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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

Educational.

Our Schools.

The enemy of all righteousness would seek to cripple every means for the advancement of God's work in the earth. He knows that one of the surest ways of permanently increasing the effectiveness of our work is to give our boys and girls such a training as will fit them for active service; so we must expect to battle with the wily foe every day, and that he will dispute every inch of advancement.

There are, however, many encouraging features in our school work. We now have 20 schools in operation besides the Berrien Springs church school, which has been made into a model school for the normal department of the college. Over 300 of our dear children are receiving a Christian education in our schools. I have received many encouraging, hopeful letters from our teachers, and not one has entered a word of complaint or criticism. Not that our system is perfect, far from it; but we are all working toward the ideal, and have not time for common-place fault-finding.

According to statistics obtained from the Sabbath-school department, not over one-third of our children are in our schools. Where are the two-thirds? It is easier to

tell where they are today, than where they will be a few years from now. Oh where are the fathers and mothers who will look the situation squarely in the face? What is to become of our boys and girls? Paramount to every duty which God has given us stands our responsibility to our children. No question of a purely financial nature should have any weight when compared with the possible salvation of our children.

If we read the signs of the times correctly, we have but a short time in which to drill our soldiers for the conflict. One has to close his eyes not to see the signs of the approaching struggle on every hand. Now, just now is the opportune time to give to our children the training which they must have in order that they may perform the work God has given them to do.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Need of Genuine Religion in Our Sabbath-Schools.

Our Sabbath-schools are not what the Lord would have them to be, for there is altogether too much dependence placed upon form and machinery, while the life-giving power of God is not manifested for the salvation of souls, for whom Christ died. This order of things must be changed if our Sabbath-schools meet the purpose for which they exist. We must have consecrated teachers, who love God supremely and their neighbors as themselves. The Lord has made ample provision that teachers may have increased ability from Sabbath to Sabbath, that they may teach to some purpose, working as for time and eternity. We need in our schools young men and women

who have vital godliness, not a cheap, superficial experience, but a deep inward piety that results from daily learning in the school of Christ, that they may impart to others the precious lessons which Christ has taught them.

Those who are satisfied with following a certain dry order of going through a round, will miss the mark, and fail of the work that should be done by a Sabbath-school teacher; but if those who engage in this important branch of God's cause are Christians in the full sense of the word, doing the work given them of God in His fear, working with love for souls, for whom Christ died, they will be laborers together with God. When superintendents and teachers give themselves without reserve to God, they will not only resolve, but put their resolutions into effect. As soon as the workers in Sabbath and day schools enter upon their proper work, with a full realization of their dependence upon God, the grace of Christ will be supplied to unite with their human effort. It is important that every worker should understand that conviction and conversion of souls follow the co-operation of the human effort with the divine power. Entire consecration of soul must be maintained as much by the teachers and superintendents of our Sabbath-schools as by the ministers in our pulpits, for all are alike engaged in the work of bringing souls to Christ. Each in his place is to work, as did Christ, in the spirit of love, for the erring and impenitent. This is what Christ would see in the Sabbath-school work.—Selected.

Report of the Sabbath-School Department of the West Michigan Conference for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1906.

No. of schools	85
Membership	2416
Average Attendance	1860
No. Classes	365
No. in Senior Division	1062
No. in Junior Division	498
No. in Intermediate Division	313
No. in Primary Division	268
No. in Kindergarten Division	231
No. in Home Dept. of local schools	29
Total Contributions	\$555.72

Report of the Young People's Societies of the West Michigan Conference for the Quarter Ending September 30, 1906.

Number of Societies	14
Membership	500
Missionary letters written	36
" " received	11
" visits	108
Bible readings held	5
Subscriptions taken for papers	1
Papers sold	333
" given away	1429
Books loaned	16
Pages of tracts sold	619
" " given away	3523
Hours of Christian Help work	260
Articles of clothing given away	15

What Can the Children Do?

God includes the children in all his plans. Even in the raising of funds for his work they may have a share, and their offerings, though small, will be as acceptable as greater gifts. Their deeds of love and self-denial will all be recorded in heaven.

Once when a church was to be built, a little girl said she would pay for one brick. When a great ship was to be launched, a little boy said he would "push a pound." In raising the \$150,000, each child can lift at least a penny, and the pennies and dimes will count as well as dollars.

Let this be an occasion when the children shall be taught to lay up

treasure in heaven. They may not be able to do great things, but they may sense the fact that they "are part of the concern," and their gifts, like tiny rivulets when united, will make a broad stream of beneficence.

Suppose there are ten thousand Seventh-day Adventist children in the United States. Should each give but ONE CENT, the amount would be \$100. Should all give a dime each, the result would be \$1,000, and there are a very few children who can not give that much. Many can give twenty-five cents, and even more.

But parents should help the children by planning for them. They should be encouraged to earn the money they give. Some can sell books or papers. Others can earn their pennies by running errands, by working for wages, or by denying themselves of something they desire. Parents should encourage benevolence in their children, that they may have a part in God's work, and that they may experience the blessedness of giving.

A little girl once earned a dollar for missionary work by selling popcorn balls. Another made holders and pin-balls and sold them. "Where there's a will there's a way."

Let a "children's fund" be started in every church where there are children, and let it be seen how large an amount they can give by the first of January 1907. The children's gifts may thus be kept separate, if so desired.

MRS. V. J. FARNSWORTH.

—Atlantic Union Gleaner.

Conditions of Answered Prayer.

Only as we live in obedience to His word can we claim the fulfillment of His promises. The psalmist says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me." If we render to Him only a partial, half-hearted obedience, His promises will not be fulfilled to us.

In the word of God we have in-

struction relative to special prayer for the recovery of the sick. But the offering of such prayer is a most solemn act, and should not be entered upon without careful consideration. In many cases of prayer for the healing of the sick, that which is called faith is nothing less than presumption.

Many people bring disease upon themselves by their self-indulgence. They have not lived in accordance with natural law or the principles of strict purity. Others have disregarded the laws of health in their habits of eating, drinking, dressing, or working. Often some form of vice is the cause of feebleness of mind or body. Should these persons gain the blessing of health, many of them would continue to pursue the same course of heedless transgression of God's natural and spiritual laws, reasoning that if God heals them in answer to prayer, they are at liberty to continue their unhealthful practices and to indulge perverted appetite without restraint. If God were to work a miracle in restoring these persons to health, He would be encouraging sin.

It is labor lost to teach people to look to God, as a healer of their infirmities, unless they are taught also to lay aside unhealthful practices. In order to receive His blessing in answer to prayer, they must cease to do evil and learn to do well. Their surroundings must be sanitary, their habits of life correct. They must live in harmony with the law of God, both natural and spiritual.

—Ministry of Healing.

"He Being Dead Yet Speaketh."

No minister in our ranks was more gifted in the art of meeting opposers of the Lord's Sabbath than was the late lamented Eld. W. B. Hill.

Shortly before Elder Hill's death he published a pamphlet entitled "Brother Hill's Bible Class." Fifteen characters comprise this Bible class, fourteen of whom were min-

isters of the gospel, well known to the author.

In his preface, Elder Hill says: "Although the Bible class is somewhat hypothetical, yet it is very real. The members of the class are real persons, and the excuses, inventions, fables and dreams, are such as are presented daily in opposition to the Word of the Everlasting God."

"No excuse, invention, fable or dream has been attributed to any member of our Bible class, unless the author knew, by personal knowledge, that it was his own, either by origin, or adoption."

The first edition of this pamphlet was quickly sold, and many calls continued to come in for it.

The International Publishing Association has now brought out a second edition of this pamphlet, rearranged, with about thirty sub-headings, printed in large clear type, and with a neat colored cover, making a pamphlet of ninety-four pages.

While the author of "Brother Hill's Bible Class" meets the sophistry, inventions, and fables brought forward by the members of his Bible class in so apt and forcible a manner as to make the reading of this pamphlet very interesting and in many instances somewhat amusing, yet the work throughout breathes a sweet Christian spirit, calculated to win the confidence and respect of the honest reader. It sets forth in a terse and forcible manner almost every phase of the Sabbath question, and meets almost every form of objection presented against that question.

Hundreds would read this pamphlet who could not be induced to read the same truth in any other form. No better home missionary work could be done than to have several copies of this little work to sell or loan to neighbors. Send at once for several copies. Price 15 cents per single copy, ten copies for \$1. Also printed in German and Danish.

Address International Publishing Association, College View, Neb.

Financial.

September Receipts, West Michigan Conference.

Conference Imp. Fund	\$	22	50
India Orphan Fund	-	3	42
African Native Workers Fund	-	4	00
Mission Board Offerings		63	24
Mid Summer Offerings		12	81
Jewish Work	-	3	15
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	-	3	00
Pacific Press Pub. Co. Offering	-	2	40
West India Training School	-	10	23
Weekly Offerings	-	38	13
Sabbath-School Offerings	-	7	38
Self-Denial Fund	-	1	37
One Hundred Fifty Thousand and D. Fund	-	9	00
W. Michigan Sanitarium		506	27
Tithes	-	1748	92
Total	-	2435	82

WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY.

Merchandise	-	36	22
West Michigan Herald	-	2	25
On Account	-	109	71
Total	-	148	18

TITHES.

Battle Creek	-	899	06
Berrien Springs	-	35	81
Benton Harbor	-	36	87
Bangor	-	10	60
Belding	-	33	43
Bloomington	-	11	02
Byron Center	-	9	00
Bushnell	-	22	67
Bedford	-	39	73
Cedar Lake	-	62	40
Clifford Lake	-	7	98
Charlotte	-	12	87
Carson City	-	10	87
Decatur	-	3	95
E. Mich. Conference	-	10	00
E. Penn. Conference	-	7	00
Grandville	-	7	90
Grand Rapids	-	149	12
Horr	-	4	00
Hastings	-	60	
Individuals	-	47	00
Kalamazoo	-	50	00

Lowell	-	9	53
Monterey	-	40	00
Mecosta	-	5	00
Morley	-	9	83
Otsego	-	22	50
Ontario Conference	-	15	25
Pottersville	-	19	21
Paw Paw	-	40	00
Rothbury	-	22	90
Sturgis	-	3	00
Shelby	-	24	86
Trufant	-	11	58
Vermontville	-	10	51
Wright	-	42	87
Total	-	1748	92

From the Field.

GREENVILLE.

November 8 two persons were baptized and these, with one other, united with the church. We hope that another will unite with the church ere long.

Friday November 16, as the sun was setting, Sister Cyphers, wife of Brother M. B. Cyphers, fell asleep. Sister Cyphers has been failing in health for the past year, and it seems she was being made ready for the change. The points of faith would come to her mind with such clearness, and it made her feel that the end of her earthly time was drawing on. She remembered the great Advent movement of 1843, and 1844. She was born May 20, 1834, and was 72 years, 5 months, and 27 days old at the time of her death. She will be missed by the church and all who knew her. We laid her to rest till the Life-giver calls.

E. VANDEUSEN.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.

For several months during the past summer and fall, it was only with the greatest effort that I could write at all, even the shortest letter. Many times I would have written to the Herald but it was an impossible task. Since the cool weather has come I am glad to say that my health is a good deal better. The Lord has helped

me hitherto, to Him be all the praise, and I am seeking for wisdom daily to co-operate intelligently with the Lord for health and strength in His work, which He has promised to those who do so.

While at the Graysville Sanitarium last summer for three months, I had the privilege of conducting the evening worship there and of reading with the patients when able. One dear young woman commenced the observance of the Sabbath, and many went away after a short stay, under deep conviction of the truth. We trust the Lord will follow them with His spirit's convincing power, and bring them to right decision soon.

In the city of Spartanburg there is a great opportunity for work. The professional and business men received me kindly, during a tent meeting here in the latter part of the summer as I took them copies of the Review and Watchman. I have just received 25 copies of Liberty to distribute among them.

Marguerite Dodson, the little girl who came with me is growing, and enjoys good health. Last week she sold six copies of the Story of Joseph, one of them to a jeweler who seems quite interested. She likes to distribute the Little Friend and Instructor too. She is learning to be a good little worker, was baptized and united with the church last camp-meeting.

There are many families interested and open for Bible study more than I can fill. Where are the Lord's willing finishers who can say "Here am I send me! I do pray the Lord to put His Spirit for service on some of our dear young people, in such a measure that they will not be afraid to go anywhere for Jesus, and especially to the hard and needy places. Any clean late copies of our periodicals postpaid will be gladly used in the work here. Address me at 666 S. Church Street, Spartanburg, S. C.

ELIZABETH MCHUGH.

One Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars.

\$150,000 for missions during the month of December 1906. What a blessed undertaking this—depositing \$150,000 in the bank of heaven in thirty days!

What rich experiences to be gained in helping to fill the coffers of heaven by giving \$150,000 to missions in thirty days!

What rejoicing it brings to our souls to see the rapid progress that is being made in the development of the missionary spirit and the great need of \$150,000 for missions during the next thirty days!

The Macedonian cry "Come over and help us" sounds from almost every dark corner of the earth. Brethren, do you hear it ringing? Does it say \$150,000 to missions in thirty days? \$150,000 to missions the house-hold word beginning on Thanksgiving Day.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

How the Lord Appeals to Us.

Look. "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth." Isa. 45:22.

Hear. "Incline your ear, and come unto me, hear, and your soul shall live." Isa. 55:3.

Speak. "Speak ye unto the rock, before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock." Num. 20:8.

Taste. "O taste, and see that the Lord is good." Ps. 34:8.

Feel. "That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us." Acts 17:27.

News and Notes.

The week of prayer is December 15-22.

Elder L. C. Sheafe Washington, D. C., is stopping in Battle Creek for a little time.

The address of Elder M. N. Campbell is 12 Graves Ave, Battle Creek, Michigan.

The next annual session of the West Michigan Conference will be held at Cedar Lake, Michigan, December 24-28, 1906.

Sabbath, January 26, 1907, will be Young People's Day. We hope that all of our churches will plan to carry out the program that will be prepared for that time. More will be said later.

Thanksgiving services will be held in our churches this year. We certainly can "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

A large shipment of clothing was recently made by the Dorcas society of the Battle Creek church to the Huntsville school. This will soon be followed by a shipment of books to help replace the library that was destroyed by the recent fire.

"Good Tidings of the Messiah" is the name of a monthly paper devoted to the interests of gospel work among the Jews. Elder F. C. Gilbert is the editor. Price 25 cents a year. Address F. C. Gilbert, 105-107 Staniford street, Boston, Mass.

"Yes, I always go to help mama when she calls me—if I hear her," answered a small maiden when questioned concerning her obedience. "But sometimes I like to play pretty far off, where I can't hear her." Many of us older ones obey God's calls to service in much the same way. We dare not refuse when we hear, but we try to avoid hearing.—Selected.