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"I Will Publish The Name Of The Lord."

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Opportunity will some day ring your bell--
Be ready;
She will not inquire if you are ill or well;
She will not stand waiting there
While you hasten to prepare;
She must hurry to where anxious others dwell--
Be ready.

--Driftwood.

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THE PEOSKEY CAMP - MEETING.

The meeting was held on the same grounds as last year, but the conditions were much more favorable. The grounds were in better shape and the weather was not so dry. The road past the ground was sprinkled each day, so there was no dust to trouble us.

From the very first a spirit of consecration was manifest in the camp and at the revival services several gave their hearts to the Lord, a number of whom were young people. Thirty were baptized on the last Sabbath of the meeting.

The resolutions that were passed appear in this issue of the paper and I hope a careful consideration will be given to them by our readers. If all these are carried out, it will mean much to our conference during the coming year.

A very solemn service was held at the beginning of the last Sabbath of the meeting in which Brother E. A. Bristol was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry. The preaching throughout was of a very practical nature. The attendance from the city was not so large, but several who were here as resorters, became convinced of the truthfulness of our position, and thus the effect of the meeting will be noticed in other conferences than our own.

Often the expression was heard on the camp ground--"Our camp-meetings are getting better each year". This, of course, is as it should be for we are living in a time when the Lord will work mightily for His people.

Tuesday following the meeting, the most of the workers left for their new fields with renewed courage to take up the work for another year.

J. J. Irwin.

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The Vaudois peasantry knew their Bible almost by heart. Raids were from time to time made into their districts by the agents of the Romish church for the purpose of seizing and burning all such copies of the Bible as they could lay hands on. Knowing this, the peasants formed societies of young persons, each of whom was appointed to preserve in his memory a certain number of chapters; and thus, though their Bibles were seized and burnt, the Vaudois were still enabled to refer to their Bibles through the memories of the young minds in which the chapters were preserved.

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"To be converted is not to be white-washed, but to be washed white."

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NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The seventh annual session of the North Michigan Conference was held at Petoskey, Mich., in connection with the camp-meeting, Aug. 26 to Sept. 5, 1909.

In addition to the local conference laborers, Elders G. B. Thompson, Allen Moon, A. J. Haysmer, Morris Lukins, and Brethren J. B. Blosser and W. E. Straw were present a portion or all of the time.

The Riverside church, with a membership of twenty-seven, was admitted to the Conference.

Reports were given by the secretary and treasurer of the Tract Society and Conference.

The following resolutions and recommendations were adopted:

"WHEREAS, The lives of all our workers have been preserved and the blessing of the Lord has been manifested in the Conference, both in the conversion of souls and in the raising of means for the spread of the Third Angel's Message, therefore,

1. "RESOLVED, That we express our gratitude to God by continuing to consecrate our lives and means to this work.

"WHEREAS, We are instructed that we should take a decided stand for temperance principles, and as at present it stands free from conflicting questions, therefore,

2. "WE RECOMMEND, That earnest work be done while opportunity affords.

3. "WE RECOMMEND, (a) That the Constitution and the By-Laws of the Conference be so amended as to provide for a Missionary Secretary; (b) That immediate steps be taken for the election of such an officer.

"WHEREAS, Much confusion has resulted from the fact that many treasurers and librarians did not understand their respective duties, therefore,

4. "WE RECOMMEND, (a) That the treasurer order all supplies, receive all moneys, and pay all accounts; (b) That the librarian act as local missionary secretary, and encourage the distribution of literature, and keep a record of all missionary work done.

5. "WE RECOMMEND, Our people to assist and encourage our faithful canvassers.

6. "WE RECOMMEND, That each church elder do all in his power to encourage suitable persons to enter the canvassing work, and that he notify the Field Agent of persons whom he can recommend for that purpose.

7. "WE RECOMMEND, That our church elders hold regular meetings for counsel with the other officers of the church each month if possible.

"IN VIEW of the activity of the enemies of religious freedom,

8. "WE RECOMMEND, That our people be encouraged to circulate the magazines LIBERTY and PROTESTANT by taking them in clubs, selling them, and securing yearly subscriptions from their neighbors and especially from business and professional men.

9. "WE RECOMMEND, That our conference and laborers report items of progress in the work to the LAKE UNION HERALD, and also solicit subscriptions from our people.

"WHEREAS, Great good has come to our churches from elders' meetings,

10. "WE RECOMMEND, That these meetings for counsel be continued.

11. "WE RECOMMEND, That our people be urged to give one per cent of their income to create a fund with which to carry on the work of the North Michigan and the Lake Union Conference, for which it would be improper to use the tithes, each conference to share alike.

"BELIEVING, The Conference treasury to be the safest place for depositing money, therefore,

12. "WE RECOMMEND, To our people who have money, to place it where it can be used in the cause of present truth, either without interest, or at a rate not to exceed the amount paid by the banks.

"WHEREAS, The Thanksgiving missionary campaign last year was a great success in bringing the truth of the message and its progress before the world, and in gathering funds for the extension of our missionary work, therefore,

13. "RESOLVED, That we pledge ourselves to co-operate with the officers of the General Conference in the missionary campaign for this fall.

"WHEREAS, The Providence of God has been seen in the transfer from the West Michigan Conference to the North Michigan Conference of the counties of Isabella and Mecosta and the north tier of townships of Montcalm County, embracing the churches of Emerald, Morley, Mecosta, Horr, Mt. Pleasant, Howard City, Lakeview, Edmore and Cedar Lake, and the Cedar Lake Academy, therefore,

14. "RESOLVED, That we approve of the action of the Committee in securing the same and extend to these churches a hearty welcome, and pledge ourselves to stand loyally by the Cedar Lake Academy.

"WHEREAS, the Spirit of the Lord has said: 'When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do, because their way will be hedged up', and,

"WHEREAS, It further says: 'Our church schools are ordained By God to prepare the children for this great work', therefore,

15. "WE RECOMMEND, That greater effort be put forth to place all our children under Christian teachers.

"RECOGNIZING the need of more educated laborers in the cause,

16. "WE RECOMMEND, That our young people be encouraged to get a more complete education; and, that our older brethren and workers who cannot leave home to attend our schools, take advantage of the Correspondence School recently started at Washington, D. C.

17. "WE RECOMMEND, That all our people who are interested in the education of the children and youth avail themselves of the benefits of the Educational Journal established by the General Conference.

"WHEREAS, Our young people are in need of assistance in their Christian life, therefore,

18. "WE RECOMMEND, That a more earnest effort be put forth for them; (a) By holding conventions and revivals wherever it seems consistent. (b) By encouraging them to engage in the reading course recommended by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department. (c) By organizing Missionary Volunteer Societies where there are a sufficient number of young people. (d) By organizing small bands for counsel and prayer for unconverted friends.

19. "WE RECOMMEND, That our people be encouraged to send their offerings to missions through their local church treasurers, rather than to forward donations direct to missions or to individuals; and that isolated believers remit their offerings to missions through their conference treasury, and that all regular funds be passed through the regular respective treasurers through the regular channels monthly, and that special funds be forwarded immediately.

20. "WE RECOMMEND, That in the making of wills the people be advised to make the North Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists the beneficiary and executor, and that in probating these wills 25% shall go to the Lake Union Conference.

21. "RESOLVED, That we extend to the PETOSKEY DAILY NEWS a vote of thanks for their courtesy in printing the reports of this meeting, and also to Mr. Newberry for the use of these grounds.

Ministerial credentials were granted to J. J. Irwin, M. C. Guild, R. J. Bellows. Brother E. A. Bristol was ordained to the ministry and given credentials. Ministerial licenses were granted Karl Stenberg, M. B. Butterfield, E. F. Peterson, T. E. Fenner, N. H. Pool, L. G. Nyman; missionary credentials were given H. W. Johnson, W. L. Avery, Mrs. M. M. Faulkner, Isabella Campbell, Edith McClellan, Inez Lay; Canvassers' Licenses were given E. C. Collard, C. E. Matteson, K. V. Bjork, Jas. Lowry, A. P. Friday, and Mrs. E. E. Goff.

Officers were elected as follows for the ensuing year: President, J. J. Irwin; Secretary, to be filled by Executive Committee; Treasurer, E. A. Bristol; Executive Committee, J. J. Irwin, M. C. Guild, E. A. Bristol, R. J. Bellows, M. Stephens; Secretary of the Tract Society, E. A. Bristol; Missionary Secretary, to be filled by Executive Committee; Field Agent, H. W. Johnson; Educational Superintendent, Edith McClellan; Trustees of North Michigan Conference Association, J. J. Irwin, M. C. Guild, E. A. Bristol, M. Stephens, J. L. Mann; Cedar Lake Academy Board, J. J. Irwin, M. C. Guild, E. A. Bristol, R. J. Bellows, M. Stephens, W. L. Avery, L. A. Curtis.

The Committees appointed at were as follows: On Nominations, E. F. Peterson, T. W. Bogar, D. O. Montgomery, Thos. De Moupied, U. S. Struble; On Plans and Resolutions, E. A. Bristol, W. L. Avery, Fred Cowles, N. H. Pool, H. W. Johnson, T. E. Fenner, L. G. Nyman; On Credentials and Licenses, M. C. Guild, R. J. Bellows, M. Stephens, J. L. Mann, J. B. Goffar; On Baptism, R. J. Bellows, M. C. Guild, E. A. Bristol; On Seating of Delegates, E. F. Peterson, H. W. Johnson.

Edith McClellan, Secretary.

"THE TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH NO. 9."

We call the attention of our readers to the new volume of the Testimonies for the Church, No. 9, just published, and now ready to mail.

Five years have passed since the Church has had delivered to it a bound volume of the Message so essential to its prosperity. During this time important messages of encouragement, reproof and counsel have been given and are now printed under eight general sections, as follows:

FOR THE COMING OF THE KING.

The Last Crisis; Called To Be Witnesses; Home Missionary Work; The Need Of Earnest Effort; Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give.

LITERATURE IN THE SERVICE.

Our Publications; Circulating The Publications; A Broader View; Camp-Meetings And Our Publications.

THE WORK IN THE CITIES.

Conditions In The Great Cities; A Present-day Work; Methods Of Labor; An Appeal To Laymen; Words Of Counsel To Ministers.

THE HEALTH WORK.

Faithfulness In Health Reform; An Appeal For Medical Missionary Evangelists The Loma Linda College Of Evangelists.

THE SPIRIT OF UNITY.

Unity Among different Nationalities; Unity In Jesus Christ; The Publishing Work At College View; German and Scandinavian Scandanavian Conferences.

AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE

A Call For Colored laborers; Proclaiming The Truth Where There Is Race-Antagonism; The Color Line; Consideration of Colored laborers; The Needs Of A Mission Field.

THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK.

A Time Of Trial Is Before Us; Sunday Labor; Words of Caution.
TIMELY COUNSELS.

Faithful Stewardship; Beneficence; The Spirit Of Independence; A Dis-
tribution Of Responsibility; In Humility And Faith; To The Workers Of Southern Cali-
fornia. I Am But A Little Child; The Reward Of Earnest Effort.

This volume might be regarded as a special appeal for renewed consecration
greater courage, and activity in finishing the special work committed to the Church. No
one who is interested in, or in any way connected with the work of the Third Angel's
Message should be without the help of this new number of the Testimonies to the Church.

It is bound in the usual cloth and flexible leather, 75¢ and \$1.25, also
a special thin edition, flexible leather on Bible paper, round corners, \$1.25. Order
through the State Tract Society.



The time has now come for us to begin to plan the missionary campaign for
the long evenings of fall and winter. Not only did the denomination reap a benefit
from the special campaign with the REVIEW last year, and our people a blessing from cir-
culating the truths of the Third Angel's Message contained in it, but thousands of
people of the world received a degree of knowledge of this truth which is so dear to us.
It was thought best by the leaders of this denomination to repeat the efforts of last
year, and so a recommendation was passed at the General Conference to get out a special
number of the REVIEW which will soon be ready for distribution. It is now time that
our people begin to plan on how many copies they will be able to use, as last year many
realized the disadvantage of ordering at the last moment, and getting their papers too
late to do effective work. You will not only confer a favor upon the publishers and
the Tract Society office, but you will be assured of receiving your papers in plenty of
time, if you lay your plans and order early.



The publishers of the Swedish paper, Sions Vaktare, are getting out a
special temperance number. This paper has many splendid features and will take well,
we believe, with the Swedish people. Among other articles will be a translation of the
touching temperance story, "The Name"; also a song with music, and articles presenting
the terrible prevalence and effects of intemperance, not only in regard to strong drinks,
but in diet and other habits of life, also articles on the commendable efforts and move-
ments now being made for temperance reform. It is well illustrated and the cover is a
beautiful design in colors. We believe that our brethren should put forth an effort to
place one of these journals in the home of every Swedish family in their neighborhood.
You should order this paper before the end of this month.

The terms are; single copy 10¢; 5 copies 5¢ each; 25 copies 4¢; 100 copies
3¢; 500 copies 3¢; 1,000 copies 3¢.



SPECIAL RESCUE LIFE BOAT.

The September LIFE BOAT will be a special rescue number in which will be
published the excellent talk by Judge Parkin, assistant U. S. District Attorney, on the
white slave trade given at the dedication of the new Life Boat Rescue Home, July 25, also
an address by Judge Carter of the Illinois Supreme Court on the need of rescue work.

There will be published in this number a report of a talk given by Mrs. E. G.
White to the workers and inmates of the Rescue Home upon the occasion of her recent visit
to Hinadale. Dr. Lena K. Sadler, Mrs. David Paulson, Lucy Page Gaston and other workers
will contribute to it from their store of knowledge and experience. This number will
be beautifully illustrated, showing views of the new Rescue Home building, the nursery,
parlor and other rooms, also a view of the dedicatory service.

Order extra copies of this special number and place them where they will do
the most good. Address your own Tract Society, or the Life Boat, Hinadale, Ill.

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CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING SEPT. 4, 1909.

| Name | Territory | Book | Hours | Orders | Helps | Total value |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|---------|-------------|
| R. Immonen | Calumet | Finnish Revelation | 145 | 46 | \$12.50 | \$109.50 |
| K. V. Bjork | Ishpeming | " " | 74 | 17 | 18.10 | 56.60 |
| Anna Bjork | Hancock | Coming King | 49 | 21 | 5.10 | 28.10 |
| Fred Osier | Edmore | Great Controversy | 41 | 2 | 1.55 | 10.05 |
| A. P. Friday | Mt. Pleasant | " " | 18 | 2 | | 6.50 |
| H. K. Nelson | Buckley | " " | 32 | Delivered | | |
| Mayme Hogan | Hancock | Coming King | 10 | 4 | | 4.50 |
| Grace Crouch | Petoskey | Home & Health | 42 | 1 | 1.00 | 3.20 |
| F. E. Larsen | Reed City | Great Controversy | 22 | 1 | | 2.75 |
| E. S. Williams | " " | " " | 17 | | | |
| Moses Duca | Harris | " " | 16 | 12 | | 33.00 |
| Clara Stephens | Wolverine | Home & Health | 15 | 2 | .45 | 6.45 |
| Irene Dingman | " " | " " | 15 | | .50 | |
| Lila Prentice | Ludington | Coming King | 8 | 6 | | 12.50 |
| Armilda Bogar | Ludington | " " | 25 | 8 | | 9.00 |
| | | | 529 | 122 | \$49.20 | \$282.15 |

CANVASSING WORK.

We are glad that the way has been provided for nearly all of our canvassers to attend school this fall, where they can receive a better preparation for the work. Most of these workers were at the camp-meeting and had many experiences to relate of how the Lord had blessed them in their work during the summer.

Brethren Bjork and Immonen, our faithful Finnish workers, were unable to come to the meeting, but continued to place the books before the people and are having rich experiences. Brother Immonen will soon return to the seminary at Washington to resume his studies. He writes that his father, who is not an Adventist, sold \$9.00 worth of our tracts in four days, and as I read it I thought that perhaps others might be encouraged to do the same thing after reading this experience.

The Lord has put his hand to the work and is searching for the honest in heart and He is also calling others to enter the work.

During the past summer many people had their attention called to the truth through the efforts of the canvassers, but still there is a great work to be done and opportunity for many more to take up the work. Shall we not continue to pray that God will raise up workers to enter the field and gather the ripened grain?

H. W. Johnson

"At the camp-meeting in Germany, a call was made for all the young people who had consecrated their lives to foreign missions to stand. One hundred and fifty-six arose immediately, and their testimonies gave evidence that they already had quite definite plans."

"Let us pray that all our young people will heed the advice which the mother of the Wesleya, gave her sons: 'Whatever weakens your reason, whatever impairs the tenderness of your conscience, whatever obscures your sense of God, whatever increases the strength and authority of your body over your mind--that thing is wrong, however innocent it may be in itself.'"

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS

There are opportunities that come but once in a life time. The Reading Course comes every year. Yet what many young people lost by not taking the course last year will probably never be regained. The mill never grinds with the water that is past. The only atonement for the past is the improvement of the present.

So great has been the interest in the Missionary Reading Course, and so persistent the demand for something for the children, that this year two courses are offered, the regular Missionary Volunteer Reading Course and a Junior Reading Course. Missionary Volunteer leaflet number twenty-four will tell you all about it, if you will permit. Your Missionary Volunteer secretary, Miss Edith McClellan, 606 Howard St., Petoskey, Mich., will send you one for the asking.

Let parents realize that there is something vastly more important than making a living for their children, and that is to train them into a life worth living, by the home influence thrown about them-- the intellectual and spiritual atmosphere that goes with good books, elevated conversation, and devotion in the home.

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A CATECHISM

Question. What books will be read in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses?

Answer. There are two courses. The Missionary Volunteer Reading Course No. 3 will comprise the books, QUIET TALKS ON SERVICE, THE MOSLEM WORLD, and GREAT SECOND ADVENT MOVEMENT. Those who join the Junior course will read LETTERS FROM THE HOLY LAND, three historical books of the Bible and MY GARDEN NEIGHBORS.

Q. How much time will it take to read the books in the Missionary Volunteer Course?

A. To finish the course in eight months you will have to read about 25 pages each week. The Junior course does not include so much. Supplementary books will be suggested for those who desire to do more reading along these lines.

Q. Where can I get the books?

A. Order QUIET TALKS ON SERVICE and MOSLEM WORLD from the Review & Herald Pub. Co., Washington, D. C., MY GARDEN NEIGHBORS from the Pacific Press Pub. Co., Mountain View, Calif., the others through any of our Tract Societies or publishing houses.

Q. What will the books cost me?

A. The three books in Missionary Volunteer Reading Course No. 3 will cost from \$1.60 to \$2.50 according to bindings. Those in the Junior course from \$1.25 to \$1.50. See INSTRUCTOR of September 7.

Q. When does the course begin?

A. It begins in the INSTRUCTOR of October 5, and continues eight months.

Q. Are there any examinations to take?

A. No, there are no examinations, but in each course three written reviews are required. The books may be used in answering the questions, and the answers should be sent to your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. These reviews are the only evidence that the secretary has that those enrolled are following up the work.

Q. Why does the secretary desire this definite information?

A. For the evidence it furnishes that you are putting good materials into your character building; and that your name may be recommended to the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department for a Reading Course Certificate.

Q. But these certificates are of no value are they?

A. Yes, they are valuable. They are awards of merit showing that you possess "stickability". One college president says, "The Reading Course certificates are an excellent letter of recommendation for young people who are entering our schools. They indicate habits of systematic study and interest in the best things."

Q. How can I enroll?

A. Send your name and address to your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary stating which course you wish to take.

Q. Is there any good reason why I should take this course?

A. Yes, there are many. Space forbids giving them, but remember Solomon says "Wise men lay up wisdom".

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TREASURERS AND LIBRARIANS TAKE NOTICE

An important resolution was passed at the conference which makes quite a change in the work of the church treasurer and librarian. I refer to No. 4, which recommends: "(a) that the treasurer order all supplies, receive all moneys and pay all accounts; (b) that the librarian act as local missionary secretary, and encourage the distribution of literature and keep a record of all missionary work done." This, in effect, makes the treasurer the financial agent of the church, and will systematize the work very much, enabling the librarian to do more efficient work in assisting the members in their missionary work. In the discussion it was generally understood that orders from individuals must be accompanied by cash. This plan has been tried in other conferences and has given excellent satisfaction.

--S. J. Irwin

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TITHLE RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST, 1909

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|--------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Baldwin----- | 4.70 | Manistee----- | 8.47 |
| Chase----- | 14.51 | Miscellaneous----- | 1.10 |
| Colfax----- | 10.65 | Onaway----- | 18.57 |
| Evart----- | 9.24 | Omer----- | 9.76 |
| Eastport----- | 75. | Petoskey----- | 197.59 |
| Frankfort----- | 41.26 | Rose City----- | 11.88 |
| Grant----- | 7.90 | Riv rside----- | 5.56 |
| Hancock----- | 32.34 | Scottville----- | 5.67 |
| Iron River----- | 34.50 | Traverse City----- | 25.89 |
| Iron Mountain----- | 2.48 | Whittemore----- | 49. |
| Leetsville----- | 5. | Wilson----- | 56.78 |
| Mesick----- | 19.14 | | |
| | | Total | 5646.79 |

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"A Christian is the world's Bible. In many cases a revised version is needed."

NEWS NOTES

Prayer bands started at camp-meeting will be continued in the following churches: Onaway, Frankfort, Riverside, Lectsville, Edmore, Cedar Lake, and Cedar Run.

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Our church schools and teachers will be located as follows: Janie Sweet, Traverse City; Armilda Bogar, Petoskey; Della Starkey, Wilson; Ella Rasmusson, Omer; Florence Crouch, Mesick; Inis Morey, Onaway; Ruby Hastings, Riverside; Elmer Ross, Wildwood; Genie Symonds, Grant; Sadie Hogan, East Jordan; Hollis Nelson, Ludington.

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Doubtless all our readers are familiar with the fact that a special effort will again be put forth this fall with the special number of the REVIEW. This will be another good opportunity to help the cause in the mission fields. Please let the Tract Society know at once how many of the REVIEWS you can use, so that they can be shipped without delay.

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According to a resolution passed in the conference some time ago, our churches are in the habit of electing their officers the first of October. We hope that all will do this and send their reports promptly to the North Michigan Tract Society so that we can get a complete list of church officers.

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Sabbath School Quarterlies are here at this office, and we trust that our people will send their orders in time so that they may be mailed at pound rates. If any churches are able to place a standing order for quarterlies, we would be glad to have them do so and thereby save ordering each quarter.

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Several years ago a series of tent meetings was held near Boon and a number accepted the truth. Although some have moved away, yet those remaining have held up the truth among the people and several families are interested.

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The workers who have been located at Ishpeming this summer report very encouraging results. Brethren Bellows, Peterson, and Wanner conducted meetings in English, and Brother Karl Starberg had charge of the Swedish tent. The chief interest was among the Swedes, as the tents were located in a large Swedish population. Several hundred attended the meetings, and some have taken their stand for the truth. Brother Starberg did not think it wise to leave his work there to attend the camp-meeting, but he sent an interesting report which was read before the conference.

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"Only let the moments be treasured. A few moments here, and a few there, that might be frittered away in aimless talk; the morning hours so often wasted in bed; the time spent in travelling on trains or railway cars, or waiting at the station; the moments of waiting for meals; waiting for those who are tardy or keeping an appointment;-- if a book were kept at hand, and these fragments of time were improved in study, reading, or careful thought, what might not be accomplished?"