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## Divine Healing.

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When the seventy were sent forth, they were clothed with the same power. "And they returned and said, Lord even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." "And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents, and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit and said, I thank thee oh Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father, for so it seemeth good in thy sight." Luke 10:1-21.

The Lord could not delegate such wonderful power to the wise men of earth; it must be given to the humble, devout seeker after God, men who have humble opinions of themselves, men who do not depend upon their own wisdom and who are willing and anxious to be taught of God. Such men the Lord can use, and such only. "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God." I Cor. 3:19. "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called; but God hath chosen the foolish things of this world to confound the wise;

and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty, and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: that no flesh should glory in his presence." I Cor. 1:26-29. One of the things that needs to be brought to nought is the wisdom of man in the things of God. Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seem to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world in foolishness with God. For it is written, he taketh the wise in their own craftiness." And again, "the Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise that they are vain." I Cor. 3:18-20.

But let us return to the thought that Satan is the author of disease and death. Some may ask, is not disease due to the transgression of the laws of our nature? Yes, it is to a greater or less extent, but nature's laws would never have been transgressed if sin had not entered the world. All would have been in union with God, and then there would have been no disease or death. Now if the points which we have made are true, that disease and death are from the enemy, and I think no one who believes the Bible can dispute them, it will be plain to see that when Christ or his disciples healed a man of his disease they were rebuking the power of the enemy, and setting the captive free.

Disease has been greatly on the increase ever since the time of Christ and before, until today we find but a few people who are free

from disease. The very air that we breathe is contaminated with disease; and no marvel, for Satan is the prince and the power of the air, Eph. 2:2, and the whole creation is groaning under the curse. Rom. 8:22.

Jesus at one time entered into a ship with his disciples to cross to the other side, and there was a great tempest, but he was asleep, and his disciples came to him and awoke him saying, "Lord save us, we perish. And he saith unto them, why are ye fearful, oh, ye of little faith? then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm." Matt. 8:24-26. Who was it that brought up this storm? If it was God, then Jesus in rebuking the winds and the sea was counteracting the work of the Father. How then could his kingdom stand? He says, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work." John 5:17. That is to say I and my Father work in perfect harmony. We do not work one against the other.

Satan the prince of the power of the air brought up the tempest designing to destroy Christ and his disciples before their work was done. But Christ rebuked his power and the great calm followed. Thus it will be seen that Satan has power to bring up storms, or tempests, for the purpose of destroying the work of God. See Job 1:12-22. He had power to afflict Job the servant of God, Job 2:7, and Paul the apostle of the Lamb, II Cor. 12:7, and Joshua the high priest of the Lorn, Zech. 3:1, and Ananias and Sapphira, who kept back a part of the land. Satan can also some times hinder God's servants in



their work. Says Paul, "I would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us." I Thess. 2:18. He has power to make men blind and dumb. Matt. 12:22. Power of disease, of death, and the grave. See Deut. 7:15, Matt. 4:23, Matt. 8:17, Heb. 2:14, Isa. 14:17.

(To be continued.)

## From the Field.

### General Meetings.

CARSON CITY, EDMORE, WRIGHT.

December 4 and 5 the departmental workers held a meeting at Carson City. The attendance at this place was not as large as it was at other points, however, a good interest was manifested and we hope all were encouraged to press forward in the battle.

December 6 and 7 was spent at Edmore. On Sabbath, December 7, representatives from the following churches were present: Trufant, Clifford Lake, Frost and Cedar Lake. All of the students, except two, from the Cedar Lake Academy dormitory were present, besides many of the church members. Instead of holding a Sabbath-school the hour was devoted to the consideration of the Sabbath-school Missionary Volunteer and Educational work. Elder Haughey spoke at eleven a. m. The afternoon was spent in considering the Religious Liberty, Medical, and Missionary work. There was a good attendance, a lively interest, and a sweet spirit.

December 8 and 9 was spent with the church at Wright. Brethren and sisters were present from Grand Rapids, Bauer, Allendale, Fruitport, and Nunica. Each department of the work was considered at this meeting. Elder S. D. Hartwell spoke Sunday evening and John E. Hanson on Monday evening. This closed our first series of general meetings. We hope that an interest has been aroused in all lines of the work and much good

will result from the effort that has been put forth to deepen the love of the brethren and sisters for the message.

### GRAND LEDGE CHURCH SCHOOL.

Our school commenced September 16th with an enrollment of only six. Since then one has been added to our number.

The interest the children have manifested in their work is one of the evidences that God is with us this year. The children have learned that an education which is deficient in the spiritual element is only a farce in the eyes of the Lord.

After holding this fact before them continually,—that Jesus wants them to ask him for wisdom in every lesson they study, the children trust Jesus for help. One little girl was taking examination, and upon glancing at her, I saw a puzzled expression on her face: she bowed her head, then soon she continued writing. Such a sweet faith! She had learned to trust HIM.

The school has been organized into a Missionary Society called the sunshine Band. This Band has raised \$1.25, Missionary money for the new school which is being established at Nashville, Tennessee, and it has been sent to Bro. O. R. Stains to perform its part in helping to promulgate this blessed Truth.

We have a quilt nearly pieced: this too will be sent to this school. Every Wednesday afternoon, we have set apart the time after the last recess for this work.

The school assisted in the distribution of the Special Number of the "Signs of the Times." This they found sold so readily that it has proved an incentive for them to continue this good work of getting our literature before the people, so we have decided to canvass for the "Life and Health." The children found pleasure in relating their experiences they had while they were engaged in this work.

Every Friday afternoon our Mis-

sionary meeting is held as our custom was last year. In one of these meetings we mailed our denominational papers to various addresses. Before mailing these, we asked the blessing of God upon those who read them. I believe this is one of the effective means of winning souls for the Heavenly garner.

One encouraging feature of the work at Grand Ledge is, the progress the children are making in their studies. They have done exceptionally well in their monthly tests. They all are desirous of obtaining a fit preparation to enter the field. With this object in view, success will certainly be theirs.

In our schools, where the smile of God's approval rests upon them, the pupils are forming characters which will stand the great test of these last days.

FLOSSIE HALL.

We take the privilege of printing the following personal letter from Brother E. L. Richmond of Battle Creek. We hope it will inspire others to read the report of the Mt. Vernon convention:

Miss Haughey,

Otsego, Mich.

Dear Sister:—

I have been reading the report of the Sabbath-school and Young Peoples' convention of last July and it is a very forcible reminder of what I missed by not being in Mt. Vernon at that time.

Without doubt I lose much of the enthusiasm and personal magnetism of the speakers yet it seems to me there is enough left so that if every Adventist in the conference could but read it, they would be stirred to put forth renewed efforts along all missionary lines.

Cannot more determined efforts be made to get this in the hands of our people, especially the younger members? It can only result in impressing each one with the solemn responsibility we have in these last days. Words seem in-



adequate to express the importance of the work we should be doing.

Sincerely,  
E. L. RICHMOND.

### Sabbath School Donations.

In the report of the West Michigan Sabbath school Department for the third quarter of this year, it is somewhat startling to find that almost 50 per cent of the total donations were used for home expenses.

Probably many are awaiting the new quarter and a new year to inaugurate the change recommended by the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference.

The plan followed in some conferences is to let each individual who desires the "Instructor" or "Little Friend" subscribe for it through the church librarian. By taking these in clubs they come at the same rate as though the Sabbath school took them.

Those who use the Lesson Quarterly pay for it each quarter as they receive it, and those schools who wish to have on hand a few extra copies of papers or pamphlets for the use of individuals or those unable to purchase can defray the expense of same by taking up a special collection for the purpose before the supplies are distributed. This plan has been found successful in many Sabbath schools, would that it might be adopted everywhere. Thus will we come up on to higher ground, the Lord will be pleased, and angels will rejoice to see the increasing liberality which will grandly help this noble work of giving the everlasting gospel to the world in this generation.

WM. M. HERD.

### The Morning Watch Calendar.

In harmony with the recommendation of the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, last summer, the general Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department has prepared a calendar adapted for daily morning prayer

and Bible study. There is a Bible text for every day in the year, and suggestions for supplementary reading in the spirit of prophecy for those who can do it. There are also recommended subjects for special prayer.

This plan has brought great blessings to our young people wherever carried out. Systematic Bible study and prayer are two of the daily essentials to the successful Christian life. What a power it would bring into the lives of our young people if they would conscientiously devote thirty minutes or more of every day to quiet communion with God. This calendar will help you.

Send to your Conference Secretary of young people's work for a copy at once, that you may begin on New Year's morning. Price, six cents. Stamps accepted. The directory of all our conference young people's secretaries in the United States was given in the INSTRUCTOR of December 10.

M. E. KERN,  
Chin'n. Gen. Conf. M. V. Dept.

### MEDICAL MISSIONARY DEPT.

#### Diet and Its Relation to Formation of Habits.

It is the habits we have formed that most often lead us into error. When we do that which we would not it is easy to see in most cases that the force of habit lies back of the deed. But there are few who look to see whence the habit comes.

We are composed of what we eat, so much so, that it is possible to develop sound healthy bodies, or that which although it may appear sound, breaks down easily, thus giving rise to disease. The same conditions of the body that results easily in disease, has more or less a continuous effect on the mind, causing the individual to fail to control the body, or his actions, as he otherwise would, and as a result he does that which naturally under normal circumstances we would resist.

It is this blunted condition of ones mental faculties that is often the beginning of the foundation of a great many bad habits. Where once these are started their repetition is easy, until later it is performed even though the blunted condition of the mind, which once was its cause has disappeared.

Habits of this kind are numerous and common among those who see no need of living up to the light on health reform. The irritableness of some finds its origin here, another develops the habit of being quick to anger. Also such habits as criticising, and of fault finding often find their etiology in some continued dietetic transgression.

Certain races of people have, due to the general dietetic transgression, developed such habits so uniformly that they are considered a race characteristic. The irritableness and petulant disposition of the Chinese is frequently attributed, and rightly too, to the national habit of tea drinking. Then on the other hand, the Japanese, subsisting on simple natural foods, free from stimulants (those that take tea, take but little, and make it weak) have developed a natural characteristic of cheerfulness.

Anything that is taken into the body that is in any way detrimental to health, is in the same way likely to cause the formation of bad habits, and will prevent our forming good ones, that we would like so much to form. The action of such things is two-fold; first, the action results because of the stimulating or irritating effect on the mind, of the food taken; and then as the body becomes weaker, from lack of the proper kind of food, the mind also weakens so that there is not always the desire to do the right regardless of the habits formed. So, ultimately, one's spirituality suffers, notwithstanding his efforts to the contrary.

This will explain why it is that, "Whatever affects the body, has a corresponding effect on the mind



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**Margaret Haughey, Editor.**

and the soul." I am no advocate of physical righteousness as the only means by which to obtain salvation, but the time is coming, when this will weigh, as it were, in the balances, by enabling one to gain that perfection of character that otherwise would be impossible. And some, without this, failing to reach what otherwise would have been possible, will be lost.

This is why the Lord, through his Spirit, has given us so much along these lines. The nearer the close of time, we come, the more important will become such information. For, "As we near the close of time we must rise higher and still higher upon the question of health reform and Christian temperance, presenting it in a more positive and decided manner." And again, "Those who indulge in any species of intemperance either in eating or in drinking, waste their physical energies and weaken moral power."

And so, "By the indulgence of perverted appetite man loses his power to resist temptation." And unless there is a radical change in his manner of living he becomes a hopeless slave to his habits, and is lost, because he has failed to do for himself, that which the Lord has asked him to do, that which he expects of each of us. How we should cherish instruction of such eternal import, looking beyond the human instrument to God, the merciful source. O! that our people might, in this their hour, appreciate the things that pertain to their peace; that they might heed the admonition given to ancient Israel, "Hearken and obey."—East Michigan Banner.

L. J. OTIS, M. D.

**Financial.****Receipts of the West Michigan Conference for November, 1907.**

Tithe	\$2,636.43
S. S. Offering	99.04
Weekly Offerings	47.71
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	689.54
Conference Imp'ment Fd.	410.00
Colored Work	97.60
Chinese Mission	29.00
Mission Board Offerings	10.75
Finnish Mission	5.95
Missionary Volunteers' Educational Fund	28.73
General Fund	53.32
African work	4.00
Ingathering Harvest Expense	2.20
Orphans	1.64
Tent & Camp-meeting Fd.	3.50
Dr. Cave	2.50
Nashville School, Colored	25.00
Jamaica Church Fund	10.00
Southern Field	27.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,193.26</b>

**Receipts of West Michigan Tract Society.**

Merchandise	45.45
On Account	209.84
West Mich. Herald	4.76
Expense	.40
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$260.45</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,453.71</b>

**Report of Tithe for November, 1907.**

Agnew	\$14.59
Battle Creek	742.82
Bauer	6.80
Bedford	60.92
Benton Harbor	51.30
Berrien Springs	134.40
Burlington	7.00
Byron Center	8.28
Carlton Center	32.50
Carson City	175.31
Cedar Lake	85.95
Clifford Lake	14.04
Coldwater	88.43
East Mich. Conf.	18.00
Frost	2.75
Grand Rapids	426.01
Greenville	88.51
Hastings	20.74

Hesperia	2.31
Horr	4.00
Individuals	39.53
Kalamazoo	100.25
Kansas Conference	2.07
Monterey	18.43
Morley	10.28
Mt. Pleasant	15.43
Muskegon	64.09
Ontario Conference	4.00
Otsego	120.39
Portland	41.99
Pottersville	38.00
Rothbury	57.00
Shelby	45.10
Trufant	6.80
Union City	20.98
Wright	67.43
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,636.43</b>

**News and Notes.**

Cedar Lake Academy Board held a meeting on Tuesday of last week.

We print fifty issues of the Herald a year, and as this is the fiftieth number, there will be no paper next week. The next issue will bear the date of January 1, 1908.

We have a supply of the Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies for the first quarter of 1908. Send in your orders early and be ready to begin the lessons the first Sabbath of the New Year.

Elder W. H. Heckman has accepted the presidency of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. The Herald wishes he and his wife the blessing of God in their new field of labor.

While attending the general meetings the following little note was handed to the editor: "Say, give us all the news items you can in the West Michigan Herald." We have been informed that our readers like to know where our workers are and what they are doing. We pass along all the information that we receive.