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Evangelical.

Our Washington Enterprises.

PRESENT CONDITIONS.

We are now ready to give our people an opportunity to make offerings for suitably establishing the headquarters of this cause in the city of Washington, D. C. The communications that directed us to the capitol of our nation clearly pointed out the course we should take to establish the work here. We are to establish a printing house, a sanitarium and a school. We are also to make a strong public proclamation of the truth in the city. We are to train workers for all parts of the great harvest field.

During the Washington Council last fall this instruction was placed before the delegates. They looked the location over and studied the general plans. After a most thorough, deliberate consideration of all the features of the situation, the following decisions were unanimously agreed to:—

First, That we look to the proceeds that should come from the

Review and Herald assets in Battle Creek for the necessary funds to build and equip the printing house in Washington.

Second, That we call for \$100,000 with which to provide the General Conference offices, the sanitarium and the school.

The amount specified is not more than will be needed, but is more than we who were located in Washington had dared to think of asking for. But the delegates, one and all, looked at the conditions and needs of the work in a most practical and courageous way, and refused to allow a smaller sum to be named. As stated in a former report this splendid manifestation of confidence, good judgment, and courage lifted a great burden from my heart, and gave me hope for much regarding this enterprise.

PROGRESS OF ORGANIZATION.

We now have the various departments pretty well organized, and the general plans quite clearly outlined.

The publishing interests are represented by a legal corporation with a large and wholly denominational constituency, a good board of directors, and experienced officers. Its work is moving along as encouragingly as could be expected under the circumstances. Large facilities are needed, but they cannot be provided at present.

As has been reported recently the medical work is being looked after. The board of trustees has elected officers, appointed department committees, and begun preparations for opening city treatment-rooms, and for building on the Takoma Park site.

A provisional school board has been appointed, and officers elected to develop the school interests. The members of the board are Professor W. T. Bland, W. A. Spicer,

J. S. Washburn, A. P. Needham and A. G. Daniells. The officers elected are: Chairman, A. G. Daniells; Secretary and Treasurer, W. T. Bland; Financial Secretary, J. S. Washburn. Steps have already been taken to secure the services of one of our brethren to act as architect and builder, for the school board.

DIVISION OF FUNDS.

The board of management have agreed on the following division of the \$100,000: For the General Conference building, land and expenses in moving the headquarters to Washington, \$10,000; for the school land, buildings, furniture, and improvement of land for cultivation, \$30,000; for the sanitarium, land, buildings and city treatment-rooms, \$60,000.

Those who have had experience in establishing school and sanitarium enterprises will say at once that the amounts named for these are not enough. It is not all that will be eventually required if the blessing of God attends the work. But it is all that has been voted, and it is sufficient to start with. We shall thank God for this much.

Now, brethren and sisters, we are prepared to begin operations. Our first step will be to give all our people in the United States an opportunity to make an offering to these enterprises. While the money is beginning to come in, we shall begin preliminary arrangements so that we can proceed to purchase material, and build as soon as we have the means.

HOW TO CO-OPERATE.

Our first great pressing need now is money. The sanitarium and school boards have thought it wise to arrange for Elder J. S. Washburn to take the responsibility of soliciting funds. His whole soul is in this Washington work. The Lord

has laid the burden on his heart. He will place the situation in all its phases before our people by articles in our papers and by correspondence. Brother Washburn will be pleased to answer questions and give information to all.

Please note that all offerings should be sent to the treasurer of the General Conference. Brother Washburn does not wish to receive the money. His duty and burden is to do what he can to solicit the funds. The General Conference treasurer will apply the offerings exactly as requested, and return receipts. An acknowledgment of the funds received will be made through the REVIEW.

The Lord has commanded us to establish his work at the nation's capitol. He knows we must have means. We believe He will send us that we need. I suppose we have but little realization of what all this means, and the part it will play in the closing scenes of this work. Let us all respond quickly and liberally to this call.

A. G. DANIELLS.

Educational.

Students Canvassing For The Advocate.

Promptly at six-thirty on the morning of February 24, twenty-four young people from Emmanuel Missionary College started for Niles to spend the day in canvassing for the ADVOCATE, and distributing other literature. The company was led by Brother O. R. Staines. The supply of February ADVOCATES was limited at fifty. These were sold, and about five hundred copies of an earlier date were distributed. Between twenty-five and fifty catalogues of Emmanuel Missionary College were given away, and a number of copies of "The Bible Training School" were either given away or sold.

Although the day was cold, it was found to be an ideal one for canvassing. The students returned in time for chapel Wednesday evening, and the reports which they

rendered ran something as follows:—

"I find that the Spirit of God is preparing the hearts of the people for the truth. It did me good to have a season of prayer with a troubled soul."

"The Lord put words in my mouth. It was my good fortune to canvass among the business men. I found them intensely interested in Emmanuel Missionary College. They asked many questions."

"I found hearts touched so that I know the angels had been before me. People were hungering for something that would give them life."

"I met the editor of one of the papers who expressed a deep interest in the school, and stated that he wished to visit it at his earliest convenience."

"I visited thirty-six homes, and left twenty-six papers. I found one woman who is deeply interested in the truth."

One who has recently become a Sabbath keeper said that canvassing was an entirely new experience for her, but she closed her testimony with these words, "It was grand."

Another who has recently begun to work for the Lord stated that it was her first experience in meeting the people. She was timid when she began the work, but her experience was so good that she wanted to keep on.

One of the most experienced canvassers in the school stated that he found the houses open to him, and never spent a more enjoyable day.

Another of the new students said, "It was a blessed experience for me. It did me good. I wish I might go every day."

"I made it a special point to invite people to visit the school, and many promised to do so."

"One woman opened the door but a crack to me. I told her I was from Emmanuel Missionary College, then I was invited in. I had a fifteen-minutes' talk with her concerning our work, and could

scarcely get away. She has once been a christian, but had lost sight of God. She bought two papers, and wanted to know more about our work."

"I called the attention of a mother to the words at the head of the cover page of the February ADVOCATE. She told me of her daughter who was not very well physically. I asked her if she was giving her any practical training in the home. This led to a talk on manual training. This mother took a copy of the paper."

"I obtained three subscriptions for the paper. I found at least ten persons deeply interested in the subject of country life and the education of their children. I consider this a part of the third angel's message."

A lady from Berrien Springs who frequently visits Niles was one day talking with a lady who lives in Niles, who stated that last winter four or five students from the College attended a prayer meeting in the city. Her report was that it was the most interesting meeting they had ever had, so full of life were those students.

One who has spent a few weeks in Emmanuel Missionary College said, "I told the people of the wonderful lessons I had learned about Christ and his methods of teaching since I entered Emmanuel Missionary College. They asked me many questions, and were deeply interested in the information I gave them. I had an opportunity to talk on the diet question as well as on the education of the children."

M. BESSIE DEGRAW.

It is a good thing for us to bear the yoke in our youth. If we deny ourselves and try even brokenly to do God's will, it will afterwards become our delight. A little later on we shall be called not servants, but friends.

If God writes "opportunity" on one side of open doors, he writes "responsibility" on the other side.

Medical.

Difficult Dentition.

It is thought by many that a large number of diseases which occur between the ages of six months and two years are due to difficult dentition. The list of these diseases has been a long one, but as time goes on this list has been shortened as many have been shown to depend upon other causes.

It must be admitted, however, that in delicate, highly nervous children, dentition may produce many symptoms, and some may become somewhat alarming in character. However, I would say that about one-half of all healthy children cut their teeth without any visible symptoms. The other half show symptoms which though usually short in duration, may last for several days and even a week.

The most common symptoms are disturbed sleep, undue wakefulness at night, sleeping only about one-half the usual amount, fretfulness during the day, loss of appetite, much less food being taken than ordinarily. Disturbance of the stomach is very common and the child has a constant desire to put the fingers into the mouth. The bowels are more often constipated, though there may be a slight diarrhoea. The temperature may rise as high as 101° F. The child may lose some in weight.

These symptoms when present for only a few days require no treatment. The food should not be forced upon them as it is very apt to set up attacks of indigestion resulting in vomiting and diarrhoea.

If the child is rachitic, the symptoms are very apt to be more severe, even convulsions have been known to occur. When the child has eczema it is very apt to become worse during dentition. A careful examination should be made by a physician to be sure that some more serious disease is not being overlooked.

When the above mentioned symptoms disappear as soon as the teeth

come through, but only to reappear with the eruption of each group of teeth, accompanied by red and swollen gums, the conclusion may be rightly made that dentition is the cause of the symptoms.

In the treatment of these cases, special care should be exercised with regard to the diet, the food should be reduced in strength though not in amount. The feeble digestion should not be overtaxed. The child being more susceptible at this time to even slight exposure, great care should be taken against attacks of normal catarrh and bronchitis.

For nervousness a cool enema and a rather cool sponge bath will often relieve the symptoms. Drugs, soothing syrups, etc. should not be used. Patent medicines for making dentition easy are a delusion.

When the gums are swollen, tense and very red, and the teeth are just beneath the mucous membrane, simple rubbing gently with the finger covered with a clean soft gauze often proves quite beneficial.

DR. P. S. BOURDEAU.

Financial.

Tithe Receipts for February.

Ainger	-	-	\$	2	40
Belding	-	-		3	50
Blendon	-	-		23	75
Battle Creek	-	-	1000	00	
Cedar Lake	-	-		33	95
Carson City	-	-		22	16
Denver	-	-		5	00
Emerald	-	-		2	83
Grand Ledge	-	-		37	15
Individuals	-	-		25	36
Kent City	-	-		22	00
Lowell	-	-		10	00
Monterey	-	-	110	64	
Mendon	-	-		18	73
Mt. Pleasant	-	-		7	75
Otsego	-	-		47	06
Orange	-	-		38	97
Wright	-	-		73	22
Waverly	-	-		31	86
Total	-	-	\$	1516	33

Are you praying for our missions?

News and Notes.

Are you trying to secure subscriptions for The Herald?

Elder A. G. Haughey reports an excellent meeting at Omaha. He is expecting to return to Michigan this week.

—The following named persons have recently been granted, by the Conference Committee, teacher's license,—Miss Edna Bellows; Miss Rosette Snyder.

—The Lake Union Conference will be held at Berrien Springs, beginning May 10. It is expected that Sister E. G. White will attend this meeting.

Miss Bertha E. Snyder, who is engaged in Bible work in Kalamazoo, has been ill for sometime with la grippe but we are glad to learn she is now recuperating.

—The Manual of Young People's work is now ready. Make up a list of names and send in the stamp for copies. Price five cents. Address J. Grant Lamson, Battle Creek, Mich.

The article in this issue concerning "Our Washington Enterprises," already published in the Review, is of so great importance that we have been requested to give space to it in this number of the HERALD.

—The Church Training School at Battle Creek now numbers over 180. Last Thursday night several of the young men who are studying for the ministry were called upon without previous special notice, to speak upon the subject of the "Cleansing of the Sanctuary." Three responded. This certainly is a most excellent experience. Some of the districts in the church are planning to hold cottage meetings in their neighborhoods, and will draw upon the Training School for help for these meetings. Dr. Otis' class in hydrotherapy was given a demonstration from eight to nine. We are glad that the Doctor is making this class so intensely practical.

—For lack of space a number of items of interest are omitted this week.

—Elder W. D. Parkhurst was called to the sick bed of his father last week, who is suffering with cancer and not expected to live. The Herald extends sympathy to the afflicted family.

—An excellent work is being done in the city of Grand Rapids by Mrs. Ethel Barrangar with the "Life Boat." This valuable little paper is accomplishing a wonderful amount of good for men and women who are wandering in the haunts of sin.

—At a recent session of the Conference Committee, in consideration of new workers entering the field, it was voted, "That the Conference Committee favor special training in one of our denominational schools before entering upon Conference work."

—The tithe report for February appears in another column of this issue for which we would bespeak a careful study. In the West Michigan Conference we have sixty-nine churches and nine companies. When the March report shall appear we trust every church and company may be represented. Let us be faithful in the performance of every known duty.

—Mrs. Amy Evans writing from Ada under date February 22 says: "We are holding cottage meetings at our home and quite a number seem much interested. Our church (Lowell) has had some good experiences selling the "Special Signs of the Times."

—Remember the "Religious Liberty Donation" to be taken up March 12. Let us not think for one moment that it is a dead issue; but note that individual liberty is rapidly becoming circumscribed in almost every walk of life in even this boasted "land of the free."

—The following named teachers have recently been granted, by the Conference Committee, teacher's

credentials,—John O. Stow; Miss Laura Foster; Miss May Sanborn; Miss Mable Jeffrey; Mrs. A. L. Curtis; Miss Janet Campbell; D. A. Wolcott.

—From a recent communication from a reader of the HERALD we quote the following:—"We eagerly read all the items from week to week. It helps us to keep in touch with the work and workers throughout the Conference. We often wish its four pages could be filled with reports from the workers and the churches. Every item would be appreciated."

—From the Emmanuel Missionary College we receive the following statement, "It would do all the young people of the West Michigan Conference good if they could attend some of our student's meetings. There is life in them. We are full of courage, especially in regard to the missionary work, the interest in which has greatly increased of late. We are laying plans for definite work in all the surrounding villages."

—The REVIEW and HERALD recently contained quite a detailed account of the proposed removal of the Pacific Press Publishing Company from Oakland to Mountain View, California. Those who do not read the REVIEW are likely to find themselves awakening in surprise some day to a realization of how rapidly the work has advanced, but perhaps it will then be too late for them to advance with the message. If you are not a reader of the REVIEW, send your subscription to 222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C., or hand it to your church librarian.

Announcement is just received of the Special Gospel meetings to be conducted in Grand Rapids. A large comfortable hall on the corner of Fifth avenue and East street has been secured for the purpose and it is expected that Eld. D. T. Bourdeau, W. D. Parkhurst, and W. H. Heckman will assist in this campaign. Dr. P. S. Bour-

deau is also present to assist in the work of Health and Temperance. The first meeting will be held Sunday evening, March 13, 1904. It is our prayer that Heaven's choicest blessings may rest upon this effort, and many precious sheaves be garnered for the Master.

—Mrs. Martha Smith writing from Allegan under recent date says,—“I enclose twenty-five cents to renew my subscription to the Herald. I enjoy the paper very much. After the Charlotte meeting I went to Middleville and did some work where I found some who were willing to read. One young lady who said she did not love the Saviour wept as we bowed together in prayer and took some reading matter. I had many precious experiences and find it so sweet to work for Jesus, which gives me a greater desire to work for souls. May God give us a fresh baptism of His Holy Spirit that we may labor for him and let our light shine out into this dark world of sin.”

—Miss Jennie DeYoung, who is engaged in Bible work in Grand Rapids, writes encouragingly of her work there. "Returning to Grand Rapids from the Conference at Charlotte, I found my readers all glad to see me except one, who told me to give her just one reading and not come again. I asked her if there was anything she desired explained. She replied, "Yes, I want you to explain to me the beast of Rev. 13, and prove to me whether or not it is the Papacy. The Lord blessed the word spoken and her heart was touched, and she wanted me to return and explain the whole truth. She is fully persuaded that the Sabbath is right. There are also two families on the point of decision. God has promised to go before his people for he says, 'I am with you alway even unto the end,' and again 'My word shall not return unto me void,' then why should we fear?"