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Missionary.

Beginning to Move.

For some time the soldiers of the Cross have been studying the plan of battle as outlined at the last General Conference, have been getting their equipment in order, and now they are beginning to move; not very rapidly, perhaps, but with a constantly increasing pace, we believe.

That we may know whether we are in the very front rank or not, let us see if we can say "yes" to the following questions:

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If we have not made the above

preparation as yet, let us not delay a moment in doing so. Let us go forward together.

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We are told in Revelation 12:17 that the "Dragon" is making "War" with the "Remnant" and from the characteristics there given of the remnant we believe that we are closely identified with the people who are to be arrayed against the dragon in this contest.

The warfare which is being waged against the church is both a defensive and offensive one, as the enemy will endeavor to capture the subjects of our Leader, and we must be prepared to wage an aggressive warfare against the foe in our efforts to rescue those whom he has made captives, and those who have voluntarily enlisted in his service.

The most successful warfare, whether offensive or defensive, is that which is the most perfectly equipped and organized. Our Captain has made ample provision for our equipment, and the organization is complete. What is necessary now is for all to "put the

armor on and "line up" for the conflict.

This is not a carnal warfare, but one against "spiritual wickedness in high places," and therefore the equipment necessary is not of carnal weapons, but "mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." The preparation necessary would therefore, be to have "the loins girt about with truth, and have on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith...the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,...Praying also with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

With this preparation an opportunity to take a place in the forefront of the battle will be given all who desire at the conventions appointed to be held in all the churches on Sabbath, the 14th inst, preliminary to the renewal of activities in the fall Missionary Campaign.

Church officers should realize that the battle is on, and that they are real burden bearers in the campaign, organizing all their forces for a continued effort, putting to the best possible use all the forces and material obtainable, and that the work will not cease till victory has been gained.

S. D. HARTWELL,
Field Secretary.

A general meeting to study local needs and organize for service in the Missionary Campaign will be held at Lowell October 14th. Neighboring churches and scattered Sabbath keepers in that vicinity are cordially invited to attend.

W. D. LAKIN,
Director Dist. No. 4.

From the Field.

SAND LAKE.

We began meetings the evening of September 28 at a school house four miles north of Sand Lake. We have held four meetings and we are very much encouraged by the attendance and interest. Some have already said they were interested in the meetings. Some of the members of Sand Lake are with us every evening and help in singing and testimony. We believe there can be a good work done at this place.

A. L. EVANS,
JAMES THORP.

BENTON HARBOR.

It has been some time since we have reported. Our attendance is good and most excellent attention is given to the word spoken. A goodly number are thoroughly convinced that we have the truth and several have promised to attend our next Sabbath meeting. We hope to see them take their stand for God at that time. Seven have been baptized, five of whom have united with the church, the other two being members of the church before they were baptized, having been baptized before. We are laboring earnestly to get those who are convinced to take their stand for God and his blessed truth.

Remember us in prayer to God.

R. C. HORTON,
M. S. BURNHAM.

LYONS.

Sabbath and Sunday, September 23rd and 24th, were good days for the Lyons, Palo, and Portland churches in their general meeting at Lyons. The sermon on Sabbath by Elder Fred Brink, subject "The Holy Spirit," Acts 1:8, was especially "meat in due season." The ordinance of baptism was administered at the close of the Sabbath-school Sabbath afternoon to a young brother lately taking his stand for the Sabbath and connecting with the Portland church.

Brother Hartwell occupied the time Sunday forenoon in outlining the missionary campaign, enforcing this with practical truths, convincing all that we should all be about our Father's business. A practical Bible study from Luke 19, the parable of the ten pounds and the necessity of "trading therewith," (Revised Version) and how everyone might do so, was drawn out as making a practical application of the study. Meeting closed with a consecration service.

W. D. LAKIN

GRAND RAPIDS.

The Lord is blessing me and I can see his hand in directing me to the homes where souls are hungering for the truth. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. More of our dear young people ought to be in this blessed work.

Week before last I went to a home to hold a Bible study and a lady from another town was visiting there for a few days. The Lord has been working on her heart in regard to obedience, so he brought her to visit her friends with whom I was studying the Sabbath question. She asked many questions, but the Word of God answered them for her. She said she had asked many people questions on these points, but she had never had them answered for her before. I had an appointment at another place but she said, "They can hear you often, but I do not have this opportunity." So we had another study and to the glory and praise of the Lord she wanted to do all the commandments.

This was on Friday afternoon and she attended our church on the Sabbath. On Sunday I held another Bible study with her and she left the city. Let us pray for this dear soul that the Lord may lead her and that she may be the means of carrying the light to others.

I feel that I need to sit humbly at the feet of Jesus and learn of him in order to be able to teach

others. May the Lord help us all to do faithful work.

JENNIE DEYOUNG.

BLOOMINGDALE.

Since our last report the Lord has worked wonderfully for us at this place. So far all we have had to do is to march around the walls and shout victory, and they have come tumbling down upon the heads of the opposers of God's truth. This is one of the old battle grounds which has, through removals and deaths, been left for a time in the possession of the enemy. However there are a few faithful souls in this vicinity who have stood valiantly for the truth. Last Sabbath the brethren and sisters from Berlamont met with us at the tent and a very refreshing season was enjoyed.

That the Sabbath message still has power to stir the people in these old fields is shown by the pastor of the Disciple church has found it necessary to begin a series of sermons against Seventh-day Adventists in order to quiet the "disturbed" minds of his congregation. He preaches on Sunday mornings, and we have announced a counter series for Sunday evenings at the tent. For the last two weeks they have given up their own Sunday evening services and come to the tent to hear us present the truth. At the last meeting we were obliged to put in extra seats to accommodate the people, and the Lord gave a great victory for the truth.

Pray for an ingathering of the honest souls in Bloomingdale.

E. F. COLLIER,
B. F. KNEELAND.

Sabbath and Sunday Sept. 23 and 24 it was my privilege to attend the general meeting in Dist. No. 4 at which the churches of Lyons, Orange and Palo united at the first mentioned place. The director of the district, Bro. W. D. Lakin, and Elder Fred Brink were present, the latter speaking on Sab-

bath morning, and in the afternoon officiated at a baptism, returning to his tent labors at Lake Odessa in the evening, much to the regret of all present, as his earnest words of instruction and counsel were much appreciated.

On Sunday it was our privilege to outline the proposed plans of the aggressive Missionary Campaign, and to urge the importance of a preparation for the work on the part of all.

Sunday afternoon Brother Lakin presented an impressive Bible study on the importance of united consecrated effort in the service of the Master, which was followed by a consecration meeting in which nearly everyone present took a part, and at the close of the meeting all felt that "it was good to be here" (there.)

During the week following I called at Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Holton, Bangor, and Benton Harbor, in the interest of the canvassing work, visiting those in the several places who are engaged in the work, or are expecting to in the near future, reaching Paw Paw on Friday afternoon where I remained over the Sabbath and Sunday. This was the occasion of the church quarterly meeting at Paw Paw, Brother Campbell being present and officiating in the exercises.

Considerable interest in the canvassing work is being manifested by individuals in most every church it has been my privilege to visit, and a list of about fifteen has been obtained who expect to take up the work this fall just as soon as the particular busy season is over, and we feel encouraged that good will result in this line. In nearly every case the workers who have been engaged in the distribution of literature the past few months have had an experience they would not part with for any money consideration, and we are sure that could all hear these individuals relate some of their experiences many would be encouraged to enter the work.

S. D. HARTWELL.

Medicial.

Dear Readers:—

It is now nearly three years since I left the Battle Creek Sanitarium and came to Grand Rapids by invitation of the West Michigan Conference Committee to take up medical work in this city. As I look over these years, I feel that it has been good to be here and to be connected with laborers in the conference who have always been so co-operative in all medical work that we have tried to do. This spirit of perfect harmony and good cheer has been a source of courage and help to me and the nurses who have worked with me.

The work on my part has been done with many imperfections, yet in it and over it all God has surely been with us and helped us so that now it is on a sure and firm basis, free from debt, and self-supporting.

Several calls have come asking us to connect with some of our sanitariums, but we have not felt free to leave this work here. However, a different call came to me last June when Sister White wrote me a letter placing before me the needs of our medical work at Washington and urging me in no mistakable terms to connect with the work there as soon as possible. As letter after letter have continued to come both from Sister White and leading brethren at Washington, I have felt that it was best to go. This conviction has increased since visiting Washington and seeing more of the situation there.

Now this is the reason why, as the "Herald" stated last week, I have asked the conference committee to secure a physician to take my place. I feel that God has called me to go, as he surely called me to come here, and while I leave this work with reluctance, (for it is very dear to me) yet I know that true success and happiness are found only as we follow His leadings.

Your sister in this blessed work,
PATIENCE BOURDEAU-SISCO, M. D.

Educational.

Opportunity and Pluck.

Young man, young woman, did you ever stop to think that opportunity is standing by your side? Why not make use of it, for it will not long remain?

Some young people say they wish they could go to college and get an education. Why don't they go? Answer: Simply because their desire to go is not strong enough. If a young man or a young woman wants an education and wants it "bad" enough, they will get it every time. If you have good health and have had a good home training to start on, what more of an opportunity could a young man ask for? If you have a will strong enough, you will find a way. Defeat is impossible. There is a great difference between a lukewarm desire and a red-hot purpose. If we focus the rays of the sun through a magnifying glass, the heat becomes so intense as to set combustible material on fire. Just so it is with us when we concentrate all our energies on one object,—we are sure to win. Warm water never turns the wheels of a steam engine, but with a red-hot fire under the boiler and a big pressure of steam we can move the world.

Conquer obstacles or they will conquer you. When you start a thing, unless it is radically wrong, finish it. If in school you have begun the study of a subject which is very difficult, and no matter how much you detest it, go through with it, finish it before you leave it. There is a principle in this thing which if you master here, you have won a victory for life. When in school, stay there long enough to finish something. You are there for intellectual power, for culture, and special preparation for your future work. Accomplish it before you leave.

Young people, let's decide to-day that sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish, we'll make use of

our opportunities, (and if there are no opportunities, let's make some) get an education whatever the cost, and when we have gotten it, we'll give our lives and all the ability which God has given us to spread this blessed truth and go forward with it to its final triumph.

H. C. PITTON.

Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Eight of the students spent Sabbath afternoon distributing religious literature in the vicinity of Cedar Lake.

A class in vocal music is held in the school each day. It is taught by J. Drury Reavis, a student of the Academy.

Harry Clawson of Grand River arrived at the Academy Wednesday night after traveling two days. He came across Lake Michigan.

Among some of the new arrivals are O. V. Rumsy of Potterville; Dora Kemstra, New Era; Mr. and Mrs. Tolf; Francis McCoy of Allegan.

School opened Tuesday, October 3rd, with a good earnest class of students who have donned their "thinking caps" and are now hard at work.

The first students' prayer meeting was held Friday evening and was a precious occasion. Many earnest testimonies were given to the praise of God.

Some of last year's students who arrived at the Academy last week were Thallie Halversen, Arthur Gurney, Florence Crouch, Anna Kemstra, and Eva Gaines.

News and Notes.

Brother S. D. Hartwell spent last Sabbath with the church at Mendon.

We understand that Mrs. W. H. Heckman is ill with typhoid fever, but is improving at this writing.

Elder A. G. Haughey was called to Lyons last Sabbath to conduct the funeral of Brother Joseph Preston.

You cannot afford to do without the book "Story of the Seer of Patmos." Send in your orders at once. Price \$1.00.

If there is a blue pencil mark around this, it means that your subscription expires with this number. We hope you will renew at once.

The last word received from Elder C. A. Hansen and wife they were in London, England and expected to start for Bombay, India in a few days.

Sabbath, October 14, is the day set apart for a missionary convention in all of our churches to prepare them to enter the missionary campaign.

The Battle Creek Tract Society is receiving fruit these days, and expects soon to make a shipment to Nashville and Huntsville to help along in the work there.

We are glad that some of our Sabbath-school secretaries have been prompt in sending in their reports. There are a number of secretaries who have not reported as yet. We hope they will do so as soon as possible.

We hope that all of the Young People's Societies of the West Michigan Conference will send in a quarterly report. We do not have the names of the officers of some of the societies and if some failed to receive a quarterly report blank, notify Margaret Haughey, Otsego, Mich.

The north Michigan Sanitarium and Treatment Rooms located at Hancock, Mich., opened September 27, 1905, with Mrs. Edith Bruce as Superintendent. "This is the most northern one in the United States, and has every advantage of pure air, pure water, and pleasant scenery," so says the little announcement that we received.

The Battle Creek church is holding a series of Sunday evening meetings at which may be heard such speakers as Eld. A. T. Jones, Dr. J. H. Kellogg, Dr. C. E. Geisel, Prof. M. W. Newton, Dr. J. F. Morse, Eld. Tenny, Dr. Waggoner, and others. This will no doubt be a most instructive as well as interesting course of lectures.

The churches of South Monterey, Allegan, Otsego, and Kalamazoo will hold their quarterly meeting at Allegan the first Sabbath in November. Arrangements are being made to hold a Sabbath-school and Missionary convention in connection with this meeting. The meeting will last two days, Sabbath and Sunday, November 4 and 5. We hope there will be a good attendance from all of these churches. Begin now to pray and plan for it.

We quote the following from a letter written by the secretary of the Sand Lake Young People's Society:

"Please apply the enclosed \$1.35 on the fund for foreign missions and credit it to our Young People's Society. The money was earned by setting a hen and raising eight chickens, which sold for \$1.50. The tithe being paid, the \$1.35 is left for missionary purposes. Our society is doing careful, prayerful work and God is blessing us richly. There are about twelve of our members who attend every meeting of our society and take an active part in all of its work."