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Evangelical.

Help For Washington.

There has appeared in the former issues of the "Herald" the notice of the resignation of brother D. W. Reavis as secretary and treasurer of the West Michigan Conference, and the election of E. A. Merriam to fill the vacancy, and also the resignation of brother Reavis as a member of the West Michigan Conference Executive Committee, and the election of W. D. Parkhurst in his stead.

Mrs. Hattie Allee also resigned her position with the West Michigan Conference as corresponding secretary of the Sabbath school department and Editress of the "West Michigan Herald." Miss Margaret Haughey has been elected to fill the vacancies that occurred by the resignation of Mrs. Allee, and has already assumed her responsibilities.

Brother Reavis and sister Allee both go to help in the work at Washington. We give up these laborers from the West Michigan

Conference to a broader field. They are both well-known laborers in West Michigan, and no words of commendation of their labor are needed from us. We are glad to be able to furnish the General Conference with competent laborers. A. G. HAUGHEY.

Conditions in the South.

Socially, the old aristocratic families hold their superior positions with jealousy; and they cannot be blamed for it: but they are very hospitable and generous. The middle class is the hard-working, industrious people on the farms, the mechanics, foremen in factories, ect.; while the poorer still are the tenants, and common laborers in cotton mills. There is no social equality between the White people and the Blacks. Some of the latter though are well educated and successful business people, but mostly they are very ignorant and poor.

Educational advantages are not what they are with you; many cannot read and write, though there are public schools, and some are as highly educated as perhaps are any of my readers. The colored people have but very little advantage in this line; still more of them have a good learning and are quite refined. Separate public schools are maintained for them in some places.

Agriculture is far behind what it might be. The land is worn out raising cotton, is not properly enriched and cared for. Fruit could be successfully and abundantly grown if properly cultivated, but cotton has taken all the attention for so long that fruit has suffered much neglect. Scientific farming would be profitable and successful.

There is much more poverty here than in the North, and our people in the South cannot raise the funds

for carrying on the work that you can. We do not have the comforts and conveniences that you have, the conditions being more like they were there fifty years ago, except that this country is badly worn out while yours was new.

The Southern Union Conference has a population of nearly 15,000,000, or more than 21 times what you have in your little conference, with a membership of only 2,242 to your 4,700,—or less than one-half; and our people there are worth perhaps ten times per capita what they are here. While we have 21 times as many people to work for, we have only about twice as many workers for this vast field as you have for that little, much-worked corner. Last year you spent \$16,500.00 within your own borders. I do not have the statistics at hand to give accurate figures but I think I am safe in saying that there was not one-half that amount raised in this whole Southern field with which to pay more than twice as many laborers. In other words, we have nearly eleven times as much work to do per laborer, with less than one-half as much wages for each, or a contrast of 21 times in differences in the work.

I do not make these contrasts as a reflection, but that you may see the actual conditions existing here. The West Michigan Conference has done nobly in helping other fields; but still THERE IS AN INEQUALITY between your own field, laborers and means and this needy South. Think of it my brethren and see if you want it to continue so.

I know of laborers here who get only \$3.00 a week, and very few are getting more than \$30.00 a month, with which to support their families in a country not blessed with the comforts that Michigan is blessed with, and where the con-

ditions for the work are far more discouraging. I took dinner with one of our sacrificing workers recently. They apologized for having only dry toast, buttermilk and beans for dinner; but I found out that they had no flour in the house. They made no complaints, but were happy in their work and sacrifice. The conference was not to blame for it either, for it was doing its best with its workers with what it had in hand.

Doors are open everywhere in the South, and our laborers here are willing to sacrifice thus that the little means we have may accomplish as much as possible. Scarcely a conference in the South is self-supporting. Do our people of the wealthier conferences wish this to continue so? Are they willing for our laborers in this more difficult field to go on so small an amount of means? In the light of these facts, and of what was presented last week, what is the clear, plain duty of all? Let the Spirit of God say.

Next week we will tell you of God's opening providences, and how you can help us.

E. W. WEBSTER.

Educational.

Cedar Lake Academy.

The next year of the Cedar Lake Academy will open Thursday, October 4, 1904, and close May 26, 1905, with one week's vacation between the fall and winter, and the winter and spring terms respectively.

An excellent course of study is offered this year. The work has been considerably advanced over that of last year, being now equal to a good high school course. Two years of preparation work has been added for those who are not ready to enter upon the academic studies. This embraces the seventh and eighth grades.

While more and better work is offered than last year, the rates remain the same. A portion of the

expenses may be met by labor as heretofore. Catalogues containing full information, may be had by applying to the undersigned.

S. M. BUTLER,
Cedar Lake, Mich.

The Tent and Camp-Meeting Fund.

The department of education acknowledges the receipt of the report of pledges taken by Wm. Reefman, Fremont; W. Wylworth, Homer; M. Wells, Glenwood; Ethel Hanes, Morgan; Florence Currier, Barryton; Gilbert Iles, Cooperville; Myrlin Knapp, Charlotte; Grace Howard, Grand Rapids.

A short time ago we sent pledge books to every church elder asking them to take up immediately the work of securing pledges for the tent and camp-meeting fund. The foregoing list of names have reported. What has become of all the other churches? Surely there will be others to attend to this matter before camp-meeting.

PAW PAW.

Sabbath August 6, I had the privilege of meeting with the church in Paw Paw. The majority of the church were present in regular services, and earnest attention was given to the question of church schools, and the educational movement as we have it in the denomination to-day. This was my first visit to the church at Paw Paw, and I enjoyed the day very much.

Their new church building will be plastered this week, and it will only be two or three weeks now until this company will be holding their regular services in a house of their own.

—The summer term of the Battle Creek school closed Friday August 12. There was a total enrollment of about twenty-five. During the most of the time Miss Francis Case has been the instructor. Several students have been able to perform the work laid out to so good advantage that they will be able to take advanced grades this coming fall.

—The department office received

a visit Sunday, August 7, from Prof. B. E. Nicola, late of Huntsville, Ala. Brother Nicola has been invited to connect with several different schools, and among other places where he would be welcome to work is Battle Creek. I hope the Lord will guide him to a correct decision for his coming year's labors.

—Educational department headquarters will be established upon the camp-ground and we invite all interested in any way in church school work, to be frequent visitors. We hope to have time to meet all who desire to counsel with us relative to school work for the next year.

J. G. LAMSON.

Battle Creek Young People's Society.

Sabbath, August 6, was a good day for the young people in Battle Creek. At five o'clock in the afternoon, a very large number came to the tabernacle to listen to an excellent talk by Dr. Kimm, (Chinese.) He is at present at the Sanitarium preparing himself for better usefulness among his own people.

In a very interesting manner, he told us of the customs of his own nation regarding the worship of different idols in the homes, and the difficulty in the past of reaching the hearts of the Chinese. A few missionaries are in that country doing medical work, etc., and accomplishing a great deal of good. The Lord is working in the hearts of many, and the day of judgment will tell the great good that is being done. He appealed to our young people to help in the great work in China. He expects to go to China in November, and begin work by establishing treatment rooms, and a great deal of means is necessary and he does not know from whence the money is coming.

At the close of the meeting a collection of \$20.00 was taken to help start this work. May the Lord bless the efforts of Dr. Kimm, and that many souls be brought to see the light of truth. May not

only the means but the prayers of our young people follow him in his field of labor.

MISS MINNIE O. HART,
Secretary.

Oakwood Manual Training School.

The tenth annual announcement of the Oakwood Training School is now ready for distribution. Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Stains are members of the faculty of this school. Anyone desiring information concerning the courses of study or plan upon which it is operated can secure the same by addressing Prof. F. R. Rogers, Huntsville, Ala.

Sabbath-School Report for the Quarter Ending June 30, 1904.

Number of Schools	82
Present Membership	2502
Average Attendance	1909
Total Ex. of Schools	\$ 98.41
Am't. donated to missions	126.31
Donated to Orphans' Home	70.33

—The Lord has told us by His Spirit that, "It is important that the exercises in our camp-meeting Sabbath-schools be conducted with order, promptness, and efficiency. Then the right mould will be given to Sabbath-schools in different churches, as the people return to their homes."

It will require united effort to accomplish this, so we solicit the aid of all the Sabbath-school workers who expect to attend the camp-meeting.

MARGARET HAUGHEY,
Secretary.

—Some of our Sabbath-schools failed to send in a report the past quarter. May the Lord help us to be more faithful in the little things.

—For some reason the Sabbath-school at Ainger was discontinued for some time, but we are glad to learn that a Sabbath-school of eighteen members was organized at that place on July 2.

"Our Sabbath-school workers need to be especially imbued with the Spirit of Christ."

"As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

"Let the Sabbath-school teacher be an example in faith, in charity, in doctrine and deportment."

"The Sabbath-school if rightly conducted is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls into the knowledge of the truth."

"The object of the Sabbath-school should not be lost sight of in mechanical arrangements, thus occupying time which should be given to other important matters. We should ever be guarded against forms and ceremonies which eclipse the real object for which we are laboring."

"Our Sabbath-schools are nothing less than Bible Societies and in the sacred work of teaching the truths of God's word they can accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished. The Sabbath-school when rightly managed possesses marvelous power and is adapted to doing a great work but is not now what it may and should be."

Medical.

Eczema Continued.

While there are many forms of eczema, the simple chronic eczema is the form that is most common in infants and young children; and is usually seen on the face, preferably the forehead, cheeks, scalp, ears and neck. When seen on the trunk or extremities, it appears in patches, very rarely does it cover the whole body. The first appearance on the face is that of small red pimples which soon unite and form a red, moist, exuding surface.

When this dries, we have formed thick crusts which may be quite hard. The surface bleeds easily from the scratching caused by the intense itching. This gives the crusts a dirty brown color. Sometimes the skin is much swollen.

On the body the skin is red and scaly, thick crusts being very rarely seen. The lymph glands surrounding the eruption are nearly always much enlarged, sometimes reaching the size of a chestnut or walnut.

Eczema of the face is not easy to cure, but is very easily improved. Relapses are very frequent. Predisposition of Eczema often ceases when the infant passes two years of age, for the child then becomes more active, and the tendency to fatness is less marked.

TREATMENT.

Much patience and perseverance must be exercised in the treatment of this disease, for all cases of chronic Eczema are tedious. When left to itself there is very little tendency toward improvement. The results obtained depends much upon the kind of treatment, and how well it is carried out. Some have thought it was dangerous to cure Eczema, but nothing could be more erroneous. There is a great tendency to treat the Eczema rather than the patient suffering from it. The treatment should first be general then local. Try first to discover the cause. If the digestive disturbances are not removed, local treatment will only give temporary relief.

The food should be most thoroughly investigated, both as to quality and quantity. If the patient is very fat, the fat should be reduced. Alcohol in any form should not be used. If colic is present the amount of food should be diminished by lengthening the period between the meals. The farinaceous foods are often much used in excess. In very obstinate cases a complete change of diet may give very good results. The diet should always be plain but nutritious.

Kidney elimination should be stimulated by drinking plenty of water between meals. Sluggishness on the part of the bowels must be overcome even if a mild laxative has to be used, such as rhubarb, cascara or sodium phosphate.

In the acute forms, soap and water should be avoided as much as possible, but in the chronic and sluggish form it may be used with benefit. In cold weather the skin should be carefully protected by the use of an ointment. When washing is necessary it may be done with milk and water, or starch and water to which boracic acid (a teaspoon to a quart) may be added; bran water may also be used. The clothing should not be so warm as to cause continued perspiration. In Eczema of the face scratching must be absolutely prevented, even if one has to resort to mechanical interference.

In the local treatment the scales or crusts must be softened and removed in order to reach the diseased surface. This may be done by the use of olive oil which is applied during the night and then removed by soap and warm water. Sometimes the crusts are very hard, then they may be softened by the use of poultices.

—Patience S. Bordeau, M. D.

Missionary.

Missionary Report for Quarter Ending June 30.

Number of reports returned.....	99
Number of letters written	44
Number of letters received.....	20
Number of Bible readings held.....	38
Number of subscriptions for periodicals	20
Number of periodicals distributed.....	1,138
Number of pages of books, tracts, etc., distributed.....	13,647
Number of pages of books, tracts, etc., furnished members by Lib.....	3,621
Retail value of books, tracts, etc., furnished members by Lib.....	\$5 18

News From the Field.

MUSKEGON.

I have not reported for so long that I thought the readers of the "Herald" would be glad to hear that the work in Muskegon is moving along nicely, and that we are all of good courage. My work, for the past two months, has been mostly with "The Family Bible Teacher." I find these lessons are a great help in the work, and

working with them has helped me to get acquainted with about 25 families who take lessons every week, and are very much interested in them for they have a good many questions to ask as I visit them from week to week. A few are studying the truth whom I think are honest hearted people. The Lord is blessing us abundantly for which we are thankful, and we want, by His help, to pass the blessing on to others. Pray for the work here.

Yours in the Master's work
ANNA KAMSTRA.

TENT SUPPLY.

No one need to stay away from the Allegan Camp-meeting for fear there will be no tent for them. We have secured the use of the East Michigan tents and will be able to supply all.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

News and Notes.

Do not fail to read the article entitled "Conditions in the South."

No paper next week. The next issue will bear the date of August 31.

Eld. J. E. White informs us that they are planning to start three new colored schools in Tennessee this fall.

Those who desire to purchase Health Foods at a reduction can write to the Triumph Food Co., Ltd., Menominee, Mich.

Those desiring copies of the Bible Training School can be supplied by addressing the publishers at South Lancaster, Mass. Price 25 cents per year.

Eld. A. O. Burrell, President of the Ontario Conference, writes us that the work done at their camp-meeting by Dr. P. S. Bourdeau and sister Saterlee was greatly appreciated by all.

Prof. H. A. Washburn, who has

been sick at Bethel, Wis., is convalescing. We hope he will continue to improve and thus be able to take up his work at the Emmanuel Missionary College.

In the "Herald" bearing date of August 3, there appeared a report of the work in Grand Rapids, in which it stated that seven persons were baptised July 24, and it should have read, eleven persons.

We are all sorry to learn of the failing health of sister Bertha Snyder, who has been doing Bible work in Muskegon. We hope her health will be restored and she continues in the work.

We take the privilege of quoting the following from a letter written by Eld. R. C. Horton, who has charge of the tent work at Arlington Center:—

"We have a splendid interest here and we want to keep it up until some precious souls decide to obey God and keep His commandment. I believe the Lord sent us here and we want to do all we can to lead these dear souls into the truth. We want to organize a church at Bangor."

By the time this issue reaches our subscribers our camp-meeting will be in progress. But no doubt many of our readers will not have the privilege of attending this meeting, and we ask you to pray for the success of the camp-meeting, for,

"We are living, we are dwelling,"
In a grand and awful time"

It is "grand" because the "Gospel is to be given to all the world in this generation," and the Lord permits it to be carried in "earthen vessels." It is "awful" because the enemy is working hard for "he knoweth that he hath but a short time." So we ask you to pray for the Spirit of God to be present at this meeting to cleanse these "earthen vessels," and make them fit receptacles for the sacred trust that has been committed unto them.