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Notice to Delegates.

The Third Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference is to be held in the Adventist church in Grand Rapids, January 20-25, 1905. This church is located at 22 Cass Ave., about one block from the Wealthy Ave., and Scribner Street car line. Those coming into the city desiring to reach the church should take the street car at one of the depots and ask for a transfer to Wealthy, then get off at Cass Ave. and go about one block north.

Elder W. D. Parkhurst, W. H. Heckman, B. F. Kneeland together with the committee selected by the Grand Rapids church will act as committee on reception and location. W. D. Parkhurst's address is 927 Quigley Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich. The delegates should go directly to the church and upon arriving there please inquire for one of these brethren.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Notice to Church Elders.

In the "Review and Herald" of Dec. 29, 1904, in the last column on page 17, is given an account of two Sunday Bills now before Con-

gress. We ask that you give this a careful reading. We are sending some special matter to all our church elders in the West Michigan Conference, hoping that they will be persistent in the circulation of the same as the issue demands.

A. G. HAUGHEY.

Christmas In South Carolina.

Christmas day itself was very quiet here. The people are very strict in the observance of their religious forms, and, it being Sunday very elaborate and popular programs were rendered in all the city churches.

All day Sabbath, and until daylight Sunday, the fireworks and demonstrations would lead a person to think that he was somewhere in the North on a Fourth of July. This noise and revelry could scarcely be laid aside for Sunday by some, and a few firecrackers disturbed or shocked the religious feelings of many; and long before day this morning we were awakened by the renewal of the noise. Today is a general holiday and places of business are closed and hundreds of people are seeking their "fun" out in the balmy air.

I do not remember hearing or seeing a firecracker July Fourth. One unacquainted would think the festivities and solemnities had been changed entirely about. The reason for this I will not attempt to give. Many of you can imagine near enough. One reason plainly is, that this a more favorable time of the year for out-of-door sports; or nearly always so. It is not so hot as in July and not cold enough for furs and overcoats. In fact I saw children on the streets barefooted to-day. The air is as balmy as on a spring day in Michigan. Although we have had a few frosts it has not been cold enough to kill

roses and chrysanthemums. I saw both in beautiful blossom yesterday. It is a delightful climate. I will be only too glad to give any information I can to any of the readers of the HERALD who may wish to ask questions about South Carolina. It is a beautiful place in which to escape the frigid cold of the Northern winters.

The Message is struggling to get onto its feet and is in great need of help. We are very thankful for the gift and help of Sr. McHugh. Although she has not been real well all the time she is getting into the homes of the people and studying with them. But we need more help and are going to ask you to give it. There are thousands of people in South Carolina who are willing to read our literature. Some of these buy our books and tracts, but hundreds do not. We have only four canvassers in this whole state. They can reach but a very few people. We want you to take some of these names and send reading to and correspond with them. We can furnish scores of names now which have been waiting for weeks for some of our people in the North to work thus with. Who will take up this work?

Here is an open door for you. You can do this from where you are, if you cannot come here to canvass or to live out the truth while engaging in some business. Put your prayers behind your reading and your letters and send them forth as arrows to reach hearts that can be taken for God. You will then share in the reward. I hope you will send to me AT ONCE for as many names as you can use. DON'T PUT THIS PAPER ASIDE UNTIL YOU ANSWER THIS CALL. Why cannot many of the societies and scattered believers in West Michigan help in this work. Please remember to

pray for us and our work.

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REVIEW AND HERALD.

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Educational.

BLOOMINGDALE.

Dec. 20-22 we spent with the church-school at Bloomingdale, which is being taught by Brother Orsen VanHorn. While there we met Brother Crothers of Grand Rapids, who is laboring among the churches this winter.

The school is located at the home of Brother P. S. Messer, about three miles from the village of Bloomingdale. There are seven children in attendance, and one family of

little children have such an interest in the school that they are driving four miles every day to attend.

The closing exercises which were held Dec. 21 were excellent.

We have noticed that some of the teachers do not know what the children shall use for readers after reaching the fifth and sixth grades. Brother VanHorn is using "Christ's Object Lessons" for the fifth grade, and it seems to meet every requirement. The children enjoy its simple, yet wholesome truths.

W. E. VIDETO.

My Confession.

As one directly interested in the advancement of our school work, I have naturally had a deep interest in the sale of Christ's Object Lessons. Every year since the book was published I have had something to do in its sale, but never until this year have I taken this work up in a thorough and earnest manner.

For some time previous to the week of prayer, more or less instruction was given to the students of the South Lancaster Academy concerning this book. During part of the week of prayer our school was closed, and the majority of the students and teachers went out into the surrounding towns and country to dispose of the book. For my own part, I determined to take up the sale of this book in just as energetic a way as possible. I did this, and the days I was canvassing for the book from house to house were among the very brightest of all my Christian experience. I had many pleasant and profitable talks with people concerning religious themes.

I have always disliked canvassing work—not but what I felt that it was one of God's special means of reaching the people with truth, but I have felt that I was perfectly willing that others should do this line of work, while I pursued some other. I do not now feel that it is my duty to change my line of work; but I have found something in the canvassing work which I had never

found before, which has shown me that there is a blessing for those who engage in it, which is of inestimable value. I have determined that I shall hereafter have more to do in carrying the light of truth to people in their own homes than I have done in the past.

As I have thought these matters over, I have exclaimed to myself more than once, Why are we so slow to believe what the Lord has said concerning the blessings and benefits in the Christ's Object Lessons work, and indeed of all forms of personal work for souls. I believe that I have learned some favorable lessons from this experience, which others of our people may learn, and this is the only motive prompting me to thus speak of the experience. "O taste and see that the Lord is good."

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

Remember Thy Creator.

As time goes on, and wickedness increases, Satan endeavors to instill into the minds of men the thought that God is a stern Master. This is especially true of the youth of to-day. If Satan can get control of the young, he will exultantly say that God has no power to keep men unspotted from the world. He is the "accuser of the brethren."

The Seventh-day Adventist people have a message of mercy to give a dying world; and one that must be given now. We must go forth imbued with a power from on high that will convince the world of their ungodly deeds. Filled with the love of Jesus we must lead others to Him.

Come let us reason together now, is an excellent way to read that text found in Isa. 1:18. "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow" now. This must be realized in our own lives before we can tell it to others, and have it accompanied by the convicting power of God. "Darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people." They need the light of the present truth as we know it.

Let us proclaim the coming of Jesus with our whole souls.

Men do not, can not love the Lord, presented as He is by the world. God is love, mercy and truth. The Jesus we must present to the weary is one full of compassion and full of tender mercy.

To the youth of our church the command is "Remember thy Creator now in the days of thy youth." The day may come that we will say, "I have no pleasure in them,"—the things of God. "Cast thy bread upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days." Do so now.

Of all sad thoughts, the saddest is that our youth may forget their Creator in their early life. The young are those whom God expects to carry this message to earth's remotest bounds. "He that loseth his life for my sake shall find it." We must throw our lives in the sea of God's mercy, and after many days it shall return.

This has been the hope of all the believers in Christ. Some of us who are younger shall see this hope realized. We hope to see Jesus in the clouds of heaven. "In the morning sow thy seed" the word of God—and in the evening withhold not thy hand. Not only are we to sow in the morning—when young,—but in the evening also, when time has left its marks.

The Third Angel's Message is making its way into the dark places of the earth. We are in the evening of the world's history. God says, "Withhold not thy hand." Jesus will soon come and end the reign of sin, and if faithful "thou shalt receive the crown of life." Like the rays of the setting sun the hours of probation are shedding their last beams upon a dying world. So God calls upon the youth of the remnant church to remember their Creator now.

The message is to be carried by the youth, under the guidance and counsel of the older brethren. Satan, as never before, is endeavoring to entrap those who will carry the

glad tidings of a Coming King. When Satan is pressing hard, young men, sit down and read the text found in Heb. 9:24. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself to appear in the presence of God for us now.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for now. Young men, be strong in the Lord, and carry this glorious message to earth's remotest bounds.

J. M. IRVING,
Mt. Vernon Academy.

Medical.

Diet For Typhoid Fever Patient.

An exclusive liquid diet should be given the patient. Fruit juices, malted-nut gruel, granose gruel, plain rice gruel, are among the best liquid foods. Do not give milk if you can get anything else. Germs will thrive in milk when they will die in fruit juice.

The liquid diet should be kept up for several days after the fever has subsided, for the digestive organs have become softened and weakened by the disease, and the introduction of solid food might cause a relapse or a hemorrhage, which often results fatally.

Treatment: The hot sponges, the cool enema, (80°) and the wet sheet pack are among the best treatments to keep the temperature reduced. With typhoid fever the skin often feels dry and cold. In that case it is very essential to give a treatment to dilate the blood vessels and bring the blood to the surface, and relieve the internal congestion. The hot sponging is an efficient treatment for this condition. Use the water very warm and not wipe but allow the water to evaporate. This is simple treatment that any one can give.

Probably the best treatment that can be given is the wet sheet pack. In using the wet sheet pack keep the patient covered with a blanket, and a spine bag can be placed at the back to prevent chilling, and

fomentations given to the abdomen. Dry friction is also good to relieve the cold condition of the skin. The patient should at least have one soap wash daily, and if the temperature rises above 101° we find it necessary to bathe them several times a day, but all treatments must be given with as little fatigue to the patient as possible. Give the patient plenty of cold water to drink. It helps to reduce the fever and washes the stomach at the same time. A little lemon juice added to the water (without sugar) is often pleasant to the patient, and is a good germicide.

Keep the patient's mouth and teeth thoroughly washed with a solution of lysterine. Disinfect and bury all secretions from the body. The best disinfectant for this is chloride of lime. Bowls of this disinfectant should be placed about the room to keep the room pure and sweet. Keep at hand a solution of soap or lysol to wash the hands after handling the patient. By using proper precautions there is no use of spreading the disease.

Do not allow the temperature to remain above 104°, for if you do it is apt to prove fatal. The ice bag at the head will help to control the delirium. The cold compress to the abdomen is also efficient in reducing the fever.

These are only a few hints in the care of this disease, but they may prove helpful to those who have not had experience in it.

MRS. EDITH BRUCE.

A company of workers has recently located in Singapore, Malay Peninsula. Bro. G. F. Jones, who worked so successfully in the island fields, has charge of the company. While enroute, they stopped at New Guinea and New Britain. Of the latter place Bro. Jones wrote: "Work ought to be begun at once. Real, living faith must be exercised by the workers who go among these cannibal tribes. New Britain offers an experience for our workers

among treacherous and hideous savages that would exceed any experience of faith previously written by missionaries of other denominations, inasmuch as we hold the VERY MESSAGE with which we can not fear to go anywhere. Only a few coastal tribes have been reached by the Catholics and Wesleyans. Twenty miles into the interior the country has not been entered by any one. I believe there are hundreds of our people who are willing to hazard their lives among savages of the worst type. What an infusion of new life would flow through every one of our churches, should these forbidding fields be entered now. "I would deem it a privilege for the Christian experience and pleasure it would give, to go with the Lord into the bush among these untamed people. But I trust others of our brethren will soon have this happiness, while we continue our journey to our appointed field in the Indies."

Provision and Bedding Wanted.

We are requested to call attention to the needs of the Nashville Sanitarium and Training School for Missionary Nurses.

This institution is one that is being established by the Southern Union Conference and it is going through the trials of its pioneer experience. Scarcity of means and unusual straightened circumstances make it a matter of much consideration to those who are in position to render any assistance.

If there are those of our brethren and sisters who are in position to donate provisions such as apples, potatoes, dried or canned goods or bedding, it will be of very material help to this enterprise. Full information can be secured by addressing as below. If possible, shipments should be made prepaid.

Address: Nashville Sanitarium, Church and Vine Streets, Nashville, Tennessee.

News and Notes.

A Happy New Year.

Miss Carolyn Lemons is visiting friends in Grand Rapids.

Subscribe for the "Youth's Instructor" for your children and youth. It is 75 cents per year.

Mrs. S. M. Butler of Cedar Lake spent a few days last week in Grand Rapids visiting Dr. Patience S. Bourdeau.

Do you want a report of the Third Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference? Renew your subscription to the "Herald."

Elder I. D. VanHorn spent last Sabbath with the church at Augusta. He writes. "I found a good Sabbath-school followed by a good meeting."

Mr. Howard E. Osborne and Miss Jessie Opal Barber were married December 21, 1904, at San Pasqual, California. Their home will be Escondido, California. The "Herald" extends congratulations.

Please read Brother Webeter's article which appears in another page of this issue. Here is an opportunity to do missionary work. We hope that many will respond to this CALL.

Report blanks have been sent to the Sabbath-school secretaries, church librarians, clerks and treasurers. We hope these blanks will be filled out and sent in as soon as POSSIBLE.

Dr. P. S. Bourdeau and her nurses are conducting a class in practical hydrotherapy. She writes that some of the Grand Rapids people are anxious to learn how to give simple treatments.

The Battle Creek Sabbath-schools will hold a convention in the tabernacle Sabbath, Jan. 14, 1905. They extend a cordial invitation to the Urbandale, Augusta Bedford and Ceresco Sabbath-schools. We hope many will plan to attend this convention. Pray for it that it may prove a blessing to all who attend it.

Brother M. N. Campbell spent Monday in Otsego. He is having interesting experiences in the Review campaign and the Lord is blessing his efforts.

We believe all our Sabbath-school officers and teachers should have the Sabbath-School Worker. Price 35 cents single copy or 25 cents for clubs. Order of the West Michigan Tract Society.

We believe there are many young people in the West Michigan Conference who would be benefitted by attending the Cedar Lake Academy. We hope that all will read the winter term announcement that has been sent out.

If you receive a sample copy of the "Herald" it is to notify you of the fact that we would be very much pleased to have your subscription. For 25 cents a year you can keep informed in regard to the weekly progress of the Message in the West Michigan Conference.

Our International Publishing Ass'n. at College View, Neb., have a few sets of the November issues of the German, Danish and Swedish papers which should be circulated at once. Our subscribers pronounce them to be the best religious numbers ever issued. Order a set for your German, Danish or Swedish neighbor. A set will be mailed to any address for 10c. Address the publishers or West Michigan Tract Society.

FOR SALE at Cedar Lake, Mich., 26 acres, (10 improved, 10 in wood land, 6 in stump land) fine new modern house with large porch, bathroom, toilet, furnace heat, and fine basement; house frame, ten rooms; basement barn; hen house and park; over 200 fruit trees, mostly peaches; fine water and windmill; house adjoins Academy property and acreage joins two sides of Academy farm; one block from station; two blocks from postoffice. Price \$3,000.00, \$1,000.00 down. Address Captain P. Thomson, Cedar Lake, Mich.