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Financial.

Report of Tithe for Dec. 1907.

Allegan	92 21
Bangor	13 35
Battle Creek	1,089 02
Bauer	18 00
Bedford	56 76
Belding	11 27
Benton Harbor	83 77
Berrien Springs	125 33
Bloomington	46 29
Buchanan	86 63
Byron Center	8 50
Carson City	122 27
Cedar Lake	338 44
Charlotte	30 00
Clifford Lake	8 50
Convis	8 00
Covert	12 82
Decatur	39 70
Denver Center	23 69
Eaton Rapids	8 93
Frost	1 82
Glenwood	15 32
Grand Ledge	72 24
Grand Rapids	138 81
Grandville	21 19
Hastings	10 00
Horr	13 50
Kalamazoo	145 00
Kent City	29 01
Lakeview	44 10
Lowell	7 25
Mt. Pleasant	200 00
Otsego	138 99
Paw Paw	94 72
Shelby	32 50
Sturgis	1 00
Union City	40 68
Vermontville	15 00
West LeRoy	66 14
Wright	61 32
Ontario	4 00
Kansas Conference	2 26
Individuals	85 48
Total	3,463 81

December Receipts of West Michigan Conference.

Tithe	3,463 81
Sabbath School Offerings	76 09
Weekly Offerings	35 69
Annual Offerings	1,196 69
O. H. F. T. Dollar Fund	198 95
Mission Board Offerings	38 32
General Fund	56 30
Christ Object Lesson F'd.	1 25
African Native Workers Fund	8 00
Conf. Improvement Fund	2 00
Self-denial Fund	2 00
Ingathering Harvest	8 45
Spartenburg Church F'd.	9 21
Southern Field	4 00
Jamaica Conference	5 00
Nashville Sanitarium	25 00
Jewish Mission	33 70
Finnish Mission	58
Chinese Mission	3 12
Nashville School for Colored	5 00
Missionary Vol. Educational Fund	16 80
Colored Work	15 14
Total	5,205 10

December Receipts for West Mich. Tract Society.

On Account	432 76
Merchandise	157 15
West Mich. Herald	5 00
Total	574 91
Grand Total	5,780 01

Obituary.

William John Patterson was born in Ireland, May 2, 1832. He came to America when twenty-two years of age and stopped in the State of New York, where he resided until 1857 when he came to South Monterey, Michigan, where he lived until his death. He died

January 27, 1908, at the age of 75 years, 8 months and 25 days. At an early age he learned to love his Saviour and united with the Presbyterian church. After coming to South Monterey he accepted the third angel's message. He was a member of the South Monterey church over fifty years. He drew the first load of stone and sand for the foundation of the church building. He held the office of treasurer for a number of years. In 1857 he was united in marriage to Eliza Wilson. This union was blessed with one son and four daughters, all of whom with the wife and mother are left to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted in the South Monterey church. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

J. W. HOFSTRA.

A PLEA.

Why do we not get reports from our laborers more frequently? We lay members who do not get over the conference have no means of knowing what is transpiring except through the Herald. Why publish the paper if not to keep in touch with the message?

The writer does not wish to pose as a grumbler or a philanthropist, but does believe that if it were possible to get the sentiment of every Herald reader it would be the unanimous chorus in favor of fewer long continued articles and more spicy reports of what is transpiring in the field at large. If every worker would only report to the Herald occasionally, giving the items of interest there would be a feeling of much greater sympathy prevailing throughout the conference.

It was the privilege of the writer to spend a day recently in the home of a layman who is a shut-in and has been for many years, being unable to walk a step. He said, "Why do we not hear from our workers oftener? I am tired of picking up the paper and seeing one fourth of it filled with "Divine Healing" and then turn another page to find that "Selected" occupies the next page or two and finally the last page filled with Notes from the Editor just to fill space." "Now," said he, "I am not finding fault with any of the above matter as such, but it seems to me we ought to have news enough to fill every paper chock full without resorting to any lengthy articles such as have been occupying the first page for weeks. Let our large papers and our books be filled with such, but let's have conference interests in the Herald." And "Let all the people say Amen."

Then let each note the items of interest in his or her church or vicinity that are of interest to the laity and we will soon have a conference paper that will be alive with the message and a conference standing back of it which will only be glad to urge the church members to subscribe for the paper.

One more thought in particular: The above named brother was particularly wondering why the conference officers such as the president and the departmental secretaries can not each and all furnish a lively report of all the meetings attended by them. Now, brethren, is this a duty you owe us as the laity? We are anxious to keep in touch with the message. Why not publish the facts of general interest? Try it and see how it works.

A LAYMAN.

The Morning Watch Calendars have arrived at our office. All orders that were on file have been filled, and we are ready to fill others as they may come to us.

A Visit to the State Public School.

It was the privilege of Eld. S. D. Hartwell, Dr. L. J. Otis, A. C. Haughey, and myself to pay a visit to the State Public School at Coldwater, Tuesday afternoon of last week. This institution was established by an act of the legislature in 1871, and went into operation in 1874. For the past ten years the school has been under the successful management of Prof. J. B. Montgomery, who very courteously showed us through the institution, and explained its workings. In the nursery were 20 helpless innocents not yet able to walk, while in an adjoining room were 25 more not over three or four years of age. From here we visited the kindergarten and primary grades. We were especially interested in the departments of manual training and domestic science.

The children are cared for in families of 25, each family in a separate building under the direct charge of a caretaker. There are about 200 in the school at present. Six thousand children have entered its doors since it was founded. Many of these have been adopted into good homes, bringing cheer and comfort to many lonely hearts.

The object of this institution is a purely philanthropic one, that of providing a home and educational advantages to homeless children and those whose parents are unable to provide for their education. The school is supported by state appropriation, and is located upon a farm of 160 acres one mile north of Coldwater. The buildings and everything about the farm, bear marks of painstaking care, and scrupulous cleanliness.

As we looked into the bright, clean faces of these little waifs, we thought of the many homes that might be brightened, and of self-centered lives whose hearts might be unlocked by caring for one of God's little ones. "A little child shall lead them."

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

General Meetings.

Friday evening, Jan. 17, Elder A. G. Haughey and the departmental secretaries except the Conference, Sabbath-school and the medical secretary, met with the Bedford church for a two days' meeting.

At the first meeting Elder A. G. Haughey outlined the purpose and plans of the meetings stating the reasons for having all the departments represented at one meeting. In so doing no department is held up as being "THE MESSAGE," but only a part of the Whole.

The Bedford church took an active interest in all the meetings, and especially the Question Box which proved a source of good to all. This church is conducting a good church-school under the supervision of Miss Katharene Bell. We remained until Monday morning when Brother Schoonard took us to Urandale in the sleigh. The President going to Battle Creek on business matters, the others to Quincy where we were cordially received. This meeting began at 7:00 p. m. and continued until quite late. We also had meeting Tuesday forenoon. At Quincy we were cordially received and were hospitably entertained at the pleasant home of Brother James Thompson. At this church the brethren seemed also anxious to get as much good as possible out of the meetings and so they held day and evening meetings and flooded the workers with questions both Biblical and on organization. The brethren all seemed anxious to keep pace with the message; also to know what they could do to help it to advance.

We met with the Coldwater church Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. at which place Dr. Otis joined us. Here also we found a loyal church of hospitable people.

We met here in a room in the private home of Sister McArthur which is fitted for the purpose. Our meetings here were of the same nature as at the other church-

es, and were entered into with much enthusiasm. At all the above churches we were very strongly urged to remain longer, but previous announcements forbade.

Thus closed the third series of general meetings, all of which have demonstrated the wisdom of the plan of holding these general meetings. They bring the brethren and sisters in touch with the churches and create an interest in all lines of the work.

We hope that we may some time be enabled to comply with the earnest request extended at each of the above places and visit them again. If not let us be faithful a little longer and then we shall meet never to part.

A. C. HAUGHEY.

A. Pleasant Occasion.

Members and friends of the Kalamazoo church and Sabbath-school had a very enjoyable time Wednesday evening, January 29, at a reception planned in honor of our new pastor, Brother E. F. Collier.

Over fifty were present at this social interview which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, and was unusual in that refreshments were served at the beginning instead at the close, leaving everyone in good humor for the remainder of the program.

Everything was delightfully informal, and happiness and good cheer beamed from every countenance.

Brother Bert Van Horn and wife kindly entertained us with some fine selections on the piano; and Brother Collier responded to the call for a speech by an impromptu talk, felicitating the brethren and sisters on their sociability, and expressing the hope that by occasional gatherings of this nature we may all become better acquainted.

Later we were favored with a splendid recitation by Brother Collier on "Days at School," a very affecting temperance poem. After singing "The Lord is My Shepard"

we separated, looking upon this gathering as but a symbol in miniature of the grand wedding supper in which we may all participate, if faithful, when Jesus himself will wait upon his guests in the wonderful banquet hall he is even now preparing.

W. M. HERD.

Effect of Bad Reading.

We can not too highly esteem the value of reading matter which is to be placed in the hands of young people. There is nothing that is so crowding out the Spirit of God and the desire for a place in God's work, and to becoming laborers in this cause, as bad reading. A large number of our young people have their minds taken up with trash and worse than trash. Large numbers, from their own confessions, are spending their time reading the cheapest kind of fiction. The daily papers, the comic section, the monthly magazines, a large number of things that have no place whatever in the lives of our young people, are taking up the time that belongs to Bible study, to prayer, to right reading, to home duties, to work for others in the field.

We ought to do everything in our power to form right habits in the beginning. We ought to ask our young people to sign the pledge against these things. This is needed among our young people as much as the pledge against spiritous liquors is needed in the world to-day. Many have gone to ruin over this matter; some are lost for time and eternity; some of them are drugged, and seemingly hopeless, because of the power of the enemy's hypnotism. It demands more than ordinary enthusiasm in this matter; we can not simply touch it lightly; we must arrange to give our young people the right kind of reading, and we must make a continual effort to encourage them in this matter; in every way possible we must fight

the deadly evil that is dragging them down to perdition.

A talk by Elder Luther Warren at the Mt. Vernon convention.

Take Your Portion.

When there is dust on the Bible, there is generally sin in the heart.

The church that neglects the poor is not loyal to Christ.

Taking God at his word always gives rest.

Bad men always hate the laws that good men would enforce.

When men fulfill the law of Christ, they do not need any other law to make them do right.

As soon as Peter said, "Lord thou knowest that I love thee," he was given something to do.

Self-denial is the last thing some people intend to practice when they start out to be religious.

Many are more anxious to be considered right than to be right.

The Character of the Gospel

John 10:9.

1. Its Exclusiveness. "I am the door." John 14:6; Acts 4:12.
2. Its Universality. "Any man." Rev. 22:17; Acts 10:43.
3. Its Simplicity. "Enter In." Matt. 11:28; Isa. 45:22.
4. Its Certainty. "Shall be saved." John 6:37; 5:24.
5. Its Privileges. "Go in and out." Ps. 37:4; John 8:32, 36.
6. Its Comforts. "Find pasture." Ps. 107:9; John 16:33.

—The Silent Evangelist.

Erratum.

The canvassing report that appeared in the issue bearing date of January 15, states that Brother J. Q. Foy put in seventy-two days and should have been three days.

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Delegates Take Notice.

We call special attention to the appointment of the West Michigan Conference at the Charlotte church beginning Thursday, February 13, at 7:00 p. m. We trust that all the delegates will be on time that the conference may have its opening session at the hour specified. The members of the locating committee will meet all the trains arriving the 13th. Should any delegates fail to meet any members of the reception committee at the depot they should go at once to the Adventist church located on Sheldon street, at which point all delegates will be assigned rooms. It will be well for each delegate to bring an extra pair of blankets or a comfortable thus assisting the Charlotte church in helping to be comfortable during the session of the conference.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

News and Notes.

Conference will be held February 13-17.

Elder M. N. Campbell went to Washington, D. C., last week and will be gone till conference.

We understand that Elder S. E. Wight was elected president of the Southern Illinois Conference.

W. H. Edwards, Lake Union Conference auditor, has been spending a little time at our office auditing the books.

Prof. J. G. Lamson spoke in the Battle Creek Tabernacle Sunday evening, February 2, on "The Eastern Question."

We understand that they are having quite a good interest in the Sunday evening services at the Battle Creek church.

We have received a supply of the "Morning Watch Calendars." We are very sorry that there was such a delay, but perhaps it is one of the "all things." Price six cents. Send orders to the West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

We would be very much pleased to receive some reports from our laborers. Many of our readers are anxious to know where the workers are, and what they are doing, but we cannot give them the desired information. Let us hear from you.

Agents are meeting with splendid success selling the Missions Number of the Signs of the Times. Here is a letter from one of them:

"I have been selling the Missions Special. I find very few people who do not know the paper at first sight, and there are some who have become interested in the truth through reading it and are only waiting to know more. One instance I will give. A lady took the special and glanced hastily through it, and said she was looking to see if it said anything about 'them old prophecies. That's what I'm after.' I left a copy and told her about the Bible Readings Series, and promised to call again. I expect to get an order there, and perhaps take it to her weekly as it comes.

"The first one to embrace the truth in our tent work last summer told us that the first thing that attracted her attention to the truth was some copies of the Signs of the Times that were left in the house by a former tenant. She read them, and liked them, and wanted to know more."

Two editions, aggregating 200,000 copies of this number, have already been printed, and a third edition is going to press, so that all orders can be filled promptly. The subject matter in this special is not out of date, and can be handled successfully for months to come. Persons can not only make good wages selling this number, but they will be doing a vast amount of good at the same time.

100 to 400 copies, five cents per copy; 500 copies or over, four cents per copy. Address this office, or Signs of the Times, Mountain View, California.

Sunday evening, January 26, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Elder M. N. Campbell gave a stirring address on "The Coming Crisis" or the "Coming Conflict Between Capital and Labor" of which the BATTLE CREEK INQUIRER writes as follows:

"He makes the uneasiness between the two forces fit into the words of Scripture, which speak of the times just before the coming of Christ. He follows through history the former conflicts between the moneyed men and the masses and predicts, unless things are changed, troublous times in America."

The address is then printed in full, and is a valuable article to use for missionary purposes. Now is the time when this important subject should be brought to the attention of the people, and should any of the readers of the HERALD desire copies of the ENQUIRER they can be obtained at three cents per copy at the Battle Creek Tract Society, 271 West Main St., Battle Creek, Mich.