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Evangelical.

The Acre Fund.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.

We were made happy this morning to learn the fact that some are thinking of the needs of this department of the great cause of the Master, by a visit from one of the trusted employees of the Sanitarium Food Company, of Battle Creek, Michigan, with donations for himself and several of his esteemed associates in the factory in his hand, amounting to over nine dollars, and with the declaration that this was only the beginning. They have long been thinking how they could lift a little to help along the Acre Fund, but as they are closely confined to their work inside, and have no time to cultivate a piece of land for this needy branch; they decided to lay by a little from time to time and later turn it in to this office in a lump. It comes at a good time, for the treasury is about exhausted, and the crops of those pledging for the Acre Fund have not matured as yet; so it was especially thoughtful in these dear friends to aid us now.

Are there not others whose eyes may light on this article who would feel it a privilege to send in a donation this summer? There are a few of our older people who placed their money in the College when it was greatly needed to keep the work moving, and did so by the earnest solicitation of those then in command, and who now need it to sustain them in their old age. We greatly desire to respond to their request for a portion or all of what they have invested in the old college plant, as in some cases it is only fulfilling an agreement made in the name of the Lord whose cause this is. May the Lord abundantly bless His servants who are thinking how to help those in official position to discharge the obligations resting upon His cause.

W. H. EDWARDS, Secretary,
Training School Association,
Care Review & Herald,
Battle Creek,
Michigan.

The Call for Means.

As our papers and ministers call for means some inquire why so much money is required. Such do not seem to realize that our message is a world-wide one, a message that must be carried to every nation, kindred, tongue and people.

We are engaged in a campaign which will last until final victory is gained for the cause of God. Satan, the leader of the host of sin, does not propose that his vast army shall stack arms and display the emblem of surrender until he has contested each inch of ground with every soldier, which, in these last days, constitute the blood-washed army of the Prince Emmanuel.

In order to spread abroad the glorious truths of these last days, couched in the three-fold message of Rev. 14:6-14, the Lord has or-

dered certain agencies, which shall constitute powerful means to proclaim and publish broadcast the truth which is to purify and sanctify a people who without a sin, spot or wrinkle, shall be prepared for translation.

Prominent among the agencies are publishing houses, sanitariums, treatment rooms and training schools. These will, if managed by judicious, converted individuals, accomplish much good. In order that the work may be carried on, buildings must be erected, or rented, at various important centers of population.

It seems that through the leading of Providence, our work is to be established in Washington, D. C. Certainly, as this nation has become a world power, and is today exerting a powerful influence which pulsates throughout the commercial, political, social and religious world, it seems most fitting that the last world-wide message should spread abroad its truths through the printed page from the capital city of the last, youngest and most energetic of all world powers.

To accomplish this most glorious result, and aid in finishing the gospel work in the world, a publishing house, sanitarium, and school are to be established in Washington. In order that such may be the case a fund of at least \$100,000 must be raised. The buildings should be erected soon, therefore the money should be raised immediately.

This can be readily accomplished if all composing our ranks will donate as God has prospered them. Why not contribute now? Why wait until camp-meeting or some other time for some one to come and arouse an enthusiasm, and then give on the spur of the moment?

Let us deliberately study the situation now, and give as we are capable, and as the circumstances demand.

Because we cannot give ten, one hundred or even one thousand dollars, do not conclude we can do nothing. Every dollar will aid. We should be thankful that there are those who can and are willing to send smaller amounts. Remit either to your tract society or direct to the treasurer of the General Conference, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C. The brethren are ready to proceed with the work at Washington, so send in immediately.

S. H. LANE.

And He Believed In The Lord.

The above statement is God's testimony of Abraham, who believed that God was able to do just what he said, even though there seemed to be tremendous obstacles in the way. Though what the Lord told him was contrary to nature, and to all human appearances a tremendous problem for solution, he, nevertheless, accepted God's statement as truth, and as a result God made him a righteous man. And as we are told in the word of God that this statement, quoted as the heading, "was not written for his sake alone,—but for us also,—if we believe on Him that raised up Jesus from the dead." Rom. 4:23, 24.

When, four years ago, the word of the Lord came to this people that the Lord had inaugurated a plan whereby our schools could be freed from debt, to many it seemed an almost impossible thing. There were many obstacles, and the plan itself seemed such a strange way to accomplish so mighty a task. Who would naturally have thought that hundreds of thousands of dollars could be raised by the selling of "Christ's Object Lessons?" But God said that it could and would be done; and every one who accepted this statement as the word of the Lord knows how remarkable

and wonderfully God demonstrated His truth.

The writer well remembers when the testimony was first read, what an impression it made upon his soul, and what a burden seemed to rest with it. God has said that not only was it to be done, that this book was to be sold for the relief of our schools, but that it was to be a TEST to the people of God, to see if they would be willing to deny themselves, and sacrifice for the work of God. Having Canaan in view as the objective point, and the personal presence of Jesus Christ as the goal of ambition, and righteousness by faith as the sole means of obtaining these blessed results, what could be done save to obey what the Lord had said?

Immediately obeying the word of the Lord, though not having read scarcely any of the book at the time, the Lord opened wonderful doors and avenues whereby the book could be sold. Angels of God did certainly go with and before the work to prepare the way. People were met in offices, in stores, in factories, in warehouses, on the street, in the roads, on the side walks, in the street cars, on the steam cars, in churches, in the homes, and in every other place where access could be obtained. Scores and hundreds of the books found their way into the homes of the people, as well as into the hands of ministers. No less than eight or nine ministers advertised the book before thousands of people on Sunday and other evenings, recommending it as highly as any of our own brethren could do, as well as doing all in their power to circulate it. Scores of names were given among their best people to purchase it, and one minister, of his own accord, secured a horse and buggy, and drove us around from house to house among his parishioners, and waited without to care for the horse while we entered the homes to sell the book.

Then the Lord said that this

book would be a blessing in the homes of the people, would convert sinners, and heal backsliders. What joy it brought to the soul to see the tears run down the faces while the precious truths contained in that most blessed volume were read to them. Angels indeed did accompany the truths of that blessed book.

Then the Lord said that this book would be the means of uniting the churches in love and fellowship. What a blessed pleasure it was to the writer one day to see brethren and sisters who had been estranged from each other for more than a score of years in the same church, lay aside all differences and estrangement, and heartily unite as one in carrying out the plan of God. What a joy it was to see them greet each other as brethren and sisters in the Lord, and manifest a spirit of love and co-operation that almost surprised themselves. But this is what God said it would do; and it was even so. Blessed be God for His precious word.

And how truly has the fourfold promise been fulfilled,—a blessing to the people who have received the book, a blessing to the church that has sold the book, a blessing to the worker who has sold the book, a blessing to the school that has received the money to relieve the indebtedness. Never has there come a greater blessing into the life and experience of the writer than was received while selling the scores and many hundreds of these books.

May God help us one and all to do our part as has been indicated, that the reproach may be rolled away from the people of God, and we be found like Abraham to be friends of God, because we obey His voice and keep His charge. "And he believed in the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness," "and he was called the friend of God." Gen. 15:6; James 2:23.

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News From the Field.

Battle Creek Church School.

Friday, June 3, marked the close of the church school at Battle Creek, after a very successful year of school.

The entire enrollment for the year, counting no name twice, was two hundred fourteen, and the average attendance was in the neighborhood of one hundred sixty, the average membership being about one hundred seventy-five.

Four teachers besides the principal, and five since the first of February, have been employed in giving instruction to the first eight grades. Prof. W. E. Cornell kindly gave the school four months drill in penmanship, and there was a marked improvement in the handwriting of those grades in which the instruction was given. Miss Mary Lamson devoted some time to tutor work for classes above the eighth grade, and until January the principal carried the work of one grade.

Four persons received normal instruction, and actual drill in first grade work under the competent guidance of Mrs. Flora Williams, formerly model teacher in the Keene Academy.

As a result of the Bible work by the teachers, the revival in January, and faithful work since, over fifty of the children became members of the church during the year.

So well pleased has the church been with the work of the teachers that they have all been asked to remain for another year, and some of them have signified their intention to do so.

During the year a fine new brick veneer building has been erected at a cost of about \$6,000, and considerable over half of this has already been paid. This large sum of money with the running expenses of the school and the many other calls has made a hard pull on the church, but the brethren are of good courage, and all the demands will be met.

The deficiency in the teachers' fund is now less than \$100.00 and next Sabbath will doubtless see that all cleared away.

As principal of the school during the year just passed, I cannot refrain from expressing my appreciation of the unfailing loyalty of my co-workers. There has not come across our work during the year the slightest shadow of variance, and the credit of the year's work I gladly accord them.

I have never before taught a school where so little criticism of the teachers has reached my ears, where the necessary cases of disciplining reported to the principal were so few, and where the managing school committee gave so kind consideration to the desires of the teachers. To the Lord we give all the praise.

J. G. LAMSON.

Grand Rapids.

Since last writing the Lord has been with us. We feel greatly encouraged in our work as we realize that angels of God have gone ahead and prepared the way before us.

One of my readers who is persuaded of the truth of the Sabbath has recently moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., and another one who did not wish any more readings last winter has sent for me and has now commenced observing the Sabbath.

One lady who attended the series of meetings held here this winter invited a number of her friends and I have a very interesting study with them weekly. Hope soon, with the Lord's help, to have good results.

Last week I visited a lady whom I had never met before. She said from a child she desired to be a Christian, but circumstances and influences were all against her. After reading Matt. 24 with her, she realized how near the end is, and said, "This is very startling to one who has not had any Bible knowledge." I told her I did not show it to her simply to startle her, but because it is a reality which

we must all soon face, and the question is are we prepared for it? She said "I'm afraid I am not." "Well you would like to be?" She said "Yes I would." Then I read to her, "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins; return unto me for I have redeemed thee." Isa. 44:22, and in Cor. 5:19, God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them. She wept as she saw the great love of God for she said, "I supposed all the time that my sins were just piling up high against me." We knelt together and she accepted Christ as her Savior, and desires further studies. I do praise the Lord for experiences such as this.

I also visited the Salvation Army Rescue home on South Division street. The matron and I had worked together years ago in the army, but I found she had left that day for England. I met another lady who had charge there and had a study with her, and she is also desirous of further help and light.

Our other two workers have had some precious experiences also. Perhaps you will hear from them soon. We feel and know that the Lord is with us. Praise ye the Lord.

ELIZABETH MCHUGH.

Bangor.

We have our tent nicely located in the central part of the village of Bangor, Mich., and opened our meetings on Thursday evening, June 16. We were delayed several days waiting for lumber and seating from Tekonsha.

We have a good attendance and an excellent interest is manifested thus far, and we believe the Lord will bless our labors here. One minister is already deeply interested, and is attending the meetings regularly and taking hold with us. He is a man of good standing in this place.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and wish to be remembered in prayer by our brethren. The class organized here last winter is prospering, and all are firm and faithful. We have a good Sabbath-school and Sabbath services.

R. C. HORTON,
JACOB HOFSTRA.

News and Notes.

D. W. Reavis returned last week from a short business trip to New York and Washington, D. C.

The Conference Committee met in Battle Creek, Wednesday, June 29, at 11:00 a. m. to consider several important matters relative to the work of the conference.

Mail intended for the Department of Education, or the Superintendent of Education, should be addressed until further notice to 32 Hill street, Battle Creek, Mich.

Elder I. D. VanHorn recently visited Dimondale and Eaton Rapids and reports an excellent interest. Next Sabbath and Sunday he will meet with the company at Grand Ledge.

W. H. Edwards, Lake Union Conference Auditor, left Battle Creek Monday for Mt. Vernon, Ohio, to audit the books of the Ohio Conference and Tract Society and the Mt. Vernon Academy.

Eld. Fred Brink and W. E. Videto have pitched their tent at Winn, Isabella county, a quiet little village of two hundred population. They report a growing interest in the work since their first appearance at this place.

We have received blanks on which the Young People's Societies are to make their quarterly report, and we wish the names of the proper persons where there is a society so that we may send out the blanks. This should be attended to at once, and we hope there will be a prompt reply.

June 22, the members of the Grand Ledge Sabbath-school, together with visitors from Potterville and West Phalis, enjoyed a pleasant day together in the beautiful grove on the banks of the river. All heartily participated in the exercises of the day, and as the evening sun sank in the West, and the company separated to go to their homes, it was with feelings of gratitude to God for His mercy and love manifested in the past, and his great and precious promises forevermore.

We wish to thank the church clerks for their kindness in making out the reports of membership. We have received reports from nearly all the churches but still there are a few who desire to wait awhile before they send in the blanks. It will probably always be so. Some are prompt and willing to do all they can while others are willing enough but wish to take all the time they can. What a pleasure it will be to have all the reports in so that the work that has been assigned to this department can be reported to the committee as accomplished. Now dear friends, if you know yourselves to be in possession of blanks which you have not filled out, and you are willing to do so, please be so kind as to send them in without delay.

At the time of the Lake Union Conference, at Berrien Springs, Michigan, May 17 to 25, 1904, the International Medical Missionary Training School Association had its annual meeting, and the following trustees were elected for a term of four years:—

A. T. Jones, S. H. Lane, Ezra Brackett, R. R. Kennedy, P. T. Magan and W. H. Edwards. Of the trustees, the following were named as officers:—

For President, A. T. Jones; Secretary, W. H. Edwards; Treasurer; P. T. Magan.

This is the corporation that succeeded the old S. D. A. Educational Association, of Battle Creek, Michigan, which is trying to clear off the college incumbrance and preserve it free from debt for the Seventh Day Adventist Denomination, to be used as a medical college for the training of medical missionaries to go to all parts of the world to carry the present truth.

Obituary.

Hall.—Died, Friday, June 17th, 1904, at the residence of S. T. Black, Pittsford, Michigan, Mrs. Stella F. Hall, born at Ingham, aged 23 years, 5 months and 29 days.

Sr. Hall was one of the pioneer church school teachers, having taught in Hillsdale and Shiawassee counties, and she was buried from the church in a part of which she had taught acceptably some four years ago, at Jefferson, Hillsdale county.

About eight months ago, Miss Ingham became the wife of Brother Irving Hall, and as trouble with the lungs became apparent the young couple sought relief and health in Colorado but to no avail. About two weeks before her death she was brought back to Michigan where friends kindly opened their doors to give a home to one who longed to be permitted to die among friends.

The last few weeks were full of intense suffering, but these only served to make her hold on the Master more firm.

A husband, father, brother, and other relatives survive.

J. GRANT LAMSON.

Report of Canvassing Work to June 18th.

Great Controversy	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps
G. Jorgenson	69	3	6.75	4.75
C. F. McCoy	26	6	18.25	50
Mrs. C. F. McCoy	9	8	19.25	
Mrs. Ella Porter	40	8	23.50	
Daniel and Revelation				
C. F. Glascock	46	1	2.25	1.50
Heralds of the Morning				
Mary George	25	15	19.50	2.00
Totals	215	41	89.50	9.15
Total Sales, \$98.65.				

NOTICES.

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