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### Our Missionary Paper.

Too much cannot be said in favor of the circulation of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES as a means of enlightening the people on the truth of God's word. No one paper contains more that is helpful in arriving at a right understanding of the scripture. We to whom these great truths have become so familiar often fail to appreciate the power and influence of the SIGNS to the one just struggling into the light. We forget our own experience, perhaps, when we gladly would have welcomed such a source of joy and strength.

Shall we not plan to use large clubs of the SIGNS during the missionary campaign, and begin at once? Our missionary societies in cities could use thousands of this paper in their work. We would be surprised to see how small is the list taken in some of our con-

ferences, and in fact, all the conferences in the Lake Union.

We can render substantial aid to the Pacific Press in its time of trial, and at the same time assist in the advancement of the truth and the salvation of a lost world, by circulating the SIGNS everywhere and at all times in the Lake Union Conference.

ALLEN MOON.

### The Special Numbers of Our Foreign Papers.

Now is the time for all to plan to scatter our good papers and tracts among their friends and neighbors.

Our special numbers give a larger number of topics which will appeal to the general reader, while the regular issues present special lines of truth. This makes the special numbers of great benefit to our people to scatter among those who know not the message for these times.

The articles will be contributed by many of our leading workers, among whom are Elder W. A. Spicer, Elder Underwood, Elder R. C. Porter, Mrs. E. G. White, Elder E. T. Russell, Elder A. T. Robinson, Elder H. Schultz etc. who will write the following articles, respectfully: THE FIELDS ARE NOW RIPE FOR THE HARVEST, THE SANCTUARY, THE COMING OF CHRIST, THE SIGNS OF THE END, RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, EASTERN QUESTION, CAPITAL AND LABOR, etc. Many other splendid subjects will be considered by our contributors.

The special number of our German paper, THE HAUSFREUND, will be issued the latter part of October.

The Danish-Norwegian (THE SEND-EBUD) and the Swedish (THE TAK-TARE) specials will follow about the last of November.

We will have a beautiful cover design for the specials, and a large number of illustrations than we have ever used before. As this year has been one of great disaster, we have obtained many good views of the San Francisco fire, with some from Mt. Vesuvius, Valparaiso, etc. They will certainly be good sellers. Price, 5¢ each. 10 or more, 3¢ each. Order of your state tract society or of the INTERNATIONAL.

### From the Field.

GREENVILLE.

We met with the Greenville church in quarterly meeting Sabbath October 6. Not all the members were in attendance. Some are too far away. Some detained on account of sickness. Some lost and losing the importance of the obligation resting on them as members of the body of Christ, to sustain the Sabbath worship and church unity and love, by their church covenants. Yet there are omens that not far in the future, there are those who will help fill the vacant places.

It is one of the strange things, how any one of this most favored of now living people can so easily sever themselves from obligation and duty of being true to fulfilling the vows and duties assumed at the time of baptism and admission to the church membership. Where lies the fault, and what can be done to check the "death-plague?"

E. VANDEUSEN.

**Financial.****August Receipts.**

## TITHE.

Allendale	\$ 5 31
Agnew	8 00
Benton Harbor	139 45
Berrien Springs	69 66
Battle Creek	508 48
Belding	6 15
Bangor	29 54
Bedford	94 64
Bloomington	12 71
Byron Center	11 40
Cedar Lake	22 43
Carson City	46 47
Ceresco	7 00
Covert	10 92
Dimondale	9 11
Denver	8 00
East Mich. Conf.	5 11
Eaton Rapids	9 13
Grand Ledge	17 41
Grandville	12 82
Grand Rapids	94 82
Hastings	19 20
Individuals	6 50
Iowa Conf.	5 00
Kalamazoo	130 00
Lowell	5 65
Mt. Pleasant	2 00
Muskegon	3 55
Mileage returned (Matteson)	27 27
Otsego	92 70
Pottersville	69 62
Rothbury	14 06
Shelby	23 25
Sturgis	6 80
Sand Lake	1 75
Vermontville	10 00
West Mich. Conf. Assn.	
Loan returned	100 00
Total,	1,645 91

**West Michigan Conference.**

Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	\$ 498 57
Conf. Improvement F'd.	5 00
African Native Workers Fund	4 00
Cornelia Bowen's Work	2 80
Conf. Expense	25
Southern Field	4 25
India Orphan Fund	43 35
C. O. L. Fund	1 25
Western Indian Training School	197 16
Mission Board Offerings	8 22

Nashville Work	2 23
Mid Summer Offering	27 75
Jewish Work	33 88
Self Denial Fund	1 72
Weekly Offering	74 02
Sabbath School Offerings	62 76
Tithe	1,645 91
Total,	2,613 12
WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY.	
Merchandise	\$242 47
On Account	254 65
West Mich. Herald	3 45
Total,	500 57

**Educational.**

Some inquiries are coming to this office relative to Professor Cady's book, "Bible Nature Studies."

A few copies may be obtained from the Review & Herald Publishing Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

We are happy to note that the forth-coming series of readers, adopted at the recent Educational Convention, will soon be off the press. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 will be ready about November 1, and Nos. 4, 6, and 8 will be supplied as soon as possible, probably, however, not until the first of the year.

We have examined these readers, as well as many others, and do not hesitate to say that we consider them superior to any other line of text-books of their nature. They have been carefully compiled and edited by some of the best educators among us, and furnish the variety necessary to secure the best results in a reading class, and at the same time eliminate all objectionable subject matter.

It was hoped to have the books ready for delivery at the opening of schools this fall, but owing to the Pacific Press fire, this was impossible.

I am sure that this new series of carefully edited, well graded, and thoroughly up-to-date readers will meet the hearty approval of teachers, patrons, and pupils everywhere.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

**Report of the Sabbath-School Department of the West Michigan Conference For Quarter Ending June 30, 1906.**

No. of school	87
Membership	2621
Average Attendance	1976
No. of classes	378
No. in Senior Division	1124
" " Junior " "	557
" " Intermediate Division	356
" " Primary Division	404
" " Kindergarten " "	123
" " Home Dept. of local schools	47
Total contributions	\$594 54

**Medical.****Simplicity in Furnishing the Home**

Our artificial habits deprive us of many blessings and much enjoyment, and unfit us for living the most useful lives. Elaborate and expensive furnishings are a waste not only of money, but of that which is a thousandfold more precious. They bring into the home a heavy burden of care and labor and perplexity.

What are the conditions in many homes, even where resources are limited, and the work of the household rests chiefly on the mother? The best rooms are furnished in a style beyond the means of the occupants, and unsuited to their convenience and enjoyment. There are expensive carpets, elaborately carved and daintily upholstered furniture, and delicate drapery. Tables, mantels, and every other available space are crowded with ornaments, and the walls are covered with pictures, until the sight becomes wearying. And what an amount of work is required to keep all these in order and free from dust! This work, and the other artificial habits of the family in its conformity to fashion, demand of the housewife unending toil.

In many a home the wife and mother has no time to read, to keep herself well informed, no time to be a companion to her husband, no time to keep in touch with the developing minds of her children.

There is no time or place for the precious Saviour to be a close, dear companion. Little by little she sinks into a mere household drudge, her strength and time and interest absorbed in the things that perish with the using. Too late she awakes to find herself almost a stranger in her own home. The precious opportunities once hers to influence her dear ones for the higher life, unimproved, have passed away forever.

Let the home makers resolve to live on a wiser plan. Let it be your first aim to make a pleasant home. Be sure to provide the facilities that will lighten labor and promote health and comfort. Plan for the entertainment of the guests whom Christ has bidden us welcome, and of whom He says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

Furnish your home with things plain and simple, things that will bear handling, that can be easily kept clean, and that can be replaced without great expense. By exercising taste, you can make a very simple home attractive and inviting, if love and contentment are there.

#### Ministry of Healing.

##### Independent of Fashion.

Let women themselves, instead of struggling to meet the demands of fashion, have the courage to dress healthfully and simply. Instead of sinking into a mere household drudge, let the wife and mother take time to read, to keep herself well informed, to be a companion to her husband, and to keep in touch with the developing minds of her children. Let her use wisely the opportunities now hers to influence her dear ones for a higher life. Let her take time to make the dear Saviour a daily companion and familiar friend. Let her take time for the study of His word, take time to go with the children into the fields, and learn of God through the beauty of His works.

Let her keep cheerful and buoyant. Instead of spending every moment in endless sewing, make the evening a pleasant social season, a family reunion after the day's duties. Many a man would thus be led to choose the society of his home before that of the clubhouse or the saloon. Many a boy would be kept from the street or the corner grocery. Many a girl would be saved from frivolous, misleading associations. The influence of the home would be to the parents and children what God designed it should be, a life-long blessing.—Selected.

##### Rational Remedies.

When the abuse of health is carried so far that sickness results, the sufferer can often do for himself what no one else can do for him. The first thing to be done is to ascertain the character of the sickness, and then to go to work intelligently to remove the cause. If the harmonious working of the system has become unbalanced by overwork, overeating, or other irregularities, do not endeavor to adjust the difficulties by adding a burden of poisonous medicines.

##### THE DIET-CURE.

Intemperate eating is often the cause of sickness, and what nature most needs is to be relieved of the undue burden that has been placed upon her. In many cases of sickness, the very best remedy is for the patient to fast for a meal or two, that the overworked organs of digestion may have opportunity to rest. A fruit diet for a few days has often brought great relief to brain workers. Many times a short period of entire abstinence from food followed by simple, moderate eating, has led to recovery through nature's own recuperative effort. An abstemious diet for a month or two would convince many sufferers that the path of self-denial is the path to health.

##### REST AS A REMEDY.

Some make themselves sick by overwork. For these, rest, freedom from care, and a spare diet, are es-

sential to restoration to health. To those who are brain weary, and nervous because of continual labor and close confinement, a visit to the country, where they can live a simple, care-free life, coming in close contact with the things of nature, will be most helpful. Roaming through the fields and woods, picking flowers, listening to the songs of the birds, will do far more than any other agency toward their recovery.

—Ministry of Healing.

##### Obituaries.

Died at Nyman, Mich., September 25, 1906, Mrs. Cornelia C. Rich, aged 77 years, 1 month, and 29 days. Sister Rich accepted the truths of the third angel's message through the reading of our literature nearly half a century ago and rejoiced in it until her death. She had passed through the trials that attend an invalid's life for nearly eighteen years, suffering with patience through it all, and died in hope of a resurrection when Jesus comes to gather his jewels. A daughter and many friends are left to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and the remains placed in the cemetery at Edmore, Michigan.  
C. J. TOLF.

SWAHN—Died at his home near Sand Lake, Mich., October 3, 1906, Trulas Swahn, aged 71 years, 1 month, 13 days. Brother Swahn was a native of Sweden, but came to America in 1869. His wife, to whom he was married in 1876, and one sister survive him. About sixteen years ago under the labors of Elder S. M. Butler, with his wife, Brother Swahn accepted the present truth uniting with the Sand Lake church. At the organization of the Trufant church his membership was transferred, and he remained a faithful and consistent member of that company up to the time of his death. About four years ago Brother Swahn suffered a stroke of paralysis, which was followed some time after by a sec-

and one from which he never fully recovered, and about two weeks before he died a third stroke was felt which left him helpless and from which he died. Words of comfort were spoken at the funeral by the writer, to a large concourse of friends and neighbors from Job 14:14.

S. D. HARTWELL.

**RYDER**—Died October 5, 1906, at Agnew, Mich., at the age of 5 months and 15 days, Leora, infant daughter of William V. and Cora (Parmiter) Ryder, of Chicago. Brother and Sister Ryder had been spending the summer at Portland, Mich. Before returning to their home they planned a brief visit at the home of Brother Ryder's parents at Agnew. While here the little one was taken with a throat or lung trouble, but which was not regarded dangerous, and Brother Ryder, being anxious to get to his work, returned, alone to Chicago, expecting his wife to follow with the baby in a few days, but instead within a very short time he was called back to find his only child a corpse. Funeral services were held on Monday the 8th, by the writer. Text Matt. 19:14. Mr. Boyd an old neighbor, and former Sunday-school teacher of Brother Ryder made touching remarks at the funeral, expressing the great esteem with which Brother Ryder is regarded in the neighborhood of his early home, and the sympathy of the community in this affliction.

S. D. HARTWELL.

#### **Battle Creek.**

Prof. E. A. Sutherland, who has been at the Hillsdale Sanitarium recuperating for the last month, is now in Battle Creek.

Mrs. A. L. Bayley is taking a rest and vacation from home duties in Hillsdale among her old home friends, for a few weeks.

Elder Loughborough is still preaching in the Tabernacle on Sabbaths. His talks are very interesting on the subject of Spiritual Gifts.

Brother J. W. Mace, who attended the Publishers' convention at Washington, D. C., returned last Thursday reporting a pleasant trip and a profitable time as well.

Several of our church members attended the camp-meeting at Holly, Mich., and report a very profitable time. Among these were Elder and Mrs. C. N. Sanders, and Brother and Sister Clough.

The Battle Creek church celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house on Sabbath last, and enjoyed a very blessed season. The presence of the Lord seemed to come very near and all felt that it was good to be present. Elder J. N. Loughborough conducted the service, and his timely suggestions and loving instruction were much appreciated by those who participated.

#### **News and Notes.**

Elder B. F. Kneeland and wife attended the services at the Otsego church last Sabbath morning.

Brother E. F. Collier called at the office one evening last week to purchase some Bibles. He is enjoying his work at Niles.

A number of our Sabbath-school secretaries have reported, but there are several who have not, but we hope they will do so soon.

Mr. Fred Green, who has been connected with the West Michigan Sanitarium, came to Otsego last week to assist in the conference office.

Elder Campbell writes that fortunately his wife did not have a long seige with the fever, as they succeeded in breaking it up, and she is much better.

Members of the Otsego young people's society have been doing some practical missionary work by going to Plainwell and assisting in the music at the tent-meetings.

Brother J. W. Hofstra spoke at the Otsego church last Sabbath morning. He based his remarks on Rev. 22:12. It was a beautiful day, and the church was well filled with attentive listeners.

Brother M. B. Butterfield, who has been laboring in this conference during the summer, supported by the West Michigan Conference, returns to Berrien Springs to attend school. We wish him success.—Southern Illinois Herald.

Sabbath, November 3rd, is the time for the quarterly meeting for the South Monterey, Allegan, Otsego and Kalamazoo churches. The meeting will be held at Allegan, and we hope that a number will attend.

We never know how to sympathize with others until we have to pass through similar experiences. We have had occasion of late, to sympathize with the children of Israel in their task of making brick without straw. We have never worked at brick-making, but we imagine that the children of Israel had as difficult task as an editor of a conference paper, who is expected to send out the paper each week, filled with good reports from the field, when the workers forget to report. However, we note the fact that there are other editors passing through similar experience, so we have company, and this is some consolation to us. We are supposed to have the matter for the first three pages of our paper at the printers on Friday; but for the past few weeks the most of the matter has been sent to the printers on Monday. We wait until the last mail Monday morning hoping to receive something for the Herald. Our printer has been very patient with us, but at last he has arrived at the point where it is difficult to smile. If you fail to receive the Herald sometime in the future you will know that the editor and printer are taking a vacation with our contributors.