. The services will be in the Congregational church. The neighboring Sabbath-schools and scattered Sabbath-keepers are invited to attend.

Brother A. G. Adams spoke to the young people of the Battle Creek church Sabbath afternoon, June 2. This was his farewell meeting, as he left last week for the Pacific Coast where he will locate his family soon.

Elder Reinke, who has charge of the German work east of the Mississippi river, occupied the pulpit at the Battle Creek tabernacle Sabbath morning, June 2, and delivered a very able sermon from Jer. 10:23. In the afternoon he spoke to the German people.

The Sabbath-school lessons for the third quarter of 1906 will be on "Practical Religion in the Home." We hope our schools will send in their orders early and be ready to begin the study of the lessons the first Sabbath in the new quarter. We can not afford to lose any of these lessons, for it is a fact that we all need more practical religion, so let us study these lessons and not only learn them, but put them in practice.

Sabbath, June 30, is the day appointed for a mid-summer offering for foreign mission work. We hope that all of our churches will remember this and lay by in store for it. We cannot all go to the foreign fields, but we can all help the work by giving of our means. Let us remember the Word says, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver." "The liberal soul shall be made fat."

The Tract Society has on hand a supply of the second edition of the earthquake special SIGNS. This second edition contains fifteen different illustrations and two new articles, one of which describes graphically Santa Rosa's suffering, the other giving some of the causes of earthquakes. With each paper is given a fire scene printed in a brown tone on fine paper, suitable for framing. The price is the same as that of the first edition: 1000 or more 2½ cents; less than 1000 3 cents per copy.