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The Week of Prayer.

Another week of prayer will come to us, beginning with Sabbath, December 15. Each succeeding year seems to be more important than any that has preceded it. Thus we can safely say that the year 1906 has been the most encouraging and successful of any year in the history of God's work.

In the home-land, and in the foreign fields, there has been marked progress in every branch and line of God's work. No note of discouragement has been sounded by any missionary in foreign fields. From Japan, Korea, China, India, Africa, South America, and the islands of the sea, there comes from our workers one grand chorus of praise and thanksgiving for the privilege of being connected with God's closing work.

Surely, we are one year nearer eternity than we were last year. It

is almost impossible for us to conceive of the rapid strides of the cause of God in one short year. Eighteen new mission stations have opened up. Fifty-eight workers have been sent abroad into foreign fields. Literature has been produced in new tongues, and our workers in various fields have gotten a foothold, and souls are being converted to the truth.

The finances of the denomination have greatly improved, and encouraging reports come in from Union Conferences, State Conferences, and Mission Fields all over the wide world. Our tithes have greatly increased. Our schools are full of students, and everything seems to bear an encouraging indication of prosperity and growth.

This makes the hearts of God's people glad, and they rejoice in the prosperity attending the cause.

And amidst these great outpourings of God's spirit, and amidst the great blessings which he is so freely bestowing upon us as a people, there is great need that we seek him earnestly, that our hearts may be set right in these days when God is so abundantly blessing his people.

The week of prayer should bring to us reconciliation with any with whom in the past we have had differences. Every wrong should be made right, and we should do our best to put away sin from our hearts.

We trust that each one will endeavor to attend the services during this week of prayer. Let there be songs of praise pouring forth from every heart to God who has so abundantly blessed his people this past year. Should we not

seek for a new baptism of the spirit of God in our hearts and lives, that we may have that growth in Christ that the people of God should have as they approach the end?

Do not forget the annual offering. This has been one of the strong resources of the Foreign Mission Board for many years. Usually about \$40,000 is given at this offering for the work in foreign fields. The Mission Board has sent out a large number of recruits into various fields this past year, and it is necessary that our offering be increased rather than diminished.

But above all, we trust that the week of prayer will be a week of spiritual blessings to our people. To this end let us all pray and labor, and do all we can to lead others to a rich Christian experience.

Pray for the General Conference officers and workers. Pray for our workers in foreign fields. Pray that God will give liberal hearts to his people in this time of great financial prosperity, that they may liberally sustain the cause of God. Pray that God will keep us in the unity of the spirit, and in the bonds of Christian love; and especially pray that God will fill each of our hearts with the fullness of his spirit and love, that will make us one in Christ Jesus.

I. H. EVANS.

Nurses' Course.

The management of the Washington Training College have found it advisable to begin a nurses' course at the opening of the next term which falls upon Wednes-

day, December 12, 1906.

That all our readers may understand the plan upon which this course is to be operated, we quote the following from a personal letter just received from Prof. J. W. Lawhead, the president of the Washington Training College: "Our circumstances this winter are particularly favorable for helping students to help themselves, and it has occurred to us that it might be well to agitate the question of attendance a little more fully than we have done in the past; and so am writing this morning to inquire if there are not young men and women in your conference who might be interested in this effort which we are about to begin, and who, by receiving proper encouragement, might determine to come here and get a preparation for the work of the denomination.

The length of time consumed by this nurses' course is two years; and the plan is to have the first six months spent at the College, with the last eighteen at the Sanitarium. The time spent at the College will be given to technical study, while the Sanitarium work will be more the nature of practical nursing and acquaintance with needs and conditions of institutional life. During the time that the prospective nurse is at the school, the regular tuition rate is charged, the same as is charged to all other students; but for the present winter, we shall be able to furnish work to a limited number, whereby they can cancel two-thirds of their tuition, thus reducing the cash rate to six dollars per month, or thirty-six dollars for the entire course, with an additional expense of four or five dollars for books, incidentals, and the like. After the nurses go to the Sanitarium, they receive a small wage, which is raised from time to time as the individual becomes better acquainted and better qualified to discharge the duties given them by the Sanitarium. In this way, all the expenses are met in the last eighteen months, and

some will be able, doubtless, to earn back the initial cost of thirty-five or four dollars paid the school, practically putting them through the entire two years without expense further than effort."

A. G. HAUGHEY.

A New Thing.

There is surely a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees. From the indications, our leading brethren have taken hold of the raising of this \$150,000 fund with a greater enthusiasm than of any previous enterprise of a financial nature. It would be a new thing indeed in the history of our work, if the \$150,000 could be raised within a few days, instead of taking several months, as when previous appeals have been sent out for special gifts to the Lord's great work in the earth. Surely before the end such experiences will become common. That which is needed will be done at once.

Dear brother, dear sister, how much do you expect to leave behind you to be burned in the fires of God's judgment, when you are taken up in the great white cloud to the Father's house of many mansions? Do you really believe that, with the awful cry for help and light and life ringing in our ears from those who are dying in darkness, we will be among those who will be taken to our heavenly mansions, if we leave on earth anything to be consumed by the fires which destroy everything that is marked and scared by sin, and the value of which might have saved souls, and hastened the coming of the Lord? Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Will not all your treasure be transferred to the heavenly mansion and to the restored garden of Eden, where you shall sit under your own vine and fig tree? Has not the time come for those who have more than is actually needed for a few days' sojourn on the earth to sell and give?

The universal prosperity which shared by our people must be, par-

tially at least, for the purpose of providing those who believe in the message with funds to push on the Lord's last great appeal to a quick and glorious victory. "A new thing" will the Lord do in the earth. Is it not time for his people to do a new thing in raising this fund in one hundredth part of the time of any of our previous experiences?

J. S. WASHBURN.

Giving Our Best.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

As we pass along day by day we have many opportunities to do good; but do we always take ADVANTAGE of the opportunities? The majority of people do not, for they say, by their actions, "we do not have time now, but some day we will." We never pass this way but once and let us give out our best as we pass along.

The first place to give out our best is at home; but in too many cases our loved ones get our worst. Who will appreciate our kind words and smiles any more than our families, mothers, brothers, sisters, companions, sons and daughters?

We all need the old-fashioned genuine every-day religion to help us. When our hearts are right, then our HOMES will be right, and when our homes are right the household of faith will be right, and we will embrace every opportunity to "do good unto ALL men."

M. H.

From the Field.

GRAND RAPIDS.

The Lord has done great things for me and with the Psalmist I want to say, "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever." I feel thankful to my Heavenly Father for sparing my life, and I know it is for a purpose. I thank him for letting me see fruit from my labors. Two

of my readers have just commenced to observe the Sabbath.

It is difficult for the Holland people to step out and obey the truth, for they depend so much upon the minister and whatever they have learned from the Catechism they think is right. The Lord will gather a people from among them for his name.

All can be workers for Jesus. The children will have a part in this closing message. When Elder Campbell lived here his little children went out and sold the "Signs." They sold some near their home, and not long afterward a lady called at their home and inquired for the rest of the numbers, as she noticed the papers were marked by numbers, and she bought the complete set. Elder Campbell told me to call at the lady's home, but I was busy at the time so put it off. Afterward one of the brethren gave me the address of a lady whom he met on the street as he was going to a missionary meeting. She inquired if he knew where to find a certain street, and in conversation with her he found that she was interested in missionary work and he felt impressed to ask for her name and address. He gave it to me and asked me to call on her. This occurred before I was ill. After I recovered I felt impressed to call on the lady, also the one that Elder Campbell had told me about, as it was on the same street. While on the street car the thought occurred to me, perhaps it is the same lady that Elder Campbell had told me about, and I found that it was. I told why I called and she said, "the Lord's hand is in this." I made an appointment for Bible readings and have held two readings with them and they long to understand God's Word. Pray for me that the dear Lord by his Spirit may teach me how to win them for him.

I feel the need of being careful to always heed the still small voice when he wants me to go. Let us

be faithful and pray earnestly that we all may come upon higher ground and do our part and hasten the coming of Christ.

JENNIE DEYOUNG.

CLIFFORD LAKE.

Instead of holding the meeting at the church on Thanksgiving day, we started early in the morning and met at Brother Gregory's. We husked corn in the forenoon, and after enjoying a good dinner, we held our meeting, carrying out the program as near as possible. A silver collection was taken amounting to one dollar and eighty cents. Twelve were present including Brother Gregory's family. We then husked corn till night, and parted feeling that we had spent a very pleasant Thanksgiving Day.

MRS. E. W. PITTON.

UNION CITY.

The work here has been encouraging, and is evidently progressing. Lectures have been given Sunday evenings weekly in a hall, and the interest to hear the truth has increased until the attendance has more than doubled. Some Bible and house to house work has been done. A few good souls have fully decided to accept present truth; the Lord has also blessed in praying for sick persons who have accepted Christ as their Saviour, and have decided to obey; and others who were withdrawing from God's people have made a new start in the service of the Lord. From twenty-five to thirty attend the Sabbath meetings. The Sabbath-school and other religious services are edifying, and much appreciated, and we are of good courage in the Lord.

A. C. BOURDEAU.

GRAND LEDGE.

Our school opened Sept. 10th with only eight pupils enrolled. Altho so few in numbers they have manifested much interest in their work. The zeal and enthusiasm with which they have entered into their work is certainly encouraging.

Every Friday afternoon, one and one-half hours are given to the study of the different missionaries who have sacrificed home and friends for the sake of promulgating the truth. We have studied to some extent the most prominent men in the Reformation. A part of this time is used by children in speaking of the Lord's goodness to them through the week. This prepares their hearts for the Lord's day, the Sabbath.

At each one of these missionary meetings we have taken up small collections. This we use to purchase the "Life Boat." The children have found no difficulty in disposing of this good little paper.

One of the pupils works very energetically each month in selling the "Life Boat." He says he is going to send for one hundred copies of the December number, for he has previously found no trouble in finding a ready sale for them.

The thought which I have tried to firmly impress on their minds, and urge them to have uppermost in their thoughts, is the need of laborers in the Lord's vineyard, and the nearness of our Redeemer's coming to this earth. I wish them to view this message in all its beauty, and in order for them to do this it must be presented in all its glory and attractiveness.

The children have been very busy for the past month making preparations for a Thanksgiving exercise. This was held in the school room on eve before Thanksgiving, November 28. The room was prettily decorated in colors—green and white. The children giving much care that all things be artistically arranged. We were pleased at this occasion to have with us Brother C. A. Russell, who spoke to us on "the origin of Thanksgiving, and the reasons we had for expressing gratitude to our Maker."

There were a goodly number present to listen to the songs and recitations. All seemed heartily pleased to see the interest mani-

fested by the children in making this entertainment a success.

We, both teachers and pupils, wish to make this, with the blessing of God upon it, a profitable year for the church school at Grand Ledge.

FLOSSIE M. HALL.

NOTICE TO CHURCH CLERKS.

The committee appointed by the Cedar Lake church to arrange for entertaining the delegates to the West Michigan Conference would kindly request each church clerk to send to the undersigned the names of the delegates from his church who will attend the conference. It is necessary to have these names one week before the conference in order to locate the delegates before they come. Please attend to this matter AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

JENNIE NELSON,
Cedar Lake, Mich.

Obituary.

Cudney—Died at her home in Sheridan, Mich., Nov. 25, 1906, Mrs. Margaret E. Cudney, aged 72 years, 3 months, and 8 days. Mrs. Cudney with her husband and family accepted present truth some twenty-five years since. She was the mother of Elder Andrew Cudney who took passage on boat for the South Sea Islands, and he or the boat have never been heard from since. Sister Cudney leaves a husband 85 years old, two daughters, three sisters and one brother to mourn their loss. She was a great worker for the advancement of good and humanity and has fallen at her post while doing missionary work. And in her last hours plead with others to carry on her unfinished work. So very appropriate to her life were the words of the text, Rev. 14: 13, "And their works do follow them," chosen by the writer in conducting the services at the funeral. A very full house listened with interest to words of comfort from the above text.

Ezra Brackett.

West Michigan Canvassers' Report for October.

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
Joseph Franklin	B. R.	16	3		\$ 6.50
Reuben Martin	C. K.	15	2	\$.75	2.75
John Riley	C. K.		12	.25	12.25
Nina Wood	C. K.	36	6	.45	9.45
Lucy Shorey	C. K.	35	6	.65	8 15
Mrs. R. M. Ross	C. K.	98	24	17.45	53.95
Ella Porter	D. of A.	28	19	1.55	74.05
Frank Cox	S. of P.		6	3.00	9.00
Julian Krager				7 25	7 25
		223	88	31 35	183 35

NOVEMBER, 1906.

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Gilt	Mar.	Plain	Helps	Total Value
Joseph Franklin	B. R.	30	8	3	5		\$.40	\$18 65
Mrs. C. A. Prescott	D. of A.	28	19			19	6.15	25 15
Mrs. R. M. Ross	C. K.	29½	8	1		7	10.75	19 25
Mrs. Ella Porter	D. of A.	10	3		3			10 50
John Riley	C. K.		10			10		10 00
Mrs. Ethel Hanes	S. of P.		2			2		2 00
" " "	Health		10			10	2.00	12 00
Ruben Martin	C. K.		4	2		2	2.60	7 00
Wm. Hunt	H. of M.		1			1		1 50
		97½	65	6	8	51	21.90	106 65

News and Notes.

The week of prayer begins next Sabbath, December 15.

We hope the church clerks will comply with the request made by the Cedar Lake church.

The address of Elder W. H. Heckman, is 23 Widnsor Place, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Arthur Strickland, an old student of two years ago, arrived at the dormitory Friday to attend school. We are all glad to have him with us again.

Brother and Sister Rumsey of Potterville, made their son, O. V., a short visit last Wednesday. This visit was enjoyed very much by O. V. and also by the school.

Several new students have entered school lately; Garland Boger of Alden, Ira and Orville Collins of Mason, Jas. Lafierty, Isabell and Rachel Norres of this place.

Mrs. Kind and daughter Lula, and Miss Sanders all of Stanton spent Sabbath at Cedar Lake. They attended the young people's meeting in the afternoon and spent the evening at the dormitory.

The students were called to mourn the death of one of their number, Clarissa Frase, who had attended the Academy this year. She was buried Sunday. Two beautiful floral tributes were given by the students and friends. We shall miss her from our number but we feel she will come forth when the Life Giver calls. She was baptized last spring with some other students and has been faithful ever since.

The student's prayer meeting was conducted Friday evening by Brother Tolf. The central thought was, "Behold your God." The thought was presented that we should reflect the character of God to the world. From this some of the members of the Physics class, who are studying the subject of light, drew some beautiful spiritual lessons. One was that we must keep the reflector polished, not clouded by sin. Another that a rough, uneven surface will only reflect a confused and blurred image. The speaker desired the rough places in his character to be smoothed off and polished that he might rightly reflect God to those around him. Comfort was obtained from the fact that although we may be weak we may still reflect the Sun of Righteousness—for the mirror does not originate light, it only reflects it.