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Evangelical.

God's Blessings; Our Needs.

On account of the prejudices between the white people and the black the work must be carried on separately; but we are carrying on both branches and God is blessing in it all. South Carolina is not a conference yet, but a Mission Field under the U. S. Conference. We have two churches and one or two small companies and a few scattered believers among the whites; and one company and a few scattered ones of the Blacks, about 80 in all; and only three workers. The tithes and offerings do not amount to \$400.00 a year. This all would amount to only \$11.11 a month for each laborer; but the offerings are sent to their proper places, and the General Conference is donating something to the aid of the work here. Are any of my dear readers helping this destitute field any?

In February there were two or three colored Sabbath-keepers in Spartanburg, S. C.; now there is a

S. S. of 20. Calls come from various places for help for this people; but we do not have one colored person as a worker in this state. We need help to provide one. We are now holding a tent meeting for the white people. Calls come for help for them from other places. Elder Daniells said in the Review of June 30: "The highest per cent. of gain in any union conference in the United States was 12.67, and that was in the Southern Union, which all concede to be the most difficult field in the home land." God is blessing us much, the truth is going fast.

"In the South there is much that could be done by the lay members of the church....Let Sabbath-keeping families move to the South, and live out the truth before those who know it not....Let them do Christian-help work, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked."

"Let schools and Sanitariums now be established in many places in the Southern States. Let centers of influence be made in many of the Southern cities by the opening of food stores and vegetarian restaurants. Let there be facilities for the manufacture of simple, inexpensive health foods....In connection with the health food business VARIOUS INDUSTRIES MAY BE ESTABLISHED that will be a help to the cause in the Southern field.....

DURING THE TIME THAT HAS PASSED INTO ETERNITY, MANY SHOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE SOUTH, laboring together with God by doing personal work, and by GIVING OF THEIR MEANS TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES AND OTHER WORKERS in that field." Testimonies, Vol. 6.

We need farmers and fruit-growers, teachers and canvassers—Godly men and women who can win souls and act as elders and leaders for our churches and companies; the

field needs an organ for tent and camp-meetings; we want you to send literature and correspond with those whose names we will send you; we want clean copies of our papers and tracts sent post-paid to some of our own people who are not able to get them themselves, with which to do missionary work.

If the Spirit of God impresses you to give of your means to help us please send it to your State Treasurer, telling just what it is for and where you want it to go. If anyone has a small organ to give to this field, please write me about it at once. If any have a burden to move to this field for any purpose named above, you should correspond with me before coming. I will give you all the information I can. Sr. Gardner of Lowell, Mich., moved here ten years ago, and has been a great help to the cause all these years, and God has blessed her much. If you or your society can use names as requested, please let me know how many you want.

May the Lord impress the minds of our liberal, devoted people with the needs of this destitute field, and help you to decide to send us assistance. The harvest will then be yours also. May He bless you all.

Your brother in the work,

E. W. WEBSTER.

Report of the Camp-Meeting.

As we write the first camp-meeting of the West Michigan Conference is a little over half through. It is not so large as was anticipated, yet there are something over 100 tents pitched, and it is estimated that between 500 and 600 of our people are in attendance. The outside interest is good, though nothing remarkable.

The fair ground where the meeting is held is in the suburbs of the

city, near the bank of the Kalamazoo River, overlooked by wooded bluffs on three sides. The grounds are covered with a rich growth of bluegrass, well shaded with large trees, and watered with flowing wells, thus making the location as nearly ideal as could well be imagined. Then, too, with the exception of the second day when it rained, the weather has also been exceptionally fine.

There being no business meeting, the time has been given up wholly to religious and educational work. All lines are receiving attention, special effort being put forth in behalf of the youth and children, under the direction of Prof. Lamson and Miss Margaret Haughey, and among them there appears to be a most excellent spirit. The burden of the workers is to impress upon them the great importance of our work, and the need of heart and educational preparation to carry it forward.

The earnest testimonies given and consecrations made indicate that the effort is not in vain, and many of them are already making definite arrangements to immediately seek a preparation to enter some branch of the work.

Daily instruction is given in the canvassing work, and it is expected that a new impetus will come into this line of effort.

Beginning on Sunday there has been each day a Teacher's Institute and examination, at which the church school teachers participated. A strong effort is being made to raise the standard of work in the schools of the Conference, and to this end they are being encouraged to avail themselves of every opportunity for improvement.

Owing to sickness and other unavoidable delays, none of the General Conference workers have as yet reached the camp, but it is expected that they will be here before the close of the meeting. However, Elds. A. T. Jones and G. C. Tenny from Battle Creek have been present most of the time, and

have taken a leading part in the meeting. Sunday afternoon Eld. Jones spoke before a large congregation on "The Meaning of the Trend of Events," showing conclusively that we are on the very eve of the final wind-up of all things. This was followed by an address in the evening on the "Sanctuary," its meaning and significance to us, and how, in view of what is before us, and the work of our great High Priest, we should seek with all our heart for purity of life, for we know not when his meditorial work will cease.

Eld. M. B. Miller, also of Battle Creek, has given two discourses, in both of which he called to mind the "former times" when in poverty and through much tribulation this work had its beginning. Many interesting incidents were related, and most stirring appeals were made to not become weary in well-doing, but with renewed diligence seek with all the power of our being to do the work God has given this people to do.

Eld. Parkhurst has given two discourses, both of a practical nature; one showing the necessity of walking out and obeying the light, and the other from the text, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."

Eld. A. G. Haughey has largely carried the burden of the meeting, and has spoken several times, to the edification of all.

The special event of Wednesday afternoon was a model hygienic meal served at six o'clock in the evening to about seventy-five of the leading citizens of Allegan, a fuller account of which appears in another column.

Eld. VanHorn, Prof. Lamson and others have taken part in the general meetings. There is an excellent spirit on the part of all, and a firm desire is taking hold of all to re-consecrate their lives to the principles and work that has made us a people.

W. E. CORNELL.

Educational.

Organization of Church Schools.

NUMBER 6.

THE SCHOOL ROOM.

Much has been said relative to the equipment and organization of the school board, and now we come to consider the school room itself. The circumstances of the church with the number of probable student in the school must determine to a large extent the needs. After all said and done, it remains that a poor room is better than no room; that crowded quarters are better than no quarters; and that some effort to educate the children is better than not to undertake anything in that line because we cannot have all that we desire. As before stated, "Not failure but low aim is crime," so let us aim at the right standard.

The school room should be large enough to allow eight square feet of floor space for each child twelve years and under, and nine square feet for those over twelve years of age. Beside this there should be allowed floor space in front of the sittings of the children five feet and across the school room and in front of the teacher's desk, and not less than four feet back of the front edge of the teacher's desk. We will suppose the school has ten children of the first class demanding eighty square feet, ten children of the second class demanding ninety square feet, and the recitation space in front of the sittings will require from one hundred fifty to two hundred square feet. Call it an average of one hundred eighty feet. This will make a total of three hundred fifty square feet. This does not allow for stove room. A school room 12x20 would give only two hundred forty square feet. One 16x20 would give three hundred twenty square feet,—a good proportion for a school room and sufficient for the needs of about twenty students, provided double desks are used. About the best

proportion, however, for a small school room is 18x24. A school room in order to accommodate correctly thirty-six students would need to be 24x30 and the arrangement of the seats and other supplies of the school can be very nicely made in a school room of this size. A school room ceiling should never be less than ten feet; better twelve, and still better sixteen or eighteen feet. What one needs in a school room is cubic air capacity, and while you can heat a school room with lower ceilings more easily, it is far better to spend a little more money for extra heat and have better air.

No school room should be without a hall-way or entry-way.

Great mistakes are made in building school houses with windows on the wrong sides or with too few windows. There is but little danger of having too many windows. If possible, let the teacher's desk and recitation seats be placed at one end of the room in which there are no windows. It is just as well if there are no windows at the back of the room. Then let all the light come in from the sides. You thereby get parallel rays of light coming from the side of the pupil and it furnishes the best kind. The teacher is not facing glaring windows nor are the pupils. If this cannot be done let the windows be so arranged that after the seats are placed the light will come from the back and the left side of the pupils, and if anyone is to suffer because of facing the windows, let it be the teacher rather than the pupils, for the teacher is permitted to move about the room and can change her position.

Counsel as to the plans for building little church schools will be freely given by this department at any time. It is not difficult to get drawings of well arranged and neat little school houses at various prices.

Let the school be supplied with first-class water. Even if necessary

to put much expense upon it, it is better than to drink water that is in danger of contamination.

Encourage the pupils to beautify the school ground. Let the out-buildings be placed well apart and let the pupils be encouraged to plant shrubbery about them so as to make these buildings something else than a blot and a disgrace. Great care should be taken that the out-buildings be so placed that the water supply will not be contaminated. All these are seemingly, no doubt, simple directions which all know, but if one should start out with the purpose of seeing how many schools are situated correctly with regard to these simple requirements, he would be surprised to learn that few of the commonest, most ordinary principles of health have been considered at all. I hope that in all places where our church schools are placed they may be an example to the world about, in neatness, correctness of construction, and all that goes to make a successful school.

J. G. LAMSON.

News From the Field.

Since our last report we have removed our tent from Spring Lake to Nunica, about six miles from our former location. The people here are more willing to listen to the truth, and our attendance, though not large, is steadily increasing. We have attended the services of the churches here and been made welcome. The organist of the Congregational church is playing for us at the tent. While this place has been considered a difficult one for this kind of work, the Lord has blessed us wonderfully in our efforts to present the truth. We are continuing the work at Spring Lake by visiting and Bible readings, and there are some that we feel confident will obey the truth. We desire your prayers for the success of the work here.

B. F. KNEELAND,

J. M. IRVING.

News and Notes.

In recognition of the friendly attitude of the people of Allegan, and to get before them in an effectual way as possible some of the principles of healthful living, the conference committee arranged to give the leading citizens of the place a model hygienic six o'clock meal. Personal invitations were sent out to about one hundred, of which about seventy-five responded. These included all the ministers of the place with one or two exceptions, the city officials, editors, attorneys, doctors and leading men, and their wives. They first gathered in the pavilion and after music, and an address of welcome on behalf of the city by Dr. Rowe, which was felicitously responded to by Prof. Lamson, they all repaired to the dining hall, and there partook of a bountiful repast.

The following is the menu:

- Tomato Vermicelli Soup
- Nut Roast Protose Steak
- Nuttolene Cutlets
- Baked Beans Peas
- Creamed Potatoes
- Breads
- Fig Bromose
- Almons Pecans
- Chocolate and Nut Candies
- Malted Nuts Cocoa
- Cider
- Fruit Ice
- Pears Plums
- Peaches

The dining hall was nicely decorated with flowers, ferns and evergreens, and the general spread of the tables, under the direction of Sister Merriam, the matron, was most favorably commented upon. The meal was served in courses, and during the time Dr. Mabel Howe-Otis, from the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, explained the various foods, greatly to the interest and satisfaction of those present.

Following this the guests repair-

ed to the pavilion again where short addresses were given by Eld. Haughey and all the city ministers present. Brother Haughey explained to them something of the scope of our work and what we are trying to accomplish in the world. One of the city ministers related an incident that occurred when he was traveling through Missouri in private conveyance. There came up one day just before evening a thunder shower. He sought a number of places along the road to stop for the night, but was refused at them all till he came, long after dark, drenched with rain, to the home of a humble cottager, who welcomed him in without a word of inquiry, and a bed occupied by another was given up to him. "That man," he said, "was a Seventh-day Adventist, and this is my tribute to the spirit of Seventh-day Adventism." He considered that this was only in keeping with the general spirit of hospitality shown by what they had just enjoyed.

The other ministers spoke in a similar strain, all expressing their appreciation of what they had enjoyed and trusting that the bonds of Christian love and fellowship might become more securely cemented through the communion and a better understanding they had secured of the aims and work of this people.

The choir, under the direction of Brother Clifford Russell of Allegan, furnished the music for the occasion.

Miss Margaret Bilz, state secretary of the W. C. T. U., and Dr. Patience S. Bourdeau visited Belding recently in the interest of the temperance work. They spoke in the Salvation Army hall, M. E. church, M. E. parsonage, Baptist church and the Belding boarding house. They had a large audience at each place; a good interest was manifested and we believe much good was accomplished.

The locating committee held a meeting on the fair grounds at Allegan, August 25th. The result of the meeting will be made known later.

It was voted to give the camp-meeting Sabbath-school donations which amounted to \$52.68, to the work in Washington, D. C.

As this paper goes to press the last tents on the camp-ground are being taken down, and the first camp-meeting of the West Michigan Conference is a thing of the past, but we hope the good impressions that were made will go through eternity.

We were sorry that Prof. W. W. Prescott and Eld. E. W. Farnsworth and wife did not get to attend the camp-meeting. The former was detained on account of illness and the latter were attending the Indiana camp-meeting. However we were favored by having the help of Elders A. G. Daniells and R. I. Conradi.

We are indebted to Bro. W. E. Cornell for the camp-meeting report, which appears in another column. Brother Cornell was obliged to leave before the meeting closed so was unable to give us a complete report. In our next issue we hope to have a report of the latter part of the meeting. We had the "best of the wine at the last of the feast."

Thursday, August 25, at 2 p. m., on the Allegan camp-ground, a temperance meeting was held which was addressed by Drs. Mabel Howe-Otis and Patience S. Bourdeau, also Miss Margaret J. Bilz of Spring Lake, who is a National Evangelist of the W. C. T. U., also Recording Secretary of the State, Corresponding Secretary and Superintendent of Health and Heredity and Purity for the Fifth District and President of Ottawa county.

The meeting was in charge of Mrs. Hattie Rumery, the Allegan county president of the W. C. T. U. The talks were earnest and helpful, and calculated to inspire us as a people to more diligent action along these lines, and to lend our influence to help all those who are trying to lift the fallen and save the rising generation.

Miss Bessie De Graw, Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, spent a few days at the camp-meeting. She gave some interesting talks on education and the work of our young people.

The young people of the Battle Creek church are studying different points of truth at their meetings.

Three persons were baptised in Battle Creek last Sabbath by Eld. M. B. Miller.

The International Publishing Association.

The first annual meeting of the International Publishing Ass'n is called for September 13, 1904 at 10:30 a. m. at College View, Neb., and the sessions will continue as long as is necessary to transact the business to come before the meeting.

This will be a very important meeting, as vital questions pertaining to the future status and development of the foreign publishing work will be thoroughly discussed and decided. We desire a full attendance of the members of the Board and Advisory committee: also of other leading Scandinavian and German brethren and sisters and all others who are interested in the foreign publishing work and can arrange to be present. The meeting is appointed at a time when many of those attending the general meeting in Omaha can come to College View to attend this meeting before returning home. The General Conference Council meeting, being here at the same time, will give opportunity for council with and advice from our leading American brethren. Come all who possibly can.

E. T. RUSSELL, President,

A. SWEDBERG, Secretary.

Canvassing Work to August 20th, 1904.				
	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	He'ps
Great Controversy	19	6	\$15.75	\$ 1.50
Ella Porter				
G. Jorgenson	43	5	11.25	2.50
Bible Readings				
Jos. Franklin	14	10	22.00	
	76	21	49.00	4.00
Total Sales, \$53.00.				

M. N. CAMPBELL,
Field Secretary.