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DID YOU NOTICE THE FOLLOWING IN THE WEEK OF PRAYER READINGS?

"Satan is even now seeking by disasters upon land and sea to seal the fate of as many as possible. What is the defense of the people of God at this time?--It is a living connection with heaven."

"The third angel's message is to lighten the earth with its glory; but only those who have withstood temptation in the strength of the Mighty one will be permitted to act a part in proclaiming it when it shall have swelled into the loud cry."

"We have reached the stage when the old ship Zion is coming into port. What would we think should a passenger from Europe to America jump off at Sandy Hook, in discouragement at the length of the voyage? His folly would be nothing compared to that of those who now leave the old ship Zion as she is entering port."

"There is no place for selfishness in the life of one who yields himself to God. Especially is this true of this people. Jesus is soon coming. Prepared or unprepared we must soon meet him. Viewed in the light of Calvary, and the closing scenes of earth's probation, has not the time come when we should place all on the altar?--ourselves, property, all!"

"Not only for the sake of souls that know of this truth, but for the sake of our boys and girls themselves, they must be put to work. The enlistment of our young people in the work, and the wise direction of their energies, is the work that lies before us."

"The steward of the Lord can never say that this or that is of not importance to him. Apparently small things constitute the very pillars and foundation stones of true Christian character. Nothin can be regarded lightly. The Lord notices the dropped stitch; he sees the slighted task; he observes the spirit of faithfulness or unfaithfulness in the smallest matters; and to his visions these small matters are the true index of what we really are."

"The sowing of the gospel seed will not be a success unless the seed is quickened into life by the dew of heaven. Before one book of the New Testament was written, before one gospel sermon had been preached after Christ's ascension, the Holy Spirit came upon the praying apostles. Then the testimony of their enemies was, "Ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine."

"The unentered provinces of India, with a score of tongues still silent in this message, give occasion for Satan's boast, 'Your Lord delayeth his coming? Will you take the enemy's weapon from him? Will you dedicate some of your most talented and godly young men and women to those tongues, and begin work among these nations?'"

"The greatest need of the hour is a church ready for the work,--a church full of faith in God,-- a church endued with the Spirit of God,-- a church fully surrendered for any service and sacrifice called for. This is what we as a people should be. This is the preparation for which we have earnestly been praying during this week of prayer."

THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

From various parts of the conference the call has come for an intermediate school to be established. The need of one has been plainly apparent and earnest efforts have been put forth to have one established and now that the school is in operation we see that a great gain has been made. Quite a number of our young people are in school who otherwise would have been in the public school this winter. Excellent work is being done by the teachers and progress is being made by the students.

It is not likely that anyone would want to have the school close with the present term and so we should begin to plan for next year's work. We ought to be looking for a permanent location and I hope our people in the conference will be on the lookout for a suitable place.

An excellent opening is offered at Mesick, but we are not able to accept of it on account of not having money to purchase the property. Who of our people will help to get offers from a number of our brethren so that we can go ahead and make definite arrangements?

If this offer is accepted we should take steps at once, so I hope our people will act quickly. The training of our young people is a most important work.

J. J. Irwin.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE.

The following names have lately been added to the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course: Sarah Craig, Leroy C. Payne, Robert C. Payne, Mrs. L. W. Payne, and Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hubbell. Besides the above ten more young people have joined the Course at Riverside whose names have not yet been received.

Miss Erickson writes that soon we are to have a junior society, the reading to extend through a period of four months.

Our Reading Course now registers above the "sixty" mark and who can determine what the influence for good will be, after a careful reading of such a book as Great Controversy. "The trend of many a life for good or ill, for success or failure, has been determined by a single book." "Truly we can no more escape the influence of what we read than we can escape the influence of the air we breathe."

I am sure we all appreciate the privilege of the study and it is not too late yet to send in your name. And let us also remember that the promise of reward is to those who continue to the end; so let us finish the course so well begun and receive the reward and satisfaction that comes from study and the consciousness of work completed.

Mrs. Jennie L. Willaman.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

I consider Great Controversy the best book published by Seventh-day Adventists and am glad for a systematic study of it in the Missionary Volunteer work.

H. W. Johnson.

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In regard to the study of Great Controversy I can say I am deeply interested. It reveals to me more clearly the great love of Christ for His people. One thing that has impressed me very much in the chapters speaking of the martyrs was that those who were the most zealous papists, that is, those who were most conscientious and honest in their religion were the ones, like Paul, who when they received the light, were the greatest power for good. It shows the importance of forming strong characters in our youth.

Mrs. D. E. Hafford

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A systematic study of the book Great Controversy is timely. As we learn what evil resulted from the union of Church and State during the Dark Ages, it gives us greater zeal to prevent a repetition of the same.

W. A. Jacobs.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Copper Country.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not vain in the Lord." 1 Cor. 15:58.

This promise has been verified to us of late by five adult persons commencing to keep the Sabbath. God is directing us in finding the honest hearted. This is the feeling of some who have taken their stand as they have said they knew God had sent us to them to show them the light of His word.

One of the five is one of Sister Campbell's readers; another man and his wife we found through the help of Brother Collard, one of our faithful canvassers. The other two were found by personal effort. They are a man and his wife, he having been a Catholic and she a Methodist up to the time of our efforts with them. They did not have a Bible in their house up to that time. They have also accepted belief in clean and unclean meats by reading the Bible themselves as we had not mentioned this matter in any way. Surely God's spirit is leading them.

It cheers our hearts to see some heed the call to "come out of Babylon," and gives us renewed courage to press on and by God's help assist others to see the message for this time. We have also seen the work of the enemy, and he has opposed us in different ways but we know that "greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world." "If God be for us, who can be against us." We can only sow the seed and leave the results to God, as it is "he that giveth the increase."

E. F. Peterson.

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Riverside Church School.

Our school here at Riverside Church began Oct. 19 with an attendance of fifteen which number gradually increased until there is now an enrollment of twenty. They are a very earnest and energetic class of children and young people and show great interest in their work. Their endeavor to attend regularly would put to shame children of other places, who have shorter distances to walk and who attend under far more favorable circumstances than do these children. Many have over three miles to come and three miles home and the same distance in Lower Michigan are much different.

The forests here are very dense. On arriving here I was let off the train in the woods. Owing to the poor mail service and letters not being received, no one was there to meet me. After enquiring my way from a little "log shanty" near by, I made my way down the track and into the woods, where I afterward learned a number of bears had been seen. After going about three-quarters of a mile and making three stops, I finally found the brother for whom I was looking.

After school began, I boarded for a month with a sister living three miles from the school house and went back and forth, with the children, on what they call a "peed". It is a little car fitted up with bicycle frames. They run it on the railroad track. I have seen two nice deer run across the track in front of us.

After being here a month Brother Bellows arrived and I am now nicely situated with his family, his house being in connection with the church and school house.

I am very much encouraged for I feel the Lord is really blessing us in the work at this place.

Lilah Prentice.

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Petoskey Church School.

Three months of our school are now in the past and most of our twenty pupils have been grappling hard with the daily routine of school life. We see it demonstrated each day that God helps them that help themselves. Persevering effort will always be

crowned with success.

Our boundaries have been enlarged to meet the needs of our increased number of pupils. Our blackboard space has been doubled and we have the use of several new maps. We are feeling thankful to our school board for these improvements and are working hard to make the most of these opportunities.

Of late we have been studying much of the world's greatest Missionary, and it is gratifying to note the result in the lives of the children, as seen during Thanksgiving week when all who were old enough took the REVIEW Special and faithfully canvassed their assigned territory and as a result solicited five dollars and twenty cents. Many helpful experiences were obtained. One small boy when asked if his first donation, which was a penny, did not discourage him, replied that it did not, but made him want to go again.

That effort gave them a desire to do some home missionary work, so during the past week the spare moments of many have been spent selling Bible mottoes, the proceeds of which go to aid the Missionary Volunteer Society in procuring a vbell for our church.

As youth and even children have been used in the past to spread God's truth, it is our hope and determination to perfect such characters, that some among our number may be permitted to proclaim the third angel's message when it swells into the loud cry.

Nora Willaman.

Notes From the Petoskey Intermediate School.

The students are enjoying these bright sunshiny days. It is much easier to study when the weather is pleasant than when it is stormy.--Clara Stephens.

The students of the Intermediate School gave an entertainment at the home of Brother Bristol last week, the evening after the Sabbath. There was quite a long program consisting of songs and recitations. A very enjoyable evening was spent together and all pronounced it a success.--Irene Dingman.

There are twenty students attending the Petoskey school at the present time. We are having a good school and we ask an interest in all your prayers that the school may be a success, in properly fitting students to go and speed the message to all the world.--Miranda House.

We like our teachers very much and they are doing fine in the school. We have a music drill every evening after the Sabbath. On Wednesday evening we have Prayer meeting and on Friday evening student's meeting.--Harold Bogar.

School life is usually what we make it. Pupils who put forth their best effort to get an education are more liable to enjoy it than those who do not. "True education prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." -- Frances Baurain.

We expect to have a three day's vacation here at the Petoskey School commencing the night of Wednesday Dec. 23d. Some of the students are going home to enjoy the vacation with their parents. We wish all our friends a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.-- C. W. Stephens.

School is a happy place to live,
Learning how our service to give
To thirsty and weary ones day by day,
Teaching them all the heavenly way.--Helvig Olson . .

In harmony with the students of the Petoskey Intermediate School we would say we enjoy school, having very many good experiences in our young people's and student's meetings. We certainly have fine teachers. Several of the boys have secured horns and doing well with our teacher's help. We shall try to make a cheerful noise next

camp-meeting. We trust you will remember this school in your prayers.--A. P. Friday.

School life is not only very pleasant but quite profitable when we put our time to right use and learn our lessons thoroughly, but, O, how cheap we feel if we come to our classes without having prepared our lessons! In our school we get lasting impressions and inspirations that help us to consecrate our lives to the service of God. God.-- Dora Hafford.

We have a brass band which consists of three cornets, two slide trombones and one valve trombone horn. We are learning very fast and are looking forward to the time when we can furnish music for the public. We practice one hour a day and on Monday and Thursday nights we all meet and practice together. Already we play a few pieces without discord. Mr. Jacobs is our teacher and takes a great interest in us.--Elmo Kirby.

It is truly gratifying to have a good school here. Surely the Lord is pleased to have so many young people in training for his great work. I feel much of his spirit is being given to us. We have interesting services as well as daily work. Instruction in vocal and instrumental music is given free. May all, both old and young rise and go forward with this message.-- Ralph Lewis.

Our Intermediate School is progressing nicely. We have twenty healthy, happy students. Most of us are studying hard so we may soon be able to do better work in the Lord's vineyard. The school will soon be located in the vestry of the church and this will give us a very more convenient room for school purposes. We are much in need of an unabridged dictionary and the gift of one or contributions to purchase one would be gratefully received.-- Garland Boggr.

The North Michigan Advanced School entered upon its month's work. Examinations were held at the close of the second month and most of the students received excellent grades. This was encouraging to both teacher and pupils, and inspired the students to do better work in the future. The report cards were sent to the parents for their approval and signature.

Are there not others in this conference who should avail themselves of the opportunity of attending school during the winter months, so as to become better fitted for life's work? It is not too late yet to enter the school. We shall be pleased to hear from you at any time in reference to the school.

We also need the hearty co-operation of the parents and are ready to receive suggestions as to where we may improve our school. Remember us in your prayers, dear parents, that just such work may be done that will hasten the coming of our Saviour. Saviour.-- L. A. Jacobs.

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Among Our Schools and Sabbath-Schools .

Nov. 11, in company with Miss Starkoy, who is the school teacher at Harris, I started for the Upper Peninsula to visit the schools, Sabbath-schools, and Young People's Societies. Arriving at Harris the next day we found Mrs. Desire Wery waiting for us and were driven to her home and later to Brother Baurain's who lives near the church and school building. The next day we visited the different families and found them of good courage and all interested in giving their children a Christian education.

Last year the school was held in a private house, but now we found that they had built a good-sized church with a room partitioned off for a school. Monday morning school began with an attendance of twenty and it was with thankful hearts that we all took up our work, feeling that the Lord had wrought through the people of this place in erecting a much needed house to His name and that free from debt.

Both parents and young people are interested in educational work as was shown the following Sabbath. The parents had built the church and provided a warm comfortable school room, but there was no furniture; so the Missionary Volunteer Society

took it upon themselves to raise the money to supply the furniture and plans were organized whereby it could be done before school begins next year. Then an interesting temperance program was given to a crowded house, young people and children taking part. A number of young people from here are away at school and others are studying hard so they may be ready to go when the time comes.

Nov. 23d I started for Iron River and as I neared the place I was made aware of the fact by the color of the water in the swift-flowing Iron River. The washings of the iron mines are drained into it till it is the color of rust. The roads too were of a red color owing to the refuse ore that had been hauled out on them. Even the railroad ties were red and as if to keep in harmony with nature, the depot was painted the same color.

Upon leaving the train, I was met by Sister Benson and was driven five miles over beautiful hills and valleys with lakes at intervals of about a mile. The forest fires have never penetrated this part of our state and the lumber barons have been content with cutting some of the bass-wood and elm trees, so the forests are beautiful in primitive nature, and the deer, the bear, and the wolf find their homes in the fastness of their solitudes.

Upon arriving at the school I found Miss Spencer busily engaged teaching the boys and girls under her charge. I also found a Young People's Society that were mailing papers and trying to do what they could to spread the message. On Sabbath they gave a program from the Instructor. Our people here are solicitous for the good of their children, and see in the church-school, rightly conducted, a means of holding our boys and girls from drifting into the world.

Dec. 2d I visited the school at Riverside and found a good work being done. On Sabbath I met with the Missionary Volunteer Society and found them anxious to co-operate with the different branches of the work laid out for them.

Dec. 7th I went to Hiawatha to visit the little company raised up by Brother Bellows. They are of good courage and interested in hearing the good news of the advancement of the message.

At Pellston I found the little company raised up last summer conducting an interesting Sabbath-school. They took sixteen of the REVIEW Specials with which they expect to solicit funds for mission fields.

One thing noticeable in visiting the churches is that this truth has made of us a people whose one interest is to further the message which we love and hasten the coming of our Saviour.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

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Gleanings.

The work with the Thanksgiving REVIEW is in the past for most of our people and I am sure that all who had a part in this grand work feel well repaid for the effort put forth. The Lord has surely fulfilled his promise to open the hearts of worldly men to give of their means for the advancement of this message.

One brother gave out two hundred papers and received \$6.75, only one man refusing to take the paper. Even the Catholic priest gave him some money.

Another brother received a dollar from one Jew and fifty cents from another and \$5.00 from a worldly business man and even saloom keepers gave freely to this cause. This brother gave out forty-two papers and received \$11.00 or on an average of a little over 25¢ each.

One sister gave out five papers and received over \$2.00 and another received \$4.80 for thirty papers distributed.

Another brother used thirty copies of the paper and received \$12.85, an average of 42¢ each while as a result of five hours work another received \$8.00.

The interest manifested by the young people in the Petoskey schools was such that it was decided to close the school for a half day to give those, who desired to do so, an opportunity to go out and nearly all went. At the ingathering program given on Thanksgiving night experiences were related by those who went out and this proved to be one of the most interesting parts of the program. A few more such united efforts and the message will be carried to every creature and then the dear Saviour will take the faithful workers home. Now is the time to work.

Shall we not all pray during this Week of

H. W. Johnson.

THE RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1908.

Alpena - - - - -	\$37.64	Gaylord - - - - -	\$25.60	Moorestown - - - - -	\$ 2.13
Bear Lake - - - - -	9.00	Hancock - - - - -	31.96	Onaway - - - - -	35.38
Chase - - - - -	27.23	Iron Mountain - - - - -	16.02	Petoskey - - - - -	3.75
Colfax - - - - -	3.00	Iron River - - - - -	17.00	Riverside - - - - -	15.85
Clarence - - - - -	18.75	Leetsville - - - - -	14.00	Rose City - - - - -	25.31
Ensign - - - - -	45.49	Mesick - - - - -	21.19	Seco - - - - -	4.00
Eastport - - - - -	18.35	Munising - - - - -	2.15	Traverse City - - - - -	19.19
Frankfort - - - - -	40.76	Manistee - - - - -	2.00	Total - - - - -	\$435.66

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TO ALL CONCERNED!

We wish to call attention to the fact that at the end of this month the Tract Society books will be closed for the year, and we especially desire that the accounts of individuals, and church societies be balanced before that date. Remittances should be sent so as to reach the office by the 25th.

E. A. Bristol.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Elder Irwin expects to leave Petoskey the 16th to visit the churches at Mesick, Copemish, Baldwin, and Frankfort.

Brother M. B. Dutterfield reports two new Sabbath keepers at Baldwin. There is a greater interest manifested to hear the truth at this place than has been known for fifteen years.

WANTED: A position as housekeeper in a Seventh-day Adventist home by a middle-aged lady with two children. She desires a place near a church school. Send all correspondence to North Michigan Tract Society, Petoskey, Mich.

Brother H. W. Johnson left Petoskey Sunday, Dec. 15th to attend a Bookmen's Convention at Washington, D. C.

Please send in your orders for December LIFE AND HEALTH. It is a very attractive number and a ready seller.

Please note that beginning with January 1909 the WATCHMAN will be changed from a weekly to a monthly paper. The yearly subscription price will be reduced from \$1.00 to 75¢. The new club rate will be 45¢ per copy where or more copies are sent in one wrapper to one name and address.

Sister Willaman returned home Sunday morning from her trip in the Upper Peninsula.

The Tract Society has a supply of the new LIBERTY. This magazine will be excellent to use when soliciting signers to the petition against the Sunday Bills.

Three new books for young people are as follows: "A Man of Valor" by Prof. W. A. Spaulding is a fascinating story of the life of Jonathan, son of King Saul. Price 75¢. "Talks to My Students", by Prof. Frederick Griggs, is full of practical instruction and helpful suggestions to young men and women, in school and out, who desire to make a success of life. Price 50¢. "Tells the Eagle and Other Stories" is a series of stories of animals which the author knew and loved when a child. No one can fail to be intensely interested in the book, and have a greater and more intelligent interest in and love for animals, after reading it. The price is \$1.00.