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Evangelical.

Our Missionary Work In Washington.

Takoma Park, D. C., May 13, 1904.

I am grateful to my Heavenly Father for the blessings that He has bestowed upon me since we left St Helena.

I have several times gone over the land which has been purchased for school and sanitarium purposes, and all that I have seen is most satisfactory. The land resembles representations that have been shown me by the Lord. It is well adopted for the purpose for which it is to be used. There is on it ample room for a school and a sanitarium, without crowding either institution. The fine stream running through the land is a treasure more valuable than silver or gold.

Our sanitarium is to have an abundance of water free for five years. The school will pay seven cents for each one thousand gallons used.

To-day our contract with the Takoma Park Town Council for the removal of the sewer-farm was signed, and we can now go forward

in carrying out the plans that have been laid. The sewer-farm is to be moved one mile down the creek. We are to have most excellent sewer facilities.

No pains or money should be spared to secure perfect sewer arrangements in connection with our schools and sanitaria. Message after message in regard to this matter has been given to those bearing responsibilities in our institutions. I have been plainly instructed that carelessness or neglect in regard to sanitary conditions, in home or in public buildings, means a withdrawal of the blessing of God. Special directions in reference to sanitary arrangements were given to the children of Israel. Every one was charged to keep his premises clean, within and without, lest the Lord, passing by, should see uncleanness, and should remove His presence from those who were careless and indifferent in this respect.

A week ago we took a drive through various portions of Takoma Park, and Sister Daniels showed me the quiet and beautiful settlements near our land, half hidden by the natural forest. These settlements reminded me of Oakland, as it was thirty years ago. We feel thankful that our work can be located in such a place. It seems as if this place had been waiting to be occupied by our working forces.

The situation here fills me with hope and courage. We know that the Lord desires us to go forward as speedily as possible with the work before us. This work is to be a representation of the work that can be done in other parts of the South. It is to give a clear representation of the principles held by Seventh-day Adventists.

There will be much to do in various lines, and young men and wo-

men of solid worth will be needed, who can enter the school as students when the buildings are ready. Wise, experienced teachers will be needed;—men and women who can give the youth lessons in business lines, and who can teach them, also, how to do true missionary work. Nothing is to be neglected that will give a thorough training in right lines.

The Bible is to be made the foundation of all study, the basis of the education given. Thus the students will be taught to build up on the rock. Many in our work do not understand the truth for this time. Our young men and women should be wise unto salvation. They should know what is required of them.

The true motive of service is to be kept before old and young. The students are to be taught in such a way that they will develop into useful men and women. The very means that will elevate and enoble them is to be employed. They are to be taught to put their powers to the best use. Physical and mental powers are to be equally taxed. No part of the living machinery is to be overworked, or left to become useless.

Our school here is to follow the plan of the schools of the prophets. It is to be the earnest endeavor of every one to use the powers that God has given him in harmony with God's laws. Habits of order and discipline are to be cultivated. All that is done is to brace nerve and muscle and will to more resolute effort for the harmonious development of the whole being. The power that is exerted by a true, pure life is to be kept before the students. This will aid them in their preparation for useful service. Daily they will grow purer and stronger, better prepared, through

His grace and a study of His word, to put forth aggressive efforts against evil.

(Signed) ELLEN G. WHITE.

Educational.

The Summer School.

The young people of West Michigan are doubtless anxious to know what was done at the recent meeting of the Lake Union Conference in behalf of Christian schools. Sister White was present at that meeting, and gave several talks on the subject of Christian education and the training of young people. I wish I might give you lengthy quotations from her talks, but that is impossible in this limited space, and what she said will appear in print later.

In view of the fact that the Lord has blessed our educational institutions, and has bidden us extend the work into new fields, an army of young people will be needed to do this great work. These need special training, and no effort will be spared to make the Summer School at Emmanuel Missionary College such that it will meet the needs of every teacher.

Remember that this term begins June 22, and that it will be a rally of Christian teachers. No teacher can afford to miss it.

Besides coming herself each teacher should bring one or two other young people who will make good teachers. In this way the number of workers may be more than doubled.

The Lord has said that Christian education should now be extended into the South, and Professor Sutherland and Professor Magan have been asked to begin that work. Professor Sutherland will, however, spend the summer term with the church school teachers. Now is the opportune time for us to work. During the Summer School definite plans will be laid for this new campaign and every teacher will want

to co-operate. Our Conferences willingly assist teachers by granting them free tuition during the summer term.

New strength and power must be manifested in the schools this year. We stand on the eve of a great forward movement. We have talked about reaching all the children in the denomination. Now is the time for our young people to take up this work, and the Summer School is the rallying point in this movement.

If you have not had an announcement send for one at once.

M. Bessie DeGraw,
Educational Sec'y. L A. C.
Berrien Springs, Mich.

Financial.

Tithe Report for May.

Allegan	\$ 89 08
Blendon	5 05
Berrien Springs	32 82
Battle Creek	328 84
Brookfield	21 70
Bedford	25 57
Benton Harbor	11 53
Burlington	9 81
Cedar Lake	5 14
Carson City	24 33
Coldwater	64 56
Clifford Lake	11 56
Dimondale	10 14
Eaton Rapids	27 25
Emerald	1 10
Fremont	124 09
Grand Rapids	14 85
Grandville	14 65
Individuals	39 71
Medical Department	5 00
Monterey	20 00
Mt. Pleasant	3 83
Maple Grove	7 24
Muskegon	17 20
Mendon	70 53
Orange	1 12
Potterville	53 40
Sand Lake	20 78
Urbandale	128 35
Waverly	17 25
Wright	65 96
	1271 44

Missionary.

July 2.

The first Sabbath in July is the time the regular mid-summer offering is taken for the support of our work in foreign fields. The Annual offering which is made at the time of the Week of Prayer and the Mid-summer offering are two general offerings made during the year for this purpose.

The carrying of the Message proclaiming to the world the soon coming Saviour, is by far the greatest work before us—the one great work in which every true Seventh Day Adventist is most deeply interested. Not every one can leave his home or country to assume the burdens of this work in a foreign field, but everyone can have an active part in it by contributing liberally to help speed those who are so situated and trained that they can go.

No other church or denomination is taking so active an interest in foreign missions to-day as is ours. For the great interests at stake, the wonderful importance of the work, and the love we have for it, may we not only keep up this interest already aroused, but may we not greatly increase it.

Last year this offering amounted to more than ten thousand dollars, this year it could easily be doubled, and what an encouragement and help it would be to our brethren who are sacrificing every thing as they leave their homes to go to these dark places of the earth.

As this offering is taken in our churches we would suggest that special prayers be offered for our brethren in foreign lands, that their courage may be kept good and their work be pushed with vigor on.

We are confident that as our people are interested in foreign missions, they will make this a most liberal offering. Should any individual or any church desire to assist some special field in which they have a particular burden, make

mention of the matter with the offering.

May the Lord greatly bless His people at this time, not only with means to give to help forward His work and hasten His coming, but with willing hearts and rich experiences.

W. T. BLAND,
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Obituary.

Eva M. Wilbur—Died at 143-4th St., Grand Rapids, Mich., May 22, 1904, at the home of her parents, little Eva M. Wilbur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilbur. Death was caused by scarlet fever from which she suffered intensely. All that human skill and wisdom could do was done in her behalf, having had the constant care of her parents, her father being a professional nurse; a nurse from the hospital, besides the services of several physicians.

The little one was born October 8, 1898, and was a favorite with young and old, being unusually bright, far beyond one of her years. During her illness her school mates would flock around the house to get a peep at her through the window.

She was greatly beloved and we deeply sympathize with our dear bereaved brother and sister in their loss, but with them we look forward to a soon coming reunion in the glorious resurrection morning.

The remains were removed to Allegan where a large concourse of sympathizing friends and relatives assembled at the grave.

"Oh, deem not that earth's crowning bliss
Is found in joy alone;
For sorrow, bitter though it be
Hath blessings all its own:
From lips divine, like healing balm
To hearts oppressed and torn,
This heavenly consolation fell.—
"Blessed are they that mourn."
"As blossoms smitten by the rain
Their sweetest odors yield,
As where the plowshare deepest strikes
Rich harvests crown the field,
So to the hopes by sorrow crushed,
A noble faith succeeds,
And life by trials furrowed, bears
The fruit of loving deeds.
"Who never mourned, hath never known

What treasures grief reveals;
The sympathies that humanize
The tenderness that heals,
The power to look within the veil
And learn the heavenly lore,
The key-word of life's mysteries,
So dark to us before.

"How rich and sweet and full of strength
Our human spirits are,
Baptized into the sanctities
Of suffering and of prayer:
Supernal wisdom, love divine,
Breathed through the lips which said
"O, blessed are the souls that mourn—
They shall be consoled."

—W. H. HECKMAN.

News From the Field.

Muskegon.

We are now in the city of Muskegon, our new field of labor, and are very pleasantly located in about the central part of the city.

The family with whom we are rooming are not of our faith, but very kind and were anxious to learn something of our mission here, which gave us an opportunity to talk with them and they have already purchased some of our books and papers. Our coming here has created quite a stir among the people of this locality and they seem very much interested in our work. We might mention that the family with whom we room are influential people, and seem to be known throughout the city because of the business in which they are engaged, and through them many are becoming interested in us and our work.

We received a hearty welcome from our own people, and though few in number, they seem ready and willing to help in every way possible.

We have started a weekly prayer meeting as they had not been having such meetings. We feel that the Lord has indeed been with us and directed in finding a suitable location, and in getting started in the work here.

We realize that many responsibilities rest upon us, and are seeking the Lord that we may be faithful in every respect, and be able to accomplish much good in this city. We ask to be remembered

in the prayers of all the brethren and sisters.

BERTHA SNYDER,
ANNA KAMSTRA.

Grand Rapids.

The outlook for doing effectual missionary work in Grand Rapids this summer is very encouraging. Our Bible workers, Miss McHugh, Miss DeYoung and Miss Jaffray are having about all they can do holding Bible readings, and they testify of many rich experiences. In addition to my regular pastoral duties I am holding Bible studies with several families. I find many that are willing and some that are anxious to study to know the truth.

There are many openings for holding readings with the people that we CANNOT POSSIBLY fill. If there were ten more earnest, consecrated workers in this city they could find MORE than they could possibly do. Truly "the harvest is white and the laborers are few." During the past week I have been invited to hold Bible studies in the homes of three new families, all of whom express themselves as being anxious to know the truth.

The opening providences of God are going before His workers everywhere; opportunities for seed-sowing are multiplying on every hand. Where are the sowers? Church members everywhere: now is the time and opportunity to do a work for the Master, and gain an experience in soul saving that will fit you for the stirring times that are just before us. "The night is far spent, and the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

— W. D. PARKHURST.

News and Notes.

R. C. Horton and J. W. Hafstra will engage in tent effort near Bangor.

W. C. Hebner and W. H. Heckman are making preparations to open tent meetings at Holton.

Prof. J. Grant Lamson and Dr. P. S. Bourdeau met with the church at Allegan, Sabbath, June 11.

A large appreciative audience listened to an excellent sermon by Elder Wm. Ostrander at the Grand Rapids S. D. A. church last Sunday night.

The American Medical Missionary College held their sixth annual Commencement Exercises Tuesday evening, June 21, in the Tabernacle, Battle Creek.

M. N. Campbell spent last Sabbath and Sunday at Berrien Springs. From this point he will visit Benton Harbor, Fennville, Vriesland and Cedar Lake.

Elder A. G. Haughey expects to meet with the church at Orange, July 2 and 3. Members of other churches near by are cordially invited to be present.

The Grand Rapids church school has just completed a very successful year under the direction of Miss Florence Kelsey, who has been engaged for another year.

B. F. Kneeland of Grand Rapids and James Irving of Mt. Vernon Academy, will unite in tent labor at Spring Lake, and are planning to open the work there this week.

The July number of the Sabbath-school Worker contains an excellent article on "A Model Sabbath-school." Is this your school? Every superintendent will here find many helpful hints for real aggressive work.

A copy of the new paper "East Michigan Banner" has just reached our desk. It is designed to fill a long felt want in the work of the Conference, issued bi-weekly. Rate 25 cents per year in advance.

It is contemplated that the headquarters of the Lake Union Conference will soon locate in the Unity Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, where room for office purposes can

be secured at a very nominal rent.

The Sabbath-school Quarterly report blanks have been forwarded to the secretary of each school. If you have failed to receive your blanks, kindly notify the office at once that you may receive others and make an early report for this quarter.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath, June 11, with the church at Wright at which time he baptized six young people, ranging in age from thirteen to eighteen, all of whom were members of the church school and to a certain extent owe their conversion to the influence of this good school.

The Southern Publishing Association reports the sales of FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER for May as 400,000 copies, or over one and a half million pages. This is certainly a good month's record for a new publication. We also learn that about 2,500 copies are now being used each day at the St. Louis Exposition.

W. E. Cornell of the Graham School of Shorthand, Battle Creek, Mich., has recently prepared a course of sixty lessons in "Modern Penmanship." The work is neat and complete and one we can heartily recommend to all. For further particulars address the Graham School of Shorthand, Battle Creek, Mich.

The West Michigan Conference has been successful in its efforts to secure a suitable location for our general Camp-meeting on the Allegan fair-grounds, August 18-29. Remember the date and place. Begin early to plan to attend this important meeting. Plans are already being made to make this occasion one of much blessing to all who shall attend.

The first Sabbath in July is the day appointed for our Midsummer Gift to Missions. Let us not for-

get our privilege upon that day to bear some part in this great work intrusted to God's people of carrying this gospel of salvation to earth's remotest bounds. Somebody will do this work. Are we willing to sit idly by and let another take our crown? The time is short in which to accomplish this work.

From a recent communication from Elder W. C. Hebner we quote the following:

"Sabbath, May 14, I visited Shelby and baptized four persons. The Lord gave freedom in presenting His word to the people. They expect soon to dedicate their new church. After the Conference, May 27-29, I visited Glenwood, where we enjoyed a precious season together. The elder made mention of the needs of the Southern work after which it was voted to order one hundred copies of the "Story of Joseph" and donate the proceeds to the Southern Sanitarium work."

Report of Canvassing Work to May 16th.

Great Controversy	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps
Ordis Dow	40	5	11.25	3 50
Ella Porter	12	1	2.75	1 40
C. F. McCoy	38	1	4.50	
Daniel and Revelation				
C. F. Glascock	57			1 75
Bible Readings				
Jos. Franklin	8	1	2.00	
Totals			20 50	6 65

Several of the canvassers made their deliveries during the period covered by this report. All report good success in delivering their orders.

M. N. CAMPBELL, Field Sec.

Report of Canvassing Work to June 4th.

Great Controversy	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps
Ordis Dow	30	2	4 50	5 25
Ella Porter	20	10	23 50	3 00
Alice Beswetherick	20	5	12 00	2 75
C. F. McCoy	15	1	3 75	4 50
Daniel and Revelation				
C. F. Glascock	52	2	4 50	4 75
Coming King				
C. E. Alvord	19	4	4 25	9 40
Totals	156	24	51 50	25 60

Total Sales, \$77.10.

During the time covered by this report Chas. Faber delivered 81 copies of such books as "Christ Our Savior," "Mt. of Blessing" and "Steps to Christ."

M. N. CAMPBELL, Field Sec.