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Evangelical.

"We are standing upon the threshold of great and solemn events." Little do we know or realize the startling developments which even this year will reveal to us. The closing judgment work is fast hastening. "Get ready, get ready," is the message of God to-day to every soul. The indulgence of sin can no longer be afforded. The gratification of selfish desires and propensities must no longer be enjoyed. Personalities must be laid aside. Self must sink out of sight behind the cross, while Christ, the hope of glory, must be formed in the life. If religion in the past has been with us a feeling, a theory, a mere sentiment, it must now become a living principle within, the settled business and purpose of the life. "Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation." While mercy lingers, and the spirit calls, make peace with Him who will prove in the day of coming wrath our Shield, our Refuge, and our Rock of defence.

The Devil's Interest In The Canvassing Work.

"A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this and he is using every means in his power to lead the canvasser to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. GOD CALLS THE CANVASSERS BACK TO THEIR WORK. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and en-

lightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity."

The words quoted above are selected from the Testimonies and reveal the plottings of the evil one to undermine a line of work that has been most successful in winning souls to a knowledge of the truth. When the fallen angels observed the great work accomplished in years gone by through the army of Seventh-day Adventist canvassers, they resolved to crush it by all means and they concentrated the powers of their keen minds to the accomplishment of that fell design. No stone was left unturned to drive them from the field. The difficulties that inevitably fall to the lot of the canvasser were enlarged and made to appear insurmountable. The sacrifice made in leaving home and loved ones was magnified. The special blessings that the Father bestows on the faithful canvasser were belittled and made to appear small compared with the difficulties.

But Satan's most successful plan was to buy off the canvasser by offering him other employments more to his taste, soothing his conscience in the meantime with the suggestion that he could do as much good at something else as he could at canvassing. The Lord draws aside the tissue of deception in the following words:—"This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvasser back to his work."

My brother! My sister! as your eyes rest upon these words do you not hear the spirit whispering "Take up thy cross?" God does not call us to failure but to success, and success is certain if we will work in Christ's lines. Come brethren, let us take a new grip on this work and help close the long struggle. M. N. CAMPBELL.

God's Plans.

Many men wreck their lives by determinedly carrying out their own plans without reference to the plans of God. In an army, every part, every brigade and regiment must wait the commander's orders. If any battalion moves independently, though ever so heroically, it not only confuses the whole plan of battle, but brings disaster to itself as well in the end. So each individual must wait for God's command to move. Keep your eye on the pillar of cloud and fire that leads. Rest when the pillar rests, move when it moves. Never lag behind, but be sure you never run ahead. You can make the clock strike before the hour by putting your own hands to it, but it will strike wrong. You can hurry the unfolding of God's providence, but you will only mar the divine plan unless you wait for Him. You can tear the rosebud open before the time when it would open naturally, but you destroy the beauty of the rose. So we spoil many a gift or blessing which God is preparing for us, by our own eager haste. He would weave all our lives into patterns of loveliness. He has a perfect plan for each. It is only when we refuse to work according to his plan that we mar the web. Stop meddling with threads of your life as they come from the Lord's hands. Every time you interfere, you make a flaw. Keep your hands off, and let God weave as he pleases. Do not think you know better than he does what your life ought to be.—Sel.

Run not after blessings; Only walk in the commandments of God, and blessings shall run after you, pursue and overtake you.

Courage must leak out ere failure can come in.

Medical.

Medical Report.

During the past year many ways have been opened for us to present our work, both to our own people and to others. Soon after coming to Grand Rapids a missionary and medical convention was held in this place, which was attended by nearly all the West Michigan workers. Following this for over six months a weekly health club was held for the benefit of the sisters of our church.

We were very much encouraged by the interest manifested by those who attended the Big Rapids camp-meeting, and by the churches we have been able to visit and help in medical lines.

Two of the literary clubs of the city invited us to give them weekly health talks for several weeks. For over six months we gave weekly lessons on the Gospel of Health to a large class of Y. W. C. A. girls. Some of these girls are now attending our meetings at the S. D. A. church in Grand Rapids.

Through a prominent W. C. T. U. worker in this state, opportunities have been given us to speak at W. C. T. U. unions and conventions. Thus we feel that the Lord has indeed opened the way for us to work in varied channels.

During the past year I have made three-hundred and ninety medical calls, held six-hundred and sixteen consultations, given one-hundred and sixty-nine complete and partial examinations, six-hundred and eighty-nine medical treatments, and four-hundred and fifty-five prescriptions.

Aside from the above more strictly professional report, I have given many Bible readings, and medical talks, written many medical letters and not a few articles for the West Michigan Herald.

In giving the financial report, I would call your attention to the facts, that all our time has not been devoted to purely professional work; that we came to a city to begin

medical practice, which it has been more difficult to start than it would have been in a smaller place, and that we have been here only one year.

The amount invested in furnishing the office, treatment and waiting rooms, and providing the necessary facilities, is \$301.23, which sum is, of course, covered by the value of the furnishings, and appliances purchased. The total expense incurred in operating the department during the year 1903 was \$459.73. This sum includes rent, fuel, light, supplies, etc.

The department has received in cash for medical services and treatments, \$853.44. There is still due on accounts with patients \$486.11. Hence the total earnings of the department for the year 1903 were \$1339.55. In addition to the above, free work was performed to the amount of \$370.00.

P. S. BOURDEAU, M. D.

Grand Rapids.

One year ago, the 4th of last December, I came to Grand Rapids with Dr. Bourdeau. After attending the conference held at Wright, I began work here under the direction and auspices of the West Michigan Conference. During the first few months the most of my time was spent in assisting the doctor in Health Club work, giving demonstrations, etc., and becoming acquainted with the people. As we went about this work we found those who needed medical assistance, and it was not long before I had a list of patients for treatments which occupied nearly my entire time. During the summer we still held evening meetings and had some very interesting experiences. Some of the young ladies with whom we met seem very much interested. I had a very encouraging talk with one of them a few evenings ago. Several of them have attended our young people's meeting a number of times, also the regular service. Surely, there is no work which gives one entrance

to the homes and hearts of the people as medical missionary work. I have had the opportunity of giving treatments to many who were unable to pay for them; some of the best experiences I have had have been with such cases.

My time has been fully occupied since I have been here, but I have thoroughly enjoyed it, and thank the Lord for the many good experiences which I have had.

Total number of treatments given up to January 1, 1904, seven-hundred and sixty-seven; one-hundred and thirty-five of which were given free.

Visits made, one-hundred and thirty.

Books sold, nineteen.

Subscriptions for periodicals, eighteen.

T. C. LEMONS.

Educational.

To Our Separated Teacher.

Is it not time that you were giving yourselves in definite service to the Lord? Is it not time that your abilities, your talents, your energies, were devoted to the ingathering of souls? While you hold the confidence and respect of the patrons of the schools wherein you are at present laboring, is it sufficient for you to be spending your energies to the education of children simply for this life? Are you satisfied to dwell in the straight-jacket, to have your lips sealed by public opinion and the behests of the board, so that you cannot, dare not, speak that which your own soul knows to be true with relation to the many subjects that you are called upon to teach?

Have you not delayed long enough? Is it not time that you were cutting lose from worldly entanglements and placing yourselves heart and soul in this work of giving the last message to the world?

To the fathers and mothers, church school officers, and others.

Greeting: Are you, my dear friends, doing all in your power to save your children from that educa-

tion and that course of action which will result in the second death? Are you straining every nerve, performing every work, overcoming every obstacle that hinders the surrounding of your children with the very best influences that can be obtained in every way? Are you satisfied to have your children trained up in mind, but not in soul; in body, but not in spirit? Will heaven be all that your heart eventually hopes for with your children lost?

This is not to say that children of the public schools will not be saved, but it is to say, will your children, continuing in the public schools, be brought to the knowledge of the Savior? The public schools are doing a noble service in the line for which they were created. They educate for this world, but we desire our children educated for the world to come.

Somehow I wish I could speak in such a way that every person in the Conference could hear the tones of the voice and catch the intense desire of my heart. I long for your co-operation. I have given myself as never before, body, soul and spirit. May I bespeak from you your earnest co-operation and your faithful prayers.

J. G. LAMSON.

Obituary.

Russell.—Died at Kalamazoo, Michigan, Jan. 4, 1904, of concussion of the brain occasioned by a fall onto a cellar floor, Mrs. Wm. Russell, aged 55 years, 4 months and 10 days. Emily G. Randall was born in Ada, Kent Co., Michigan, Aug. 25, 1848. With her parents she soon removed to the state of New York where she resided until the death of her father. At the age of eleven years she returned with the family to Michigan where she has since resided. Oct. 21, 1866, she was united in marriage to Wm. Russell in Otsego, Mich. Sister Russell early united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Otsego, and later upon their removal to Allegan with the church

of that place, of which she ever remained a consistent member. She was ever held in the highest esteem by those who knew her, and her greatest pleasure was found in seeking the pleasure of others. The circumstances surrounding her death were sad, but it is the one consoling thought to the stricken family that she was ready for the sudden call. She leaves her life companion, an only son, three grandchildren, a widowed mother, and three brothers besides many other relatives and a large circle of friends. Words of comfort were spoken at the funeral by Elder A. G. Haughey, from Ps. 116:15. While it will be lonely in our home, we know that God knoweth best, and it will be but a little while until the Life Giver shall come to call to life again his trusting children.

CLIFFORD RUSSELL.

Scott.—Died at Langston, Michigan, Dec. 31, 1903, Wm. Scott. Brother Scott was born in Ireland, Oct. 15, 1825. At the age of 21 he came over to Canada where he lived until about 17 years ago when he moved to Michigan. During his early christian experience he united with the Baptist church. After coming to Michigan he accepted the doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists. He ever lived a life consistent with his faith and died in the hope of a part in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13.

FRED BRINK.

—We regret to be unable to give the tithe report for the month of January in this issue. Watch for it next week, and give the same a careful study. Are we now enjoying the full blessing promised to those who are faithful to the Lord in tithes and offerings? Let us not be unmindful of our Father's business which he has committed to us as sons and daughters, lest we be found unfaithful stewards and unworthy of the inheritance so soon to be awarded to the faithful.

News and Notes.

—O. R. Staines, who for some time has been engaged in business in Battle Creek, left that city Tuesday for Berrien Springs to connect with the work there.

—Brethren Ray Leslie, Lawrence Kerr, R. A. Neilson, and Irwin Steinel of Battle Creek start for Ionia county this week, accompanied by the field secretary, to canvass for "Great Controversy."

—February 4-8 was the date set for a Young People's Convention to be held at Owosso for the benefit of the young people of the East Michigan Conference. Elder Luther Warren and J. B. Blosser were in attendance from West Michigan.

Please accept this blue cross on the margin of your paper as an intimation that your subscription has expired, and an invitation to kindly renew the same at once if you wish to receive the paper longer. We feel sure you desire to keep in close touch with the work of the Conference, and therefore, wish to receive the Herald each week.

—For various reasons it was found necessary to postpone the quarterly meeting of the Battle Creek church until Sabbath, January 30. The occasion was a very solemn yet impressive one as over five hundred members participated in these sacred ordinances. Without doubt this is the largest number ever assembled in the Battle Creek church to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house, and it was indeed an inspiration to see so many young people present.

—Elder J. A. Brunson, who has labored so faithfully for some years in the South, is spending a few weeks at the Sanitarium for treatment. While recuperating the Battle Creek church has been especially favored in receiving from his lips some very timely instruction and admonition at their recent Sunday evening services held in the Tabernacle.

—Prof. E. A. Sutherland and Prof. P. T. Magan spent two days with the young people at Battle Creek last week to complete arrangements for receiving the students who were planning to enter upon the special course offered at Emmanuel Missionary College.

—As previously arranged the Committee of Thirteen, appointed at the recent Conference at Charlotte to seek a desirable location for the Conference offices, met at the Kalamazoo House, Kalamazoo, Tuesday, February 2. The matter was carefully considered, but no definite action taken. The Committee then adjourned to the call of the Conference Committee.

—The president called a meeting of the Conference Committee in Kalamazoo, Tuesday, February 2, after the adjournment of the Committee of Thirteen. The evening being short, the Conference Committee went to Battle Creek, and Wednesday and Thursday spent sometime in the careful consideration of several important matters relative to the work of the Conference for the ensuing year.

—As a result of the recent revival held in Battle Creek many of the young people living in that city have dedicated their lives for service, and are seeking a preparation to fit themselves to enter the field. Tuesday, February 9, a company of about forty-five young people went to Berrien Springs to avail themselves of the three month's course which is offered for the benefit of those who desire to enter the various lines.

—In another column of this issue will be found a brief report of the work of the Medical department of our Conference for the past year, for which we bespeak a careful reading. This branch of our work has been much appreciated the past year. It has been voted by the Conference Committee that the work be continued, and we feel sure that all will lend hearty support and co-operation for its future efforts.

A. G. Haughey.

—Plans are nearly complete for the Battle Creek Church Training School, and four definite lines of work will be carried on with classes meeting twice a week or oftener. The Sanitarium will conduct a three months course in physiology and hydrotherapy. Classes in history of education will be arranged for teachers, while definite lines of Bible study will be arranged for all. About two hundred fifty have been enrolled for this work. Elder M. B. Miller as pastor of the Battle Creek Church is principal of the school, and Prof. J. G. Lamson is Secretary. Classes will be held mostly in the evening to accommodate those who are working day times.

—The District meeting held in Otsego, February 5, 6 and 7, was much appreciated by all who were able to attend. Members from Kalamazoo, Monterey and Allegan met with the Otsego church. On account of the inclemency of the weather many were unable to be present. Elder A. G. Haughey gave the opening address Friday evening. Sabbath morning Elder H. W. Miller delivered an interesting and practical sermon on Luke 21:30 "Take heed to yourselves lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness and cares of this life," after which all participated in a social meeting. At the afternoon session Dr. P. S. Bourdeau gave a very helpful talk on Social Purity, and also occupied the evening hour in the interests of Temperance, Health and Hygiene. Sabbath afternoon Jas. Mc Allister was ordained to the office of deacon of the Monterey church. Elder R. C. Horton from Kalamazoo rendered much appreciated service in the exercises Sunday. Elder Miller occupied the time Sunday afternoon and evening.

—Dr. P. S. Bourdeau writing of her recent visit to Cedar Lake reports a very pleasant and profitable occasion Sabbath and Sunday, January 30 and 31. Sabbath morning

about 150 persons assembled in the Academy chapel, among whom were seen members from Edmore and other near by churches. The truths presented upon the gospel of health were received with interest. At 3 o'clock p. m. the chapel was again well filled when the subject of the "Importance of the proper care of our bodies" was presented and made interesting by the use of harts. Evening after the Sabbath and Sunday opportunity was given for private consultation. The talks given to the ladies and the practical demonstrations on the subject of dress were instructive and much appreciated. It was pleasing to see the real interest manifest in this branch of our work, and many at that time expressed their desire to live in harmony with these principles.

Brother and Sister Butler are laboring earnestly and faithfully for the interests of this school, and a spirit of harmony is manifest in a very satisfactory manner between teachers and students.

NOTICE.

To the Church Boards and School Teachers;

I have a limited supply of "First Lessons in the Old Testament" a book designed for a reader, and suitable for advanced second grade, and third and fourth grades in reading.

This book was edited by Elder E. B. Miller and his wife, and will certainly be a valuable aid in the church school reading classes. Address all orders to J. G. Lamson, College Building, Battle Creek, Michigan. 205 pp bound in cloth, while they last, 25¢ each, sent post paid on receipt of price.

To the Church School Teachers:

The Educational Department is sending out this week, blanks to all the teachers who are now or have been at work during the year. These blanks will call for some work on the part of the teacher, but we trust that immediate attention will be given to them, so that the records of the Educational Office may be complete from the beginning of this last school year. Full directions are printed on the back of each report.

J. GRANT LAMSON, Supt.