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Missionary.

Offer Unto the Lord.

If, instead of putting money in banks to hold for the man with the doubtful joint-stock company that never pays individuals, we would invest it in the Lord's work, we would lose neither principal nor interest. Many, many thousands of dollars will be lost to the individual, and likewise to the cause, because of the anxiety of our brethren to increase their savings before sharing with the Lord. Would it not be safer to enter into partnership with Him who said: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth"? The Lord is pleased to have His people prove Him by offerings as well as by tithing. This is the special time for offering to the Lord for the spreading of the Gospel in the dark lands of the earth. Some of the saved of the land of the heathen may rise up and call us blessed, and that will be a much greater reward than lands, or stocks and bonds and individuals. We can trust the Lord, but not men.

ALLEN MOON.

Missionary Report for the Sanitarium.

(We are indebted to the librarian of the Battle Creek church for the following report. We believe our readers will be interested to learn of the missionary work that is being done at the Sanitarium. Editor.)

A FEW ITEMS FROM DISTRICT NO. 4.

"Although there has been no regular organization, no regular missionary meetings, regular missionary work has been done all along. Especially during the past year the nurses and all the workers have been encouraged to pray with and for patients, and to notice any indication of a desire for the truth, and to do all they judiciously can to help each patient.

"Dr. Kellogg, Elder Tenny, and especially Elder Jones, have all mentioned these things in the large gatherings of the helpers. Some patients are asking the privilege of attending Elder Jones' and Elder Wagoner's Bible studies.

"Several nurses have told me that they always pray with their patients, and talk with them about their eternal interests if the Lord opens up the way, and sometimes patients express great appreciation and gratitude for the help. I now recall one case of over a year ago. A young man came too late to be helped permanently, and was kindly told that he could not recover. His nurse faithfully, earnestly worked with him, studying the Bible daily, praying, pleading, and before the man went away he gave his heart to God and went happily, knowing he must die, too.

"Elder McCoy is very often asked to explain about the Sabbath, sleep of the dead, etc., which he does. In the public meetings Sabbath and at the morning worship

and vesper services with the patients I have many times heard him speak of different points of present truth.

"Elder Tenney mentions the case of a young lady patient who was at their house one evening. She began speaking of her experiences and wanted to talk especially with Sister Tenney and him. She said, 'I must soon go home and I almost dread to go for I have learned to love this place and this people. I have a good, kind home, but I have here found what I have never found elsewhere—the peace and love of my Saviour. My heart is filled with His love, and it is this that is working the great cure for me.'

"Scores of similar cases have been met. A little imbecile child was left last spring by fond parents. One of our faithful nurses has had the care of the little one, who was not developed so as to be able to walk or talk, although past three years old. Last week the mother returned for her child and found such surprising improvement in every way that she could hardly express her surprise and gratitude. A remarkable development had taken place. The child could walk by being led, and express its desire as never before.

"One of the medical students has been having Bible studies with a patient for some time; lately by request, and to answer inquiries he has been giving what the Lord says about the Sabbath, and what He says in prophecy about this world's destiny with that of its inhabitants.

"One of the office workers has during the quarter sent to Sister Mollie Long in North Carolina, over a hundred papers, and received from her the most grateful letters, telling of how happy the people there are to get the papers to read. This same worker has also sent many

papers to people in her home State—Iowa—also given to one family there, interested in the truth, "Steps to Christ," "Story of Daniel," and all our smaller books, also tracts. Another has had several patients coming for conversation on the Sabbath and other truths for our time. We know a number who are studying earnestly to know the truth.

"In the main hall of the new building a tract rack was put up about a year ago. Each Friday this is filled with our religious tracts and about 600 have been used this summer. People take them out and read them, and very often go the persons at the counters to ask about the Sabbath, the coming of the Lord, etc. Much interest is expressed, and information is given as it is asked. Short Bible studies are often given patients in all departments of the institution. Some have fully received the new truths and have gone away rejoicing in them. Some have asked, 'WHY HAVEN'T our ministers told us these things?' and said, 'When I get home I shall tell all my folks about the Sabbath and all these precious truths. How plain they are there in my Bible, but I did not see them before you showed me that there has been no change.'

"An expression something like this is **very** often heard: 'I have traveled a great deal and I **never** found a place like this. Why the workers are so nice and good among themselves as well as to us. No quarreling, smoking, nor anything of the kind. It is wonderful.'

"We ourselves see many failures in our lives, but are looking to the Lord for forgiveness and help to live right before Him."

The young people of the Glenwood Sabbath-school are busy in the good work. They have been doing missionary work with the "Story of Joseph," having sold 60 copies besides a number of "Southern Watchman."

From The Field.

PAW PAW.

I spent Sabbath, Dec. 3, with the church at Paw Paw. This company has been organized about four years, and has held its Sabbath meetings in one of the halls until last September. On the 18th of July, 1904, the brethren at that place began the erection of a chapel. It was ready for use the first Sabbath in September. The work was done entirely by the local members. None of them were trained mechanics, but by the blessing of God a very creditable chapel is now dedicated to the worship of God, and stands as a witness for Him.

This building is 24x40, and has a school room in the rear 16x18. They have a church-school in progress with an enrollment of 14 pupils. The building cost in material and labor a little less than \$900, all of which has been arranged for but \$20. They now have a membership of 40 with a Sabbath-school of 50. Since they began to build this chapel their membership has doubled. This little building is a credit to the cause.

We found the members all united and working for the salvation of souls. May this ever be a model company. M. N. Campbell is the elder of the church, and his sister, Miss Janet Campbell, is the teacher of the school.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

GLENWOOD.

Perhaps there are some who would like to know how our school is getting along. We are having a good school. We have fifteen of our own and eleven outside children, making twenty-six in all. We are receiving much of the blessing of the Lord, both in our Sabbath-school work and in our meetings. We are determined to press onward and upward and gain the victory. We are all of good courage in the Lord.

Yours in the Master's work,
M. N. WELLS.

Third Session of the West Michigan Conference.

The next annual session of the West Michigan Conference is to be held in Grand Rapids, beginning Friday, January 20, 1905. The arrangements for the entertainment of the delegates have not all been completed. How to reach the place of meeting and to find the committee on entertainment will be announced in a later issue.

DELEGATES.

Each Seventh-day Adventist church in the West Michigan Conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for every fifteen members. These delegates should be elected at the annual business meeting of each church, which usually takes place the first week in January.

Blanks for delegates' credentials will be received by each church clerk. These should be filled out and returned to the West Michigan Conference office at as early a date as possible.

We are not prepared to make full announcement of the plan of conducting the next conference, but we hope to be able to devote a large part of our time in hearing the reports from the churches and conference laborers.

LABORERS FROM ABROAD.

Allen Moon, J. B. Blosser, N. W. Kauble and S. E. Wright have all promised to be with us during the entire time of the Conference. We expect a very profitable time.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Emmanuel Missionary College, held November 29, the following actions were taken:

"Voted, That we recommend the discontinuance of the granting of free tuition to pupils of this school.

"Voted, That the secretary be instructed to make this action known to each conference president and each principal of industrial school or academy in the Lake Union Conference."

Educational.

Grand Ledge.

Sister Winifred Trunk sends an interesting report of her school at Grand Ledge. The school is located on the second floor of a block so the children have no playground, and has the added inconvenience of a printing office on the same floor; but all unite in thanking the Lord for the opportunities he has given them for learning his truth for these last days.

The school received a cheering visit several weeks ago from Elder D. T. Bourdeau.

W. E. Videto.

Lake Odessa.

My work has been trying at times, but the Lord knows all about our weakness and he has promised to gird us with strength if we will but trust him. Though the cry of peace is on every hand the enemy of all righteousness is working hard to overthrow the work of God in the earth. But we must work while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work. The Lord is now testing his people to refine all the dross, and I want to be able to stand the test. I know if there is dross left in me when my Master comes it will consume all.

Jennie Judson.

Academy Notes.

The Christmas vacation began Thursday, Dec. 22. The next term will commence January 3, 1905.

A union meeting of the church and the Academy students was held Friday evening, Dec. 16.

Thallie Halverson and Harold Butler, who have been detained from school for several days by sumach poisoning, are nearly recovered.

Brother W. J. McCurdy and two of the Academy students commenced meetings Sunday evening, Dec. 18, in a school-house about four miles northeast of Cedar Lake.

Brother Jerhard Jorgenson, who has made the Academy his home

since last spring while canvassing in this locality, writes from Dania, Fla., where he is soon to locate: "There are no Seventh-day Adventists in any of the towns around here, that I know of. The real estate agent appears interested."

The Academy has just issued a winter announcement, which will be mailed in quantity to each church elder in the West and North Michigan Conference for distribution. We desire that one of these shall reach at least every family in the territory of the school. If you do not receive a copy please write us.

Brother Frank Fishell reports one family of new Sabbath-keepers as the result of the meetings which he and Ned Collins have been holding in the school-house five miles southeast of this place. Others are interested, but have not yet taken their stand for the truth. Two or three days were spent this week by him and Ned in visiting the interested ones.

REVIEW AND HERALD.

The "Review" visits every family in the following named churches and companies:

Cedar Lake
Bangor
Bloomingdale
Otsego
Blendon
Holton
Paw Paw
Wright
Glenwood
Orange
Decatur
South Monterey
Allegan
Lowell
Kalamazoo
Fremont
Lyons
Carson City
Bushnell
Frost
Carlton Center.
Urbandale
Bedford
Grand Ledge
Berrien Springs
Benton Harbor
Eaton Rapids
Mt. Pleasant
Douglas
Denver Center

Important Notice.

Beginning with the issue for January 3, 1905, the SOUTHERN WATCHMAN will present its readers during the months of January, February and March, a series of thirteen articles from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White, entitled "Malachi, the Lord's Messenger."

This series is of vital importance to us as a people, and every Sabbath-keeper should possess it. These articles have been especially prepared for the SOUTHERN WATCHMAN. A large edition will be printed, based upon the present subscription list, and the orders that will be received during December. BUT THE ISSUE WILL NECESSARILY BE LIMITED, as the work is of interest principally to Sabbath-keepers, and it is not likely that the demand will warrant printing a second edition. You are urged, therefore, to subscribe at once, as the only safe course to pursue, for no one believing in the near coming of our Saviour can afford to be without these articles, and possibly we may be unable to furnish you a complete set IF YOU DELAY. In justice to subscribers, and that all who desire may be able to obtain the complete set, THE EDITION WILL NOT BE BROKEN BY THE SALE OF SINGLE NUMBERS OR OF "SETS." TRIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE SUSPENDED ALSO. Our friends will please endeavor to obtain REGULAR subscriptions from those they canvass, at the fixed rates, \$1.00 per year; 50 cents for six months.

Order through your tract society, or send direct to the Publishing Association. No accounts opened with individuals.

PUBLISHERS.

"Our superintendents, our teachers in the Sabbath-school should be frequently in prayer. A word spoken in due season may be as good seed in youthful minds, and may result in leading little feet in the right path. But a wrong word may lead their feet in the path of ruin."

News and Notes.

Brother Ezra Brackett spent Sabbath and Sunday, Dec. 10-11, with the church at Douglas.

We now have the Sabbath-school Lesson Quarterlies in stock and are ready to fill all orders.

In writing of his work Elder Hebner says: "I can say I never enjoyed myself any better than this summer."

The fall term of the Bloomingdale school will close December 23. Brother Orson VanHorn is the teacher.

Elder A. G. Haughey attended the meeting of the board of trustees of the Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, Nov. 29.

The school at South Monterey, taught by Leslie Avery, closed December 16 for a two-weeks' vacation. The membership of the school is sixteen.

Dr. Bourdeau writing from Grand Rapids says: "Every child attending the Grand Rapids church school has given his heart to God. It is cheering to see the real young children speak in the young people's meetings and at prayer-meeting. This is as the Lord wants it to be in all our church schools."

According to appointment the brethren and sisters of the Otsego church met each day last week for the week-of-prayer services. The readings were given, and the remainder of the time devoted to prayer and praise services—prayer for a deeper consecration to the service of the Lord in the future, that the work may be finished in this generation, and praise for blessings bestowed in the past.

We have nothing but words of courage and good cheer to offer in behalf of the brethren and sisters of the Otsego church. From one

of the many cheering testimonies we quote: "I am glad that according to the gospel we can see the gleams of the golden morning."

What has been your experience during the week of prayer? Have you been led to devote your all to the work of carrying the message to the world? Did it pay to spend so much time in prayer and meditation? Have any souls been saved as the result? If so, the "Herald" would be glad to carry these good reports from one company to another, and especially to the individuals who were unable to meet with others of like faith. Let the workers report for the churches that assisted, while the elders, or persons appointed by the elders, should report for the churches that were not favored with outside help.

Battle Creek News.

Our week of prayer has been quite successful, and closed Sabbath, Dec. 17, with a sermon from Elder Waggoner. The offerings were \$840.00 and will be some more.

Elder Thompson from Washington, D. C., came on Thursday and was with us the rest of the time. He talked to the young people on Sabbath afternoon.

The ladies of Battle Creek are preparing a Christmas tree for the poor children of the city. The merchants and business men are taking a great interest in it, and are donating quite liberally so that no child in our city need be without a comfortable Christmas tide. The sisters of our church are joining with the rest in doing all they can to make the tree a success.

The districts here in the city resume their missionary meetings this week; they were taken up last week on account of the week of prayer. Each district has a sanitarium doctor appointed to it each week, and the health studies are thus carried on in the church.

Finished.

At this date (Nov. 30) nearly every copy of the 400,000 Gospel Series of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES has been ordered. As the Publishers believe our people would prefer to spend their future time in following up the work already begun, they have decided not to print more, but have begun hunting up such unused packages as may be lying in Tract Society depositories.

Concerning follow-up work we would suggest the following:—

1. Secure subscriptions wherever possible. The regular visits of a journal like the SIGNS OF THE TIMES, SOUTHERN WATCHMAN or LIFE AND HEALTH for a year, may enlighten a whole family. The Prospectus for 1905 given on the large pages of the fourth special SIGNS will help you.

2. The four new tracts, viz., "Heralds of His Coming," "Waymarks to the Holy City," "The Message for To-day," and "Who Changed the Sabbath?" will enable you to answer many of the inquiries arising as a result of former visits.

3. And then are the following small books especially adapted to home work:

Christ's Object Lessons.

Story of Joseph.

Education.

Mount of Blessing.

Things Foretold.

Steps to Christ.

Uncle Ben's Cobblestones.

Power for Witnessing.

Thoughts on Daniel, paper.

Thoughts on Revelation, paper.

Great Nations of To-day.

Sunshine at Home.

Vegetarian Cook Book.

If we all do as faithful work in following up interests already created as we have in the circulation of our periodicals, a great victory will be gained. Let us do it.

H. H. HALL,

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