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# Winter Announcement

OF THE

# Battle Creek College,

A Training School for Christian Workers.

## THE OBJECT

The object of this College is to prepare individuals for service in God's work. This is the first and only object, and every teacher has this end in view in every lesson. We do not hold out any inducements to those who are seeking worldly education.

The special object of the winter school is to carry out the above mentioned principles, and every effort is being put forth to have such studies during the winter as will be most helpful to those who can spend but a time in preparation. It is realized that a few weeks of school training is of almost inestimable value, if the mind is chiefly occupied in studying principles. Our students will be expected to put the principles learned, into practice, as much as possible, while here in school; and when they enter into active missionary work they will then have time and opportunity to develop them. Our aim is not to occupy the mind with facts but leave that work to be done by the student when away from school. This, we believe, is true education.

## WHO SHOULD COME.

We invite all to come who are in harmony with the above mentioned principles. It is not best to send students who are not able to comprehend the nature of the work or who are not in sympathy

with it. The school is so situated that it gives many opportunities for daily missionary work to those who are training for missionaries, but for those who have not this end in view, Battle Creek is not a desirable place; and we earnestly hope that all who come will be anxious to receive a preparation for service, will be led by the Spirit of God, and will also be willing to be taught by the Spirit of God while in school. The Spirit of God does not teach as man teaches, but will lead us into new methods of both teaching and studying.

### WHAT TO BRING.

Each member of the school family will bring his own toilet soap, towels, napkins, napkin ring, pillow cases, sheets, bed spread, and table cover for a table thirty six inches in diameter. Also Bible and all the denominational books in his or her possession.

### RATES.

The European plan of boarding is followed and good board can be had for from \$4.50 to \$7.00 per month.

Tuition rates as follows: —

One study — — — — — \$1.75 per month.

Two studies — — — — — \$2.75 per month.

Three studies — — — — — \$3.50 per month.

Four studies — — — — — \$4.00 per month.

All other expenses in the home—furnished room, heat, light, washing, etc. — can be covered by the sum of \$5.50 per month; and every home student is allowed the privilege of working sufficiently to reduce his expenses \$3.00 per month. Many students board for \$5.00 per month or a little less. Thus you

see, by allowing \$5.00 for board, \$4.00 for tuition, and \$5.50 for general expenses, deducting \$3.00 for work done, a faithful student can get along for \$11.50 per month.

### **TIME TO BE SPENT IN COLLEGE.**

The Third Angel's Message does not hang on time, nor does the Gospel of Education. We must take into consideration that the Spirit of God can do quickly what it would take a lifetime to do ourselves. The Lord Himself has set the standard which should be reached by His laborers. When that standard is reached, the Spirit of God will say, "Go." and if the Faculty is led by the Lord it will be in harmony with the call.

The student can, to a large extent, determine the length of time that he should remain in school, by his co-operation or lack of co-operation with the Spirit of God, and the principles of the College in teaching, studying and government. Erroneous views are held concerning school work. A few years in school should not end study, and the remaining years of one's life be spent in active work. Part of the time should be spent in College. Then the student should go out into the field and put into practice what he has learned; returning again if necessary, and life should be a continuous school throughout eternity

## **Special Studies This Winter Term.**

### **MINISTRY.**

Ministerial work will be carried on under the directions of Elder A. T. Jones. The sole object will be to

give the students, principles which are the foundation of godly success and prosperity in this work. Each day opportunity is given the students to put these principles into practice.

### TEACHING.

The demand for missionary teachers is great. Realizing this, the College is giving such instruction as will enable those who have ability to teach to go out into the work as quickly as possible. Calls are coming in, not only from churches in the United States, but from foreign countries and the islands of the sea. All who are interested in the salvation of souls should pray that the Lord will move upon the hearts of Christian young men and women who have ability to teach, to consecrate themselves to this work and receive a steady preparation.

### MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK.

Those who wish preparation enabling them to enter the regular work in medical missionary lines, will begin the preparatory studies here. Ample facilities are offered to those who desire to enter this work. These studies will be completed in the American Medical Missionary College.

### CANVASSING.

We would call the attention of all those who are planning to enter this line of missionary work, to the article in a recent REVIEW. No pains will be spared by the College in training students for this work, and no field could be entered which gives a better experience for every other line of work or more opportunities to do personal work. The Review and Herald Publishing Co.

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will give one hundred persons this winter course for \$25.00 and two hours work per day. The number will soon be made up.

### FARMING.

Studies from the Bible and the Testimonies on the subject of missionary farming, will be conducted. Our people are still farming on the Egyptian plan. The farmer who has faith in God's word on the subject of tilling the soil, and who will obey God, will save souls for the kingdom of heaven as well as the preacher who ministers the word from the desk.

### COMMERCIAL.

Studies from the Bible and Testimonies will be conducted on the subject of business. The Lord has given directions in His word which will make every Christian proficient in business affairs. Our people should be loaning instead of borrowing, but business must be conducted on a missionary basis. It requires as much faith in God's word to be a successful business man in God's sight as to be a minister.

There will be a two week's course in book-keeping offered, brief yet comprehensive, so that every student will be able to keep a set of books. Those who desire to spend more time in this study will be given an opportunity to do so, as there will be a regular class running through the term.

### DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

The Bible and Testimonies will be studied to learn God's methods of making house-keeping, cooking, sewing, and woman's work a pleasure and not drudgery.

## SCIENCE.

A course of study in the natural sciences will be carried on, which will give the great leading truths. Instead of cutting up God's great book of nature into slices—botany, physics, zoology, etc.—it will be studied entire, with the relation of every part to each other. The Word of God is the text book and the study of man, or physiology is the basis upon which all the other studies will rest. Ideas may be received by a student which may start him into lines of thought that will enable him to be a scientist not after the worldly sort but after the godly.

## LANGUAGE.

Language will not be taught after the old methods. The subject matter will be from the Bible and Testimonies; thus while learning the best manner of expressing thought, the student's mind is filled with most precious gems of truth.

## BIBLE.

Every study in the school is a Bible study. Careful attention will be given to the study of Christ's life, which will lead the mind of the student into all the doctrines of Christ's church. The doctrines are no special value to us unless we can see them through Christ, and it is a positive injury to present them in any other way. Souls should first be brought to accept Christ then the doctrines will be readily accepted because they will see Christ's life there. "We shall be saved by his life."

## TRADES.

Every advantage will be offered to those who desire

to learn such trades as carpentry, broom-making, dress making, shoe-making. A class will also be conducted in practical methods of caring for and running stationary engine, furnace, etc.

When Spring opens farming will be one of the most important subjects taught.

### COMMON BRANCHES.

The common, essential branches.—reading, writing, spelling, etc.—will be carefully taught from the Word of God.

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### IN GENERAL.

It will be the design of the work during this winter quarter to give short courses, in order that people may be fitted up for the work which the Lord has for them to do. There will be work of the most practical and earnest nature for ministers, colporteurs, Bible workers, church school teachers, canvassers, as well as for those who design to fit themselves for work in our offices as book-keepers and stenographers.

It will not be best for any to come, save only those who have a full determination to consecrate their lives entirely to the Lord. The day of half-heartedness in the Third Angel's Message is now past, and the Lord is calling for laborers who will yield and surrender everything entirely to him.

All who contemplate coming should write immediately, stating the fact, so that the management of the College may be able to make the necessary preparation. The terms will be the same as those announced in the annual calendar. All who are willing to do



some work, and who will be economical in the matter of their board. can get along on about eleven or twelve dollars per month. This sum will cover the expense for board, room, light, heat, and washing. Those who expect to come should write immediately for copy of the winter announcement, which will be forwarded on application. Send two-cent stamp to cover mailing of the same.

P. T. MAGAN.

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“Parables, Poems, and Pithy Points,” is the title of a little leaflet on the subject of tobacco, written by Eld. D. E. Scoles, of Washburn, Mo. It is a very readable tract and we trust will do much toward lessening the baneful tobacco habit. Price 2 c. each, \$1.60 per hundred. Address the author.

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THE ADVOCATE is in receipt of a very neat little “Sunset” calendar for 1899, the gift of the Review and Herald. That paper needs no such gift to make it valuable, for of all papers published, it is the most welcome. We hope every person to whom the ADVOCATE comes will see to it that they are subscribers to our able church paper. [Ed.]



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## THE HEAVENLY VISITOR.

After several years of waiting the Lord has been good to cause His Holy Spirit to move again upon the teachers and students of Battle Creek College in a most wonderful manner. The manifestation is no ordinary one. It would be impossible to write or even to tell of the great things God has done for us. There was no special effort on the part of the teachers to influence the students, nor to draw their attention to the things of God. We are told that "God had a watcher in the school, and though His presence is unseemly His influence is discernible." This watcher is the greatest teacher the world has ever known, and he has been in the school in a special manner the last three weeks.

How thankful the parents and friends of students should be that their children are here at the present time. While the students were seeking Jesus as they have been in the past few weeks, the suspension of studies was not considered a loss; and we have learned more during these few days than we could learn in an ordinary life time without the Spirit of God. Lessons have been forced home that will stay with us throughout eternity. Changes have been made in character that are a wonder to angels of Heaven and an incomprehensible mystery to Satan.

We know that every true Christian will rejoice with the teachers and students that God has again recognized the Battle Creek College in this way, has placed His Spirit upon the school and that Jesus Christ is at the head. Will not the young men and young women, who have not yet placed themselves in the channel of light begin to think seriously about what they should be doing? We are living in the time when God is sealing His people. We are told that characters are now being weighed. This means that the living Seventh-Day Adventists are now coming up to the investigative judgment and already their cases passed upon. Time is so short now, should not those who are going to give themselves to the Lord's work enter it at once and get a preparation for some place in God's cause? Every line of work is now open to receive hundreds of trained young people who have been filled with the Spirit of God.

Let those who wish the training that the College is giving begin to ask the Lord in PERFECT FAITH to open the way for them to receive the special preparation that we now need, to do the great work that the Lord is laying upon the young, who are to be most active in the final warning.

E. A. S.

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### HOME WHERE GOD DWELLS.

The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance. Only today I heard one of the young ladies say that there were, not long ago some in the Home whom she could not love, but "since my conversion I love them all."

It is no uncommon thing for members of a boarding school to form cliques, or to pair off and often contend with the others, but we thank God his Spirit has put all that out of our hearts. We are all sisters in Christ.

Those who have lived in the Home know that the spirit which often pervades the atmosphere is to obey rules if you have to, but disobey, and have some fun when you get the chance.

We thank God that today his Spirit has made us look at things in a different light and our students are now God's children and with him "To obey is better than sacrifice."

Silent hour is their response to the Saviour's invitation, "Come ye apart and rest awhile;" and since the Spirit has visited they crave those talks with him alone. Think you they must be cautioned not to whisper or visit other rooms? No for God has spoken to them saying, "Be still and know that I am God."

When the Pentecostal showers fell the natural result was that the followers of Christ had all things in common. The same spirit has been very noticeable among the students. Not a forced demonstration but simply an overflow of a heart brim-full. When one student is without clothing others share with her until she is comfortable. On hearing of a girl in such a condition of health that she was unable to earn her board and tuition, the girls pledged to support. Some donated the money previously spent for gum or candy, perfumery or nicknacks. Others offered to work an extra hour each week and let the worthy student have the proceeds, and I know of another who sacrificed her Sabbath's breakfast each week for her sister's help. These are some of the ways that the Spirit works in the home.

M. BESSIE DE GRAW.

## PERSONAL EXPERIENCES NO 1.

Truly we may say "the Lord is able to save to the uttermost." Is anyone bound by long standing and unconquerable habits? Is anyone ruled by disposition violent and ungovernable? Is anyone without faith and hopeless? There is salvation for such. To the latter class especially I hope that my experience will be of some benefit. Let me first ask what brought you into this condition? For my own part, it was a long and wilful rejection of light, and a spirit of criticising those at the head of the work. When I came to school this year, which is my fifth year in college, I was absolutely without faith or hope.

The past two years my experience has been empty. About half the time I was a hypocrite and the other half an avowed infidel; I did not believe even in the existence of God. Sometimes, fearing lest he should exist, and I be eternally lost, I earnestly sought Him for hours at a time, but not the least ray of hope dawned upon me;—this only served to strengthen me in my unbelief. Many times I have prayed, that, if God did exist, and I could not be saved, he would strike me dead on the spot, and as I still lived on in my unbelief my case seemed to grow more hopeless. The special meetings held at the college, at first had little effect upon me. I thought to myself, I have seen such meetings before: however, something, I knew not what, strove within me. I could not sleep. I said to many, "If I had but one ray of hope, I would give up all for the Lord."

I remembered that many times in the past when I had vainly sought the Lord, I had always been impressed to yield some cherished sin or ambition. I always said to myself at such times, "I do not feel that I can give up all for nothing, and if I could only

believe I would yield everything;" still, I could not be satisfied. Friends talked and prayed with me, and continually something kept saying to me, "Give up all and abide the result." About midnight November 9 I did. One by one all my cherished ambitions were relinquished. One by one I decided upon courses of action which I felt impressed were duty. Something strange happened then; I had perfect peace but little faith. The voice within me ceased striving, it only said: "Go ahead and keep your word." The great blessing came not in the decision but in the doing. As I confessed wrongs, and yielded to the still small voice on every point, my faith grew boundless.

I embraced the first opportunity to leave the city and engage in mission work at Kalamazoo. The Lord blessed me in every act more than I had hoped. He gave me a true and burning love for souls, a live experience, and the privilege of helping many to the knowledge of this precious salvation. God is all-powerful. How pleasant it is to see the chains fall from the vilest drunkard, and he stand up pure and clean, a faithful witness of Jesus. To everyone I would say;—"Struggle no longer in these bonds of darkness which only grow tighter as you struggle to extricate yourself. Yield yourself to the great deliverer. He will break every bond and give you peace and joy. Only obey the still small voice in every detail, and eternity will be yours in which to praise Him for it."

ALBERT N. MERRITT.

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"Make your homes as far as possible from Sodom and Gomorrah " *Testimony.*

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## PERSONAL EXPERIENCES No. 2.

The Lord has impressed me to give a written testimony of what he has done for me and his power as I have seen it manifested the last few weeks in our school.

I came to this College simply because my parents saw fit to send me here. Came with the determination to have a good time and nothing more. My heart was hard and I was going headlong to destruction; I disobeyed nearly every rule and regulation of the College, and made light of religion and every thing pertaining to it.

Finally the Faculty decided it was best for me and my associates to leave the school. This was Friday morning, November 1. That evening at prayers the Spirit of God came in in a marked manner and convicted many.

Then it was that I realized what an *awful condition* I was in. It seemed to me that I was the chief of sinners and that the Lord had withdrawn his Spirit from me. Oh, it almost crushed me down. I was wild. How I prayed to the Lord just to give me one more chance. How I pleaded with him. Words fail to express the feeling I had.

They took me to my room and prayed with me. Prayed that the spirit of Satan might be withdrawn from me. By that time all of the students had met in the College chapel and were having a wonderful meeting. They took me over and as I was sitting listening to the good testimonies, and praying continually myself, that spirit of darkness which had been all around me seemed to break and the bright light shone in. I never felt happier in all my life, just to think that the Lord had accepted me.

I was impressed to get right up and praise him for

it but I didn't do it. Pride was still in my heart, I thought how foolish I was to think of such a thing, and then, can I say it, I prayed that the Spirit of God would leave me and give me back to Satan.

No sooner had I wished it when his Spirit was withdrawn, and a greater darkness came over me.

How I longed, then, to have *even a desire to be a Christian*, for that had all left me.

Then and there, I got down on my knees, told the Lord what a miserable sinner I was and begged of him to help me. Psa. 34 : 6. I accepted him by faith, stepped out on his promises, trusting him to give me strength. Isa. 41, 10, 13.

Since then through his help I have gone forward in baptism, showing to the world that from now on and forever, I am wholly his to do *anything* he asks me, and to go *anywhere, everywhere* he calls.

I firmly believe this was my last chance of salvation and if I had rejected it I would have gone into the depths of sin and been lost forever.

Not I alone have excepted of the Saviour. There were others of my associates, whose hearts were like stone, but the stony hearts have been melted. Those who were proud and cold have fallen on the Rock and been broken.

Now for the first time in the history of the College *every* student, in both halls, is fully consecrated to the Lord and his work.

Those who were deep down in sin are out telling others what the Lord has done for them **and** are bringing the lost ones in.

Surely the Lord is blessing this school and has given us a great work to do. "Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it." Psa. 139 : 6.

NELLIE DONNELL.



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## Editorial.

### GREETING.

The "Home Visitor" having failed to make its usual call at the homes of the students since the close of the last school year, it feels so much like a stranger that it must doff its hat and reintroduce itself again to the attention of all.

### RETROSPECTIVE.

The Home Visitor was established last year to furnish a means of communication between the College and its patrons and to be a medium through which announcements of college terms and other matters of general interest could be made most readily. The paper served well its purpose, and indeed was a most welcome *visitor* to the *homes* of those whose children and loved ones were in school, or to the temporary place of work of the student out in the field to canvass, to teach, to help the poor sinner, or to rest. To bring joy to such or to any were a worthy object, and this with other equally important aims will energize the work of the future

**AD INTERIM.** During the interval since the July issue of the Home Visitor, many important changes have been made in the institution which brings into being this magazine. Years ago the Lord was pleased to make known his will relative to the education of the children and youth, and Battle Creek College was established to be a training school for missionaries. The only method in such a school that could be in harmony with the will of God would be the reception of the necessary training *through the faith of the Son of God*. This desirable mode of receiving an education seems to have been lost for a time, and where hundreds of laborers should have gone forth at the Master's call the school was shorn of its strength and the banner of the Third Angel's Message was borne forward by what might be likened to a forlorn hope. God spoke graciously of his work, and turned again the the captivity of this "prisoner of hope." With almost incredible speed barriers were removed, obstacles surmounted, courses changed, studies rearranged, until there was left little semblance of the usual College curriculum. The change was approved of God, and from the first His Spirit was given the throne in the school, and as will appear elsewhere in this issue the mighty hand of Him who made all things is upon and over and about his believing children.

The successful conduct of a school  
**PROSPECTIVE.** like the Battle Creek College,—A Training School for Christian Workers,—is very greatly aided by some medium of communication between the faculty, students, and patrons,

that will place in a somewhat permanent form the announcements, regulations, and plans of work which are proposed. To that extent then the Home Visitor is to enter a new field, and its work having broadened, it will need a new name which will bear in itself an announcement of the reason it has for existence

**NEW NAME.** As Battle Creek College is now a training school for Christian Workers, a magazine published in advocacy of a system whereby young men and women are made workers along Christian lines is deemed to be the best kind of publication, and for the best purpose. It will still be a Home Visitor but it will now enter the homes, not merely as a bulletin board for the display of the news of the school but as an "advocate" of that highest of all systems of education,—the Training School for Christian workers.

**WE ASK YOUR AID** That we may carry forward this work to the very best advantage we should be in touch with every Seventh-day Adventist home in this district.

We have placed the subscription price at the low figure of 25 cents per year and invite a hearty response to our call for subscribers. We shall endeavor to make the numbers of our little magazine so valuable that they will be kept for future reference. We invite your honest criticism, your contributions, and above all your prayers, for the success of **THE TRAINING SCHOOL ADVOCATE**.

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"Remember that the integrity, and virtue of God can keep itself pure in the presence of all sorts of sin." *A. T. Jones, Lansing Campmeeting 1893.*

## A NEW AND IMPORTANT DEPARTMENT OF THE COLLEGE.

Since the College has been converted into a training school for Christian workers we find that it is necessary to give our students an actual experience in the different lines of missionary work. We have been doing everything we could to give them practical work. At present, about fifty young men who are preparing for the ministry are out in the vicinity of Battle Creek doing house to house labor. One evening last week thirty cottage meetings were held in the city by the students. Students are seeking out the poor, bringing children in, and feeding and clothing them. The new department that must be opened at once is a city mission. At the present time we are sending about six students to Kalamazoo. The brethren there have kindly given the students an opportunity to cooperate with them in the work, but we must have better facilities and better opportunity to give more students a training in this line. We wish to have a mission of sufficient capacity to give every student who comes to Battle Creek College for a missionary training, an opportunity to get an experience in the city mission work.

Those who are now in charge of the school are planning to open a mission in one of the large cities near Battle Creek which will offer us just such a privilege. The expense will not be unreasonable, probably about \$40 per month will cover it. This enterprise must not be maintained by the College. Students and teachers have already raised about \$100, and we look to the friends of Christian education for the rest. We believe there are hundreds ready and willing to put their hands into their pockets and contribute liberally toward maintaining this mission so that we may send out hundreds of workers who will be prepared in a

short time to go into large cities to do the work that must be done immediately.

Those who wish to obtain the blessing that will come in helping to start this work, please send in your names and mention the amount you wish to give. More will be said about the mission in the next issue.

E. A. S.

## REPORTS FROM CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

The reports from our church school teachers concerning the week of prayer are very encouraging and only prove more fully that we are coming right up to the latter rain, and that the Lord is waiting to pour out His Spirit upon His people everywhere. Following are a few extracts, which we know our brethren and sisters will be glad to read.

### No. 1.

“We have had such good meetings during the week of prayer I cannot refrain from telling you about them. We did not dismiss school but held school until 2:30 then all books were put away and the pupils sat in their own seats and listened to the readings. We had splendid meetings and the Spirit of the Lord came into the school and the children’s hearts were touched. The parents were so well pleased to see how the children conducted themselves during the meetings. Thursday evening we had an excellent meeting, several of the scholars testified to the love they had for the Saviour. Tears of joy were shed. Friday afternoon I had the reading and when we bowed for prayer one of my youngest scholars prayed after several of the members had prayed. How it

touched my heart and the hearts of others to hear this young voice pleading with God to help him to be a better boy, and to help him keep from swearing as he played with the other boys.

At first scholars and parents were dissatisfied because the methods were so different from the common schools, but now the parents are well pleased the way the school is organized, and the interest their children are taking. They all say that the school must not stop Christmas.

How I do praise the Lord's name to-day. How precious is the promise to me, "Cast all your care upon the Lord for he careth for you."

## No. 2.

"The people are waking up to the solemn times in which we live. One boy has given his heart to the Lord, and his greatly improved conduct shows that he is in earnest. Two of the girls *have made a start but they must be proved yet.*"

"This week completes two months of my school and busy ones they have been too. The Lord is, indeed, working with us and has been present on more than one occasion in my school room. Several of my pupils have accepted health reform principles, and by the grace of God are living them; and true to their text, their influence has extended to their homes and a work of reform has been started among the parents. I am now conducting a class in Healthful Living for them. I did not believe that all the wonderful things you said could be brought about through a church school, but I confess they are being realized every day. Thanks be to God! But no one in the school

has received a greater blessing than I myself. I am learning many things."

### No. 3.

"Twenty-five in school, and four, no, six more coming in this week. Oh, I wish you could have been here last week during the week of prayer; God touched the hearts of many of the children, and their childish testimonies encouraged the whole church. God is working for us wonderfully here. This church has brought out firm and strong a number who were formerly on the background."

"We have been studying Philippians for three weeks, and have got upon a solid basis for further hard study. The class consists of seven truly converted girls from fifteen to twenty-one. There will be a number of excellent workers from among them. In our study of the Bible we do not mince matters at all. God frequently comes in with convincing power, and I am often astonished at the readiness and quickness with which they grasp spirit-truths. It is a continual school for me. I prize my Saviour as never before. Of course I have my troubles but what are they compared with what I am constantly receiving?"

"All in our school are in favor of patronizing it as far as possible. Some have come six miles but the weather is getting cold and stormy so I do not know that they can come longer."

### No. 4.

"I learn more forcibly every day the lesson that we must stand on principle and not on any human opinion or influence."

"It rejoices me greatly to hear of the wonderful vic-

tories in the College. My prayer is that the blessing may be retained."

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It would cheer you much to know the earnest heart work that is being done in the Farmersburg, Ind. School, and also in the Church. Angels have rejoiced to know the decisions for Jesus that have been made this term. There have been some struggles, but the victories are so sweet. All glory be to Jesus for His wonderful work among us! He is winning some dear young people and children. Cottage meetings have been lead by some of the pupils right here in Farmersburg. There is much interest in the health question.

God wants them to be among the one hundred and forty-four thousand.

Some are here from quite a distance. At present the membership is twenty-six."

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### THE EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Our brethren and sisters who so generously pledged to the educational work last year will be glad to know that a number of students have been helped through school in this way, but the money is more largely used for our church schools. Many of the teachers are unable to supply themselves with books, etc. to carry on their work; and their necessaries are supplied from this fund and then the teachers pay it back as they can, thus the fund remains a permanent one and many can be benefitted thereby. The Lord has said there should be just such a fund and since we have been working on his plan, he has blessed us richly.



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## AN EXTRACT FROM A LETTER.

In a recent letter written us by Eld. Geo. M. Brown from Fond du Lac, Wis., he relates the following incident, as a striking illustration of the power of the Holy Spirit to work through even the humblest instruments.

“A negro brother, who was a slave till he was twenty years old, earns a living by scrubbing floors, house cleaning, etc. While our meetings were in progress, he was cleaning a carpet for a wealthy society lady, and as he was at work she opened up a conversation, in the course of which he took occasion to present to her some of the principles brought out in the meetings, illustrating them by his own experience. She became so interested in what he was saying that she finally sat down on the carpet and listened attentively to him, and when he had finished she said it was wonderful. He told her that what he had related was not the result of his education, for he had none. She said, “I have had good educational advantages, and have always been in the society of educated people, but you have told me things I never heard of before. *You have an experience that is beyond my education.* It is inspiring to see how God uses the weak things when consecrated to him.”

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“Remember this, a man without God is not God's idea of a man.” *Prof. W. W. Prescott, Feb. 1893.*

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**Take up the burdens of life where you are.**

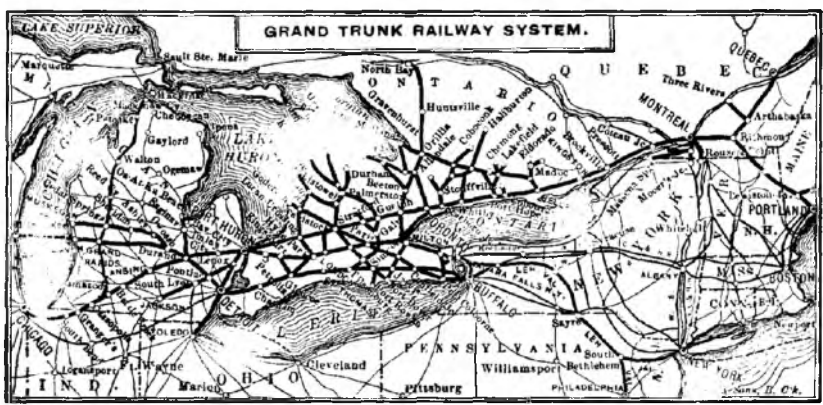
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