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"THE GOOD OLD WAY."

"Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls."

There is danger, in these days of worldly rush and change, that the people of God shall get away from the good old paths of safety the Lord has provided for us in the message for these last days. We are not only to ask and seek for these safe old paths, but "walk therein."

Sometimes we are led to wonder if we do not need to come back to the good old way of carrying on home missionary work. Perhaps the methods of how to do the work are not so much the trouble as that lying back of the activities. All true missionary endeavor springs from a love in the heart of the believer for perishing souls. If this is lacking, the best methods will fail.

Early in the history of this cause, nearly every believer felt burdened to do his part in extending the message. All wanted a part in the work. Thus the tract and missionary work originated. The efforts of the believers were focused largely upon two truths---the seventh-day Sabbath, and the coming of the Lord. They believed these truths; they talked them; they wrote to their friends concerning them; they lived them; they scattered tracts and papers filled with these precious messages; and they prayed for those for whom they were laboring. As a result, believers multiplied.

It is to emphasize the importance of coming back to the doing of this same home missionary work that this article is written. Many in the churches feel they have nothing particularly to do in any definite way in extending the truth. "It is such a little thing I can do, anyhow," they reason, "that it will not amount to much; so I will let the missionaries sent abroad, and the preachers and canvassers at home, warn the world."

Suppose the little nail, poised in the master builder's hand, should cry out, "O, I am only such a little bit of iron; why drive me into that board, to remain forever out of sight? Would that I had been made into a part of that grand locomotive, so proudly speeding on its way over mountain and plain; then it would be worth while." But who can tell which of the two is more useful?

So our mite of helping to spread the message may to us seem of little moment, not worth the doing; but in the hand of the Master Builder, that very same bit of expressed soul-love may be as a nail in a sure place, to some poor tempted, struggling one.

Just the other day a sister had been talking with a person, explaining the meaning of these terrible calamities of earthquakes, storms, and accidents, so rapidly coming on the earth. She was met with unbelief. But a few days afterward, this same individual was in the appalling railroad wreck near Washington, D.C., in which some forty persons all about him were instantly killed. His life was spared. Afterward he met this same sister, and told her that he thought of her earnest words during those awful moments.

Let us stick to the Old Sabbath and advent doctrines. This is the old path to which the Holy Spirit will bring us back. Tracts and papers filled with these truths let us circulate. Why not subscribe for the SIGNS, or WATCHMAN, or both, and mail, or give, or sell them to some one not acquainted with this blessed truth?

If we have not this early love; if it has been choked out of our hearts, let us go to weeding around in our own gardens, and praying God to send it into our souls once more. Then as we go to work for others, the old-time missionary zeal will revive, and a new life will come into the church.



Noah never ceased preaching and talking to his generation about being saved in the ark. Neither will Seventh-day Adventists, true to the same God whom Noah served and obeyed, cease to tell others of the true Sabbath--God's holy seal-- and the coming of the Lord. "Blessed is he that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

T. E. Bowen.

## REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

### MOORESTOWN

As we are practically in the wilderness perhaps a few words might be of interest to the readers of the News Sheet. We arrived here the evening of June 5, 1906, Brother Rose arriving the day before. We found that Brother Byers had preceded us the week before and organized a Sabbath-school, but no effort at holding meetings was made for a few weeks until Brother Rose urged the necessity of holding meetings for our own spiritual benefit.

We finally decided to hold meetings each Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock. A leader was appointed and we began holding meetings from house to house even going to out siders. Occasionally some would come in and we had quite a congregation. The brethren that had been here for a long time had begun to lose their spirituality, but as we began to appoint them to lead the meetings and to help raise the spirituality of someone else their own was raised.

As a result of our coming here one sister has begun to observe the Sabbath and another has signified her intention to do so. We are the only Sabbath keepers for miles that we know of. Perhaps we are the only living witness of the Third Angel's Message this country will have aside from the faithful colporter work of Brother Byers who has worked this territory over several times.

We celebrated our quarterly meeting here at the proper time fourteen or fifteen participating. There are eighteen or twenty church members here representing every conference in Michigan. We have representatives from the Mesick, Frankfort and Alden churches.

While there are worse places to work than around a saw-mill yet I would not advise our brethren to send their young men to work in one even if the owner is a Seventh-day Adventist as there are influences that are beyond the control of the owner that are not good and that draws them away from God, but men that are rooted and grounded in the truth and in want of work could be a help to others and if we have been of any help to anyone else to the Lord be all the praise. Of ourselves we are nothing, yet we desire to walk humbly with our God and to strive to let our light shine to those about us as we are in the midst of sin and wickedness on the right hand and on the left.

Pray for the work here.

Fred Cowles.

### HANCOCK

I spent the fore part of the week of prayer in Munising. All were of good courage in the Lord, and we had excellent meetings every evening, all taking part, also feeling their need of God's special blessing and His guiding spirit. They wished to be remembered that they may be faithful in holding up the light of present truth.

I left there Dec. 20, called at Marquette and Ishpeming and arrived in Hancock Dec. 24th. When I started to work I found some who seemed much interested, but thought it such strange work to do in this country where the Lord was seldom thought of; others manifested considerable of the spirit of the dragon, but I feel so grateful that the Saviour has given us hearts to pray, "Father, forgive them they know not what they do."

In two or three days I made ten appointments, but a few of them would not take the readings when they found out the denomination I belonged to. I still have seven appointments in Hancock and Houghton and so far they are much interested. When it was decided that Sister Lay was to go to East Jordan I was asked to divide my time between



these places and Calumet and Laurium. Now I am holding eight Bible studies there. Five of them are readers that Sister Hutchinson and Sister Irwin had and some of them are keeping the Sabbath, others are hopeful. I enjoy my work there notwithstanding the steep hills and deep snow.

We earnestly ask an interest in all your prayers for the advancement of the work in the Copper Country.

Isabella B. Campbell.

#### THE SWEDISH WORK.

Since my last report I have visited our people at Iron River and Iron Mountain during part of the week of prayer. We had some excellent meetings in both of these places. From the 19th to the 31st of December I attended our Swedish workers' institute in Chicago. On my way home from Chicago I went to Petoskey on committee work.

Since I came home from Petoskey, Jan. 2, I have been laboring in the city of Menominee, selling books and tracts and distributing other literature and doing house-to-house work. During this time I have sold seventy-seven Swedish "Life of Christ", the profits of which go toward paying the debt of the Menominee church. I have taken orders for three "Christ's Object Lessons", sold about one thousand pages of Swedish tracts and distributed fifty-five papers.

In this work I have had many Bible talks with the people and believe that much good has been accomplished. Some interest seems to be manifested at present that I have now started to follow up with Bible work. I hope and pray that this shall develop sufficient interest for public meetings at some future time.

Let us pray for the success of the Swedish work.

Geo. G. Johnson.

#### NESTER.

Our school at Nester opened Nov. 11, 1906 with an attendance of six. Since then one has been added.

All seem to be much interested in their school work and are studying to fit themselves for some place in the Lord's work. Pray for them that the Lord may always be with them and direct their minds in the right way.

Clara Stephens

#### C O N V E N T I O N S.

Plans are being made for the following Conventions: Frankfort, Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 23-24; Traverse City, beginning Friday evening March 1 and continuing until the evening after the Sabbath; Alden, beginning evening after the Sabbath, March 2 and continuing over Sunday; Cadillac, Sabbath and Sunday, March 9-10.

It is hoped that the brethren from the neighboring churches will be present as far as possible. It will be a great deal more convenient, when possible, if those who are planning to attend from away will write to the Sabbath-school Superintendents that arrangements can be made for their entertainment. Their names are as follows: Frankfort, J. E. Winton; Traverse City, Harrison Wahl; Alden, Mrs. F. H. Oviatt; Cadillac, Mrs. Geo. Ketchum.

Myrta M. Kellogg,  
Educational Supt.

#### O B I T U A R Y.

Nichols:- Died at Ely, Emmet Co., Mich., Dec. 31, 1906, of paralysis, Dr. Aaron Whitney Nichols. Brother Nichols was born March 7, 1816, at Woolcott, Wayne Co. N. Y. After moving to Michigan he practised medicine at Battle Creek, Bedford, and other places in Calhoun Co.

About fifty years ago he attended some meetings held by Elder James and Mrs. E. G. White at Hastings. At this time he saw Sister White in vision and this had a deep and lasting impression on his mind. He accepted the precious truths taught and was faithful until the last.

The funeral services were conducted by the local U. B. minister at Ely where the interment took place.

Samuel Midgley



TITHE RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY, 1907.

Alden - - - - -	-\$43.28	Ensign - - - - -	\$123.24	Moorestown - - - - -	\$ 23.15
Alpena - - - - -	-15.17	Escanaba - - - - -	8.00	Onaway - - - - -	29.00
Baldwin - - - - -	29.20	Frankfort - - - - -	-71.69	Omer - - - - -	26.03
Bear Lake - - - - -	14.29	Gaylord - - - - -	52.36	Petoskey - - - - -	35.31
Chase - - - - -	1.74	Hancock - - - - -	21.64	Rose City - - - - -	2.08
Cadillac - - - - -	-53.64	Iron Mountain - - - - -	-12.55	Scottville - - - - -	5.90
Cedar Run - - - - -	21.05	Leetsville - - - - -	47.18	Traverse City - - - - -	13.70
Cleon - - - - -	54.20	Le Roy - - - - -	.40	Whittemore - - - - -	14.71
Colfax - - - - -	-78.70	Menominee - - - - -	-50.21	West Branch - - - - -	4.05
Clare - - - - -	20.49	Mesick - - - - -	20.93	Wildwood - - - - -	15.19
Dighton - - - - -	54.85	Miscellaneous - - - - -	20.50	Wilson - - - - -	118.17
Evart - - - - -	2.20	Munising - - - - -	9.00	Total - - - - -	\$1111.80

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Amount previously reported - - -	\$109.75	Mesick - - - - -	-\$ 5.67
Omer - - - - -	1.50	Onaway - - - - -	15.77
Myrta M. Kellogg (Collections) -	2.50	Menominee - - - - -	-2.00
Wilson - - - - -	1.51	Frankfort - - - - -	-3.77
Moorestown - - - - -	1.00	Alpena - - - - -	.25
Ensign - - - - -	-1.50	Gaylord - - - - -	-1.10
		Total - - - - -	-\$145.32

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Amount previously reported - - -	-\$43.58	Menominee - - - - -	-\$ 10.00
Ralph Lewis - - - - -	3.00	Alpena - - - - -	1.25
J. E. Rankin - - - - -	5.00	Evart - - - - -	2.00
Alden - - - - -	2.75	Dighton - - - - -	1.00
Traverse City - - - - -	1.50	Ensign - - - - -	5.00
Petoskey - - - - -	1.53	Perkins Y. P. S. - - - - -	.50
East Jordan - - - - -	20.00	Whittemore - - - - -	-1.00
McMillan - - - - -	8.00	Alice Alkire - - - - -	.65
Eastport - - - - -	1.50	Total - - - - -	-\$108.26

N O T I C E!

The Tract Society has in stock the following slightly damaged books that will be sent postpaid to any desiring them, at these reduced figures for cash:

- 1 Christ's Object Lesson, English, 90¢
- 1 Great Controversy, library, \$1.95,
- 1 Devotional Family Bible, large print, leather bound, \$1.75,
- 1 Life of Bates, postpaid 35¢,
- 4 German Christ's Object Lessons, 90¢ each,
- 1 Modern Spiritualism, 25¢,
- 1 Coming King, 60¢,
- 2 Sunshine at Home, 60¢
- A few All Sorts at 35¢ each.

Anyone desiring the pamphlet, "The Place of the Bible in Education", can obtain the same, for a time, from the Tract Society for 15¢ postpaid, regular price, 25¢.

"He who sends affliction, sends always the way of escape; not from it, but through it."



Have you yet secured a copy of that book, "Practical Lessons from the Experience of Israel for the Church of To-day," by F. C. Gilbert? If you are studying the Sabbath-school lessons in the book of Esra, you will find this book a great help in your study. There are valuable things in there about the 2300 days of Dan. 8, 9. You will find much help on the various feasts mentioned in the book of Esra, and you will help the work among the Jews at the same time. Price of the book, \$1.00 postpaid. Order of the Tract Society.

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The Tract Society has few slightly damaged "Practical Lessons" which they will be sold while they last for 75¢ each, cash with order.

#### COLPORTERS' INSTITUTE.

Are you planning on having a part in spreading the Third Angel's Message before the work closes? The colporteur who goes from house to house has a very important place in the work.

The Colporters' Institute will be held in Petoskey beginning the 19th of April. If you are planning on taking up this work you will find it very helpful to spend a few days studying the principles of canvassing.

It is expected that Brother J. B. Blosser, the Lake Union Canvassing Agent, will be present.

Those planning on attending the institute should correspond with H. W. Johnson, Field Sec., so that arrangements can be made.

H. W. Johnson.

#### NEWS AND NOTES.

Have you renewed your subscription to the NEWS SHEET yet?

Elder S. E. Wight attended meeting at Cadillac last Sabbath.

Elder C. A. Hansen's health is slowly improving.

School is being held in the new school house at Iron River.

A Y. P. S. has been organized at Rapid River also one Moorestown.

Brother T. S. Parmelee is quite poorly. He is at the Soldiers' Home at Grand Rapids.

Sister Rosetta Peters is teaching at Eastport and reports everything moving along smoothly.

Sunday, Feb. 10th, Elder O. Montgomery baptized eight at Laurium.

The Brethren are getting out timber for the new church and school building at Harris.

Elder W. R. Matthews is holding meetings in a school house near Tustin.

At Onaway the school was closed one day and the teacher, Brother Ludington, took the boys and went to a neighboring town, and one of the sisters took the girls to Onaway to do missionary work. He writes, "I was encouraged quite well with the work done, especially with the boys. We did not sell a great many books, but all received a rich blessing. I believe there is a great work to be done and I am determined to try again. The boys want to go again sometime."