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## Statement of Facts Concerning the Late Newspaper Reports, About Battle Creek Adventists.

During the past two years, multitudinous have been the press reports respecting Battle Creek Sabbath-keepers, and the writings of that Servant of God, Mrs. Ellen G. White. These bitter diatribes have been of a very sensational nature, always notoriously false, and of a character calculated to lessen the standing of the Tabernacle congregation in the esteem of the public. These offensive reports always first appear in a scurrilous sheet in this city, and are then taken up by the associated press and scattered from ocean to ocean. Here at Battle Creek these maudlin paragraphs do not seem to make any permanent impression, and so after a temporary excitement, all is comparatively quiet again.

But knowing that our loyal people away from Battle Creek must be perplexed by the vile things that they read, it has been deemed advisable to make a few statements for their personal benefit. And first, let it be noted, that false brethren generally have considerable to do in starting these scandalous reports. The old adage, "There is something rotten in Denmark," applies with much force here.

Within a short time the press of the land has been agitated with the most atrocious and misleading reports about the Tabernacle people, and a communication that came from the pen of our venerable Sister E. G. White, now past eighty years of age. The present

furor started in this way:—The pastor of the church, Elder M. N. Campbell, had received a communication from Sister White, relating to matters in the church in Battle Creek. This he read at the mid-week prayer and missionary meeting. This gathering was larger than usual, the Sabbath-keepers of the District having been invited to be present. And now what followed?—Right after the meeting, some Tobiah or Sanballen hied away to the news desk of a certain paper in town, and the following afternoon that sheet with flaming head lines, and a grossly lying article underneath, started a story which, for aught the writer knows, has been printed in every paper in the country. This did great injustice to the Seventh-day Adventist people. A prominent lawyer remarked to one of our ministers, that many persons would give a sheet starting such slanders, an opportunity to prove in court that their statements were true. If the things referred to had appeared under their legitimate heading, THE LIAR'S DEPARTMENT, no one would have been misled. As the matter now stands, there having been no denial of these insolent articles, many of the readers will probably be left to believe what the papers printed. To show how grossly false these statements are, a few of the mis-statements are here mentioned. But note that nothing of this sort is found in the Testimony referred to.

First, that Battle Creek's obliteration is predicted as an event of the immediate future; that Adventists should sell their homes and buy no more furniture here; that the gath-

ering at which the message was read, was a secret one; that the doom of this city is sealed; that those who would be saved from the destruction, should leave on the first fast train; that men and women wept at the thought of having their homes swept away from under them, or bought up by the wicked at great sacrifice to themselves; that the S. D. A. believers were directed to buy no more food than was necessary to last them until the time of their exodus and so forth, ad nauseum to the end of the ridiculous tale.

When the misrepresentations above referred to first came out in the public prints, it was felt that as a church, we should make a public protest, but finally it was deemed best to write out this statement for publication in our conference papers for the information of our own people.

Another report that has just made the tour of the public press, is to the effect that our pastor, Elder Campbell, had purloined the stenographic report of an interview between Dr. Kellogg, head physician of the sanitarium, and two of our church workers, and made a number of copies of the same. The simple facts concerning this matter which our foes are trying to make so much capital out of, are as follows:

On the 7th of October, two officers of the church called upon the physician above referred to to learn how he felt about continuing his connection with the church. This interview lasted seven consecutive hours, and the Doctor's stenographer made a verbatim report of what was said by both parties. This re-

port, of course, would be of special value to all the parties concerned. Soon after this interview, the Dr. had the report typewritten, making a ponderous document of 179 pages. This was soon in the hands of a number of persons who were unfriendly to the church. Later it was loaned to a sister in the church who took it to the pastor and he, having permission to keep the same over night, had his stenographer with the assistance of others, make several copies of others. This was done to enable the church officers to reply to the statements being made by those who had already read the report and were making public comments in regard to it.

The Doctor had previously written twice to the writer suggesting the advisability of printing the report of the interview for the benefit of the public; consequently the furor which he and his sympathizers are raising over this matter, is puorile in the extreme.

The foregoing are the plain, unvarnished facts in the case.

G. W. AMADON,  
Church Elder.

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### From the Field.

#### Week of Prayer.

I visited Bushnell, Frost and Mt. Pleasant. At Frost I found the people of good courage. We held three services beside the regular readings were well attended, and much interest was manifested in the readings and I think the brethren and sisters were encouraged.

I was down at Bushnell during the hard snow storm so we held but one meeting. We were glad however to meet these old pioneers in the work, one family having children in different parts of the world as missionaries. At Mt. Pleasant I spent some time visiting and altogether had quite a profitable time. I feel that something should be done for the work in that locality but just what should be done is not clear to my mind as yet. I

am of good courage. Brother Pitton and myself are at this writing opening the work in a school house near Stanton.

W. R. MATTHEWS.

#### Week of Prayer at Kinderhook and Homer.

Although the membership of each of these little companies are much scattered from five to seven miles apart, yet they met each day during the entire week except one when it was so stormy no one ventured out. However they were not deprived of the benefit of the good reading for the occasion in the good old Review in the homes of all. What a blessing in such a means of grace.

The services with the reading each day proved a great blessing and encouragement to these little churches and will be remembered by all who may be spared till another similar occasion.

The amount contributed was not stated in time for this report, but is expected to be liberal, as the reading setting forth the needs in foreign fields was very impressive. Surely God is leading in this last message to the world.

H. NICOLA.

#### Report of Labor.

The writer spent the week of prayer with the churches of Grandville and Kent City. Meetings at both places were well attended and interest good. Annual offerings of Grandville church, thirty-one dollars.

December 28 to 31 at Kent City and Solon. Gave four discourses. While speaking rapidly for an hour at each meeting, the Lord in answer to prayer gave remarkable freedom from a dry persistent cough and gave much strength of voice.

The attendance was not large, but the interest was well sustained, for which we were much indebted to the excellent singing service rendered.

Brother M. V. Taylor rendered much assistance in house to house

visiting. We have proved that the Lord will give strength even to the old to do this kind of work though winter storms may oppose.

"A minister's work does not consist merely in preaching. He is to visit families at their homes, to pray with them, and to open to them the Scriptures. He who does faithful work outside of the pulpit will accomplish tenfold more than he who confines his labors to the desk." Spec. Tes. Series B. No. 9, p. 4.

Arrangements have been made to follow up the work.

We are of good courage, and perfectly confident that the Lord will crown with success every work faithfully wrought in His name. To Him be all honor and glory.

A. SMITH.

#### The Week of Prayer at Charlotte, Potterville and Grand Ledge.

The first three days of the Week of Prayer I spent with the church at Charlotte. On Sabbath a good attendance was enjoyed. On Sunday night the number present was not so great, but those present greatly enjoyed the readings, and the prayer seasons. The meetings were kept up each evening during the week though, we are sorry to say, they were not attended by all the members, even those living in the city. The annual offering taken at the last meeting was \$16.

At Potterville the church did not meet on Sabbath December 14 owing to the severe storm that prevailed that day, and the members being so scattered did not hold the meetings during the week, until the 21st when a goodly number were present and listened to the readings of the 20th and 21st, and \$20 was given to the Annual Offerings.

GRAND LEDGE.

I spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with the church at this place, and enjoyed the readings for those days, and spoke once to them. Most of the members were present, and the regular services

were held every day except Friday. Interest was manifest in the progress of the work, and \$11 was contributed to its support in "fields beyond."

A few more seasons will come and a few more meetings will be held and the work will be finished; but only those who have "waited for Him," and have "loved His appearing" will be ready to "enter in through the gates," with Him when He returns to the mansions above. We need to think less of this world, and live more in His presence here, and we will better appreciate that great day.

S. D. HARTWELL.

### Divine Healing.

R. C. HORTON.

Jesus says, "He that believeth on me the works that I do, shall he do also; and greater works than these shall ye do because I go to my father; and whatsoever ye shall ask in my name that will I do: that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:12-14. We never read that there were three thousand converted in a day during Christ's ministry here on earth, but there were, after his departure to heaven when the work was left to his disciples to carry forward. Nor do we read of Christ speaking in many languages, but his disciples spoke in many tongues on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:9-11. These greater works were done after the baptism of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost.

Christ says, "ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16.

"At that day ye shall ask in my name, and I say unto you, I will pray the Father for you. John

16:26. All this asking and receiving was to be done in the name of Christ; for the Father had given all things unto his hands pertaining to the salvation of man. Christ was ever anxious to save man from the power of Satan, for we read, "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Acts 10:38.

Thus we see again that afflictions are from the evil one. They are oppressed of the devil. "Is this not the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out of thy house? When thou seest the naked to cover him, and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily; and thy righteousness shall go before thee: the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward. Thou shalt call and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry and he shall say, here I am." Isa 58:6-9. From these considerations we can see that God wants his children in health: and when we take up the fast that God has chosen, we have the promise that our health will spring forth speedily.

For a long time after the fall of man there was little sickness in the world; but as the population increased and sin began to abound, disease began to be more prevalent. We do not read that Adam lived nine hundred and thirty years and was sick and died. No, but he lived his allotted time and then passed from the stage of action without first being sick, and so with many others who lived at that time: they died, but we have no record of their sickness. Satan's power is increasing, likewise sickness and death are vastly on the

increase. Then why should not the power of God increase among his children? Is not God able and willing to do for us as much and more than he ever did for any people? "Is there no balm in Gilead, is there no physician there? Why then is not the health of my people recovered? Jer. 8:22. Yes, there is a physician there. There is a balm in Gilead for those who will avail themselves of it. Thank God, let us take courage and press on. The Lord says, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. III John 2.

God wants his people to be well and strong; and then he wants them to spend their strength in his service, glorifying him in all their ways. The Lord promised his people when they entered the promised land that if they would obey him, do his will, and trust him, that he would take away all sickness, and would put none of the evil diseases of Egypt upon them, but that he would lay them upon those that hate them. See Deut. 7:15. The Lord brought them forth out of Egypt, and there was not one feeble one among their tribes. Psalms 105:37. So his people now are about to enter upon their everlasting rest in the kingdom of God, and he wants us to put away our unbelief, and trust in him, that we may be sound in body and in mind and ready for translation when the Lord comes.

### The Demands of the Hour.

You will observe in the "Christian Liberty" department of the REVIEW, of December 26, 1907, an article announcing that three Sunday bills have already been introduced into Congress. The text of these bills were introduced into the House of Representatives, and relate to the District of Columbia; the other was introduced into the Senate, and relates to the post-office department.

Three Sunday bills introduced

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into Congress at this early date should be a signal to every Seventh-day Adventist to arouse to the demands of the hour.

We are preparing petition blanks and appropriate literature for use of our people in making their protest against these bills. After examining the three Sunday bills referred to, we would urge that you commence at once to write your respective Senators and Representatives in Congress, protesting against the passage of these proposed measures. The letters should be short, and courteous, but earnest. Ask the Lord to give you special help in writing.

We wish also to request you to write us a letter of introduction to any member of Congress with whom you are acquainted. This, we believe, would be a material help to us when interviewing them upon these important issues.

K. C. RUSSELL.

**School Report.**

School	Teacher	Enrollment
Bangor	Mabel Haughey	12
Battle Creek	Mrs. Flora Williams	51
" "	May Williams Ass't.	
" "	Mrs. Harriot Hefley	23
" "	Minnie Hart	22
" "	Lois Randall	20

Bauer	Mildred Wilson	10
Bedford	Katherine Bell	14
Berrien Springs	Edna Decker	22
Carlton Center	Ethel Cooper	15
Cedar Lake	W. C. Matthewson	50
" "	Fred Green	
" "	Edith Shepard	
" "	VoWyla Aiken	24
Charlotte	Augusta Blosser	22
Covert	Mrs. Julia Countryman	18
Denver Center	Grace Davis	15
Glenwood	Claude Countryman	9
Grand Ledge	Flossie Hall	7
Grand Rapids	Ada Somerset	21
Lake Odessa	Edna Cooper	4
Monterey	Nellie Smith	20
Otsego	Edna Ayars	17
Paw Paw	Anna Garton	14
Portland	Mina Hastings	8
Wright	Lucile Gregg	9
Total		436

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

**General Meetings.**

We make the following announcements of general meetings: Paw Paw, Tuesday, January 14, first meeting at 2 p. m.; Glenwood, Wednesday, the 15th, at 3 p. m.; Buchanan, Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 p. m.; Berrien Springs, Sabbath and Sunday, first meeting Friday, the 17th, at 7 p. m.; Benton Harbor, Sunday, January 19 at 2:30 p. m.; Bangor, Monday, the 20th, at 7 p. m.; Bedford, Friday, January 24, at 7 p. m.; Quincy, Monday, the 27th, at 7 p. m.; Coldwater, Tuesday, the 28th, at 7 p. m.

We hope that these meetings will be well attended by all the brethren and sisters from the near by churches.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

**Notice.**

The sixth annual session of the West Michigan Conference will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church of Charlotte, Michigan, February 13 to 17. Every church of the conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional for each full twenty-five members. Blank credentials will be supplied from the Otsego office.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President.

E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

**Annual Meeting of the West Michigan Conference Association.**

The regular annual session of the West Michigan Conference Association of the Seventh-Day Adventists will be held in connection with the session of the West Michigan Conference at Charlotte, Michigan, February 13 to 17, 1908. The first meeting of said Association will be in the Adventist church of Charlotte, Friday, February 14, at 10 a. m.

A. G. HAUGHEY, President,  
E. A. MERRIAM, Secretary.

**An Interesting Event.**

An event of general interest to the WEST MICHIGAN HERALD family, occurred at Otsego, Tuesday evening, December 31, at 8 p. m., when the writer had the privilege of uniting in marriage Miss Margaret Haughey and Seymour Hilliard.

The ceremony occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Troy, relatives of the groom, and between fifty and sixty guests were present. Following the ceremony a pleasing program was rendered.

Brother and Sister Hilliard will make their home at Otsego, and Sister Hilliard will continue her work as Conference Secretary of the Sabbath-schools and Young People's work, until the conference session.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

We are very sorry that we have not received our morning Watch Calendars and are not able to fill our orders. However we will fill our orders as soon as we can.

We hope the Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteer secretaries will send in their quarterly reports as soon as possible as we desire to be able to have a complete report of the work for 1907 to present at the next session of the West Michigan Conference which is to be held Feb. 13-17, 1908.