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Evangelical.

The Advantages of a Training-School at Washington, D. C.

When it was decided that the headquarters of the denomination were located at Washington, D. C., at once the advantages in the establishment of a training-school at the same place were apparant.

Certainly here in connection with the general offices where many of the great problems of the advancing Message must be worked out, would be an ideal place for an institution of this kind.

THE LOCATION.

The importance of the location in itself should not be overlooked. Washington is rapidly becoming one of the most prominent cities of the world. Here are gathered from all over the country the men who make the laws of the land. The great government departments with their thousands of offices and clerks are located here. Here are also gathered the representatives of the various foreign nations of the world.

Washington differs from other places in that it is not a factory or

commercial city. The hours for labor are short, and the people have much time for study and thought. This makes it a favorable place for ministers and Bible workers to present the truth, and for students in the training-school to have actual experience in the various lines of work they are fitting themselves for.

Here students will have access to the Congressional library, considered one of the finest of its kind in the world; also the Smithsonian Institute, the National Museum, the Patent offices, the Art Gallery and other places containing collections for study and information.

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT.

In the construction of buildings for offices of the General Conference, the Publishing house, the Sanitarium, and even in the erection of the school buildings themselves, an opportunity will be furnished from the very start in giving employment and training to the students.

Here may actually be worked out plans and methods of education that have long been considered and discussed. The experience in the establishment of all our schools in the past will be available, and considered with a view that the mistakes may be avoided and successes taken advantage of.

THE PLAN.

Just as soon as the time arrives to begin vigorously pushing the work of building, it is desired that the actual work of school commence. The superintendents and foreman will have completed their plans, and, as far as possible, the work of building, of laying out and beautifying the grounds will be done by student labor. The plan of study and labor will be so combined that the students will be able

to meet much if not all their expenses. Especially will this be so while the buildings are in progress of construction.

CLASS OF STUDENTS WANTED.

Especially during the first year of the school should only those come who are able and willing to work. Certainly others would not wish to fit themselves for any line of missionary endeavor. While the students are pursuing their studies, helping in the construction of the buildings, and in other lines of employment, opportunities will also be found for Bible work, canvassing, and other forms of Religious work, as the student may have the ability to undertake.

Young men will be wanted who can be trusted, who can work, and who are willing to consecrate their lives to the Master's service, and to be trained for whatever responsibilities He may have for them. Such young men are always in demand, and will find here a wonderful opportunity for just the training they need.

A number of earnest, devoted young women will also be furnished with employment, for much will be found that they can do that will assist them largely, if not wholly, in defraying their expenses.

WHEN TO COME.

Announcements will be published as soon as definite arrangements have been made for the work to begin. No one should come without first having made definite arrangements. Correspondence is invited, and full instruction and information will be given on request.

W. T. BLAND.

"It is faith in something, and enthusiasm for something, that makes a life worth looking at."

Educational.

Spring Term at Battle Creek.

The last term of this school year opened Monday, April 4, 1904, in the new building just outside the city limits, on North Kendall street. The enrollment was fully up to that on the closing day of the preceding term, and there will be more yet to enter.

At the meeting of the school board Tuesday night it was decided to have the spring term close the first week in June, and the church at Battle Creek are to be congratulated that while they have put up and largely paid for a new building during the year they have also kept the school running for full nine months.

The regular expenses of the year will run nearly seventeen hundred dollars, but when all the pledged money is in the total cost of the school will be practically covered.

Two of the rooms at the new building are now fitted with pupils and an additional teacher will be needed if all the work is accomplished that is called for this term.

Classes are offered in grades beyond the eighth, but at this late month of the year it is doubtful if many apply. Miss Edythe Ayers, who has been assisting Mrs. Williams in the first grade, is now taking charge of a division of the first grade, while Miss Mary Lamson, is assisting in the advanced grades.

There is much work to be done in and about the building, and it is hoped that plans may be laid to conduct a summer school for those who wish to continue their studies during the summer. If this is done the school will practically be a twelve month school.

We are thankful to God for thus permitting the pupils to get away from the crowded part of the city, out where there is plenty of room and fresh air and pure water. May we all make the most of these opportunities.

J. GRANT LAMSON.

Missionary Gardens.

Last year a number of our Sabbath-schools throughout the Conference were much interested in the plan suggested for missionary gardens, which afforded opportunity for many of the children as well as the youth and older members of the school to increase their donations to missions. The Lord is well pleased with systematic, well defined methods of work in His cause, and abundantly blessed the efforts put forth by the Sabbath schools last year.

In the autumn a large number of Sabbath-schools held an "Ingathering Service" at which time they brought their offerings and presented them to the Lord with songs and prayers that he would accept the gift of the altar.

From a letter just received from the superintendent of the Horr Sabbath school I quote the following, believing it may encourage others to engage in the same work.

"We are planning for a LARGE missionary garden for each family this summer. Our school is anxious to do much more for missions."

To parents, teachers and officers of the Sabbath school, I wish to say, begin to plan at once for this work for the summer. Enter into it heartily for the encouragement of the children, and while fostering in them the real missionary zeal and spirit, your hearts will be watered and abundantly blessed of heaven. The children desire to do something but do not know how to begin work. With a little direction and encouragement they will enter heartily into the plans outlined. All may not be located where they can have a garden plot, but on some portion of the lot you may have a flower bed. There are many ways of earning something.

As never before in the history of our work are funds needed to carry the message to the world. The question of obtaining donations for the foreign missionary work may be solved by curtailing many sup-

posed and imaginary wants. That which costs self-denial in its bestowal brings a peace and joy to the donor which easy and convenient giving can never bring. The keynote of Christian living is found in self-denial, in sacrifice for other's good. Christ emptied himself and gave all for us. We in turn should count it a blessed privilege to give all to Him.

After your plans have been formulated and the work established for the summer, I would be glad to receive letters from all the children who desire to write me about their work, Address, Hattie E. Allee, Otsego, Mich.

Program for Family Study of Sabbath School Lessons.

SUNDAY.

Review of last Sabbath's lesson, and read the one for next Sabbath.

MONDAY.

Let each tell what he can of next Sabbath's lesson, and then read it.

TUESDAY.

Study the geography of the lesson. Define the hard words. Read the "Spirit of Prophecy" on the lesson.

WEDNESDAY.

Let each tell minutely the story of the lesson. Look up the ancient manners and customs referred to.

THURSDAY.

Name the persons mentioned and tell what each said or did. Compare parallel scriptures.

FRIDAY.

Ask the questions from the lesson book, and study the notes.

SABBATH.

Repeat the most important passage of scripture connected with the lesson. Relate personal experiences in which the points in the lesson have helped.

It is not designed that this program be anything more than suggestive, but it is hoped that it will help toward more faithful and effective work in the Sabbath school which is the "nursery of the church."

Financial.

Tithe Receipts for March.

Allegan	-	\$ 44 94
Allendale	-	20 00
Agnew	-	6 40
Battle Creek	-	4 15
Berrien Springs	-	240 40
Clifford Lake	-	45 06
Cedar Lake	-	29 59
Dimondale	-	26 15
Eaton Rapids	-	15 15
Grand Rapids	-	214 39
Hastings	-	25 45
Horr	-	9 58
Hesperia	-	28 44
Individuals	-	7 32
Medical Dept.	-	3 00
Otsego	-	20 00
Pottersville	-	20 52
Wright	-	63 80
Total,		824 34

Obituary.

Huggins—Died in Spencer township, Kent county, Michigan, March 20, 1904, William Huggins, aged 72 years. The deceased was born in Hawkist, Kent county, England, March 8th, 1832. In the year 1858 he came to this country, spending two years near the city of Rochester, N. Y. In 1860 he came to Michigan where he lived till the close of his life, dying at the above named place.

He was married to Mrs. Rebecca Frost in 1862, with whom he lived at the time of her death. On March 8th, 1901, he was married to Lottie J. Clapp of Milford, Mich., with whom he spent the remaining portion of his life.

At the age of 28 he embraced the Christian faith and united with the Christian church. When at the age of 35 he identified himself with the S. D. A. church, of which he has been a faithful and devoted member to the time of his death.

The funeral services, held at the Trufant church, were largely attended, conducted by the writer.

W. H. HECKMAN.

"Life is good when good use is made of it."

News From the Field.

Rothbury.

According to appointment I went up to Muskegon last Friday and met with the church there. Only four adults and five children were present, but the Lord came very near, and all were cheered and encouraged by the words spoken.

Sunday I went six miles out into the country to Brother Samuel Baker's home where he is conducting a Sunday School. Here ten children, varying in age from ten to fifteen years, meet every Sunday and study the lessons in the "Little Friend" and "Youth's Instructor."

I wish all the readers of the HERALD could have been present and seen their bright, cheery faces. Every one responded to the invitation given and said they would be Christians, and two bore excellent testimonies. This work strongly appealed to me and I wish our brethren and sisters all over the Conference would open up this same work in your own neighborhood. I am sure much good could be done in that way, and the brethren would be strengthened by so doing.

The interest at Rothbury has continued to grow from the first, and it seemed best that I should return for a time at least. At the last meeting held there before my visit to Muskegon the hall was full. There were those present who expressed themselves as being much interested, which was also manifest by their presence every night the weather would permit.

I intend to follow up the interest created by Brother Baker as soon as I am through here. My courage in the Lord is good, and I ask your prayers for the work here.

March 22, 1904.

W. C. HEBNER.

Bangor.

In compliance with the request of the people of this village I began a series of meetings here March 12. A hall was on East Main St., and bills were printed and scattered an-

nouncing the subjects to be presented at the meetings, before I came.

After holding meetings one week in the hall, "The Church of God" people invited me to use their church building, where we have been having meetings for more than a week. Our attendance is not large, but the interest is good, and deepening all the while. Some have decided to take their stand for God and His truth, and I am sure others will follow.

I have faith to believe that a church will be raised up here. This is a new field, and I feel anxious to see the standard of truth firmly planted here. I am of good courage in the Lord and hope to be remembered in prayer that the work here may prove a grand success. I can have the use of the building I am now using free of charge as long as I wish to use it.

Since being here I have been permitted to meet many of my old-time friends, and believe some of them will take their stand on the Lord's side.

March 29, 1904.

R. C. HORTON.

News and Notes.

We would kindly ask all who have received the quarterly report blanks,—church, Sabbath-school and missionary, to give the same your earliest consideration which will greatly assist in the matter of reporting from this office.

Remember your pledge of weekly offerings to missions. Spasmodic service cannot avail much, but the constant, faithful performance of duty will eventually win the crown.

We wish to call attention to the suggestive program for family study of the Sabbath-school lesson, which is found elsewhere in this issue. If you have never adopted such a program we feel sure that a thorough trial of this or a similar one which you may outline for yourself will prove to you the merits of systematic Bible study.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that our new mission in German East Africa is rapidly taking slope. A splendid report from Brother Conradi will appear in the REVIEW of April 14.

Under date of March 29, the Pacific Press writes as follows: You will be interested to know that thus far, the circulation of 'Testimonies' Vol. 8 has exceeded the three thousand mark." Price, cloth 75 cts. Limp leather, \$1.25.

Those who have been reading the calls from Chili will be glad to know that the Union College Board are generously planning to release Elder F. H. Westphal at the end of the school year, so that he and his family may return to South America, this time to the West Coast.—Review.

The tithe receipts for the month of March represents only a small per cent of our membership. It is greatly desired that every church shall report promptly before the month of April closes. Let us not forget our obligations, but express our gratitude to God for his many mercies and blessings by faithfulness to Him in tithes and offerings.

M. N. Campbell, Field Secretary, recently visited Otsego, Allegan, Grand Rapids, Portland, Six Lakes, Cedar Lake and Eaton Rapids, in the interest of the canvassing work. Several have already signified their intention to enter this important field of work as soon as the weather settles, and still others when they finish school in the spring. It is hoped that many more may consecrate themselves to this important work, and help carry it forward to a successful completion.

The first day of May the SOUTHERN WATCHMAN will issue a special number. It will have a striking cover design, and will be profusely illustrated. It will be of the keenest interest to all. No pains will be spared in making this a most timely, interesting and valuable number.

Single copies, five cents; twenty-five or more copies to one address, three cents per copy. Those desiring to send it to some of their friends may forward a list of names to the office and single copies will be sent direct from this office to the individuals, at five cents per copy.

Address 1025 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn.

The April number of the "Life Boat," which is the sixth Annual Prisoner's Number, is received, for which we would bespeak a careful reading by every one. Send the "Life Boat" to your friends, and lend it your hearty support by placing as many copies as necessary in the jails and penitentiaries near your home.

A copy of the April number of the "Life Boat" will be placed by prison officials in fifty thousand prison cells in the land. Contributions would be gratefully received at office of publication, to assist in the work.

Address 88 Thirty-third Place, Chicago, Ill.

From a recent communication from Anna Kemstra, who is at present engaged in Bible work in Grand Rapids, we quote the following encouraging report:—

"I have an interesting company of readers, two of whom have begun the observance of the Sabbath. One of these is a Catholic, who, while searching for truth, said if the Lord told her in the word that the Seventh day was the right day, she would drop everything and keep that day. When the truth was made plain to her she accepted it fully.

Another is very much interested, and as far as we have studied together she has accepted all and believes it is the truth. I am of good courage in the Lord, and trusting in the precious promise that He will be with us unto the end."

Elder G. C. Tenney, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, spent last Sabbath with the Kalamazoo church.

The ordinances were celebrated in the forenoon, and a Bible reading service held in the afternoon. While the day was stormy there was a good attendance, and many of the members of the church testified in the social meeting in the afternoon that the ordinance service was the best they had ever attended.

It is encouraging to report that the young people's work in the Kalamazoo church is being reorganized, and the young people manifest increased interest in the church services.

The church is greatly encouraged on account of the recent return from California of their former elder, also his wife and son. The church gave these members a hearty welcome.

Just prior to the time of the missionary campaign last fall a number of "Christ's Object Lessons" were sent to each church in the Conference where the complete quota had not been sold. It was not known just how many had already disposed of their quota of books, but as students were being sent to many of the churches to engage in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," it was for the purpose of having the books at hand for their immediate use, that these books were sent out to a large number of churches, expecting the books left on hand would be carried to the next place and finally disposed of.

There now remains a number of these books in the hands of several parties which have not been sold, and it is desired that we ascertain where these books may be located. Will all who have any such books in their possession kindly write to the West Michigan Tract Society, stating the number of books on hand, and whether or not the complete quota have been sold, for your church. Please state the number of books also which have not been paid for.

Kindly let us hear from you at once with reference to this matter. Address West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.