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The West Michigan Sanitarium.

Undoubtedly the brethren of the West Michigan Conference are anxiously waiting to know the result of the council with reference to the West Michigan Sanitarium. Some know that this Sanitarium is closed, and suppose that it has been permanently closed. The West Michigan Sanitarium is being removed from Wealthy Ave., Grand Rapids, to the school farm at Berrien Springs. It changes management. Instead of being owned and controlled by the West Michigan Conference, with Dr. L. J. Otis as superintendent, it will now be owned by the Lake Union Conference and controlled by Emmanuel Missionary College, with Dr. Runk as physician in charge.

Questions are naturally arising in the minds of our brethren as to why the Sanitarium is being moved from Grand Rapids. To

answer these enquiries would require much time if done by correspondence, so we take this public way of giving the reasons. The work was started in Grand Rapids December, 1902, with Dr. Patience Bourdeau in charge. At first she had one lady nurse and small quarters in which to give a few simple treatments. The work grew so rapidly under her superintendency that additional nurses had to be employed and larger quarters secured, and more elaborate equipments. This rapid development of the work caused a heavy drain upon the income of the institution, and largely consumed all the earnings in equipments. In the fall of 1905 Dr. Bourdeau-Sisco was called to Washington, D. C. to take charge of the work at that place. Dr. L. J. Otis was secured to fill the place made vacant at Grand Rapids. Dr. Otis has proven to be very capable, and the work has continued to grow under his management.

This continued growth and development of the work has meant continued enlargement of our facilities, so that nearly all the earnings of the institution have been expended for running expenses and equipment.

Some time ago we were notified by the owners of the property used for a dormitory that they desired the use of the property at the expiration of our lease, which expired the first of October. During the time we have occupied these buildings rent has materially changed in Grand Rapids, especially in the locality where the Sanitarium was located, thus making it impracticable for us to continue

work in the buildings previously occupied; then to, a city not being the ideal location for a Sanitarium, we felt to re-locate.

Owing to the fact that the Union Conference at its last meeting had voted to establish a Sanitarium in connection with the Emmanuel Missionary College, and there being an ideal location on the college farm, the West Michigan Conference Committee decided to donate the use of all the medical appliances and instruments for a period of two years, to the work at Berrien Springs; and the new institution will be known as the West Michigan Sanitarium.

The dormitory furnishings have been removed from Grand Rapids and placed in the Cedar Lake school dormitory.

Anyone having the idea that this Sanitarium enterprise was closed on account of the failure of Dr. Bourdeau, or Dr. Otis, or any of its management, are mistaken; because the work has been a success, and the institution has been well patronized.

A. G. HAUGHEY,
Pres. West Michigan Conf.

All will be pleased to learn that school work has been started in Bangor. The church there has a fine large school room, well equipped for school purposes. The school opened this week with Vera Pierce, as teacher. The church solicits correspondence from any who may be desirous of placing their children in one of our schools. Address the elder, Wm. Briggs.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Reverence For the House of God.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

1. Where is God's throne? Where is his footstool? Isa. 66:1, first clause.

2. What kind of a throne does the prophet call it? Jer. 17:12.

3. What did the Seer of Patmos hear "round about the throne?" Rev. 5:11.

4. What were they saying? Rev. 5:12, 4:8.

5. What does the Lord behold as he looks down from the height of his sanctuary? Ps. 102:19; Ps. 33:13, 14.

6. How are we to serve God? Heb. 12:28.

7. Where are we to worship him? Ps. 132:7. "To the humble, believing soul, the house of God on earth is the gate of heaven. The song of praise, the prayer, the words spoken by Christ's representatives, are God's appointed agencies to prepare a people for the church above, for the loftier worship into which there can enter nothing that defileth." Test. Vol. 5, p 491.

8. What else are we told to do? Ps. 99:5.

9. In what place is God especially to be feared? Ps. 89:7. "The house is the sanctuary for the family, and the closet or the grove the most retired place for individual worship; but the church is the sanctuary for the congregation. There should be rules in regard to the time, the place, and the manner of worship. Nothing that is sacred, nothing that pertains to the worship of God, should be treated with carelessness or indifference." Vol. 5, p 491.

10. Will he meet with his saints? Matt. 18:20.

11. How shall we regard his earthly sanctuary? Lev. 19:30. "If when the people come into the house of worship, they have genuine reverence for the Lord, and bear in mind that they are in his presence, there will be a sweet eloquence in silence. The whispering and laugh-

ing and talking which might be without sin in a common place, should find no sanction in the house where God is worshiped. The mind should be prepared to hear the word of God, that it may have due weight, and suitably impress the heart." Vol. 5, p 492.

12. What caution has the wise man given us? Eccl. 5:1. "When the worshipers enter the place of meeting, they should do so with decorum, passing quietly to their seats. If there is a stove in the room, it is not proper to crowd about it in an indolent, careless attitude. Common talking, whispering, and laughing should not be permitted in the house of worship, either before or after the service. Ardent, active piety should characterize the worshipers." Vol. 5, p 492.

13. What were the people doing when Zacharias was burning incense in the temple? Luke 1:8-10.

14. What should we do while the minister is communing with God? "When the minister enters, it should be with dignified, solemn mien. He should bow down in silent prayer as soon as he steps into the pulpit, and earnestly ask help of God. What an impression this will make! There will be solemnity and awe upon the people. Their minister is communing with God; he is committing himself to God before he dares to stand before the people. Solemnity rests upon all, and angels of God are brought very near. Every one of the congregation also, who fears God, should with bowed head unite in silent prayer with him, that God may grace the meeting with his presence, and give power to his truth proclaimed from human lips." Vol. 5, pp. 492, 493.

15. What should we do when the meeting is opened? Ps. 95:6. "When the meeting is opened by prayer, every knee should bow in the presence of the Holy One, and every heart should ascend to God in silent devotion. The prayers of the faithful worshipers will be

heard, and the ministry of the Word will prove effectual." Vol. 5, p 493.

16. How should we listen during services? "When the word is spoken, you should remember, brethren, that you are listening to the voice of God through his delegated servant. Listen attentively."

17. What should we do after the benediction is pronounced? "When the benediction is pronounced, all should still be quiet, as if fearful of losing the peace of Christ. Let all pass out without jostling or loud talking, feeling that they are in the presence of God, that his eye is resting upon them, and they must act as in his visible presence. Let there be no stopping in the aisles to visit or gossip, thus blocking them up so that others cannot pass out. The precincts for the church should be invested with a sacred reverence. It should not be made a place to meet old friends, and visit and introduce common thoughts and worldly business transactions. These should be left outside the church. God and angels have been dishonored by the careless, noisy laughing and shuffling of feet heard in some places." Vol. 5, p 494.

The Young People's Work.

Some of our societies are at a loss to know just what line of study to take up in their meetings this fall and winter, and for the benefit of those who have not planned their study we would suggest that they take up the same line of study that is mapped out in the Teacher's Improvement Course.

The first subject offered is our Denominational History. The text to be used is Elder J. N. Loughborough's new book, "The Great Second Advent Movement." This subject will be covered in about sixteen weeks. There will be a suggestive outline for each month, indicating the work of each week, and after the first month, each suggestive outline will have a list of questions covering the readings of the previous month.

Our young people need to know the history of our denomination and this is a grand opportunity to study it. You can order the book from the West Michigan Tract Society. The price of the book is \$1.50, but a reduction will be made so the book can be purchased for \$1.25.

The following is the outline for October:

SUGGESTIVE OUTLINE, FOR OCTOBER, 1906.

1st Week, Ending Friday, Oct. 5, The Preface, and to "The Real Seed," p 42.

2nd Week, Ending Friday, Oct. 12, From, and including "The Real Seed," p 42, to "Stirring Events of the Resurrection Morning," p 69.

3rd Week, Ending Friday, Oct. 19, From, and including "Stirring Events of the Resurrection Morning," p 69, to "The Second Advent Message" p 93.

4th Week, Ending Friday, Oct. 26, From, and including "The Second Advent Message, p 93, to "William Miller," p 118.

5th Week, Ending Friday, Nov. 2, From, and including "William Miller," p 118, to "The Boy Preacher at Karlskoga," p 144.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
West Michigan Conference.

Home Education.

Let the parents devote the evenings to their families. Lay off care and perplexity with the labors of the day. The husband and father would gain much if he would make it a rule not to mar the happiness of his family by bringing his business troubles home to fret and worry over. He may need counsel of his wife in difficult matters, and they may both obtain relief in their perplexities by unitedly seeking wisdom of God; but to keep the mind constantly strained upon business affairs will injure the health of both mind and body.

Let the evenings be spent as happily as possible. Let home be a place where cheerfulness, courtesy, and love exist. This will

make it attractive to the children. If the parents are constantly borrowing trouble, are irritable and fault-finding, the children partake of the same spirit of dissatisfaction and contention, and home is the most miserable place in the world. The children find more pleasure among strangers, in reckless company, or in the street, than at home. All this might be avoided if temperance in all things were practiced, and patience cultivated. Self-control on the part of all the members of the family will make home almost a paradise. Make your rooms as cheerful as possible. Let the children find home the most attractive place on earth.

Do we build our houses for the happiness of the family, or merely for display? Do we provide pleasant, sunny rooms for our children, or do we keep them darkened and closed, reserving them for strangers who are not dependent on us for happiness? There is no nobler work that we can do, no greater benefit that we can confer upon society, than to give to our children a proper education, impressing upon them, by precept and example, the important principle that purity of life and sincerity of purpose will best qualify them to act their part in the world.

Not long since I heard a mother say that she liked to see a house fitly constructed, that defects in arrangement and mismatched woodwork in the finishing annoyed her. I do not condemn nice taste in this respect, but as I listened to her, I regretted that this nicety could not be brought into her methods of managing her children. These were buildings for whose framing she was responsible, yet their rough, uncourteous ways, their passionate, selfish natures and uncontrolled wills, were painfully apparent to others. Ill-formed characters, mismatched pieces of humanity, indeed they were, yet the mother was blind to it all. The arrangement of her house was of more consequence to her than the symmetry

of her children's character.

Cleanliness and order and Christian duties, yet even these may be carried too far, and made the one essential, while matters of greater importance are neglected. Those who neglect the interests of the children for these considerations, are tithing the mint and cummin, while they neglect the weightier matters of the law, justice, mercy, and the love of God.

Christian Education.

From the Field.

NILES.

We desire the readers of the Herald to rejoice with us that the Lord is working in Niles.

The interest in the truth presented is unparalleled in our experience. We do not mean a great sweeping attendance, but a fair sized congregation just tense with desire to know more. It makes us to rejoice that honest truth-seekers are still in the world. We are awaiting and preparing a favorable time for an expression of decision.

One evening each week is being given to answering questions and objections that may be presented from the floor of the congregation. These meetings are of special interest to the people, and, we find, are very profitable and satisfactory. At the last occasion of this kind we were urged by our listeners to continue the meeting through the second hour.

One lady has accepted the faith we do dearly love, and we are expecting the result of it to be the re-uniting of a family severed for fifteen years by divorce and ungodliness.

Dear readers, we want, we need the prayers of God's good people in behalf of our effort here. Society and certain religious circles are stirred, and opposition is rising strong. We feel that God must help mightily just now.

Your brethren,
H. C. PITTON,
E. F. COLLIER.

The Present Crisis.

Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
 In the strife of Truth with Falsehood, for the good or evil side;
 Some great cause, God's new Messiah, offering each bloom or bright,
 Parts the goats upon the left hand, and the sheep upon the right,
 And the choice goes by forever 'twixt that darkness and that light.

Hast thou chosen, O my people, on whose party thou shalt stand,
 E're the Doom from its worn sandals shakes the dust against our land?
 Though the cause of Evil prosper, yet 'tis Truth alone is strong,
 And, albeit she wonder outcast now, I see around her throng,
 Troops of beautiful tall angels, to enshield her from the wrong.

Careless seems the great Avenger; histories pages but record
 One death grapple in the darkness 'twixt old system and the Word;
 Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—
 Yet the scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,
 Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

—James Russell Lowell.

News and Notes.

Brother J. W. Hofstra moved his family to Otsego last week.

Clifford A. Russell spent last Sabbath at Bangor in the interest of the church school work.

Enough lumber has been donated to the Michigan Home for Girls to build a school room 40x50 feet.

The November issue of the Sabbath-school Worker will contain a suggestive program for a convention.

The tent meeting at Hastings has closed. The church at that place has been strengthened as the result of the meeting.

Misses Edna and Edith Wilbur, who have been engaged in Bible work in Muskegon, are attending school at Cedar Lake Academy.

Our readers will be sad to learn that the wife of Elder M. N. Campbell is very low with typhoid fever. She contracted the disease while nursing Elder Campbell's sister, Miss Janet Campbell. We understand that Miss Campbell is convalescing.

Sabbath, October 6, Brother J. W. Hofstra occupied the pulpit at the Otsego church. He used Luke 19:10 for the basis of his remarks. The Lord gave freedom in the presentation of the word, and the truth presented was a great source of encouragement to all who were present.

Elder A. C. Bourdeau and Brother and Sister Whitmarsh, who have been holding tent meetings at Muskegon, report that their attendance has not been large, but they have had attentive listeners. They planned to closed the meetings Sunday evening, October 7, and Brother and Sister Whitmarsh will follow up the interest with Bible work.

Last Sabbath afternoon was the first time we have had the privilege of attending the services at Plainwell. After an interesting Sabbath-school Elder Hebner conducted a short Bible study showing the high standard God has reared for his children, and if we become passive in his hands he will uphold us by "the word of his power" and present us faultless before his throne. The services closed with a social meeting in which nearly all took part. The workers at that place are seeing some fruits of their labors. We pray that the Lord may continue to bless them in their work.

No providence preventing I expect to meet with the church at Covert Sabbath and Sunday, the 13th and 14th inst. Let all the brethren and sisters in that locality plan to attend.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

We hope to receive a report from every one of our young peoples societies for the quarter ending September 30.

Blanks have been sent out to the church clerks, treasurers and librarians and we hope they will send in their reports soon.

A few of our Sabbath-school secretaries have been very prompt about reporting and we are very thankful for this. We hope the secretaries who have not reported will do so as soon as possible.

Elder A. G. Haughey returned last week from Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. The General Conference asked for some of our laborers. You will hear about it later.

Mrs. B. F. Kneeland, Miss Bellows and Miss Baker, who are connected with the tent work at Plainwell were in Otsego one day last week visiting our church school. They gave the office a call. We are always glad to see the pleasant faces of our workers.

It is not a difficult task for an editor of a conference paper to smile when the ministers, Bible workers, church school teachers, canvassers and all the rest of the good people of the conference send in interesting reports for the columns of the paper. Ella Wheeler Wilcox says:

"It is easy enough to be pleasant
 When life flows by like a song,
 But the man worth while
 Is the man who will smile
 When every thing goes wrong."

For the past few weeks editorial life has not flown by like a song, and we are free to confess that we have not smiled all the time, consequently, according to Mrs. Wilcox, we are not "worth while." However, we hope our workers will not forget to report once in a while.