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## The Watchman Specials.

The following is a brief outline of the four special issues of the Watchman which have been prepared for the present Missionary Campaign:

### NO. 1. THE COMING KING.

This brings out the great and important subject of Christ's second advent. The signs that indicate the nearness of that event are fully discussed in their relation to the prophetic word; also that "he comes as King," to awaken his sleeping saints, and then the future—

"A vision I see in the distance,

It kindles my heart aglow,—

A gleam of a glorious morning,

With never a smile of woe.

The vision has life for its background,

Like sunrise over the sea;

It reaches far into the future,—

Yea, into eternity."

### NO. 2. THE JUDGMENT.

The sanctuary service was a type of the work of Christ as our great high priest, an acted parable, a continual object-lesson, of the plan of salvation. This number shows the relation between the work in

the earthly and the heavenly sanctuaries, and presents evidence showing that the great court where God himself is judge, and Christ our advocate, is even now in session.

Two interesting articles deal with the important Eastern question, out of which grows the battle of Armageddon. And beyond the sin and woe and strife of earth, beyond the solemn scenes of the judgment, lies "A Clean Universe."

### NO. 3. THE SABBATH.

There is no subject that is more alive than that of the Sabbath, the day of the Sabbath, and its importance as a sign of loyalty to God, are convincingly presented.

### NO. 4. THE GOODNESS OF GOD.

This number shows what God is to his people, and something of "the peaceable fruits of righteousness," as manifested in loving service for others. It is a fitting conclusion to a series that cannot help benefiting the careful reader.

The writers for these specials are among the best in the denomination, and the articles are not only clear, logical, and convincing, but have life and variety. They are gotten out at a great cost of time, thought, and energy, and, by the blessing of God, will do great good both by bringing precious souls into the truth and by training workers in the blessings of gospel effort.

During these autumn months is the time to take up and push this effort. These specials will not grow old.

Prices will be found in the Herald dated October 11.

Order through the West Michigan Tract Society.

From a recent letter from Brother G. W. Amadon we take the liberty to quote the following solemn statements:

"Yesterday, October 22, our great

High Priest had been in the Most Holy place sixty-one years. How much longer will He remain there before He "rises up," as in Luke 13:25? Note also Ps. 76:8, 9.

"And when Jesus finishes His work as High Priest, are there not many among us who will not then have finished THEIR work? See Matt. 22:11-13? Alas, how sad the condition of such!

"Are we not taught by the parable of Matt. 25:1-12 that a multitude of our people will be unprepared when the work closes?

"Is it not a historical fact that our compassionate Lord has now been applying the Laodicean message to us for forty-nine years? (This message came to us in the summer of 1856.) And is there not far less said upon this subject now than in former years?

"Is it not a solemn and startling fact that we are now in the anti-typical day of atonement? See what is said of the type in Lev. 23:27-30. Note what the prophet says of this day in Zeph. 2:1-3. We must remember that "the hour of God's judgment is come," and that the investigative judgment "BEGINS with the house or God." If we have not been in the judgment period sixty-one years, how much more time remains?

"What does Jesus mean by the strong asseveration "that this generation shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled?" Matt. 24:34. Does not the Saviour put an emphases on His declaration by the statement in verse 35 which follows?

"Do we not believe that the winds of strife and human passion are now being restrained while the servants of God are being sealed? And how inexpressibly solemn is the hour! On this point see article, "Seal of God," Testimonies,

Vol. V, p. 207. But note especially the thirteen lines of bottom of p. 208 and nearly all of p. 209. Read also the last half each of pages 212 and 216.

"Also are we not literally in that stage of the experience of the church when a spirit of lethargy and stupidity very generally prevails? Note Paul's words in Rom. 13:11, and Isa. 52:1,2. It looks as though we had actually reached "the arbors of ease" spoken of by Bunyon when the pilgrims could scarcely keep awake.

"Are not the above mentioned things, and many others besides, of the very greatest importance to us as a people? Should not these things be dwelt upon to quite an extent by the servants of God? The cases of all will soon be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary. It is a most solemn thought that many of our people are nearing the time when "the mystery of God will be finished," and yet to all appearance are not prepared. God has hung out danger signals on many pages of His word.

"What is the duty of the church at the present time?"

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### From the Field.

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#### District No. 4.

Sabbath-keepers from Belding and Saranac met with the Lowell church for general meeting Sabbath, October 14. This being the time appointed for the first missionary convention, the readings recommended for the day were read after a very interesting study of the Sabbath-school lesson. The social meeting partook largely of the spirit of the readings, many testifying "The third angel's message does me good." A Bible study based on Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:19 was given the evening after the Sabbath.

"The gospel to the whole world in this generation" and the individual responsibility of every one whose heart Christ has touched to

give the message, served to give the last meeting on Sunday a practical turn. It was shown how every one may do something by actively connecting with Sabbath-school, mission board, and our own conference in all the lines of personal work and offerings recommended, and at this meeting several copies of "The Story of the Seer of Patmos," besides a number of pounds of tracts, were ordered, Cedar Lake school was aided by a good donation, etc.

The presence and help of Brother and Sister VanDeusen added very much to the interest of these meetings.

W. D. LAKIN.

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#### COVERT.

By the request of Sister Jaffray, advised by the president of the conference, I met with the little church at Covert Sabbath, the 21st. After a pointed discourse on the subject of baptism, a careful examination was given to eight candidates for baptism. Brethren from Hartford and the elder of the Bancroft church were present. This meeting proved to be a heart-searching, precious occasion for all present. The baptism took place the following day at 10:00 a. m. at a lake five miles away, where a tent was pitched for the occasion. This afforded a most delightful place to perform the solemn rite. Two of those were rebaptisms and already members of the Covert church. Six were new converts. Five were warmly received as members of the Covert church, the remaining one to become a member of the Bangor church. Most of this good work must be given to the credit of the faithful work of Sister Jaffray during the present year.

It appears that at one time there was a good strong church at this place, but owing to the apostasy and death of some and the removal of others (their elder with the latter) for some years they have scarcely been able to maintain their meetings. They have a neat little

house of their own in which to meet. At this meeting a leader was chosen, and with the addition in membership new courage comes to them. They believe that better days are in store for them.

I should add that they have a little church school started with nine or ten scholars and a competent teacher, which is also an encouragement and prospect for good to them.

H. NICOLA.

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#### SHELBY.

The Sabbath-school convention held at Shelby Oct. 21, 1805, was well attended by the Shelby and Rothbury churches. Sister Emma Montgomery, superintendent of the Shelby Sabbath-school, was chairman. At the opening of the forenoon session Sister Margaret Haughey gave a short talk on "The Object of the Convention." She said the Sabbath-school work was a great soul saving work and that it was a proper thing for Sabbath-school workers to meet and make plans to carry this work on more effectually.

An interesting paper on "The Influence of the Sabbath-school" was read, impressing the thought that young hearts are most effectually influenced, which places a great responsibility on parents and teachers, for as the seed is sown so shall the harvest be. A discussion followed, led by Sister Haughey in which many helpful thoughts were added on the power of influence. As a pebble dropped in the ocean causes the waves to spread and broaden on and on, so one little wave of influence set in motion may extend to the eternal shore.

Next followed a paper on "The Kind of Teacher I Like." A model teacher should be consecrated to the work teaching as Christ taught. Sister Flora Waters, president of the Young People's society at Shelby, read a paper on "Young People's Work." This was followed by a discussion in which it was shown that the Seventh Day Ad-

ventists young people must come to the front of the ranks and fill up the places made vacant by the veterans, who have fallen in the battle.

Papers were read on the following subjects: "How Can Our Young People be Interested;" "How to Develop a Missionary Spirit in our School;" "Home Department Work;" "How Parents May Co-operate with Teachers;" "The Greatest Need of our Schools;" discussions followed. The children had a missionary exercise and sang some songs. The last session closed by singing "God be with you till we meet again," and all went home feeling that it was "good to be there."

INEZ GARDNER.

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### Medicial.

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"Scrupulous cleanliness is essential to both physical and mental health."

"Courage, hope, faith, sympathy, love, promote health and prolong life. A contented mind, a cheerful spirit, is heath to the body and strength to the soul."

"An abstemious diet for a month or two would convince many sufferers that the path of self-denial is the path to health."

"Men need to learn that the blessings of obedience, in their fullness, can be theirs only as they receive the grace of Christ. It is His grace that gives man power to obey the laws of God. It is this that enables him to break the bondage of evil habit. This is the only power that can make him and keep him steadfast in the right path."

"It is a sacred duty for those who cook to learn how to prepare healthful food. Many souls are lost as the result of poor cookery. It takes thought and care to make good bread; but there is more religion in a loaf of good bread than many think."

"God has given us an ample variety of healthful foods, and each person should choose from it the

things that experience and sound judgment prove to be best suited to his own necessities."

"Some are continually anxious lest their food, however simple and healthful, may hurt them. To these let me say, do not think that your food will injure you; do not think about it at all. Eat according to your best judgment; and when you have asked the Lord to bless the food for the strengthening of your body, believe that He hears your prayer, and be at rest."

"There is real common sense in dietetic reform. The subject should be studied broadly and deeply, and no one should criticize others because their practise is not, in all things, in harmony with his own. It is impossible to make an unvarying rule to regulate every one's habits, and no one should think himself a criterion for all."

"Some make themselves sick by overwork. For these, rest, freedom from care, and a spare diet, are essential to restoration of health. To those who are brain weary and nervous because of continual labor and close confinement, a visit to the country, where they can live a simple, care-free life, coming in close contact with the things of nature, will be most helpful. Roaming through the fields and the woods, picking the flowers, listening to the songs of the birds, will do far more than any other agency toward their recovery."—Ministry of Healing.

Doctor A. J. Read of the Battle Creek Sanitarium began a series of free lectures at Urbandale, under the auspices of the S. D. A. church, October 7, to continue for six successive Saturday nights. These lectures, entitled "The Gospel of Health," are elaborately illustrated with the stereopticon and moving picture machine. The following is a synopsis of the lectures:

Oct. 7, The Bread of Life versus The Greed of Gain, showing how the modern Herod slays thousands of innocents every year and how to keep the wolf away from our doors.

Oct. 14, The Miracle of Digestion, showing the most wonderful manifestation of divinity working in humanity, as shown by the latest scientific findings of the modern scientists Fletcher, Canon, Chittenden, Pawlow and others.

Oct. 21, Modern Foes of Human Life. A lecture of special interest to the boys and girls, also a practical help to parents and adults. Illustrated by the stereopticon and Dr. Read's alcohol tests published in the September number of the "Ladies' Home Journal."

Oct. 28, How to Live Twice as Long and Twice as Well. The invincible army of the interior, its great leader, and how he summons his forces and leads them into the conflict. New facts about macrophags and phagocytes.

Nov. 4, First Aid to the Injured. Spiritual truths and practical every day lessons.

Nov. 11, The Modern Crusade Against Tuberculosis and What it Means to the Community, showing divine purpose in the greatest modern plague and the wide spread blessing which it makes possible.

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### Educational.

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#### "Union College School of Correspondence."

Thousands of busy but progressive men and women to-day are pursuing studies by correspondence. Ambitious workers are in this way preparing themselves for higher places of usefulness. Why should not those to whom has been committed the most important work in the world feel deeply interested in their own self-improvement, and even though they cannot leave home, take up studies by correspondence? Union College now offers six subjects by this method, viz; New Testament History, conducted by Prof. M. E. Kern, New Testament Greek, conducted by Prof. A. Kunze, English Language (two courses), conducted by Miss Winifred Peebles, German Rhetoric, conducted by Prof. A. Kunze,

and Art, conducted by Miss Elsa Northrup. Hundreds can in this way take up Bible study at home. One of the English courses is prepared especially for teachers. Many will find in the German Rhetoric just what they want to increase their knowledge of the German language. The Art work will be adapted to the individual needs and will be especially helpful to teachers. All these courses except the Teacher's English course cover a year's work. Price of long courses \$10.00, short course \$5.00. For further information or to enroll address the person conducting the course in which you are interested. Remittance should be made to these persons also. The address in each case is College View, Nebraska.

#### "Guiding Principles for the Young."

The above is the name of a series of articles to commence in the Educational Messenger of Nov. 1. They consist of extracts from the writings of Mrs. E. G. White on such subjects as, "Living by Principles," "Faith and feeling," "Gaining an Education," "Music," "Reading," "Simplicity and Dress," "Associations," "Courtship and Marriage," and "Character Building." Everybody should have these articles. Subscription price 50¢ per year. Comes every two weeks. Address the EDUCATIONAL MESSENGER, College View, Nebr.

#### The Kind of Teacher I Like.

The kind of teacher I like is one that is interested in his class, and is present every Sabbath, and can bring out new thoughts on the lesson and make it interesting for us; one that teaches with the spirit and does not talk too much about things that are not in the lesson. If the teacher will make it interesting for their scholars they will pay better attention, and they will obey the teacher better. I like a consecrated teacher. In Daniel 12:3, there is a promise for such a teacher, "and they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;

and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

VRILDA MONTGOMERY.

#### Cedar Lake Academy Notes.

Among the new at the home are Miss Ellen Erickson of Iron Mountain, Miss Marguerite Lawson of Rothbury, and Oliver Denslow of Weidman.

The evening after the Sabbath a number of the students spent two or three hours topping onions so that they would be ready to put on the car Monday.

The Friday night prayer meeting was conducted by Elder Fred Brink. He gave a very interesting talk to the students based on the text found in 2 Cor. 3:17.

Professor J. G. Lamson gave an interesting talk to the students Sabbath afternoon at the young people's meeting. He emphasized the importance of improving the present opportunities of school life.

The past week has been a busy one at the Academy. Every spare minute has been used to good advantage in caring for the potatoes which are nearly dug. They average about 100 bushels to the acre.

Brother C. H. Tolf and wife and Arthur Gurney, students at the Academy, visited the church at Edmore Sabbath, the 28th. The church report that they enjoyed the help very much and desire others of the student body to visit them.

#### News and Notes.

The church school in Grand Rapids is prospering nicely under the management of Miss Ada Somerset.

Brethren W. D. Lakin and S. D. Hartwell spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Wright in the interest of the missionary work.

Parents and teachers should read the November "Life and Health" as it contains valuable information in regard to the health of school children.

Miss Nina Parkhurst, who has been connected with the medical work in Grand Rapids, has gone to the Michigan Sanitarium in Kalamazoo to finish her nurse's course.

Miss Jennie DeYoung, who is doing Bible work in Grand Rapids, says, "The Story of the Seer of Patmos" is a fine book and it will sell for she has taken several orders for it.

The editor returned to the office Monday after spending some days with Shelby, Muskegon, Grandville and Grand Rapids churches in the interest of the Sabbath-school and young people's work.

The Battle Creek Sanitarium has done away with a chaplain and they now have a pastoral committee composed of the following named persons: Elders A. T. Jones, L. McCoy, G. C. Tenny, E. J. Waggoner, and Charles Taylor.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath with the Wright church. Six persons were baptized. Two of them were church school pupils and three of them were from Nuncia where Brethren Hofstra, Kneeland, and Irving labored one year ago. "In due time we shall reap if we faint not."

Married, at the home of M. Counselman in Grand Rapids, Oct. 25, 1905, Miss Jessie E. Counselman and Doctor Rolland S. Cummings, Elder W. D. Parkhurst officiating. They will be connected with the work at the Garden City Sanitarium, San Jose, California. May the Lord bless them in their labors for Him.

We hope the brethren and sisters of the Allegan, Otsego and Kalamazoo churches will remember the meeting at Allegan Sabbath and Sunday, November 4 and 5. The brethren and sisters of the Allegan church extend a cordial invitation to the brethren and sisters to come and remain all through as they will do their utmost to entertain them.