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THE STILL, SMALL VOICE .

Not as the world may think and say,
Not as the world may do;
But stand thou boldly forth alone,
To duty's mandate true.
Consort not with the multitude
That haste to evil deeds,
But listen for that "still, small voice,"
And follow where it leads.

'Tis easy idly thus to drift,
And follow with the throng,
For human feet were ever skilled
In treading paths of wrong.
Thou mayst not trust the multitude--
In dangerous paths they roam--
But listen for the "still, small voice,"
And it shall guide thee home !

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THE ELDERS' MEETING .

It has been definitely decided to hold a meeting for the elders of the churches in the conference at Mesick, March 4 - 8. We hope each elder can be present at the first meeting, Thursday evening, that we may get all the good possible from the discussions given the various topics.

There is much to talk about and I trust all will pray that the Spirit of the Lord will guide us in the work of the council. We are promised excellent help in the person of Elder Allen Moon, President of the Lake Union Conference.

The Mesick people have kindly offered to entertain the elders and undoubtedly would be glad if many from the surrounding churches could attend with them but it will not be possible for them to entertain more than those who have been invited to attend. We shall look for a large delegation on Sabbath from the surrounding churches.

Let us all pray that this meeting may result in much good to the churches in the conference.

J. J. Irwin.

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A RESOLUTION .

As I read over the resolutions adopted at the recent session of our conference, as well as in several other conferences, I find one reading like this: "Resolved, That in view of the shortness of time and of the blessings that would come to the individual members of the conference, we urge upon our people the plan of each member making a daily prayerful effort to bring one or more new members into the church during the year."

As we study this resolution, we find there is much more in it than many of us realize. How natural it is as each recommendation is presented in our conference sessions, to say, "That's just the thing," and eagerly raise our voices to help the movement along, thinking but little of the grave responsibility we are taking upon ourselves. The conference is over, we go to our homes, our vow is forgotten; but does God forget?

No doubt many of us have voted upon a resolution to this effect several times in our lives; but as we retrace our steps, how many of us have put in active service during the year to help bring the thing to pass, and have seen at least one soul

rejoicing in the truth through our efforts?

The resolution does not include impossibilities; it was not gotten up to consume time, but is, or should be, a real live issue in the lives of every believer of the message. Where is there a soul of us who cannot look around us, and see some one to save--some one upon whom we can concentrate a daily, prayerful effort.

I hear some say, "We are so busy; we have so many cares to fill up every hour of the day." Yes, Seventh-day Adventists are the busiest people in the world. They should be, for we are called to attend to our Father's business as well as our own; but let us be careful not to allow our own business to consume all the time.

Let us snatch from the busy hours of each day a few precious moments to spend in prayer for some unsaved soul, or carry a paper or write a letter to some one who knows not this closing message. If we but open our hearts to God he will lead us to someone who needs this message, and will love and appreciate it, perhaps even more than we have. How this will strengthen our hearts, bring new life and courage into our lives, and we shall eagerly reach out to do more for Him who has done so much for us.

In the Week of Prayer reading by Sister White for Dec. 12, we read; "The end of all things is at hand." May God help each of us to realize the force of this statement, and use at least a few scattered moments of the day in active service for Him.

Mrs. J. F. Pogue in REPORT of PROGRESS.

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

CADILLAC

Our numbers are few here but we keep up our Sabbath-school. More than half of its membership are children but we thank God for the children. While the work has not always been sunshine, at the present time there is a growing interest and some are working hard for the progress of the school. We thank the Lord for a place to work in His vineyard.

Mrs. W. B. Spencer, Supt.

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BALDWIN

The Seventh-day Adventist church in Baldwin is growing in some respects, at least in numbers. Since the series of meetings were held last December, we have had twelve added to our little company for which we are thankful. Thus the company, including the children, will number about twenty-five. Many attend quite regularly, others far away come when the weather is favorable.

As we haven't any church building here, our Sabbath meetings are held in the homes of our brethren. While it has been a little inconvenient, still we have had good meetings and the Lord has blest our services. We have lately started a weekly prayer meeting which will be a help to the church and especially for the new ones. Pray for this little company.

M. B. Butterfield.

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MENOMINEE

While in some respects and for varying reasons, the work in Menominee seems to move slowly, we still have proof that many hearts are being impressed with the fast accumulating signs of the soon coming Saviour, Conqueror, and King. In consequence, "men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth."

While the recent forest fires were raging the people would of themselves refer to them as signs of the last days. One Catholic girl urged her mother to order the little book, "His Glorious Appearing", remarking to the canvasser, "I just believe every one is convinced that the end of the world is coming soon, for all of the signs

are fulfilling." Several Catholics took the book although knowing it to be a Seventh-day Adventist work.

One thing we learned by talking with the people, viz., that the Catholic priests have been obliged to put together some sort of a teaching relative to the second coming of Christ by the repeated inquiries of their people regarding the matter. While, of course, they do not teach it according to Scripture, and put off to them the "evil day" still with Paul, we can say, "Notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached, and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice."

Recently the minds of the students of prophecy are being forcibly called to such passages of Scripture as Lev. 26:22, Deut. 32:24, Eze. 5:17 and 14:15, 21, there having been repeated cases of rabies in Menominee, Marinette, and vicinity.

For some time we found it more difficult than in most places to induce the people to study their Bibles for a clear understanding of its teaching relative to the last days. A few seemingly honest souls have been studying diligently for some time now and the interest is gradually spreading.

We hope our people all through the conference will remember this portion of the field in their prayers.

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A LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters:-

According to my last report to you of our work, we left Petoskey at Camp-meeting for Helmer, near McMillan, and after a long siege of hard work by Mrs. Hansen and myself, we are glad to report that about twelve persons have made a start, and there being a few there before, we leave a nice beginning for a church.

The idea of building a church was then advanced and the timber was donated by the generous neighbors and the saw mill firm agreed to saw the lumber free of charge. I went out and helped the brethren and friends get the timber out of the woods and it now remains for my dear successor to carry on the work, which I lay down to accept a position as Educational Supt. and Sabbath School Sec'y in the West Michigan Conference.

My heart has always been with the people of the North Michigan Conference, having labored there for several years. I can truly say that I always felt at home around your firesides and shall always associate with my tenderest recollections my experiences among you in North Michigan. I shall continue to remember you in my prayers and ask the same favor on your part in my behalf, that the cause of God may prosper and that we may soon enter the promised land, in joy bringing our sheaves with us.

C. A. Hanson, Otsego, Mich., Box 852.

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PETOSKEY

I am filled with gratitude to know that the Lord is with us daily and gives us many blessings. I am sure the students are enjoying the school work here very much. We have had some rich experiences with the Lord the last month. Several prayer bands have been started and the students are praying for the unconverted and for the advancement of the Third Angel's Message.

My special interest is in the canvassing work and I will be glad to see summer come when I can go out with my prospectus and gain some of the rich experiences which come to a canvasser and can be had no where else. I hope to meet all the canvassers at the Institute.

A. P. Friday.

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"Do what others are dreaming about, instead of dreaming about what others are doing."

GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN

The General Conference this year will have its proceedings published in the GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN which will be published daily during the Conference. The price will fifty cents for the time of the conference.

I am sure that all will appreciate the change back to this form, instead of having it in the REVIEW. This will be a paper that will be valuable for reference as well as exceedingly interesting to read while the conference is going on.

Send all your orders to the North Michigan Tract Society which will see that they are properly attended to.

J. J. Irwin.

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OBITUARIES

Triplett,-- Joshua D. Triplett was born in Summit Co., Ohio, July 29, 1832 and died in Manton, Mich., Jan. 13, 1909, aged 76 years, 5 months, and 14 days.

He was united in marriage to Esther Ingham of Hillsdale, Mich., in 1854. Seven children were born to them, six of whom survive. Mrs. Triplett died in 1874 and later he was married to Mrs. Mary C. Denney who survives him three sons born to them.

In 1864 Brother Triplett enlisted in the 11th Michigan Cavalry of the Union Army and was discharged the following spring, not having been assigned to his regiment, but was detailed to do carpenter work.

Brother Triplett united with the Seventh-day Adventist church more than thirty years ago and remained a firm believer in the faith until his death.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer and interment was made at Manton.

E. A. Bristol.

Steward,-- Miss Selina Strong was born in Canada in 1858 and died at Omer, Mich. Jan. 28, 1909, aged 51 years.

At the age of seventeen she was united in marriage to Godlike Guster and to them were born five children. In 1907 she married Wm. Steward and one child was born to them.

Sister Steward joined the Seventh-day Adventist church at Omer in 1907. She died with a firm hope in the soon coming Saviour and left many friends to mourn the loss of a kind friend and sister.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

F. E. Fenner.

Savage,-- Died at Central Lake, Mich., Jan. 17, 1909, at the home of her son, Sister Julia Savage, aged 88 years, 05 months, and 13 days.

She was born near Cipeo, N. Y., and came to Michigan in early life settling near Battle Creek where she was brought to see and accept the Seventh-day-Adventist faith at the time when Brother and Sister White were still laboring there.

About four years ago she became a member of the Eastport church. She was ever faithful, doing all she could for the cause she loved. We believe she will come forth at the first resurrection.

The funeral services were held in the Congregational church at Central Lake by the Pastor, Elder Clement Upham who spoke words of comfort from 1 Thess. 4:13, 15.

Thos. De Moulpied.

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"We should not neglect to keep tracts on hand to slip in to letters, as this has been the means of bringing the truth to many persons. I had talked to a friend and labored to get the truth before her, and had almost come to the conclusion that my effort would be fruitless; but one day after writing to her, I slipped into the letter a tract on the Sabbath question, and soon, to my joy, received word that she

CANVASSING REPORT FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING FEB. 5, 1909.

Name	Territory	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
C. E. Mattison	Laurium	Bible Footlights	129½	26	\$80.40	\$106.90
E. C. Collard	Laurium	Bible Footlights	78	32	42.55	75.05
Jas. Lowry	Clare	Great Controversy	116½	31	3.25	94.25
H. W. Johnson	Petoskey	Great Controversy	20	6		20.50
C. H. Wallen	L'Anse	Great Controversy	25	4	11.00	22.00
R. W. Coon	Houghton	Coming King	40	34	3.35	46.35
Mrs. L. A. Newell	Cadillac	Small Books	3		1.25	1.25
K. V. Bjork	Laurium	Finn Revelation	127	16	9.80	52.30
Totals			539	149	\$151.60	\$418.60

PROMISES FULFILLED

In the 24th of Genesis we read the experience of Abraham in sending his servant on an important mission and the promise that the Lord would send His angel before him.

The same promise is now held out to the canvasser and the success attending the efforts of those who are now in the field show clearly that God is faithful in keeping His promises. While we feel to praise the Lord for the success attending the canvassing work in this field the past year, we have every reason to believe that the present year will far exceed all past records, and why not, for we are a year nearer the time when the Lord will cut the work short.

In January of this year over \$350 worth of orders were taken by the faithful workers at the front or over \$40 more than for the same time a year ago and already the reports received for February are ahead of the same month in 1908. While we can rejoice at this, let us not forget to pray for the workers and that God will send more workers into the field.

Out of our 42 counties we have 14 that have never had a book sold in them and many of the others have had but a few in certain portions. We also have 74 cities of more than 1000 population and 46 of these have never had a book sold in them and in 35 of them there is not a single one to represent the message and tell the people of the soon coming of the Saviour.

How are they to hear the warning? From a letter just received I quote the following: "I had finished showing a lady Great Controversy and she said she would not be able to take one owing to finances, but that it was enough to set a person to thinking." Hearing an earnest canvass for one of our good books will set almost anyone to thinking whether they buy or not and the honest hearted will soon be gathered out.

It has been decided to hold our Canvassers' Institute at Petoskey from the 5th to the 15th of March and I would like to hear at once from all who expect to attend. It is never a waste to spend necessary time to sharpen the sickle.

Elder Irwin will give a series of special Bible studies on subjects most needed by canvassers and we also expect Brother J. B. Blosser to be with us and the experienced canvassers in the field will also come in to take part with us.

We expect to entertain free those who enter the work and will credit them with their railroad fare when fifty dollars worth of books have been sold. This is a very liberal offer and we ought to see many enter the whitened harvest fields this year.

REMEMBER the time and place, Petoskey, March 5 - 15.

If you cannot come yourself, pray that God will send someone in your place, but be sure and write ahead.

H. W. Johnson.

"He who empties his purse into his head puts it where no man can take it away from him. An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

THE INSTITUTE

On another page Brother Johnson calls our attention to the Canvassers' Institute which is to be held here March 5 - 15. When we take into consideration the fact that it is necessary in this time of the world to have trained workers, we can see the importance of those, who are carrying the printed page to the world, being trained for the work. The man who makes a success in the world's work finds out how to do things by profiting from other's work or else obtains it by hard knocks in personal work. When we can get the help from those who have had experience in the book work we ought to improve the same.

I hope that many will decide that the canvassing work is for them and that we can see a good faithful class of canvassers disposing of books in North Michigan this summer.

J. J. Irwin.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Elder J. J. Irwin visited the church at Eastport, Sabbath Feb. 13th.

Brother F. F. Fenner expects to take up work at Helmer soon.

Mr. Joseph Hyatt of Onaway has sent in his "REVIEW" for the first half of Great Controversy and passed the test. Mrs. Aurora Bailey too writes that she has read the first seven chapters and means to catch up.

Brother H. W. Johnson returned to Petoskey Feb. 13 from a trip to Frankfort, Grant, and Eastport.

Sister Aurora Bailey of Arthur Bay has conducted a Sabbath-school with success for several years in which children not of our faith are the principle members. At Christmas time she ordered a dozen of the Morning Watch Calendars and now reports as a result, a desire among the children for English Bibles, a better attendance and a deep interest in Sabbath-school work. Thus we see what a little personal effort will do in our own neighborhood. It is not necessary to go to a foreign field to do missionary work. Through a little effort on the part of this same woman the public school teacher is studying the Morning Watch calendar.

The Onaway church has decided to devote one Sabbath meeting each month to the advancement of the Sabbath-school and a more thorough study of the Sabbath-school lesson. May not all of our Sabbath-schools profit by thinking along this same line. Then the time will come when we will all want to take the "Test Questions" every quarter.

The East Michigan Conference was held at Lansing, Mich., Jan. 27 - 30, 1909. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, E. K. Slade; Secretary-Treasurer, E. I. Beebe; Executive Committee, E. K. Slade, E. I. Beebe, E. N. Hatt, D. P. Wood, A. R. Sandborn; Tract Society Secretary and Treasurer, Frank Hiner, Field Missionary Secretary, A. R. Sandborn, Field Missionary Agent, J. H. McEachern; Religious Liberty Secretary, C. N. Sanders, Educational Secretary, H. A. Boylan, Sabbath-school Secretary, Tillie E. Barr, Medical Secretary, L. G. Wagner.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year at the West Michigan Conference held at Otsego in January. President, A. G. Haughey; vice-president, S. D. Hartwell; secretary, E. L. Richmond; treasurer, G. H. Crandall. The appointment of the heads of the departments was left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

TRACT SOCIETY NOTES

NEW PUBLICATIONS

PATRIARCHS & PROPHETS, New Edition, Cloth binding, \$2.75

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HEALTH, in Cloth, Library, and Morocco-- \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 respectively.

THE SPEAKER'S MANUAL OF PRONUNCIATION, in Cloth at 25¢, Russia Leather, 50¢

THE NEW PROPHETIC CHART, 48 X 72,,printed on fine quality of unglazed muslin. Can be folded as many times as desired without hurting appearance of chart. Price, \$2.75, post-paid.

ELO THE EAGLE AND OTHER STORIES, \$1.00.

MAN OF VALOR, the life of Jonathan in story form, 75¢

The following books compose the YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIBRARY and sell at 50¢ each:

Icebergs	Left With a Trust	Cannibal Archipelago
Wycliffe	Holy Land	Story of Pitcairn
Congo	India	Savonarola

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The Tract Society has a supply of the February number of LIFE AND HEALTH also the last issue of LIBERTY. When desiring the monthly SIGNS the orders should be sent in early as it is necessary for us to order of the publishers.

E. A. Bristol.

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TITHE RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY, 1909.

Alden - - - - - \$50.10	Escanaba - - - - - \$22.50	Manistee - - - - - \$ 4.59
Alpona - - - - - 14.79	Frankfort - - - - - 4.10	Onaway - - - - - 42.20
Cedar Run - - - - - 6.95	Gaylord - - - - - 6.60	Omer - - - - - 27.97
Cleon - - - - - 27.10	Grant - - - - - 32.35	Rose City - - - - - 8.22
Clarence - - - - - 7.35	Hancock - - - - - 16.00	Riverside - - - - - 16.52
Colfax - - - - - 3.43	Iron River - - - - - 15.00	Soo - - - - - 4.00
Dighton - - - - - 15.18	Iron Mountain - - - - - 7.61	Stephenson - - - - - 25.00
Ewart - - - - - 13.76	Leetsville - - - - - 1.99	Traverse City - - - - - 5.89
Ensign - - - - - 7.72	Menominee - - - - - 40.14	Whittemore - - - - - 39.37
Eastport - - - - - 1.85	Mesick - - - - - 67.35	Wilson - - - - - 78.55
		Total - - - - - \$608.20

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"It is the hight of folly to think that divine se vice consists solely in going to church and holding meetings. To serve God is to join with Him in helping the poor and needy, etc. Then it is well to come together and praise God for the blessings we receive in serving Him. We are apt to think that if we are preached to, the preacher has done well, and we have had a good service."

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"A man's mark in the world depends upon his aim." Therefore, "Let your aim be high. Let some great object fire your whole being."