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NOTICE.

The General Conference Committee has appointed Elder M. N. Campbell, pastor of the Battle Creek church, and G. W. Amadon and A. L. Bayley, as a local committee or bureau of correspondence in finding homes for orphan children in the Haskell Home, numbering about forty, or for aged people in the James White Memorial Home, numbering nineteen. In the meantime the General Conference Committee, acting for the union conferences, has agreed to pay a stipulated sum weekly for each Seventh-day Adventist inmate of these Homes, from April 7.

All agree that the orphan children ought to be in good private homes, rather than in any large institution. The Testimonies have also emphasized this. We are asking the local committee to cor-

respond with union and state conferences and with individuals, to secure homes for these children among our people. Such an arrangement should be a blessing to the children and to the homes which receive them. Those wishing to make inquiry, or able to assist in finding homes, should write to Elder M. N. Campbell, 267 West Main St., Battle Creek, Mich.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

Ministry of Healing.

In response to many requests and suggestions from the field, the officers of the Relief Bureau have conferred with the officers of the General Conference and have secured more favorable terms for the handling of Ministry of Healing. The revised plan, which goes into effect April 1, 1907, is as follows:—

1. Ministry of Healing will in the future be furnished by publishing houses and their branches to the state tract societies at 55 cents per copy, freight prepaid.

2. Publishing houses will collect this selling price from state tract societies according to their established arrangement on other accounts.

3. Tract societies will furnish these books to the people at \$1.50 per copy postpaid and will collect for the same according to their usual custom, or as may be satisfactorily arranged in their territory.

4. State tract societies will receive 5 cents per copy for handling the business, and will turn over 90 cents per copy for sanitarium work either to the union conference treasury, the state conference treasury, or direct to the sanitarium be-

ing benefited according to the arrangements and wishes of the conference.

5. State tract societies will prepay postage on such books as must be sent by post, and will charge this expense up to the Ministry of Healing fund above mentioned, of which they are custodians.

6. Wherever it seems desirable to either the union conference or state conference officers having any enterprise in charge to have the books handled in any given territory by the sanitarium receiving the benefits from sales in that territory, the publishing houses will furnish Ministry of Healing direct to the sanitariums in such cases at 55 cents per copy and the sanitarium will distribute the books and handle its own expenses and funds.

7. Any conference, tract society, or sanitarium having a section of this relief work in charge can obtain Ministry of Healing from the publishing houses at 50 cents per copy by ordering 500 copies in one shipment, paying two hundred fifty (250) dollars, cash with the order, for the same.

The above plan will not affect any other features of the Ministry of Healing work, or arrangement, not mentioned among these items. The division of territory will remain the same. The same institutions will be benefited by the sale of the books, the union conference will still have charge of the work and decide how the funds shall be appropriated and handled within its territory. It has been our object in making this arrangement to simplify the work and make it a greater source of revenue for the sanitariums.

We trust that our union and state conference presidents and sanitarium managers will take up the work upon this new basis with renewed interest and make it a gratifying success.

E. R. PALMER,
Sec'y. Relief Bureau.

Now is the Time.

He is a true soldier who stands by his gun in the heat of the battle.

His labor is most appreciated who lifts when the work is most difficult and the load the heaviest.

Have you and your church contributed your sisterly share to the one hundred and fifty thousand dollar fund? Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." True, it may not be more PLEASING, but it is "more BLESSED."

"He which soweth bountifully"—according to that he hath—"shall reap also bountifully." Let us not postpone for the future that which can be done to-day.

H. W. COTTRELL.

Our Foreign Papers.

A special series of these papers will be issued in three languages for six months, beginning early in May. All points of present truth will be covered, and an excellent opportunity will thus be given to help our foreign neighbors.

Have you not some German, Swedish, or Danish-Norwegian friends to whom you should bring this precious light of truth? Think it over and pray about it. If in your work with the topical symposium series of the Signs of the Times you meet people who do not read the English, improve the opportunity of giving them the truth on the same subjects in their own language.

These papers will be the best that we have ever published.

They will be made attractive with illustrations, engraved headings, and a new cover design. To aid in ordering, we give below the names of the papers, together with

the price and date of first issue in the series.

CHRISTLICHER HAUSFREUNDE, (German) semi-monthly, 50 cents for the six months; begins May 9.

EVANGELIETS SENDEBUD, (Danish-Norwegian) weekly, 65 cents for the six months; begins May 8.

SIONS VAKTARE, (Swedish) weekly, 65 cents for the six months; begins May 7.

Special rates will be given for 10 or more copies to one address.

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Medical.

Healthful Living a Part of This Last Message.

The desire of the Lord concerning his people is "that they may prosper and be in health," (III John 2) physically as well as spiritually. Notice that in I Thes. 5:23 ("I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless.") the body is made equally essential as the soul and spirit. And so it is unless we are sound physically we do not reach the standard that the Lord has placed for us. For the relation of mind over body makes it essential to be well physically in order to be well spiritually. See "Ministry of Healing" page 315 "Whatever affects the body has a corresponding effect on the mind and soul." This is one object of healthful living, that we may better ourselves, and do whatsoever the Lord requires of us.

The Lord gave ancient Israel regulations and instruction in regard to health, the following of which would not only have given them health and freedom from disease, (Deut. 7:15 "The Lord will take away from thee all sickness") but it would have given them spiritual strength as well, so that they could have better lived out their moral obligations.

And just so it is to-day. The Lord wishes us to do as he has directed that we may be free from disease. For the Lord is just as

anxious now to take disease away from us as he was for ancient Israel. And one object of the light on healthful living, or so called health reform, is to make us a people free from disease. On this our spiritual strength must largely depend.

As a people we are to be tried to such an extent that should there be any possible chance for our being overthrown or falling, we will surely fall. But right here is where the physical comes to the assistance of the spiritual. Our ability to cope with the powers of darkness will thus be increased, so that we shall come off victorious, when otherwise thus, lacking this help, we fail. And to fail here is just as bad as to have never begun. The Lord is now preparing his people for this time and the devil is also working to see that the Lord's people fail to get this preparation. He knows that without this they will the easier fall prey to some of his delusions.

The instruction in the Scriptures, to watch, applies just as much here as elsewhere. If Satan can make us think that this special health instruction is unimportant; if he can cause us to perhaps deride it, to point to some one, who for lack of knowledge, has injured himself, not by healthful living, but by what he supposed was such; if I say, he can get our people to point to such an one and say, "There is a specimen of your health reform," he has already gained the victory. When the ultimate test comes, these, if they are saved, will require a special miracle from the Lord to save them, and this the Lord does not do for those who abuse his regularly established means.

Health reform has already accomplished much for this people, and yet how lax we have been in heeding it. Its protecting power is frequently seen in preserving us as a people from disease, that have at times been epidemic, and so marked has this been, that even

the world has recognized it. But these instances would have been much more marked had all our people been living as the Lord had given instruction.

But the assurance that "There shall be delay no longer," applies here as well as elsewhere, so we can reasonably expect to see much more accomplished toward preparing this people for translation, and this is the ultimate object of this part of the message. And when we get down in the troublous times, where disease shall abound on all sides, when, as it says in the 91st Psalm, "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand" it will not come nigh us. Here we shall be kept by the power of the Lord and by a physical condition that is above disease, which will have been acquired through following the instruction on healthful living, that the Lord, foreseeing this time, has given us. This being so can we afford to pass it by unheeded?

But the Lord gave us this, not solely for our own benefit, there is even a wider use to be made of it in relieving disease and suffering around us. The doing of acts of this kind are essential, and their importance may be judged by the fact that in Matt. 25:35-46 only such deeds are mentioned, that on doing or not doing these rests our approval or condemnation.

The Lord wants us first to profit by these principles, then to help our neighbors, even though we do this solely to relieve suffering, and to help in time of need, it will have its effect. In the ultimate harvest of souls, some will be there who were first caused to think and consider the truth by some one, who for love of humanity and for souls, gave help in time of need, a cup of cold water, or food to the hungry.

This is the relation that healthful living has to the message,—a very important part in causing its light to shine forth from obscurity. When our people take hold of this as the Lord intends, "Then," as we

read in Isa. 58, "shall thy light shine forth as the morning, and thy health shall spring forth speedily."

DR. L. J. OTIS.

From the Field.

Sturgis.

Some differences existed among our little company at this place, but the Lord was good and sent Elder Nicola to us. The grace of God being shed abroad in his heart he imparted the same to us in the spirit of meekness and love. The Holy Spirit filled our hearts and all differences were put away.

The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated and we realized as never before the love of God for us.

The Psalmist says, "no good thing will the Lord withhold from them that walketh uprightly."

The love of God was manifested in the gift of his dear son. His body was broken, and his blood was shed for us. Praise to his name.

C. K. DAVIS.

An Effort For Souls.

Feeling impressed that missionary work might be done in the vicinity of the College, Brother G. A. Davis and the writer set out Friday afternoon, March 8, for the purpose of procuring a place in which to hold meetings. The Lord blessed our effort and we succeeded in obtaining a church three and one-half miles east of Berrien Springs. The people with whom we came in contact were very much pleased with the thought of meetings being held in that place.

We announced a meeting for the following Tuesday. Brother C. E. Waters having joined us, services have been held three times a week, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

An excellent interest is shown on the part of the people by their unflinching presence, and undivided attention. The attendance varying from thirty to eighty.

The Lord is blessing us in our work, and we believe that souls will be saved as the result of our labor. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people in behalf of the work here.

CLAUDE WHITE.

The Lord has said through his servant that the vicinity around Emmanuel Missionary College is a fruitful field, and he is certainly demonstrating this fact this spring. We worked hard during the fore part of the winter to get a place to hold meeting, but failed, and just as we were about to give up, the way opened for us to get the Long Lake church, which is four and one-half miles south of the College. Sunday evening, March 24, it was my privilege to speak to about seventy-five people.

The people seem glad to hear the truth, and very kindly gave us the use of their church for an indefinite time. Owing to the fact that the measles are raging in the vicinity, a number of the people have been detained at home. May all who read this pray for the effort that is being put forth here by the students, that we may rightly represent the message for this time, and quickly finish the work left us to do.

FRANK S. BUSZ.

Canvassers' Institute.

The Canvassers' Institute at Kalamazoo was very successful in spite of the short time for preparation after the announcement was made. There were ten regular students besides several who came in for special classes. Regular studies were conducted in "Daniel and Revelation," "Bible Readings," "Heralds of the Morning," "Coming King" and "Christ's Object Lessons." The earnestness shown in the preparation for the work was rewarded by success in the field as the students went out in the city to put in practice the lessons learned in the school. We feel that an advance step has been

taken in the canvassing work in West Michigan and that the hearty co-operation and interest shown by the conference laborers in getting these workers to the institute will be continued as they now enter the field.

J. B. Blosser had charge of the institute and was assisted by Elder M. N. Campbell and the writer. May the united prayers of God's people hold up the hands of those earnest young people as they go out to the important work of scattering the printed messengers of truth. We feel sure that many more would have been here and gone out with them had they realized the blessing and success that is now attending this revival of our canvassing work. However you need not wait until another institute, but begin at once to do what you can. The scholarship plan enables one to gain a double education. It gives the practical training that is invaluable to the worker, and also provides funds for the academic or college education. The strikes now in progress in Kalamazoo and several other cities in our conference show the importance of the instruction from the Spirit of God to do a speedy work in warning the cities.

B. F. KNEELAND.

News and Notes.

This mark is to inform you that your subscription expires with this issue.

There will be a Sabbath School convention at Grand Ledge April 27th.

Brother Clifford Russell is visiting some of the church schools this week.

The meetings in Allegan, conducted by Elder J. W. Hofstra, are still in progress.

We hope the secretaries of our Young People's Societies will send in their reports soon.

School Report.

School.	Teacher.	Membership.	
		Jan.	Feb.
Bangor	Janet Campbell	10	10
Battle Creek	Mrs. Flora Williams	35	38
"	Mrs. Harriet Haffley	31	29
"	Mrs. C. N. Sanders	23	23
"	Lottie Bell	43	40
Bauer	Mildred Wilson	15	15
Bedford	Mrs. Ella Clark	17	17
Carlton Center	Edna Cooper	13	14
Cedar Lake	Mrs. C. J. Tolf	21	19
Charlotte	Irma Parks	24	22
Covert	Claude Countryman	10	8
Denver Center	Mina Hastings	11	11
Glenwood	Vo Wyla Aiken	14	14
Grand Ledge	Flossie Hall	6	6
Grand Rapids	Ada Somerset	19	18
Lake Odessa	Tina Jorgensen	4	4
Maple Grove	Jennie Judson	2	2
Mich. Home for Girls	Maude Henry	14	15
Monterey	Grace Evans	17	17
Otsego	Eugene Waller	17	16
Paw Paw	Anna Gorton	11	10
Portland	Grace Davis	10	10
Wright	Winifred Trunk	13	9

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

The teacher and pupils of the Otsego church school are enjoying a vacation this week.

The editor spent last Sabbath in Grand Rapids in the interest of the Young People's work.

Elder A. G. Haughey conducted the quarterly meeting services at Mendon last Sabbath.

"Bible Footlights for the Pilgrim's Path," is a new book by Elder W. H. Granger. Price \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Some of the Grand Rapids church school are working faithfully to help lay the copper line for the Finns.

The executive committee held a meeting at Cedar Lake one day last week. Some plans were made for the summer's work.

Elder N. W. Kauble occupied the pulpit at the morning service at the Grand Rapids church last Sabbath. Elder Eugene Leland spoke on Sunday evening.

We have been informed that the instruction that was given at the canvassers' institute by Doctor L. J. Otis was greatly appreciated by the workers and the Kalamazoo church.

Next week we will begin to print a sermon which was delivered in the Battle Creek Tabernacle, Sabbath March 23, by Elder M. N. Campbell. Subject, "The faith once delivered to the Saints."

We have received quarterly reports from several of our Sabbath schools, and we wish to thank the secretaries for their promptness. We are sorry that all have not been prompt, but it is better late than never, so we hope the schools that have not reported will PLEASE do so at once.