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LITTLE KINDNESSES.

"You gave on the way a pleasant smile,
And thought no more about it;
It cheered a life that was sad the while,
That might have been wrecked without it;
And so for the smile and fruitage fair,
You'll reap a crown sometime,---somewhere."

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PETOSKEY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL .

What do you think about going to school this fall? We are planning for a strong intermediate school this fall at the Conference headquarters at Petoskey, where the president and other conference officers can help give the instruction and spiritual help. We plan to have the best teachers that money can bring. Good practical training for our youth in farming, bookkeeping, teaching, or any profession may be begun here. The school will take pupils to the eleventh grade. Two great objects of the school will be, "Rapid Progress" and "Strong Christian Character."

Save your money you earn this summer by sending it to the Tract Society so you will have it to use to go to school with. Any person who will work hard six months can easily save enough to go to school six months. At the Petoskey Intermediate School you will get your money's worth.

We wish to correspond with our people about money to start the school. We want to find five men who will give us one hundred dollars and take it out in tuition, or ten men who will give fifty dollars on the same basis. We consider this a fair proposition. Think it over and write to us.

C. A. Hansen.

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PUT IT OFF.

Put what off?

That tale of fault-finding and criticism. Don't tell it yet. Save it. If it is really worth telling, it will keep; and if it should prove untrue, and uncharitable, and bitter, and something you would be ashamed to remember to have spoken, how glad you will be you have put it off.

Sometimes you will be tempted to engage in some questionable amusement. Put it off. Wait a little. If right and perfectly proper, time will make it all clear and plain. You will lose nothing by giving your conscience the benefit of the doubt.

The hasty angry word. I have known many to be sorry for having spoken angrily, but have never known of one who expressed sorrow for having waited until afterward to speak. Put it off. All the unhappiness and bitterness, the jealousies and heart-burnings, the strifes and contentions, the evil surmisings and evil speakings, are better to wait until to-morrow. Put them all off.

T. H. Jeys.

ORGANIZATION.

ALLEN HOON.

Think of the order that must have prevailed at the taking of Jericho, when all the able-bodied men compassed the city thirteen times in succession, and then every man went up straight before him into the city, and not a man out of nearly one million harmed the hair of the woman or her family, that hid the spies that went to search out the city some days before. So the one hundred forty-four thousand will have learned such perfect submission to the will of Jesus, with whom they will finally stand on Mount Zion, that not one soul will rise up and assert himself in the presence of the Captain of the Lord's host.

Some have said that Israel was a theocracy, and these principles of organization are not applicable to the church in the gospel age. Let us look at this side of the question briefly: We have found that the Lord spoke to Moses face to face, even apparently. That is to say, that when Moses heard a voice, the Son of God was manifested before him. At the beginning of the Christian age, the same Son of Jehovah was made flesh, and dwelt among the people. "And he ordained (Appointed) twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach." Mark 3:14. Here we have the foundation for the same system of officering the church as that established in the church in the wilderness. The Saviour says of these twelve men, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained (appointed) you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." John 15:16.

It is evident that as Moses was for the people to Godward, so the apostles were to occupy a place next to the Son in the administration of God's government on earth. As was Moses, so they were to be the mouth piece of God. They were in no sense to speak or rule for themselves. "But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-45.

So they were to leave the ways of man's government entirely out of the question in the affairs of the church, and God's plans were to prevail instead. And as Moses was given the ordaining and appointing power by the Lord, so we find the same power conferred on the twelve, and through them, the power was conferred to others; and the apostles also ordained those of lower degree.

The first act of ordination by the apostles of which we have any record, was that of filling a vacancy in the apostolic office, which was caused by the apostasy of Judas. So they proposed to select a man from the company that had followed Jesus from the time of the baptism by John, for the number must be complete. They selected two men, and then asked the Lord to choose between the two for they said, "Out of this company 'must one be ordained (appointed) to be a witness with us of his resurrection.'" Acts 1:22. And since it was said of Judas that he "had obtained part of this ministry" (Acts 1:17), it follows that the one appointed to take his place did also take part in the ministry.

There came a time when it became necessary to ordain others officers to serve in other capacities than that of the apostleship; and when this was agreed to by the people, they brought seven men and placed them before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them (Acts 6:6), this being the form of ordination (appointment to a work). From time to time still others were ordained, as believers were multiplied; for we read, "And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord on whom they believed." Acts 14:23. So we might go on and find a complete organization outlined and continued, with officers very closely resembling the elders of tens, of fifties, of hundreds, and of thousands, with special elders corresponding to the twelve princes and the court of seventy elders; but it is needless to particularize.

(To be continued.)

REPORTING.

This is a very important subject and one that should be interesting to every Seventh-day Adventist. It is said that much of the success of the Japanese in their recent war with Russia was due to their accurate system of obtaining reports from all parts of the field. It if was necessary for the leaders in this carnal warfare to receive reports, in order to plan their work successfully, how much more necessary is it that the leaders in the world-wide work in which we are engaged, should know what is being done in the field.

If those who refuse or neglect to supply reports for which they are asked could realize the extra trouble and labor they impose on those who have the oversight of the work, we feel sure they would repent and reform.

Perhaps there are those who do not believe in reporting what they have done, and a few Bible instances may not be out of place. Luke 9:10 speaks of how the Apostles, when they returned from their missionary trip, reported all that they had done. Acts 14:27 shows how Paul and Barnabas reported their work. Eze. 9:11 is an illustration which shows how even the angels report their work. It is the Lord who prompts a person to do missionary work and such work should be reported to the glory of God.

Blanks are sent from the Tract Society office each month to the librarians to get reports of the missionary work done in the different churches and but very, very few of these are ever returned. I feel sure that many of the papers going into the homes of our people in North Michigan are used for missionary purposes, but are never reported. This may be why the librarians have no report to send to the office.

Brethren and sisters, if this is the case, let us turn over a new leaf and be faithful in reporting that the librarians may be able to send in their reports each month. We desire to use these in the News Sheet. If we have been doing so little missionary work that we feel ashamed to mention it, let us put on the whole armor of God and do more active service that the message may be quickly finished in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

In one part of China where it was thought nothing has been done, one little tract had been dropped, and it has already resulted in the conversion of overt twenty souls. It may be there are hearts in our neighborhood as eager for the truth as in China, and shall we not do what we can to reach them with this precious truth.

H. W. Johnson.

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OUR BROTHER.

Learn to appreciate the good qualities of your brethren. How many there are of us who have more confidence in a stranger than in one who has lived next to us for years. This is because we see and enlarge upon our neighbor's faults, while in the stranger we have not yet learned to know them. But be assured, the stranger has his faults also. Do not think that all are angels that live outside your sphere. This is a great weakness in people and often leads to trouble and discouragement.

If we would praise each brother and sister in our company according to their good qualities we would soon learn to love each other, learn to make friends, thus help each other and grow together into strong companies.

The disciples were far from perfect. In Education we read, "Peter was bold, self confident and aggressive," yet Christ loved Peter and by his kindness, Peter became changed to a zealous loving pioneer worker for the Gentiles. Again, John we are told "was no faultless character. He and his brothers were called the 'Sons of Thunder'. John was proud, ambitious, and combative." Think of what these traits mean. How long could you get along with a man in Sabbath-school who was proud, ambitious, or officious, that is, anxious to hold office and to dictate? How long would you tolerate a brother who was "combative", all the time talking back, contrary, resisting anything you did? Instead of getting along with such a person some would say, "I tell you I won't attend Sabbath-school as long as such a person is there to run things. I better stay at home."

Now suppose the Saviour has just done the same way--just kept away from this sin-cursed earth. What would have become of us? What would happen to your Sabbath-

school if Christ should stay away because he didn't like them all. Now it is both safe and proper to go where Christ goes and if we don't we lose a blessing.

Therefore, let us learn to love our brother and sister with their faults, and and say as a mother to her only child, "With all your faults, I love you still."

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THE WORK AMONG THE SWEDES IN THE UNITED STATES.

There are about 2,000,000 Swedes in this country, and from 25,000 to 50,000 are coming here annually. We have about 1500 Swedish brethren in this country including 25 ministers and Bible workers and two teachers at Union College.

Last year 22 laborers who were engaged in the work all the year led 125 souls into the truth, making an average of five souls for each worker. This success compares quite favorably with the work at large. Our Swedish brethren pay about \$17.86 in tithe per capita, and a new tract on this subject will improve the situation still more. All our Swedish workers stand as a unit for the whole truth, including the Spirit of Prophecy and the system of organization, known to our people. We endeavor to work in love and harmony with our American brethren as well as the brethren of other nationalities. We long for the time when we shall all speak one language in the Kingdom of God.

Last year we doubled the number of students in the Swedish department at Union College, the enrollment being 41 in all. We also added 1000 new subscriptions to our pioneer paper, "Zion's Vaktare." This is an up-to-date paper advocating Present Truth, according to the old landmarks of the message. Hundreds of Swedes have accepted the truth by reading this paper.

A new plan of co-operation has been effected whereby the Swedes may receive the message through this paper. A series of articles on the last warning message will make the paper intensely interesting for the next six months and we urge our American, German, Danish, and Norwegian brethren to co-operate with us as herein suggested. The paper will bring the message to your Swedish neighbor or friend for \$1.25 a year or 65¢ for half a year. Will you kindly make an earnest effort to get the subscription of your Swedish neighbor? If you do not succeed in this, will you pay the subscription yourself for them for a year or six months?

Just think of it! Only 65¢ will bring the last warning message to your Swedish neighbor and it may be the means of leading a precious soul into the Kingdom of God. Even though your Swedish neighbor is able to talk freely in English on ordinary things, yet he will understand religious things best in his mother tongue. If he has been born in Sweden he should therefore read the Swedish paper. If you cannot afford 65¢ for such a purpose, we invite you to kindly send the address of your Swedish neighbor to your local Tract Society or to the International Pub. Ass'n of College View, Neb., direct, and then by some means we will forward the paper at our own expense. In either way you can bring the Swedes in connection with our main office after which we will take up the matter by correspondence. When you write, state plainly the address and nationality of the person whose name you remit.

S. Mortensen.

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Dwight L. Moody wrote: "I prayed for faith and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, 'Now faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' I had closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since."

--Selected.

"But O, forget not, while you pray,
To push with all your might!
The least of you can push a pound,
And thus can speed the right."

IRON RIVER CHURCH-SCHOOL.

Perhaps the readers of the News Sheet would like to hear from the Iron River church-school, so I will send in a few lines.

School began here Sept. 27th with fifteen pupils. More kept coming until they numbered twenty-one the first of January, our little school-house being filled to the utmost. When our numbers were completed we had one in the first grade, nine in the second grade, five in the fourth, five in the seventh, and one in the eighth.

The Lord has been with us and blest us richly. A short time before Christmas I sent for one hundred Bible mottoes at holiday rates and the children sold them. We made \$12.32 to give as a Christmas offering to missions. We also had a Christmas entertainment which was held at the church. All of our program was of a religious character and taught truth. We were favored by having a house full present to hear it, and by the remarks made by many afterward, I am sure it had a telling influence on the side of right, for which we rejoice.

The pupils for the most part have worked with a will and have made rapid progress in their studies. Several of the oldest are looking forward to the time when they have completed their course here and can go to one of our Academies. One of them will go at the end of the term to Bethel Academy in Wisconsin.

Our school will soon close and we are very busy getting ready for an entertainment which we plan on having.

I hope and pray that the young people of this conference may take an interest in getting a good Christian education that they may be fitted for an active part in this last closing message which is to be given to the world.

Ethel E. Peters.

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SECOND NUMBER OF LIBERTY FOR 1908.

This number is full of the best things that have been written upon the proper relation of the church and state; Religious liberty; Evil results of religious legislation; Garrison's plea for religious liberty; Judge Cooley on religious liberty; America as a Christian nation; A strong protest against religious legislation; Religious liberty in other lands; The Baptist memorial against Sunday legislation; Notable waymarks in parliamentary history; Macaulay on the Puritan Parliament; Judge Holbrook's vigorous protest against sabbath legislation in the District of Columbia; Religious toleration and rights; A strong temperance address by a W. C. T. U. evangelist, Drink and crime; Prohibition; Results of drink in France, and much other good matter too numerous to mention.

It also contains some very rare illustrations. Among which are photographs of prominent lawmakers and other noted men of the United States; a full page cut giving late photographs of all the members of the United States Senate; another full page cut containing the photographs of the diplomatic corps of Washington, D. C., and a cartoon on the inside of first page cover representing "A Reign of Terror". This cartoon will teach the present condition as related to enforced religious legislation better than it would be possible to present it in type.

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DRESS.

"Simplicity of dress will make a sensible woman appear to the best advantage. We judge a person's character by the style of dress worn. Gaudy apparel betrays vanity and weakness. A modest, godly woman will dress modestly. A refined taste, a cultivated mind will be revealed in the choice of simple and appropriate attire."

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Begin to plan now for the camp-meeting so that all the family can attend.

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

The time has come for advancement in providing funds for work in other lands. In the past our efforts to raise means for this line of Christian work has been rather fitful. When Seventh-day Adventists first began to plan for missionary work in other lands, every family was provided with a small wooden bank or box in which to deposit pennies for missionary purposes. These banks were opened quarterly, and the offerings sent to the treasury. This resulted in the creation of a small fund out of which literature was purchased to supply ship missions and individuals in Europe and other lands. Calls for the living preacher soon came from several countries to which this literature was sent, and this created a demand for more means, until in 1897 the Mission Board which had just been organized, provided envelopes and supplied the churches in this country, so that each individual member might bring a weekly offering for the support of missions abroad.

The year following the introduction of this envelope plan showed a gain of more than forty-five thousand dollars in mission funds, aside from the Sabbath-school contributions, in spite of the fact that only a portion of our people adopted the plan. Since that time the receipts have fluctuated. The annual offering has been larger or smaller, according as our people were importuned; but the demand has grown steadily until now it requires a sum up in the hundreds of thousands to sustain our laborers abroad.

This calls for a weekly offering from every believer in this message. The curse has not visited our home land as it is found in the darker places of earth. This is a land of plenty; the truth has found us and blessed us that we may be a blessing. God has given us the riches of His truth and grace, and at the same time the riches of the Gentiles. Shall we not freely use the one to send the other to the millions of earth?

Let us begin at once to offer weekly as the Lord has prospered us. Some may be able to bring only the pennies; others, an offering in silver; and still others there are whom the Lord would have bring dollars, for He has given them hundreds. Let none appear before the Lord empty. "The gospel to the world in this generation" is the work before us.

Allen Moon.

GLADSTONE CAMP-MEETING.

We wish all our Northern brethren who expect to attend our camp-meeting at Gladstone to order tents and stoves at once.

We expect a Swedish and French minister to be present so that all may enjoy the usual ring of the Third Angel's Message. We hope that all will pray for this meeting, and especially plan to bring the young people. Come prepared to buy some of our good books and tracts.

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ON THE HOME STRETCH.

We are very anxious to finish that \$150,000 Fund before camp-meeting. We need about three hundred dollars, only about thirty cents apiece in the Conference. Why not all take hold and give a little more to help make up for those who are too poor to finish their quota?

One brother just wrote in that he had finished his quota but was glad to have the privilege to send a little more to help raise the fund. Elder Daniells has just written me an urgent letter asking all to take hold and finish raising the fund as they are much in need of the money.

C. A. Hansen.

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A clapper in an old church tower professed to be greatly grieved because the bell it hung in was cracked. It was ever and anon telling of its grief in most dolorous tones, and excited the sympathy of many unsophisticated people. But the ghost of Diogenes, coming along, said, "Cease your whining, Master Clapper; remember in the first place nobody that you cracked the bell, and in the second place nobody would know it was cracked if you didn't tell him." When you meet a man who is always complaining of the coldness of the church and the want of harmony among its members, tell him this fable. Those who make the most complaint, are often those who are the most to blame. Is there a cracked bell in your church, and are you the clapper?--Selected.

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TITHE RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1908.

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Alden - - - - - \$55.20 | Ensign - - - - - \$ 16.39 | Mesick - - - - - \$ 39.51 |
| Alpena - - - - - 73.96 | Ewart - - - - - 15.80 | Moorestown - - - - - 1.00 |
| Baldwin - - - - - 5.65 | Eastport - - - - - 4.63 | Manistee - - - - - 1.29 |
| Cedar Run - - - - - 25.60 | Frankfort - - - - - 2.40 | Potoskey - - - - - 183.99 |
| Colfax - - - - - 9.05 | Gaylord - - - - - 152.34 | Rose City - - - - - 17.38 |
| Cleon - - - - - 25.18 | Grant - - - - - 48.05 | Scottville - - - - - 1.75 |
| Cadillac - - - - - 8.90 | Hancock - - - - - 65.47 | Traverse City - - - - - 24.43 |
| Chase - - - - - 2.13 | Leetsville - - - - - 7.60 | Wilson - - - - - 265.81 |
| Dighton - - - - - 70.39 | Menominee - - - - - 8.00 | Wildwood - - - - - 2.67 |
| Escanaba - - - - - 12.80 | Munising - - - - - 1.64 | Total - - - - - \$1147.31 |

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

We received the following while the Institute, which closed the 10th, was in progress:

The following persons are attending the Canvassers' Institute which began the 1st at Mesick: E. C. Collard, Jas. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Beeler, Mrs. S. L. Bracebridge, E. B. Hodgins, Alma Du Bois, Flora Jorgensen, Arhde Friday, Mrs. E. L. Goff, Mrs. S. A. Brewer. Brethren C. A. Hansen, E. A. Bristol, J. B. Blosser, and H. W. Johnson are present to assist in giving instructions. Elder M. C. Guild spent a short time here also.

The interest is good and the prospect for a good season's work looks encouraging, and the Lord is giving us a rich blessing.

Sunday night, May 3rd, Elder Guild gave a temperance lecture in the church and every seat was filled.

The train on which Brother Lowry came to the Institute was wrecked and every car was off the track, except the engine, but fortunately no one was seriously hurt and he reached Mesick about nine hours late.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR APRIL.

| NAME | BOOK. | HOURS | EXHIB- ITIONS | ORDERS | HELPS | TOTAL VALUE | AMOUNT DELIVERED |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------|------------------|--------|---------|----------------|---------------------|
| K. V. Bjork | Finnish Revelation | 206 | 275 | 86 | \$18.20 | \$211.45 | \$43.85 |
| E. C. Collard | Dah. & Rev. | 112 | | 18 | 41.50 | 88.50 | 60.00 |
| T. T. Beeler | Home & Health | 151 | 316 | 4 | | 12.00 | 30.00 |
| Mrs. T. T. Beeler | Coming King | 51 | 103 | 3 | 2.00 | 6.00 | 31.00 |
| Mrs. E. A. Kirby | Great Controversy | 3 | | | .60 | .60 | 5.50 |
| | | 523 | 694 | 111 | \$62.30 | \$318.55 | \$170.35 |

NEWS & NOTES.

We trust all our Northern brethren and sisters are planning to attend the camp-meeting at Gladstone June 23 to 29.

It is hoped that every librarian, treasurer, clerk, Sabbath-school Secretary, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and Canvasser will read the article on reporting found on page 3.

The Conference Committee and Association Committee met at Mesick Thursday, May 7th.

The church-schools at Iron River, Hiawatha, Onaway, Perkins, and Harris have closed.

For Sale; My farm of 63 7/10 acres, two miles west of Beulah in Benzie Co. Good soil, mostly clay loam, some clearings made, balance covered with timber. New house, large cement cellar, granary, sugar bush of 500 trees, full sugar making outfit, telephone in dwelling, and rural free delivery. Fine fruit country, good neighborhood. Price \$2350.00. Address M. C. Guild, Frankfort, Mich., Route 1.

In the notice of the Gladstone meeting, given on page 6, we neglected to state the price of tents and stoves. The price is the same as usual, Tents 12X16, \$2.50 and 14X22 tents, \$3.00; Stoves will rent for \$1.00.

Elder C. A. Hansen expects to leave Petoskey this week on a trip through the Upper Peninsula.

Sisters Ethel Peters and Armilda Dogar spent Sabbath in Petoskey enroute home from their schools in the Upper Peninsula.

Elder W. C. Hebner expects to take up work at Gaylord in the near future. Brother F. E. Fenner will join him there after spending sometime at Clarence.

Sister Jennie M. Willaman left Petoskey May 4th to visit Moorstown and attend the Sabbath-school Institute which was held at Mesick, Sabbath May 9th.

Brother Arthur Cowles and Sister Mamie Rogers were united in marriage April 30, by Elder M. C. Guild at Mesick. The News Sheet extends congratulations.

Correspond with C. A. Hansen, 220 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich., about good farms at low prices, near churches and church schools in North Michigan.

Elder M. C. Guild expects to locate at Traverse City in the near future.

The WATCHMAN for June 2 will be a Temperance Number. This will be a good number with which to do missionary work.

Brother M. B. Butterfield, of West Michigan, expects to soon take up work in this field.

The Hancock church-school will close the middle of this month.

If you contemplate starting a library in your church or Young People's Society, send to Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman, 220 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich., for a list of books suitable for such a library.

We trust all our teachers are planning on attending the Summer School at Berrien Springs which will begin June 10th and last until July 22nd. Further particulars will be given in the next issue.