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"REJOICE, AND BE EXCEEDING GLAD."

This life is not all sad,
The world is not so mad
As some have long supposed,
Whose hearts to joy are closed.

'Tis true there is much care,
And all by no means rare,
As well as they could ask—
Yet is all life a task?

Behind the lowering cloud,
And roar of thunder loud,
The sun still brightly shines,
And all, with silver lines.

The storm can't always last,
Though fierce it blows—and fast;
The cloud its force must spend
And with the rainbow blend.

If thou wouldst look around,
Ten thousand might be found
Whose lot is worse than thine—
Then why dost thou repine?

The trouble with us is
We don't regard as His
Who owns and governs all
The things which to us fall.

He gave and He can take,
We have no right to make
Complaint for what He does:
He chastens whom He loves,

This thought should cheer us up,
When oft the bitter cup
To our own lips is thrust,
And, grieved, we're bowed to dust.

Then clear thy saddened brow;
Fall down! Give thanks just now
To God for all thou hast;
For mercies, present, past.

"Rejoice!" Do not be sad,
But "be exceeding glad."
The blessings of a day
Thou never canst repay.

—Sel.

Anniversary Reports.

FTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF S. D. ADVENTISTS.

ACCORDING to appointment, this meeting was held on the Lansing camp-ground, Sept. 20, at 9 A. M. Eld. S. N. Haskell called the meeting to order, stating that as president of the Conference, Eld. James White, was absent, it would be necessary to choose a chairman. The Conference then called to the chair Eld. S. N. Haskell, who opened the meeting by prayer. As secretary, C. W. Stone, was also absent, B. Oyen was chosen secretary *pro tem*. In response to the call for delegates to the Conference from the several States, the following named brethren appeared as such:—

S. N. Haskell, from New England; E. H. Root, D. H. Lamson, E. R. Jones, John Day, Harvey Kenyon, Ezra Griggs, Francis Nelson, A. B. Oyen, from Michigan; G. W. Colecord, from Illinois; H. W. Decker, from Wisconsin; W. C. White, from California; L. H. Hall, from New York; H. A. St. John, from Ohio.

The following named brethren, who were present, were, by vote of the Conference, appointed to act as delegates from their respective States: J. O. Corliss, from Virginia; John Fulton, from Canada; A. J. Mciver, from Kansas; Geo. Tenney, from Wisconsin.

On motion, All our brethren in good standing in the churches were invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference.

The present standing of the Conference is shown by the following reports from the State Conferences, and general missions:—

NAME OF CONFERENCES.	Ministers.	Licentiates.	Churches.	Members.	S. D. Pledges.
Maine.....	3	1	13	263	\$ 810 42
Vermont.....	6	2	18	425	1,566 39
New England.....	3	5	21	400	2,500 00
New York and Pa.....	8	5	40	850	3,643 10
Ohio.....	1	3	13	300	1,804 28
Michigan.....	21	15	108	3258	12,000 00
Indiana.....	3	2	13	315	1,000 00
Wisconsin.....	8	8	50	1135	3,863 00
Illinois.....	6	13	22	500	2,384 47
Minnesota.....	12	10	45	871	2,847 54
Iowa and Nebraska.....	12	12	60	1365	5,077 00
Missouri.....	1	2	17	438	1,200 00
Kansas.....	5	4	18	586	1,849 17
California.....	5	6	22	600	5,504 39
Kentucky & Tenn.....	2	3	6	67	426 89
North Pacific Mission.....	2		2	43	
Texas Mission.....	1		2	92	550 00
European Mission.....	4		8	300	650 00
Total.....	106	97	478	11,708	\$47,173 56

The secretary's report, being called for, was read and accepted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. Smith in account with the General Conference, Dr.	
Sept. 17, 1876, To cash on hand,	\$ 779.82
To amount received during year,	3276.09
Total,	\$4055.91
Cr.	
Sept. 19, 1877, By amount paid out during year,	\$2929.01
Balance on hand,	1126.90
Total,	\$4055.91

U. SMITH, Treasurer.

The Chair was empowered, by vote, to appoint the different committees, 1. On Nominations, 2. On Resolutions, 3. On Auditing accounts.

The appointments were afterward made as follows: On nominations, U. Smith, H. W. Decker, W. C. White; on resolutions, U. Smith, S. Brownsberger, A. B. Oyen; on auditing accounts, W. C. White, J. S. Day, F. W. Howe.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND SESSION.

Convened Sept. 24, 3:30 P. M. Prayer by Eld. D. H. Lamson. The president called Eld. U. Smith to the chair. The minutes of last session were read.

The following additional delegates presented their credentials at this session: S. H. Lane, from Indiana; L. McCoy, from Iowa. N. Grant, from Ohio, appeared as alternate for H. A. St. John, who was obliged to leave the ground on account of ill health.

The Nominating Committee reported as follows: For President, Eld. James White; Secretary, Eld. U. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Chapman; Executive Committee, Elds. James White, S. N. Haskell, and D. M. Canright.

The report was accepted, and the committee discharged. The persons nominated were thereupon unanimously elected.

Verbal reports from missionaries and laborers were called for, and remarks were made by Eld. John Fulton, for Canada; Eld. J. O. Corliss, for Virginia; L. McCoy, for Iowa; Eld. S. H. Lane, for Indiana, and Eld. D. M. Canright, for New England.

Interesting letters were read from Eld. I. D. Van Horn, North Pacific Mission; Eld. S. Osborn, Kentucky and Tennessee Conference; J. M. Elliott, Alabama; Eld. R. M. Kilgore, Texas; Eld. Geo. I. Butler, Missouri; Timothy Bryant, Maine; Eld. J. Ertzenberger, Germany, and Eld. D. T. Bourdeau, France.

A request from Eld. H. A. St. John for an efficient minister to labor in the Ohio

Conference this fall and winter, was also read.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD SESSION.

Convened 5:30 P. M., Sept. 27. Prayer by Eld. U. Smith. The minutes of last session were read and approved.

A letter from Eld. John G. Matteson, giving the standing of the cause in Denmark, its wants, and its future prospects, was read.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions being called for, they presented the following partial report:—

Resolved, That we express our sympathy for the friends of the Sabbath reform, in those portions of Europe where the English language is spoken, and we hope to be able ere long to establish a mission in that field.

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to God for the success that has thus far attended our European mission, and for its present prosperity, and pledge ourselves anew to sustain our beloved brother, Elder J. N. Andrews, and his fellow-laborers in the work there, by sending him additional helpers as soon as in our power.

Resolved, That in the starting of a mission in Denmark, the success attending Eld. John G. Matteson's labors to establish the truth there, and the many calls for labor in that country, we see the opening and favoring providence of God, and an indication that the prophecy that the truth shall be preached to many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings, is being fulfilled.

Whereas, In view of the many favorable openings for the introduction of the third angel's message among the Swedes, Danes, and Norwegians, not only in this country, but also in Sweden, Denmark, and Norway, and the lack of efficient laborers in these tongues, therefore,

Resolved, That we encourage young men of these nationalities, who feel a burden of the work, to prepare themselves for usefulness and engage in spreading the light among their countrymen, and that we pray the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers into his vineyard.

Resolved, That we recommend the President of this Conference to visit immediately the southern field, accompanied by such a laborer, or laborers, as he may choose, or if he cannot go, that some other suitable person be immediately sent.

Whereas, The calls for ministerial labor in spreading the truth in all parts of the world are rapidly increasing, and as they are now far beyond the ability of our conferences to meet, and

Whereas, The Biblical Institute lately held in California has proved so instrumental in the preparation of young men for this work, that, by its means, the number of laborers in that State has been almost doubled;

Resolved, That Elds. Jas. White and U. Smith be requested to continue to hold such Biblical Institutes during the coming year, in such States and at such times as the General Conference Committee may advise.

Resolved, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the efficiency of the labors of these brethren, and the skill and thoroughness which characterize their management of these Institutes.

Resolved, That this Conference appoint a committee of one or more to draft a better form for church letter, or letter of recommendation, to be used by all our churches.

The above resolutions were unanimously adopted, several of them being discussed at some length by the delegates.

It was moved and seconded that Eld. U. Smith draft a church letter in accordance with resolution eight.

Adjourned to call of the Chair.

FOURTH SESSION.

Sept. 28, 4:30 P. M. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Waggoner.

The committee on Resolutions, presented the following, which were unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That each year's experience in this message confirms our faith that God has chosen Bro. and Sr. White to fill a leading position in this work; that we never felt the need of their counsel and experienced labors more than now; and that therefore we earnestly pray God to sustain them with strength and wisdom for their arduous labors.

Whereas, We see the utmost confusion, division, and lack of harmony, among other bodies of Adventists, crippling their influence, and bringing reproach upon the Advent cause; and

Whereas, Such thorough unity, both in doctrine and practice, has always prevailed among Seventh-day Adventists, and does still, though they are of so many different nationalities, creeds, classes, and temperaments; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our deep gratitude to God for the harmony and power of the third angel's message which has done so much for us. And

Whereas, During the experience of a quarter of a century of this work we have invariably seen those persons and parties who have separated themselves from us in opposition to the gift of prophecy which God has placed in the remnant church, go into divisions, confusion, or cease to accomplish anything in the work of the present truth; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our continued conviction that we are largely indebted to the gift of prophecy, as manifested through sister White, for the harmony and unity which this people enjoy.

Resolved, That we, as a people should cultivate a high and active educational sentiment, and see that all our children secure a good mental training, or, at least, a thorough knowledge of the common branches taught in our schools.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified at the prosperity that has attended our efforts in the establishment of an institution of learning, and with joy and humility we would acknowledge the directing hand of God in all these efforts.

Resolved, That our ministers should continually keep before our people their duty to support the work of the ministry, according to the plan of s. d. as set forth in the recent tract entitled, "Systematic Benevolence;" and that we recommend that the leader of each company read that tract to the church at the quarterly meeting in January next.

Resolved, That we fully approve of the plan partially adopted by our brethren last year, of each individual giving for the support of the tract and missionary cause a sum equal to one-third his s. d.; and that we recommend its universal adoption.

Resolved, That we encourage donations on the part of those who are able to make them, to the tract cause and to every other branch of the work where means are needed.

Resolved, That Brn. James White, D. M. Canright, and U. Smith be hereby appointed a committee to prepare an s. d. book and a church clerk's book adapted to the present wants of the cause.

Interesting remarks were made by Eld. D. M. Canright and others in reference to Resolutions 1, 2 and 3. He heartily approved of and indorsed them, and wished that an expression from the congregation might be taken in regard to them. A rising vote was taken, showing that the people were entirely in harmony and sympathy with the sentiments expressed in the resolutions.

The report of the committee appointed in the annual meeting of the Conference in 1875, to revise the tract on Leadership, was

called for. Eld. U. Smith stated that the committee had not had time to devote to this revision, but as certain resolutions touching this question had been prepared to be submitted to this Conference, the committee would beg leave to endorse those resolutions, and present them for their report:—

Resolved, That we rescind all that portion of the Address on Leadership passed in 1873, which teaches that the leadership of the body is confined to any one man.

Resolved, That the highest authority under God among Seventh-day Adventists is found in the will of the body of that people, as expressed in the decisions of the General Conference when acting within its proper jurisdiction; and that such decisions should be submitted to by all without exception, unless they can be shown to conflict with the word of God and the rights of individual conscience.

The Conference accepted the report of the Committee, and unanimously adopted the resolutions.

Eld. White spoke of the pleasure of seeing Eld. W. H. Littlejohn at this meeting, and of the prospect of his once more being united with our people, and laboring in harmony with us.

Bro. Littlejohn thereupon said that the resolutions just passed had cleared away the difficulties that had stood in the way of his active co-operation with the body for the past four years, and he hoped that he soon would have the privilege of engaging actively in the work of spreading the truth again.

Eld. White then presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That this Conference invite Bro. Littlejohn to join us in the work in fellowship and in labor.

This was unanimously passed by a rising vote of the whole congregation.

Adjourned to call of the President.

JAMES WHITE, Pres.

A. B. OYEN, Sec. pro tem.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE S. D. ADVENTIST PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

In accordance with the notice given in the REVIEW, the eighteenth annual meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association was held at Lansing, Mich., Sept. 25, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M. The meeting was called to order by the president, Eld. Jas. White, who opened the session with prayer.

The secretary, Mrs. M. J. Chapman, being absent, U. Smith was chosen secretary pro tem.

The roll being called, eighty-seven stockholders responded, representing one hundred and seventy-two shares.

The auditor's report was then presented, giving the following as the result of the financial workings of the Association during the year ending Sept. 15, 1877:—

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.		
Cash on hand Sept. 15, 1876,	\$	4304.20
Received on Review,	\$	7102.88
" " YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR,		1674.90
" " HEALTH REFORMER,		3576.07
" " Accts. and deposits,		98084.93
" " Shares,		73.00
" " Job work,		11218.13
" " Sales,		38301.99
" " Educational fund,		8050.27
" " Mich. Conf. fund,		9490.71
" " Gen. Conf. fund,		3276.09
Total,	\$	180,798.47
EXPENDITURES.		
Paid out on accts. & deposits,	\$	101712.55
" " for Stock,		43886.49
" " " Labor,		14284.98
" " " Wood & incidentals,		5566.41
" " " Office fixtures,		900.09
" " " Manuscript,		400.00
" " " Instructor cuts,		55.25
" " " Educational fund,		6205.30
" " " Mich. Conf. fund,		8025.38
" " " Gen. Conf. fund,		2929.01
Cash on hand to balance,		3676.21
Total,	\$	185,102.67
INVENTORY.		
Total valuation of the property of the Association,	\$	117106.83
Due on book account,		38678.49
Due on notes,		1571.81
Cash on hand Sept. 19, 1877,		3686.21
Total,	\$	160,993.34
The Association owes as follows:—		
On notes,	\$	11368.87
On book account,		50650.94
Total,	\$	62,019.81
Assets after all debts are paid,	\$	98,973.53
Assets as given in last report,		96,719.59
Increase during the year,	\$	2,253.94
The Association has also "for given debts" during the year to the amount of \$2264.13, making the actual increase,		\$4,518.07

JAMES SAWYER, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have carefully examined the

books and accounts of the S. D. A. P. Association, and find them correctly kept, and that the above report of the treasurer shows a correct statement of the financial condition of the Association, according to my best information and belief.

F. H. SISLEY, Auditor.

The business of the election of trustees for the coming year being introduced by the secretary as the next regular business of the meeting, a nominating committee was appointed by the president, consisting of the following persons: S. N. Haskell, D. M. Canright, and W. C. White.

After a few moments' consultation the committee presented the following nominations: For President, Eld. Jas. White; Vice-president, W. C. White; Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Chapman; Treasurer, Wm. Ings; Auditor, Mrs. F. H. Sisley; Publishing Committee; Jas. White, J. H. Kellogg, U. Smith.

The balloting confirmed the nomination by a unanimous vote.

Other business being called for the following motions were presented:—

By Eld. Canright, That U. Smith be editor of the REVIEW AND HERALD, and Jas. White and J. N. Andrews corresponding editors. Carried.

By U. Smith, That Mrs. M. J. Chapman be the editor of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR. Carried.

By S. N. Haskell, That the president of the Association receive \$10 per week for the time actually spent for the Association. Carried.

By S. N. Haskell, That the editor of the REVIEW receive at the rate of \$10 per week for his services. Carried.

By D. M. Canright, That the editor of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR receive at the rate of \$7 per week for her services. Carried.

By D. M. Canright, That the auditor for the past year be paid \$7 per week for time spent in auditing the books of the Association. Carried.

Adjourned sine die.

JAS. WHITE, Pres.

U. SMITH, Sec. pro tem.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HEALTH REFORM INSTITUTE.

The stockholders of the Health Reform Institute met, according to due notice given in the REVIEW, on the Lansing camp-ground, Sept. 26, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Eld. S. N. Haskell.

The secretary being absent, U. Smith was chosen secretary pro tem.

The roll being called, it was ascertained that there were represented by shareholders present and by proxies 738 shares, which being a majority of all the stock taken in the Institute, the meeting was organized for business.

Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

The treasurer not being present, the report was presented by the secretary, as follows:—

Treasurer's report of the financial workings of the Health Reform Institute for the year commencing Sept. 14, 1876, and ending Sept. 24, 1877.

RECEIPTS.		
From patients,	\$	18704.79
Incidental sales,		8239.18
Sale of real estate,		3000.00
Shares of stock,		225.00
Donations,		16.00
On deposit,		10995.10
On old notes and accounts,		1167.97
Total receipts,	\$	86,648.04
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Provisions, wood, & incidentals,	\$	9782.09
Labor,		4895.06
Furniture and instruments,		1028.81
Repairs on building and furniture,		593.28
Improvements, new buildings,		14916.89
Stock refunded (\$41 more than received),		282.00
On old notes and accounts,		1641.89
Total,	\$	33,189.52
Cash on hand,		3,508.52
Total,	\$	86,648.04
INVOICE OF PROPERTY.		
Real estate, estimated as last year, with cost of new buildings to date added,	\$	66855.89
Household goods,		6398.62
Wood, provisions, and etc.,		2133.10
Due on good notes and accounts (mostly this year),		9909.00
Cash on hand,		3508.52
Total assets,	\$	58,805.13
LIABILITIES.		
Due on notes and accounts,	\$	12,928.82
Assets less liabilities,		45,876.31
Less assets of last year, corrected by error of same of \$1286.47,		36,403.71
Increase during year,	\$	9,472.60

W. J. FAIRFIELD, Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the business records of the Health Reform Institute for the past year, and find that they exhibit a correct record of the receipts and expenditures of the past year, to the best of my knowledge and judgment.

E. G. WINKLER, Auditor.

The physician in chief, J. H. Kellogg, M. D., presented the following report of the medical management of the Institute during the past year:—

Report of the medical management of the Health Reform Institute for the year beginning Sept. 14, 1876, and ending Sept. 24, 1877.

During the year there have been treated at this institution 498 patients, among whom were residents of twenty-three different States, besides the Canadas. It is believed that the average grade of intelligence of the patrons of the institution during the year has been higher than ever before, notwithstanding the inadequateness of facilities for treatment, which has been a source of great embarrassment, the number of patients being greater than could be comfortably accommodated. Nevertheless, the results of treatment have been uniformly satisfactory. No death has occurred at the institution during the year. A strong effort has been made through various channels to secure an improvement in the tone of public sentiment respecting the methods employed at the institution, and with a considerable degree of success. J. H. KELLOGG, M. D.

The election of a Board of Directors being next in order, the president being empowered to appoint a nominating committee, named S. N. Haskell, D. M. Canright, and U. Smith, as said committee. After a short consultation the committee reported, nominating the following persons to act as Directors of the Health Institute during the coming year: Jas. White, J. H. Kellogg, S. Brownsberger, W. J. Fairfield, O. B. Jones, W. C. White, Wm. Sisley.

The shareholders then proceeded to ballot on this nomination, which resulted in the election of the persons named by 719 votes.

The following resolutions were then introduced and adopted:—

Resolved, That J. H. Kellogg, U. Smith, and Prof. Brownsberger, be a committee to revise the Articles and By-laws of the Health Reform Institute, and to take such steps as are necessary in reference to a change of its name, and placing it upon such a legal basis as is best adapted to its present wants.

Resolved, That Section 3 of Article II. of the By-laws of the H. R. Institute be stricken out.

Adjourned sine die.

JAS. WHITE, Pres.

U. SMITH, Sec. pro tem.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE S. D. ADVENTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

This meeting was called to order by the president, Eld. James White, on the Lansing camp-ground, Sept. 24, 1877, at 10:30 A. M. Prayer by Eld. D. M. Canright.

The audience was then addressed by Prof. S. Brownsberger, of the Battle Creek College, on the subject of "What We Owe to Our Children." The address was one of marked ability and interest.

The meeting was then organized by calling the roll to ascertain the number of stockholders present. Ninety-three responded, representing eight hundred and ninety-six shares.

Minutes of the last meeting read and approved.

The auditor's report not being ready for immediate presentation, on motion, the Chair appointed a nominating committee, consisting of the following persons, to nominate candidates for the office of trustees of the Educational Society for the coming year: G. H. Bell, Jas. Sawyer, E. R. Jones.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND SESSION.

Sept. 24, 2 P. M. Opened by prayer. The auditor's report being called for, was presented, showing the following results:—

James Sawyer in account with Battle Creek College for the year ending Sept. 17, 1877.

Dr.		
To amount rec'd on pledges,	\$	6179.51
" " " tuition,		3368.26
" " " college paper		
and book sales,		411.66
To amount rec'd on other sales,		504.40
To amount rec'd on real estate and rent,		880.80
Total,	\$	11,289.63
Cr.		
By amount paid on deposits,	\$	1844.97
" " " teachers' salaries,		2219.14
" " " janitor's wages,		825.50
" " " incidentals,		746.99
" " " indebtedness,		2344.97
" " " notes,		271.03
" " " new buildings,		8537.08
Total,	\$	11,289.63
INVENTORY.		
The S. D. A. Educational Society holds property valued as follows:—		
Real estate, College grounds,	\$	12,155.00
" " College buildings,		27,848.32
" " detached lots,		4,725.00
" " seven new buildings,		10,369.20
Notes due,		1,380.00
Total,	\$	56,477.52
The Society owes as follows:—		
On book account,	\$	9806.29
Assets, above all indebtedness,		47,171.23.

JAMES SAWYER, Treasurer.

This is to certify that I have examined the treasurer's books, and find the foregoing report correct according to my best knowledge and belief.

W. C. WHITE, Auditor.

Moved, That the address of Prof. Brownsberger, delivered at the opening of

the first session, be published in the REVIEW. Carried.

The report of the nominating committee was then called for and presented. The following persons were nominated by said committee, to act as trustees during the coming year: James White, U. Smith, S. Brownsberger, J. H. Kellogg, W. C. White, William Sisley, and A. B. Oyen.

The balloting showed 740 votes all in favor of the persons named, whereupon they were declared unanimously elected, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

JAS. WHITE, Pres.

U. SMITH, Sec.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL T. AND M. SOCIETY.

The General Tract and Missionary Society held its second annual meeting in connection with the General Conference, at Lansing, Mich., Sept. 27, 1877, at 10:30 A. M. President, Elder James White, in the chair. Meeting was opened by singing. Prayer was offered by Eld. H. W. Decker.

H. W. Decker was chosen secretary pro tem. Remarks were made by Eld. S. N. Haskell on the general working of the Society, after which the Chair was authorized to appoint a committee to nominate officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were named as said committee: E. R. Jones, D. H. Lamson, and W. C. White.

Voted, To appoint a committee to examine and suggest changes in the Constitution and By-laws of the Society. S. N. Haskell, W. C. White, and U. Smith were chosen as this committee.

Further encouraging remarks were made by Eld. Haskell on the increase of labor performed, and suggestions as to the most effective means to be used in missionary labor.

The committee on Nominations reported the following persons for election as officers for the year to come who were severally and unanimously elected; viz., President, Eld. S. N. Haskell; vice President, W. C. White; Secretary, Maria L. Huntley; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. S. H. Lane; Treasurer, Mrs. M. J. Chapman; Business agent, Wm. Ings.

Voted, That the Chair appoint a committee to revise and print the constitution of State Tract Societies, and furnish them to the different State organizations. S. N. Haskell, W. C. White, U. Smith were appointed as that committee.

Voted, That the General Conference Committee be empowered to fill vacancies which may necessarily occur in the offices of the General T. and M. Society for the following year.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

JAMES WHITE, Pres.

H. W. DECKER, Sec. pro tem.

MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

The seventeenth annual session of the Michigan State Conference of S. D. Adventists was held on the camp-ground at Lansing, Mich., Wednesday, Sept. 19, 1877, at 2 P. M. The president, Eld. J. Fargo, being absent on account of sickness, Eld. E. H. Root, a member of the Conference Committee, was called to the chair. The meeting being called to order, prayer was offered by Eld. E. R. Jones.

Fifty-six churches were represented by sixty-seven delegates.

On motion, The following churches were admitted into the Conference, or taken under its watch-care, viz., the churches at Diamondale, Leslie, and Adrian, which were fully organized; and those at Sheridan, Summit, and Fowlerville, partially organized. The minutes of the Conference of 1876 were read and accepted.

It was moved and sustained that the chairman, E. H. Root, appoint the usual committees.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

The committees subsequently announced were as follows: On nominations, E. R. Jones, Franklin Howe, W. C. White; on resolutions, D. H. Lamson, H. M. Kenyon, M. B. Miller; on credentials and licenses, S. Brownsberger, John Day, W. C. White; on auditing, Francis Nelson, John Day, Wm. Potter, E. S. Griggs, J. S. Wicks, A. W. Maynard.

SECOND SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Eld. James White. Prayer by Eld. E. H. Root. Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. Delegates were admitted from Colon, Monroe Center, Fair Grove, Orleans, Watrousville, Dryden, and Elmwood. Reports of committees being called for,

the Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For President, J. Fargo; Conference Committee, J. Fargo, E. H. Root, S. Brownsberger; Secretary, A. B. Oyen; Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Sisley. The report was accepted, and these persons were elected separately.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses made the following report: For credentials, Eld. James White, Mrs. E. G. White, J. H. Waggoner, John Byington, A. O. Burrill, E. B. Lane, D. H. Lamson, R. J. Lawrence, I. D. Van Horn, Sands H. Lane, H. M. Kenyon, U. Smith, E. R. Jones, John Corliss, J. B. Frisbie, Orlando Soule, M. B. Miller, E. Van Dusen, J. Fargo, and E. H. Root. For licenses: Wm. Potter, H. S. Guilford, E. S. Lane, Dolphus Wellman, J. L. Edgar, John Sisley, Gardner Owen, August Rasmussen, R. T. Sisley, Frank Starr, Delmar Wellman, I. A. Olmstead. The report of the committee was accepted, and credentials and licenses were granted according to the above recommendations.

Calls were made for petitions from churches, whereupon the church at Hillsdale, through their delegate, requested the privilege of using their s. b. to repair their church. The request, after consideration, was left to the Conference Committee. The church at Flint preferred the request to be allowed to retain their s. b., to aid in building a house of worship. The request was granted. The churches at Fair Grove and Diamondale were also allowed to retain their s. b. for the coming year, for the same purpose.

The matter of the church at Locke was referred to the Conference Committee.

After the reading of the treasurer's report, the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Eld. James White. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Waggoner.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses recommended a renewal of credentials to James Sawyer, and that license be granted to M. S. Burnham and L. A. Kellogg. The request in reference to C. C. Doren was left with the Conference Committee.

The request of the church at Sheridan to retain their s. b. was left to the Conference Committee.

The matter of the church at Locke was placed again in the hands of the Conference. That body accepted the trust, and disposed of the matter by recommending the Conference to send a letter to the church, to relieve them if possible. The recommendation was put in the form of a motion, and a vote was taken to carry it out.

The motion of W. C. White, to issue a colporteur's license, after remarks by himself, and Elds. Haskell and Waggoner, was sustained by Eld. E. R. Jones and carried.

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee to provide a form of license.

It was moved to send a minister to assist the class at Olivet, either in a reorganization, or in the best manner possible. The request of the delegate from Mattawan was left with the Conference Committee.

The motion of Eld. E. R. Jones, to reprint the Constitution of the Michigan Conference, and to print some regulations respecting the government of our churches, was amended by a motion for a revision of the Constitution, by a committee appointed by the Chair. J. H. Waggoner, D. M. Cartright, and U. Smith were appointed such committee.

The committee to create a colporteur's license were James White, U. Smith, and S. N. Haskell.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:—

Whereas, There is yet a great lack on the part of our church clerks, in making reports of the churches to the Conference, so that it is an absolute impossibility to obtain complete returns as to their standing, financial condition, and pledges of s. b., either to State or General Conference, and

Whereas, This subject has been noticed heretofore by our Conference; therefore

Resolved, That we repeat the resolution of 1874; which reads as follows:—

"Resolved, That we deem all such neglect on the part of said clerks, an evidence of a deplorable lack of interest in the cause in which we are engaged, and that such a course is worthy of censure."

And we recommend that whenever such failures occur in the future, without just reason, the clerks so failing be removed, and others be elected to fill their places.

Resolved, That we recommend that the reports of the pledges of s. b., to the Con-

ference, be forwarded to the secretary at the beginning of each year; viz., Jan. 1.

Resolved, That we consider the recommendation of the General Conference Committee for all our churches to hold quarterly meetings regularly, beginning with the first Sabbath in January of each year, to examine church records, and to inquire into all matters pertaining to their spiritual progress, is counsel founded upon true wisdom, and in the order of God; and it is hereby expressed as the judgment of this Conference, that it should, without one single failure, be heeded.

Whereas, Churches have been added in different parts of our State, and our membership correspondingly increased, and yet it is a deplorable fact that our spiritual prosperity has not kept pace with our increase in members; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly exhort our brethren and sisters to make the distinction wide between themselves and the world, following more closely in the footsteps of our great Pattern, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved, That the undeniable evidence of the progress of the truth we love, in all parts of the world, should be the occasion of the most unfeigned thanksgiving to God; and that the prayers and efforts of the members of this Conference as a whole, as well as of the churches and people individually, should still be untiringly directed to its advancement.

Resolved, That the missionary work is worthy of our most earnest attention, and that the general success that has attended it, whether guided by the body of the people or by personal effort, should be the cause of the most sincere gratitude to the Lord, and an incentive to the greatest and most continued exertion.

Resolved, That the Michigan Conference of S. D. Adventists, above all others, should feel and express their appreciation of the persevering labors and untiring energy of our beloved Bro. and Sr. White, for our good; and that our hearts are saddened by their recurring infirmities resulting from burdens they have so cheerfully borne. And we once more resolve to stay up their hands, and take every burden from their hearts that can possibly be borne by us; this being the best and only means by which desires for their welfare can be made effectual.

Resolved, That the grateful thanks of the Michigan Conference of S. D. Adventists are due to the railroad companies which have granted us such favorable terms of passage, viz., the Detroit and Milwaukee, and the Detroit, Lansing and Northern Railroads; and that such thanks are especially due to the Chicago and Lake Huron, and Chicago and North-eastern Railroads, for the unusual regard they have shown us during the entire camp-meeting.

Resolved, That this Conference and people as a body hereby tender a vote of thanks to O. F. Camp, the owner of the ground upon which we are located, for favors shown us beyond contract.

Moved, By Eld. M. B. Miller, That we as a people express our thanks to Bro. E. H. Root for the earnest and cheerful manner in which he has borne burdens connected with this camp-meeting, especially the additional ones coming upon him in consequence of the sickness of other members of committees to which he belongs. Sustained and carried by a rising and unanimous vote.

The following addition and amendments to the Constitution of the Michigan Conference of S. D. Adventists were offered by M. B. Miller, and were accepted by a unanimous vote:—

The addition of a section to be known as Section 5, Article II., to read as follows: It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to fill between sessions, by appointment, the vacancies that may occur, by death or otherwise, among the officers of the Conference.

The amendment of Section 3, Article III., by striking out the clause, "Except when it be preferable to give it, or a portion of it, directly to preachers who labor among them." And that we strike out of the Constitution Section 5, of Article III.

The amendment of Section 1, Article VI., so as to read, It shall be the duty of the ministers of this Conference to make a written report to each annual meeting thereof, of their labors each week, and of the amount of their receipts and expenditures during the Conference year.

FOURTH SESSION.

The reading of the minutes of last session was waived. The question of dona-

tions to the General Conference called for a reading again of the treasurer's report, which showed a balance in the treasury of the Conference of \$10,435.99. Out of this the accounts of the ministers the past year are to be paid. It was moved to donate to the General Conference \$2000.00. Carried.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Bro. M. B. Miller:—

Whereas, There is at present a lack of uniformity in our church records, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend our churches to procure and use certain books now in preparation at the REVIEW Office for church clerks and s. b. treasurers.

After remarks by Eld. S. N. Haskell the resolution was carried.

Request was preferred by the delegate from Pottsville for permission to aid the church at Diamondale with one-half of their s. b. Remarks were made by several persons explanatory and otherwise, and the request was finally granted.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

E. H. Root, Pres.

D. H. Lamson, Sec.

"SUNRISE NEVER FAILED US YET."

Upon the sadness of the sea
The sunset broods regretfully;
From the far, lonely spaces, slow
Withdraws the wistful afterglow.

So out of life the splendor dies:
So darken all the happy skies:
So gathers twilight, cold and stern;
But overhead the planets burn.

And up the east another day
Shall chase the bitter dark away:
What though our eyes with tears be wet?
The sunrise never failed us yet.

The blush of dawn may yet restore
Our light and hope and joys once more.
Sad soul, take comfort, nor forget
That sunrise never failed us yet.

—Celia Thaxter.

ILLINOIS CAMP-MEETING.

I AM in receipt of many truly encouraging words, which speak of the effect of our late camp-meeting at Clinton; and, believing that they will prove a source of encouragement to the generality of the friends of present truth, I will transcribe some of the most important.

Mr. Campbell, proprietor of the campground, said: "I will put these stakes in a dry place, so that you can use them next year." He said he anticipated trouble from the rowdies, but he acknowledged we over-generated them the first evening, by so freely vacating our seats for them. Further, he remarked that our people should have staid another week.

The American Express Agent said: "Had your folks remained a little longer quite a number would have united with you."

A minister of the M. E. church came upon the ground during public services; becoming interested in the speaker's theme, he wholly forgot to take a seat! Another gentleman confessed that a similar experience befell him. By these incidents it may readily be seen that there is power in this message, and by these evidences we prove that the people are starving for want of spiritual food.

Bro. Stimpson writes: "The people say, 'Your ministers should come and preach in our hall.' I thank the Lord for the impression our meeting made on the public mind. Never before has Clinton been so moved by religious influences as by our late annual meeting."

By letter from Bro. Merritt and Morrison I learn that the people at Farmer City have read so much about the camp-meeting that it has plainly increased their audiences.

The following I clip from the Clinton Register:—

"On Tuesday evening there ended the most successful camp-meeting ever held in this section, so far as attendance and order are concerned. A little over two weeks ago our people were surprised by the announcement, by posters, that the Seventh-day Adventists would hold a camp-meeting in Campbell's grove, near this city, continuing from the 22d to the 28th. Before their questions as to who and what were the Adventists, were satisfactorily answered, the Adventists had arrived, pitched their tents, and a little village had sprung up in the grove.

"Usually camp-meetings are scenes of disorder, many attending for no other purpose than to create a disturbance; but this meeting evidently had at its head men of great executive ability, for the grounds were

neatly kept and the best of order was maintained at all times. The people were welcomed to the grounds and every provision made for their comfort, but they were politely but firmly given to understand that it was a religious meeting, and no disturbances of the exercises would be allowed. The consequence was that the vast audiences were quiet and attentive, the speakers being distinctly heard at the very outside of the crowd. During intermission the people assembled in groups and quietly ate their meals and discussed what they had heard. Go where you would upon the grounds, you would find an Adventist ready to assist you or answer your inquiries in regard to their doctrines. All the meetings were well attended, and on Sunday there were several thousand persons present, coming from every portion of the county.

"As the doctrines of this sect are new to most of our people, we give them in brief as near as we were able to learn them. They believe that the seventh day (Saturday) was set apart by command of the Lord as a day of rest and worship, and that the Sunday observed by other sects is an unwarranted innovation upon the divine command. They believe in the second coming of Christ, and that the time of his coming is near at hand, but do not pretend to set the time of the second advent. They believe that the sin and impurities of this earth will be destroyed, thereby making it a fit home for the righteous, who will live upon it, while the wicked will be destroyed. The arguments of their speakers were ably delivered, and while our people were not convinced as to all their doctrines, they were made to look upon them with respect. The Adventists have at least this much to commend them—they are zealous workers and seem to live up to their faith.

"On Monday a number of them went to Salt Creek, where twenty-five were immersed. We have been often asked what was the object of their meeting, and how they came to hold it in Clinton, when there is no organization of the sect in this county. We were told, in response to the same questions, that the meeting is an annual Conference of the State, and that the president of the association, in looking around for a place to hold the meeting, was struck by the convenience of access to our city; and therefore decided to hold it here. They expressed themselves well pleased with the treatment they received from our citizens, and we know that our people were pleased with them; and hope they may hold their next meeting near our city."

Friends in Illinois, let us not slack our hold on the cord of living faith.

G. W. COLCORD.

CELEBRATED WITNESSES. 8

Luther says: "Some say that before the latter days the whole world shall become Christians. This is a falsehood forged by Satan that he might darken sound doctrine; beware, therefore, of the delusion."

Melancthon says: "The true church will always suffer persecution to the time of the end, and in the church itself the good and evil will continue blended together."

John Knox says of this world's universal reform: "It never was or yet shall be until that righteous King and Judge appear for the restoration of all things."

John Milton in "Paradise Lost" says:—

"Truth shall retire,
Be struck with slenderous darts, and works of faith
Rarely be found. So shall the world go on,
To good assignment, to bad men benign.
Under her own weight groaning, till the day
Appear of reparation to the just.
And vengeance to the wicked, at return
Of Him, thy Saviour and thy Lord."

Matthew Henry says: "As long as the world stands, there will be in it such a mixture as we now see. We long to see all wheat and no tares in God's field; but it will not be till the time of ingathering—till the winnowing day come—both must grow together till the harvest."

Cotton Mather says: "Without doubt the kingdoms of this world will not become the kingdom of God and of his Christ, before the pre-ordained time of the dead, in which the reward shall be given to the servants of God. They who expect the rest promised for the church of God to be found anywhere but in the new earth, or any happy times for the church in a world that hath sin in it—these do err not knowing the Scriptures nor the kingdom of God."

George Whitefield says: "Christ's church while in this world will be a bush burning with fiery trials and afflictions of various kinds."

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"Sanctify them through Thy Truth; Thy Word is Truth."

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., FIFTH-DAY, OCT. 4, 1877.

JAMES WHITE,
J. N. ANDREWS,
URIAH SMITH, } . . . EDITORS.

THE MICHIGAN CAMP-MEETING.

It was our privilege to attend this meeting from Friday, Sept. 21, to Sunday, Sept. 30. During all this time the weather was remarkably mild, and a cloudless sun made the shade of the grove inviting and agreeable. The grand pavilion, so happily dedicated last year, stood in its old place, facing the entrance, and was again filled with crowds congregated to listen to the proclamation of the present truth. Around this on three sides was pitched a double tier of church and family tents, the only break being the entrance, which was flanked by the book and provision stands, while in the west end of the ground the large number of remaining tents were arranged in hollow squares. These were separated by appropriately named streets and avenues giving to this collection of one hundred and forty tents the appearance of a cotton city. And we trust the character of those thus temporarily located here, was such that it might not inappropriately be called the camp of the saints.

By far the largest number of Sabbath-keepers was present at this meeting, taken in the aggregate, that ever attended any of our camp-meetings in this State, many being on the ground during the first part, and then returning to let other members of their families attend until the close. From two thousand to twenty-five hundred Sabbath-keepers thus had the privilege of enjoying some portion of the meeting.

A delegation of one hundred and fifty college students went from Battle Creek to the ground by special train on the 21st, intending to return the following Tuesday. But such an interest among them, and for them, was developed by the meeting, that their vacation was extended to Sunday the 30th, and their number was increased by others from the college to about two hundred.

On Monday forenoon a special meeting was held for the students. It was such a meeting as we never before witnessed. Not a heart remained unmoved. Scarcely an eye was free from tears, while many were crying aloud to give expression to the intensity of their feelings. In all parts of the congregation students could be seen going to their companions weeping over them, and exhorting them in the most earnest manner to seek the Lord. It was not a wild or boisterous scene, but a natural and intelligent expression of the deep feeling that prevailed. It was a meeting of unparalleled interest. Many meetings were held for the students during their stay, and all of them were very largely of this nature. A good work has been wrought for the school, the effects of which we are sure will be seen in days to come. Some who went to the meeting for the avowed purpose of having a season of sport, gave their hearts to God, were baptized before the meeting closed, and returned rejoicing in the truth.

The general social meetings were seasons of interest. The congregation was so large that it was usually divided into three companies, so that three separate meetings were carried on at once under the canvas, yet without any confusion. As many as three hundred and fifty testimonies were sometimes borne in less than an hour. In one of the student's meetings forty-five spoke in ten minutes.

There were twenty-two ministers present; and discourses were given by sister White, and by Elds. Corliss, Decker, Haskell, Jones, Smith, Colcord, Lane, Canright, Lamson and Waggoner. Sister W. spoke five times besides almost constant labor in social and special meetings, and for individuals. A number of opportunities were given at the close of some of her powerful appeals for individuals to come forward for prayers; and on one occasion about three hundred and fifty were found thus earnestly seeking the Lord.

The business sessions of the various organizations which held their anniversary meetings at this time, passed off very pleasantly. A large amount of business was transacted with such dispatch as to keep the interest unabated. The reader will not pass by these reports found in other columns, in which are many items of interest, and we need say no more in regard to them here.

There were two seasons of baptism: one on Friday, the 28th, and the other on the Sabbath, the 29th. The place was just below the bridge in North Lansing. On the first occasion seven-

ty-five were baptized, and on the second fifty-six, making one hundred and thirty-one in all. Both were scenes on which Heaven appeared to smile; but the second seemed to us peculiarly impressive. It was just at the close of the Sabbath. The sun was calmly sinking below the horizon. The beautiful river softened beneath the lengthening shadows, spread out almost as calm as a mirror before us. The four thousand spectators lining the high banks of the river on either side, the terraces of the mills, and the bridge, observed respectful and almost reverential silence. And as the candidates went down into the water, generally two at a time, were buried in the watery grave, and came up with the glow of satisfaction, and the answer of a good conscience, beaming from their happy faces,—he who could look upon the peaceful and impressive scene unmoved, must be unfeeling indeed. Bro. D. H. Lamson and E. R. Jones were the administrators, performing their work in an unexceptionable manner.

On the first Sunday there were from six to eight thousand present, and on the second, Sept. 30, from eight to ten thousand. The order was as good as in other places.

There were many features of this gathering which we felt were singly worth the entire effort of the meeting. We listened to several discourses, to hear any one of which would have made it worth while to hold the meeting. The presence of Bro. Littlejohn, and the happy spirit of conciliation that prevailed in reference to matters which have been a source of trial to him, as reported in the Conference proceedings, were worth all the meeting. The victorious meetings of the students more than paid for the camp-meeting. And the hallowed baptismal seasons paid for all the meeting. Thus we think we can speak for the brethren, generally, who attended, that they feel many times repaid for the time, labor, and expense of the meeting. These are not worthy to be compared with the spiritual blessings and benefits received.

We thought of the first general meeting of this people which we attended, twenty-three years ago, in the house of Bro. White, in Rochester, N. Y. All assembled were conveniently accommodated in one room. The publishing work was then comparatively in its infancy, and the reading of books scarcely commenced. Yet there the loud cry of the third angel's message was looked forward to and talked about. Could those then present have been, by some instantaneous transition, set down in the midst of a scene like that witnessed day after day on the Lansing camp-ground, a sea of heads crowding the great pavilion, listening eagerly to the earnest proclamation of the truth in the clearness and strength with which it is now brought out, a small city of tents clustering around the large one, delegates and letters from sixteen State Conferences in this country and from missions in foreign countries, a book stand in lively operation, from which nearly a score of bound volumes and a hundred different tracts and pamphlets issued in the defense of these truths were offered to the people, the numbers of earnest young men preparing themselves for labor, half our membership transformed into missionary workers, and books and papers going everywhere, to say nothing of the College, Institute, and publishing houses, with their steam presses, in California and Michigan, and papers issued in French and German in the old world—could they have been suddenly placed, we say, in such a scene as this, would they not have thought that the loud cry they were expecting had already come?

It will be safe to say that S. D. Adventists never held a camp-meeting like the one just closed. We know not in what respect it did not surpass all its predecessors. We have reason for gratitude to God, and courage, in his name.

GRATITUDE TO GOD.

NEVER did I feel more grateful to God for the present truth than I do this season. Never before did the REVIEW seem so full of encouraging reports as during the present season. I have been taking it for about twenty years, and it has always seemed precious to me, and full of interesting matter, so much so that I could hardly wait for its weekly visits. But this season it has seemed specially precious. And when the "Special Notice" appeared in the last issue, stating that there would be no paper for two weeks while the faithful workers on it take a little rest and attend the camp-meeting, I said to myself, How can I wait two weeks before seeing another paper? The reports from all parts of the field of openings for the introduction of the truth, of the work in foreign lands, of the hundreds embracing the Lord's Sabbath, of the

stir among the masses in the eastern field, fill my heart with joy and gratitude to God. The cause does move, the doubters cannot deny it. I know I love this cause, because nothing makes me so happy as its prosperity.

I feel like praising the Lord specially for what he is doing in old New England. A long time ago, in some of the old Testimonies, statements were made that God would yet greatly bless his work in New England. There was not much outward evidence of this being true; for that has seemed to be about the hardest field in which to convert souls to the truth that could be found in the whole country. Very little fruit seemed to follow the labor bestowed there. The Advent doctrine has been preached there so much that it seemed as if the whole country was burnt over, and little could be done. I have waited years, wondering if those statements would ever be verified. And now one of our most experienced lecturers states that he has never seen such an interest to hear as in this very hard field of labor. Nowhere else have such crowds turned out to our camp-meetings, and nowhere have they paid better attention. These things show that the angels of God are troubling the waters.

Another most interesting point to me in this connection is the evidence this furnishes of God's willingness to work with us when we work. For years the brethren and sisters of New England have been taking the lead in the tract and missionary work. They have done far more in proportion to their numbers and means than any other Conference in scattering tracts, giving for the benefit of our institutions, and in personal efforts generally. I very well know they have labored under many discouragements in trying to work for God. For a long time their labor seemed largely fruitless. In my weak faith I almost began to doubt if any special results ever would be seen. But the result shows God will vindicate the faithful, sacrificing efforts of his people. He will always work when we work. I greatly rejoice at these manifest evidences of God's favor in New England. How good it seems to hear from our faithful missionaries in Europe. How evident it is becoming that the prophesying "again to peoples, nations, tongues, and kings" is now in progress. The third angel's message is rising. My heart says, Praise the Lord; for his work is moving on. It will triumph gloriously.

Though laboring in a field where everything seems behind, where many have not even interest enough to take the paper, where there is a great lack of faith in the instrumentalities God has used in other places to build up his work, and where the battle seems to go rather hard for the present, yet I will have faith that we shall see better days, and show my faith by working to that end.

Brethren and sisters, everywhere, let us thank God and take courage, because his work is moving onward. Let us work while the day lasts; for the night soon cometh when no man can work.

Brethren and sisters in Missouri, let us make a special effort to heal our divisions, close up the ranks, enter anew into the work of God, and keep pace with this glorious message. We can see prosperity here as well as elsewhere if we "watch, pray, and work."

Above all, may gratitude fill our hearts for what the Lord is doing. GEO. I. BUTLER.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

IN REVIEW, No. 23, of last volume, it was recommended by the General Conference Committee that each church hold a quarterly meeting the first Sabbath in the quarter; that is the first Sabbath in January, April, July, and October. At this meeting the elder of the company will read the names of each member of the church, and it is expected that the members will respond. If each member cannot be present, then he should send a letter, so that the standing of each individual connected with the church may be known every three months. In the absence of an ordained elder the leader can conduct this meeting, although the ordinances should be postponed until the church is visited by either a minister or a local elder.

Then a business-meeting should be held, and the S. B. of the quarter promptly paid in the evening, or on the following first-day as the church may arrange.

Also it is the duty of the church librarian to place in the hands of each Tract Society member a blank report, which should be filled out and read at the business meeting, and then passed into the hands of the librarian, who will immediately forward all reports to the district secretary. A summary of labor performed by

each church should be read at the district quarterly meeting, and forwarded to the State secretary. The district quarterly meeting should be held the second Sabbath in the quarter.

Then comes the State quarterly meeting, on the third Sabbath in the quarter, unless especial arrangements are made by the president or board of directors otherwise. Even in that case no disarrangement should be made in the church quarterly meetings. It is recommended that all our churches in every Conference adopt this plan.

Where there are unorganized companies, or those having no ordained elder, in the absence of a minister the leader of the meeting will perform all these duties, except administering the ordinances. The minister laboring in the vicinity of such company, or the director of the district in which they are located, should see that some minister or local elder visits them, and administers the ordinances, some time during the quarter.

It should be remembered that next Sabbath, Oct. 6, is the first Sabbath in October, and therefore the day for the church quarterly meeting. The Sabbath following, the district quarterly meeting is held, and the Sabbath following that is the time for each Conference to hold its quarterly meeting. S. N. HASKELL.

TO THE BRETHREN IN NEW ENGLAND.

It will be seen by this week's REVIEW that the annual meeting of the N. E. Tract Society will be held Oct. 20-22. The principal reason for appointing it at So. Lancaster was that this is the most central point for a general attendance.

This meeting will be one of unusual importance. Matters of vital interest to the cause in New England will be considered. Not only is it the time for the election of officers for the Tract Society for the coming year, but important questions will come up for consideration. The prosperity of the cause in this Conference the present season is without a parallel in the history of our Conference. What shall be done to co-operate with the providence of God in this respect?

One company in Newburyport and one in Westmoreland have been raised up, besides the work in Danvers, which has extended to all the adjoining cities, towns, and villages. Nearly one hundred souls have embraced the truth in this vicinity, and there are openings for courses of lectures in many of these places. There has been no such interest in the cause of present truth in New England in the history of this work. A number equal to more than one-third the entire membership of the Conference have embraced the truth the present season. The cause is rising everywhere, and God has visited us in an especial manner.

Then our tract and missionary work has accomplished more and can show more fruits this present season than ever before in the same period of time. We are about to enter the fall campaign for this branch of our work. There will be a full supply of the almanac for 1878. Canvassers for the HEALTH REFORMER will start out from this meeting. They want to go out right, imbued with the Spirit of God. Two meeting-houses are to be built immediately. Then what about a Biblical Institute? Shall we have one in New England this winter, and give young men and women the privilege of that drill which will be the means of preparing them to go out to labor for God in the broad harvest field? Are we ready with our means, prayers, and influence to co-operate in every respect with the opening providence of God?

We want to see all our scattered brethren and sisters at this meeting, all the old hands, in fact, every one interested in the prosperity of the cause in this Conference. A tent will be pitched sufficiently large to accommodate all who may come. Should it be cold, stoves will be provided so that it will be comfortable in the tent. Bring bed quilts and comfortables and come one, and come all. Eld. Canright will attend the meeting. S. N. HASKELL.

THE NEW YORK CAMP-MEETING.

THIS meeting was held in a beautiful grove near Carthage, Jefferson Co., N. Y.,—a fine location in all respects. The grove itself was all that could be desired for the purpose. It was located directly on the Utica and Black River Railroad, and all trains stopped at the ground. The Black River forms a bend a few rods from the camp, furnishing a convenient and beautiful baptismal ground.

About thirty tents were pitched—less by twenty than at the Aurora meeting in June, but they were larger, and were well filled. By Fri-

day night there were toward four hundred brethren and sisters on the ground. We were rejoiced to see the faces of Bro. and Sr. White again, and especially so as it seemed an indication that the Lord was raising his worn servants from their enfeebled state of health. The presence of Brn. Haskell and Smith was an encouragement to all, and their faithful and earnest labors were, we trust, appreciated. The reports from different parts of the field were encouraging. The truth is evidently taking hold in this soil, heretofore considered so hard and unfertile. The time has evidently come when the ears of the people are open to the truth. As at Aurora, the outside interest was deep. Every train left visitors at the ground, and those who came, came evidently not only to see but to hear, and went away with a favorable impression. Some fifteen thousand pages of tracts were taken—mostly from the Distributor, which hung in an accessible place—besides a large number of papers. The freight trains would occasionally stop at the ground, all hands rush up to the tent, listen for a few minutes and off again; and the last morning after the meetings had closed and all were preparing to leave, the engineer of a freight train stopped his engine, and beckoning to one of our brethren called for some tracts on the Sabbath, and passed on with his train.

Sabbath and Sunday the pavilion was full through all the services. No trains were running on Sunday, but people came on foot and with teams, bringing their lunch baskets, and though five sermons were delivered during the day and evening, there was very little strolling about the grounds, but the multitude of people under the canvas sat eagerly listening.

One of the city papers, in Tuesday morning's issue, gave the following favorable editorial comment:—

"The sermon delivered by Rev. Mrs. White at Jefferson Park, Sunday afternoon, was one of the grandest efforts of a woman. She commenced by speaking in temperance, but afterward spoke on general topics, and in a manner so interesting that not one of the two thousand people assembled left the spot. She spoke for upwards of two hours, and at the close of the address every person wished her to continue. It was a remarkable address. Mrs. White is a remarkable woman; but the most remarkable of all is, that the auditors should sit for two hours, and then express a willingness to sit two hours more, and listen."

Sister White's efforts were untiring. Bro. White's feebleness forbade his taking his usually active part in the meetings, and she seemed to lift for both herself and him. That her efforts were appreciated by those who had never heard her before, the above paragraph witnesses, and we have been glad to see that some, at least, among our own people, are endeavoring to put in practice the lessons heard at the camp-meeting.

We were sorry not to see a deeper feeling manifested among our people throughout the meeting. In view of this state of things, sister White was moved to give a pointed and searching testimony at the early meeting on Monday morning just before leaving the ground. At the nine o'clock meeting a deeper feeling seemed to prevail, and some were moved to confession of backsliding from God, and a covenant was entered into by most of those present to seek the Lord more fully. This was considered the best social meeting of the week, and the Spirit of the Lord seemed nearer than at any previous meeting. About one hundred and twenty-five brief, pointed testimonies were borne in forty-five minutes, evidently with deep feeling.

The daily papers of Utica and Watertown, published a preliminary article, giving a sketch of our faith and the progress of our work, and full reports of the meetings daily.

Monday, nine were baptized in Black river, five of whom were young men. Those who remained through to the close of the meeting felt that much would have been lost had they gone earlier. May God help us to keep the covenant we made to seek him, and devote ourselves more fully to his service.

B. L. WHITNEY.

THE KING OF THE NORTH.

WHAT power is designated in Dan. 11 as the king of the North? Since this power is noted in the closing scene of the prophecy, just before the standing up of Michael, or the reign of Christ, it is a question of great interest. There is a theory that this king of the North is Russia; and to the superficial reader and thinker this view may seem very plausible; because Russia is the most noted power in the northern part of Europe and Asia, and because she in-

tends to possess Constantinople, which lies "between the seas."

But there are difficulties which seem as insuperable objections to this view. 1. It is difficult to see how that "tidings out of the east and out of the north" shall trouble Russia. Tidings to her from the north must come from the frozen polar seas. 2. Though Constantinople is between two seas, the "glorious holy mountain" is in another place—between the Mediterranean and the Dead seas. 3. Before the coming of Christ, and preparatory, as it seems, to that event, the king of the North is to come to his end, for want of help from other nations; but it seems evident that Russia will be victorious in the present struggle, unless other nations shall help the Turks, as they have formerly done.

In the forepart of the chapter we have the conquest of Alexander and the division of his kingdom into four parts, after which the king of the North and the king of the South are the chief actors in the scene for a long time; and it is very evident that Syria, including Palestine, is the king of the North, and that Egypt is the king of the South. After this, Roman history is followed for a long period, and as we approach the time of the end, the infidel kingdom of France, naturally enough, bears a conspicuous part, as the king that regarded no God. Then, at the time of the end, the king of the South, Egypt, pushes at him, and the king of the North comes against him and overflows and passes over. In 1798, the very point where the time of the end begins, we are brought back from the digression to the kings of the South and of the North. Egypt was the king of the South, and that power which occupies Syria and the holy land, the Turkish government, it is reasonable to conclude is still the king of the North. At that time there were events of history that verify the pushing of Egypt against the French and the victorious coming of the Turks against them like a whirlwind, and passing over and wresting Egypt from their power and making it tributary. The proof of this is given in "Thoughts on Daniel," published by the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, Battle Creek, Mich.

Now taking Turkey, which holds the possessions of the original king of the North to be the power, every specification of the prophecy will apply. Tidings from the east, from Persia, and from the north, Russia, have troubled the Turkish government, and when it is driven from its present seat at Constantinople, as will evidently soon be the case, how natural it is to expect that a stand will be made in the glorious holy mountain of Palestine. Yet he shall come to his end and none of his former allies shall help him. Then will the symbolic river, Euphrates, be dried up, Michael, the Prince of God's people, having received his throne, the nations will be gathered and the final battle, that of Armageddon, will be fought.

To those who may read these brief hints, I recommend the careful reading of the work above referred to, "Thoughts on Daniel." It is a work of great value to the pious student of prophecy. None can well afford to be ignorant of the expositions it contains.

R. F. COTTRELL.

AN APPEAL.

We have frequently seen a call for old REVIEWS, SIGNS, REFORMERS, and other reading matter, for Southern fields. Some have nobly responded, while perhaps many of us could do much more if our efforts could be systematized. Since reading Bro. C. O. Taylor's statement in the REVIEW of Sept. 20, 1877, in which he makes reference to the strong desire on the part of people in Georgia to read, and the good results attending the circulation of reading matter there, I resolved to make this appeal to all T. and M. workers in Vermont, and to all who are anxious to have a part in the salvation of souls in this way: to collect each quarter all the reading matter which they can, and would wish to send to new fields, and at the time of the district quarterly meetings take or send these papers to the place of their meeting for the director to box and send to the place designated by myself, unless there is an opening to which they wish to send them themselves.

I will correspond with Bro. Taylor, and should be thankful to correspond with other brethren who would be glad of reading matter, if they will write me, giving their address; and I will state to the directors where it is deemed best to send the precious rays of light so collected.

Now, it seems to me, dear brethren, if we look at this matter in a true light, if we take

into consideration that souls may in this way be saved to shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of Heaven, that we shall want some part in this work. Please do not let the sheets bearing the truths of the last message be wasted or laid aside to do no one any good, but rather gather up quarterly the above-named publications, and let us send them, with our fervent prayers, to other fields, where, with the blessing of God, they may lead men to search the Scriptures, and turn from darkness to light, from sin to the power of God.

And let the children gather their INSTRUCTIONS, and send them along, unless they wish to preserve them. Children may have a part in this work. A little boy once asked, "Does not the Bible say anything about little children?" Yes; it does. It says Christ blessed little children. And it says, "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." Prov. 20: 11. Let this work commence at our next quarterly meeting.

A. S. HUTCHINS.

SHALL WE RETAIN THE BLESSING?

THAT our recent camp-meeting was a source of great blessing to our churches, and the brethren and sisters generally, is well attested. Shall we by watchfulness and prayer retain these blessings from the Lord? The postponement of the meeting three weeks secured many more hearers than we otherwise should have had. And beyond our most ardent expectations, we were favored with help to preach the word. Truly, God is good.

We were much cheered by the presence and help of Bro. and sister White, though we sorrowed at the low state of Bro. W.'s health; but we trust the everlasting arms of the Most High are around him, and that he will be raised to his usual health. We were thankful that Brn. Smith and Haskell, and others could be with them, and speak the word of life to the assembled multitude. The sermon of sister White on Sunday p. m. made a favorable and, we trust, permanent impression for good upon the minds of some six thousand persons who attentively listened to her as she spoke with freedom and great power.

How many became settled on the Sabbath question as connected with the third angel's message at this meeting, we cannot state, but it is certain that several noble minds did. The presence of Bro. and sister Eastman from New Hampshire, with their solid testimonies, and understanding reception of the truth, and that of Bro. Beckwith, from West Fairlee, gave interest to the meeting. The sermon of Bro. Beckwith on Monday evening from the words, "Hear ye him," showed a well studied and thorough understanding of the connection of the law and the gospel, of the harmonious union of the Father and the Son in the work of salvation under this dispensation. This view as contrasted with the discordant and unscriptural doctrine of the abolition of the law of God at the introduction of the present dispensation, shone forth in its excellence and beauty as he spoke.

Dear brethren and sisters, we may hold these blessings, and continue to grow in grace.

A. S. HUTCHINS.

THE LAW OF TEN COMMANDMENTS.

We present the following brief extract from Farrar's Life of Christ, as worthy of the consideration of Christian people of all denominations. In speaking of Christ's sermon on the mount, as contrasted with the giving of the law on Mount Sinai, he says:—

"And yet the new commandments of the Mount of Beatitudes were not meant to abrogate, but rather to complete, the law which was spoken to them of old from Sinai. That law was founded on the eternal distinction of right and wrong—distinctions strong and irremovable as the granite bases of the world. Easier would it be to sweep away the heaven and the earth than to destroy the least letter, one yod—or the least point of a letter, one projecting horn—of that code which contains the very principles of all moral life. Jesus warned them that he came, not to abolish that law, but to obey and to fulfill; while at the same time he taught that this obedience had nothing to do with the Levitical scrupulosity of a superstitious adherence to the letter, but was rather a surrender of the heart and will to the innermost meaning and spirit which the commands involved. He fulfilled the old law by perfectly keeping it, and by imparting a power to keep it to all who believe in him, even though he made its cogency so far more universal and profound."

A. S. H.

SUNDAY NOT IN THE BIBLE.

"THE Pulaski [N. Y.] Democrat seems to intimate that Adventists who work on Sunday there may be prosecuted. Such a step would make the Adventists the strongest sect in that village. The observance of Sunday is nowhere taught in the Bible, while the observance of Saturday is, and where the law conflicts with the Bible there are always found plenty of men to defy the law."

The above is from the Rome, (N. Y.) Sentinel, the editor of which is a member of Rev. F. Widmer's church, who lately discussed the Sabbath question with Eld. Canright. It shows how much Bible was brought out at that discussion by Rev. Widmer, a very talented man.

JOHN R. CALKINS.

Rome, N. Y., Sept. 19, 1877.

A PRACTICAL AND SENSIBLE PRAYER GAUGE.

SAYS the Wayside: "We pray, and forget the prayer, and when the answer comes, the thanksgiving which a remembrance of the prayer would bring, is not upon our lips."

"A record of prayers offered for specific objects would be an encouragement to faith. A friend of ours, a teacher, opened in his commonplace book a prayer account; drawing a line down the center of the page, he recorded on the left side the things for which he made request of God, with the dates. On the right he recorded the answers, with the dates. His prayer account has been running for some years, and is an interesting as well as an impressive testimony to the value of prayer. He is a much stronger Christian because of this record. He has but to turn the pages of his book, and case after case of blessings granted in direct answer to prayer comes before him, and he goes in confidence again to Him who hath heard him in times past.

"This is the most practicable and sensible 'prayer gauge' of which we have heard."

AUDITORS VERMONT CONFERENCE.

In our recent Conference business, the appointment of an auditor was overlooked. I would therefore recommend that Haskell Peebles and W. H. Jackman act as auditors for the present conference year. Their respective addresses appear in the Conference directory.

I would suggest that the Conference treasurer, the T. and M. treasurer, and each s. b. treasurer, make a report on the first day of January, 1878, to Bro. Peebles, of the amount of money received and paid out from June 1, 1877, up to that time; and also report again the standing of books the first day of June next. Then let each of the above named officers submit their books to this committee for examination, and to be compared with previous reports, at the time of the next State Conference. In this way my books were audited at our last State Conference, and I shall request the same another year. This committee will also audit the accounts of the Camp-meeting Committee.

It would be well for those making remittances to the treasurers to enclose a card or stamp, requesting an acknowledgement of the reception of the money. In this way each one sending money may know if it has reached its destination.

The hard-earned, frugally saved, and cheerfully given means of the lovers of the work of God, should be sacredly guarded. And each one of us through whose hands these funds may flow, should be able and ready to give a satisfactory answer to the question, "Where did my money go?"

A. S. HUTCHINS, Pres.

DANIEL WEBSTER is credited with having said: "If I had as many sons as old Priam, I would have them all learn a trade, so they would have something to fall back on in case they failed in speculations." A Philadelphia paper moralizes thus sensibly thereon: The number of young men who are brought up to no useful trade or calling, is on the increase. The effect of this is seen in political life, where thousands of men are begging, as at present in Washington, for 'position' with a vague idea that their untrained powers and ignorance can find shelter in some cosy nook where they may at least draw their pay. Being practically of no earthly use to themselves or any one else, they only hope to find some place where they can continue to exist without benefiting any one. A destitute young man, without a trade, and who is not qualified by practice to fill any position, is in a condition to become a tramp, and the chances are that he will become one, or fare even worse by becoming a criminal.

MATTHIAS.

"And the lot fell upon Matthias." Acts 1:26.

Called out to fill the traitor's place,
To bear the news of saving grace
Shed forth upon our fallen race!

Called forth, the wanderer home to lead,
Called forth, the flock of Christ to feed,
To sow on earth the heavenly seed!

Oh, blessed lot! and yet below
Scarce aught beside his name we know
On whom God did this grace bestow.

We know not where for God he fought,
What wondrous works by Him he wrought,
What nations of Christ's love he taught.

Then never deem it cause of shame
If none on earth inscribe thy name
Within the book of worldly fame.

If of God's chosen, holy saint
We only see the outlines faint,
What right have we to make complaint?

If He who doth in secret see
Approve our work, small need have we
Of earthly fame or eulogy.

Grant only, Lord, that in thy sight
We walk as children of the light,
And 'neath thy banner bravely fight
—E. D., in Sunday Magazine.

Progress of the Cause.

Go that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

SOUTHERN SWITZERLAND.

We came to Morges, Switzerland, Sept. 4. Before leaving Valence, France, we had two more baptisms. We baptized, in all, fifteen persons, organized a Bible-class, and s. b. amounting to over 150 francs a year. We also insisted on the importance of the missionary work, encouraging the friends to extend this work by holy living, visits, correspondence, tract distribution, and by extending the circulation of *LES SIGNES DES TEMPS*. Bro. Gabert will do all he can as a colporteur, and will preach where the way opens. He is willing to follow the American model, and to use little of the funds till he can show fruits of his own labors.

This is a beautiful country. We are 20 miles north of Geneva, and are surrounded by the villages and cities lying between Geneva and Lausanne. We expect that Eld. Andrews will be with us in a few days.

We rejoice that we can now preach, scatter tracts, and obtain subscribers for our paper, without being trammelled by oppressive laws; yet we shall not forget France. Nature has united Southern France with Southern Switzerland by the river Rhone, and we cannot separate France from Switzerland in our feelings and labors. It is estimated there are between four and six millions of Protestants in France, many of whom are not connected with religious bodies; and from this class we believe souls will be gathered.

Bro. Gabert's daughters, the teachers of whom we have spoken, have been greatly blessed and strengthened in taking their stand for the Sabbath in the high schools with which they are connected. Especially has the teacher in Germany been favored at the institute of the countess, an intimate friend of the family of the emperor of Germany. The countess showed this teacher great kindness, and after hearing her, said: "If such are your convictions, it would be a sin for you to do otherwise. As to your lessons on Saturday, they can be given on Thursday." And with usual tenderness they embraced each other. This teacher is truly humble and devoted, and expresses great gratitude for the kind reception she has met. She says: "The following words of David express the true feelings of my heart: 'I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings, and will not be ashamed.'" Ps. 119:46.

The one who teaches in a neighboring city will meet with us next Sabbath.

D. T. BOURDEAU.

Morges, Valais, Suisse, Sept. 6.

DANVERS, MASS.

THE interest in our meetings has never been greater than during the past week. We have been very busy with the meeting-house project. Have received \$1400 subscription, so far. Have bought a very fine lot, near where the tent stands, for \$525. Have let the job for building a meeting-house, 32x52, 18 ft. posts, with a good gallery arranged for a prayer-meeting room.

The cost of the house all completed, except the seats, done in the best manner, will be \$1700. House to be done Dec. 15. We

have calculated on help from our brethren in the Conference.

Last week it was very warm, and as nothing special was up, our audience dropped down to about two hundred; but the ministers of the place held a council and decided that they must do something to save their craft; hence there were three sermons preached against us on Sunday. We dismissed our meeting, and gave all a chance to hear them. Monday we scattered bills in all the towns around, announcing a reply. Everybody is excited over the matter. The last two nights we have had as large congregations as at any previous time during our meetings. The tent was crowded, and many stood outside. I had freedom in reviewing the orthodox minister on the Sabbath question, and the Methodist on the advent. So far as we can learn, it has been the best thing for us that has happened during all our meetings. These things have brought up our interest again as high as ever.

Last Sabbath was a good day with us. Friends came in from every direction. After the sermon I counted ninety-five persons present. About a dozen were brethren from Ipswich, and some were children, but all were Sabbath-keepers. As nearly as we can now count, though we are finding new ones every day, there are seventy-five observing the Sabbath; and we find them to be a better class than ordinary. Several are quite well to do in life, and all are intelligent and respected. We shall have good timber for leaders, teachers, etc.

Sept. 20, 1877. D. M. CANRIGHT.

DANVERS, MASS.

THE past ten days have been filled with interesting events. The review of the discourses of the Congregationalist and Methodist ministers by Eld. Canright had a most excellent effect, serving to establish more firmly the friends of the truth. But these ministers had not finished, and last Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23, they both spoke again on the Sabbath question. Bro. Canright had left us a few days before, to attend the General Conference, at Lansing, Mich., and the preaching fell on me. We had a good audience. I told them that Mr. Wright, across the street, was preaching against the Sabbath, and that, if the congregation desired, we would all go to hear him, adding that I should like very much to hear what he could say. So I asked those in favor of adjourning to arise. Not one moved; and we went on with our meeting.

Bro. Israel went over and took notes, and others of our company did the same at the Methodist church, where another discourse was preached in the evening against the advent; and I appointed to review the latter Tuesday evening and those on the Sabbath question on Wednesday evening. This I did with much freedom; and the friends feel that the truth has triumphed greatly. Both ministers said there was no express command in the Bible for Sunday observance, and the Methodist minister added, "Don't let it disturb you because you find no direct command in the Bible—it is all plain enough without that—go on, and keep the first day of the week." In reply I took his own Methodist Discipline, and read from it, "The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man that it should be believed as an article of faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation."

The work on the new house of worship is going right along. We are taking down the tent this morning (27th), and are to hold our first meeting in the hall we have engaged to-morrow evening, when we expect Eld. D. A. Robinson will be with us to help.

C. W. STONE.

MISSOURI.

Holden, Index, and Rockville.

I SPENT one week, from Sept. 7-14, with the Lincoln church, six miles from Holden. Spoke eleven times. With a nominal membership of thirty-five, this church has at times hardly been able to keep up meetings, because of a lack of union. In visiting from house to house, I could see no lack of material for a prosperous church, if consecrated to God and his cause. This might be one of the strongest churches in Missouri, if all would live near to God, and draw together. I labored to impress upon all the importance of devotion to God and his truth, and dwelt at some length upon the different points of truth especially applicable to our time, to strengthen some

who were wavering. Many promised me they would again take hold in earnest, attend the meetings, and seek to regain lost ground. I hope our meetings were profitable to most of the church.

Spoke six times in Index. This is a young and small church of about fifteen members; but they seem to be united and to desire to learn their whole duty. Five were received into the church, and three young men were baptized. It was a very pleasant baptism to me, and the Spirit of God was present. It is always encouraging to see young men in the strength of their young manhood giving themselves to God. May these fully consecrate themselves to this holy work. Our meetings were good and profitable.

At the earnest request of Bro. Clark, of Ulrich, Mo., I went to his place about fifteen miles from Index, and spoke three times in an entirely new field. No special interest was manifest, though we had fair congregations.

From thence I went to Rockville, Mo., where is a church of nineteen members. This church, in proportion to its membership, has done full as well as any in the Conference in bearing burdens in the cause, paying s. b., etc. They are generally prompt in paying their pledges, and a portion of the members sign according to the plan recommended by the General Conference, which I find is quite an uncommon thing in Missouri, therefore it is worthy of mention. I staid from Friday night till Sunday night, and preached seven times, and held two social meetings. This church greatly needs a spiritual awakening, as well as most other churches in this Conference.

Monday, Sept. 24, I came to Bro. Terry's, fifteen miles from Rockville, to a new place where a minister of the Christian church had been preaching against us, and had thus created an interest to hear our side. Gave two discourses on the Sabbath and law to a house jammed full, and to many who could not get in. We are much obliged to the elder for thus advertising us and creating an interest to hear our views. Before I had given my first discourse, the local elder of the church seemed very anxious to get a promise from me that they might ask questions. But when I closed and gave such permission, and repeated it, not a question could I get. In my second meeting I gave an earnest discourse on the Sabbath question. When I closed up and gave a chance for questions, a man arose in the congregation, and asked for a chance to reply. I left the matter to the audience, and was treated to a speech of about an hour and a quarter, to which I replied for half an hour. This kept us till most midnight. When he tried to reply further, the audience left. The matter passed off in a friendly spirit, but it created quite a stir. We found at least three ministers had been summoned in, as there was none present the first night. One had come some ten miles. It was quite evident after my first discourse that they considered their craft in danger. All this I think will create an interest to hear further in this neighborhood.

GEO. I. BUTLER.

Watson, Atchison Co.

I BEGAN labors here Sunday evening, Sept. 25. The audiences have not been large, but have been very attentive. Eld. Eyerly still stands firm on the Sabbath, and rejoices in the glorious light of God's word. His church have turned him out without preferring charges against him or giving him a trial; and besides this they have voted to publish him in the State papers, and have refused to hear him give his reasons for keeping the Sabbath. A healthy reaction is now taking place, and the church begin to regret the course they have taken. The spirit of inquiry and investigation is manifesting itself, and we hope for good results. North-western Missouri bids fair to become a good field of labor. Eld. Eyerly's move will cause great agitation on the Sabbath question in several counties. I feel that the Lord has been at work.

N. BATTIN.

Half Rock.

WE closed our meetings in the tent, Sept. 16. The interest was good to the last. Twenty-six have embraced the whole truth, and united with the church. Twenty-one have been baptized, and several more are keeping the Sabbath, who, we hope, will unite soon. Bro. W. went to Sullivan Co. for a few days, to encourage the brethren there, and get as many as possible to go to camp-meeting. We now have a church here of forty-four members, and the best of feeling prevails among them. Held two meet-

ings with them last Sabbath. We had prayer and social meeting at four p. m., in which nearly all took part. The Lord was present by his Spirit. Quite a number of the young here have come out in the truth, and it cheered us much to see them take part in the worship of God. We celebrated the ordinances in the evening, and it was a blessed season. Systematic Benevolence was raised to the amount of \$108 for the remainder of 1877. We have enjoyed much of the blessing of the Lord for the past two months. Bro. T. J. Butler assisted some the last two weeks of the meeting.

I am now on my way to Daviess Co., with the tent, to attend camp-meeting.

C. H. CHAFFEE.

IOWA.

Greenwood.

WE closed our meetings at Greenwood M. E. church, after giving twenty discourses. Although the house was promised us by the trustees, they could not bear that the people should hear and indorse the truth, so we were cut off in the midst of the work. Four good souls are willing to obey the truth, and we hope for others. Bro. Starr will continue the meetings in a school-house near by, while I attend the General Conference.

The Lord has been our help. Praise his great name.

L. MCCOY.

Sac City.

IN this place, the interest is still good. When the question was put, forty or fifty voted in favor of the Sabbath, and not a single one for Sunday. This week there are a great many things to keep the people away from our meetings. A Methodist minister from Ft. Dodge came here, and after publicly announcing in the school that he would set the Sabbath question straight at their church last night, he withdrew the appointment from the church, and held his meeting at a private house. We offered him our tent, but he said his meeting was just for his members who were not satisfied on the question. The people think his course strange. Last Sunday night the mayor of the town raised a collection for us, and got \$7.31. They have given us over \$3.00 before. We have more invitations to visit than we can accept.

A few have begun to obey the truth, near Fonda, where Bro. Hart has been laboring. Bro. Pegg was called home last Sunday. We miss him greatly.

NEW YORK.

Blockville, Tent No. 3.

WE have struck the tent, and folded it away in safety.

Wednesday, Sept. 19, sixteen persons were buried with the Lord in baptism. The weather, which had been cold and rainy, was clear, bright, and warm. A very large number gathered, although we had refrained from making any special public announcement. Long before the time, 1:30, teams came from all directions, and the people lined the shore of the beautiful shaded stream we had selected. A deep feeling of solemnity rested on the people, and a bright hope, a calm serenity, a holy joy, seemed to animate the candidates, as each followed the Lord down into the watery grave, and arose to walk in newness of life.

There are thirty-three keeping the Sabbath; twenty-eight have signed the covenant.

Thus ends our tenting season for No. 3; and the one emotion of our soul is gratitude to God—praise to his holy name. During our whole year's labor we have felt that we were sustained by the prayers of God's dear children.

Our success has been much promoted by our afternoon meetings. Nearly all who attended the afternoon services have embraced the truth. I propose to spend the Sabbath with the dear friends at Jamestown, who are all holding on and making good progress. Thence I go to Clear Creek, and then home for two or three weeks of much-needed rest. Then I return to this field for fall and winter labor.

CHAS. B. REYNOLDS.

Wellsville.

THE work here is advancing. We are receiving new and valuable accessions to the number that promise to keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. During the absence of Bro. Whitney, with the tent, at the camp-meeting, we have held public services on Sabbath and first-day only, at Lincoln Hall, and at the school-

which have been free to us. We holding three prayer-meetings each week, which are largely attended, and are having an excellent influence in favor of truth. We have also organized a Bible class, which we hope and believe will add to the interest.

Work on our new church is progressing. We shall raise it to-day, Sept. 25, and work will be pushed forward as fast as able. The Lord is helping in this work, our courage is good. Bro. Whitney joins this week. M. H. BROWN.

TEXAS TENT.

ia, Hill Co.

We have been at work here just a week. Out two hundred and fifty were out the evening. Our congregations have increased at each meeting, and last evening tent was full. More than fifty teams counted, and one hundred and twenty horses were standing hitched around tent.

Peoria is a village of about two hundred inhabitants, but the country around is quite settled. The present prospects for the stage of the meeting. The people kind, and remember our temporal wants. Whole congregation join in singing, and to relish the Advent doctrine, and insist it readily. We have enjoyed great freedom in speaking to them. This week begin on the Sabbath question.

R. M. KILGORE.

ILLINOIS.

Vernon.

We have been here eleven days, and held sixteen meetings. We commenced with about two hundred hearers, we now have four hundred. On Sunday evening last we had our largest congregation, notwithstanding there was a camp-meeting in session at the same time. The interest is good. The people sincere, therefore we hope for good results in this place. We have discussed prophecies, the law, and the Sabbath. In this city there are Methodists, Presbyterians, Disciples, and Baptists. They do show much opposition yet; but the majority receive the preached word as truth. Bro. Logan and Herald have done good work in preparing the minds of the people for this meeting by distributing tracts.

I. G. COLCORD.

Mer City, Tent No. 3.

We have been with our tent at Farmer about three weeks. We have held three meetings. Our congregations evening lectures have averaged about two hundred. Some are much interested, and are willing to obey the truth. We are of courage. The citizens have treated kindly, and we have enjoyed these meetings with them very much, for which we to praise the Lord.

B. F. MERRITT.
A. J. DENNIS.
D. MORRISON.

KANSAS.

tem.

HELD meetings with the Salem church, Oct. 14 and 15. One united with the church. Bro. James A. Ashbaugh was ordained elder; Bro. J. H. Crawford was elected deacon; and Bro. A. E. Bullock, pastor.

At this meeting we were glad to meet Mr. Thorp, and to see him come out fully the truths of the third angel's message, identifying himself with the remnant people of God. Since he embraced the Sabbath last spring, the Brinkerhoff party have tried hard to drive him from the S. Adventist people, by misrepresenting his testimonies and health reform. Their course has caused him to investigate these points thoroughly, and he is now a firm believer in the testimonies, is living out the health reform, and intends to help proclaim the third angel's message. By all who know him, he is highly esteemed as a good speaker and a Christian.

Sept. 18th, I commenced meetings seven miles north-east of Salem. The interest is increasing. Last Sabbath three united with the Salem church. The dragon is wroth. The man told his wife Sabbath morning that if she went to meeting that day she could attend a funeral Sunday. Remember those who meet such opposition, in your prayers. J. N. AYERS.

Amity, Sept. 24, 1877.

Twin Falls.

THE meeting at Valley, Kan., though not so well attended as we had hoped, was both interesting and profitable. Six were baptized. It was determined by the T. and M. workers to make a special effort to circulate the SIGNS OF THE TIMES and HEALTH REFORMER in their respective districts, by obtaining paying subscribers.

I have just begun a meeting at this place. There appears to be a moderate interest. J. LAMONT.

MINNESOTA.

BRO. ELLS remained at Dodge Center, and labored privately during the week, and held Sabbath meetings, while I was at home, from Aug. 9 to Sept. 4. Bro. H. W. Decker, from Wisconsin, spent one Sabbath with him, to the edification of all.

When I returned, I found him at Wasioja, with the tent pitched, and meetings begun, with a small interest. This place is about five miles from Dodge Center. It is the headquarters of the Wesleyan church in the West, their denominational school being located here. They occupy the Seminary for both church and school purposes. They have five or six ministers in and around the town.

It is evident that the stay-away argument has been employed quite successfully by the shepherds of the flocks, the attendance on our meetings ranging from thirty to seventy-five. The evenings being cool, and there being a good town hall, open to all religious meetings, we took down the tent after a few days and now occupy the hall. We have just entered upon the Sabbath question, and there seems to be an increase of interest. Some are candidly investigating. Seven have united with the Dodge Center church, and we think that several more will do so at the next quarterly meeting.

After we left Dodge Center the ministers began to preach upon the Sabbath and immortality questions. A stranger, claiming no connection with any religious body, who was giving lectures at the school-house in town, was invited into one of the churches to lecture upon the immortality of the soul. I listened to him, and gave notice that I would review his discourse if I could have the use of the church. The next day the trustees offered me the house if I would use it while the lecturer was there. I accepted, and spoke one evening, reviewing a part of the discourse, when the house was closed against me. We think this will result in helping some who were wavering to decide for the truth.

We shall probably remain here till after the October quarterly meeting and fully organize the church. Our hearts are made glad, and our courage is increased, by the reports from all over the wide field. May the Lord speed on the message. D. P. CURTIS.

WISCONSIN.

Georgetown.

I HAVE spent three weeks at Georgetown, and have only been able to hold twelve meetings, on account of temperance and other meetings. Two Disciple ministers opposed some, but their opposition was not calculated to stir up an interest. Have sold a few books, and hope some good may yet grow out of what has been told the people.

Our address, until further notice, will be Mount Hope, Grant Co., Wis.

I. SANBORN.

DIXVILLE, P. Q.

We started for this part of Canada, Aug. 16. As this was to be our first effort alone, we felt that it was only through the power of God and his truth that we could hope to lead any into the light. We were greatly surprised, on reaching this place, to see how the Lord had prepared the way before us. An interest had been awakened by some who opposed the Sabbath, which led to its investigation, and since the first of January eight persons had commenced its observance. Not one of them had yet seen one of our ministers. We had a cheering meeting with them on the Sabbath. They felt that God had directed us here. They had circulated tracts, and thus prepared the way for the truth. The Adventist chapel was opened for us.

Our meeting last Sunday evening was one of especial interest. The house was filled, while the Baptist meeting held at the same time, a few rods away, was almost forsaken. The Lord gave freedom in pre-

sending the claims of the Bible Sabbath. At the close, I invited all who believe that Sunday is the Sabbath and can produce one test to prove it, to arise. Although the Methodist minister and members of different churches of the place were present, not one arose in favor of the papal institution. All were silent except a boy who whispered, "Cowards." A vote was then cast on the other side, when twelve or fifteen arose in favor of the Bible Sabbath.

Five more have already commenced to keep the Sabbath; others are convinced whom we hope will obey. The people invite us to their homes, and we spend much time in visiting from house to house.

R. S. OWEN.

INDIANA.

Darlington, Tent No. 1, Sept. 17.

YESTERDAY Eld. Johnson, Disciple minister, preached that the moral law is abolished. Bro. Bartlett reviewed him before a large audience, with great success. Our first Sabbath meeting was an impressive one. Tears were freely shed. Our congregation Sunday night was very large, the large tent being crowded. One hundred and twenty horses could be counted near the tent.

A celebrated spiritualist attended our meeting Sabbath eve, and when we called for votes in favor of the seventh-day Sabbath he voted for that day, and then, becoming confused, voted against it, but at last took a decided stand in favor of the seventh day. L. CALDWELL.

Darlington, Sept. 24.

THE work here is onward. Great increase in attendance and interest. Our last Sabbath meeting was one long to be remembered. Aged soldiers of the cross, with tears streaming from their eyes, thanked God for the light of present truth. The middle-aged were equally affected, and several youths have taken their stand for Jesus. Our meetings on Sunday last were a grand success. The attendance was large, especially at night, when an immense congregation assembled to hear modern spiritualism exposed. The truth is mightily stirring the people, and may much good result. A. W. BARTLETT.

L. CALDWELL.

Peoria, Miami Co., Tent No. 2.

OUR congregations have not been large, but the attendance has been very regular. We are nearly through discussing the Sabbath question. We meet with no opposition to speak of. Held our first Sabbath meeting Sept. 22. There were twenty-five present. Several bore testimony. Some are keeping the Sabbath, and we have strong hope of several more. Will test them soon. We have taken down our tent this week, and laid it away, and are holding meetings in the church, which is free to us.

W. W. SHARP.
J. M. REES.

VERMONT T. AND M. SOCIETY.

THE sixth annual meeting of the Vermont T. and M. Society was held on the camp-ground at Morrisville, Sept. 7, 1877. The meeting was opened by prayer by Eld. S. N. Haskell, the president, Eld. A. S. Hutchins, in the chair. The secretary not being able to attend to his duties, Bro. H. W. Jackman was appointed secretary *pro tem*. The following report of labor for the year was then read:—

Districts.	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total.
No. of members.....	75	56	34	45	35	17	262
" R. ports rec'd.....	96	86	51	83	64	53	433
" Letters written.....	176	30	30	68	39	65	408
" Families visited.....	51	23	30	36	75	42	267
New subscribers.....	243	31	9	10	16	23	332
Periodicals dist.....	641	928	436	953	682	1153	4793
Pag. s tracts & pump.....	23721	18668	2 203	18119	17434	24561	123009
Bird's eye charts.....	10	10	10	15	5	6	40
Almanacs.....	1000	1000	1000	1000	500	500	5000

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount on hand at commencement of year	\$ 100.39
Received to July 1, 1877,	972.87
Total,	\$1073.26
Paid out during the year,	\$1069.71
Balance on hand,	3.55
Total,	\$1073.26

It was then voted that the Nominating Committee of the Conference be also the Nominating Committee of the T. and M. Society.

Eld. Haskell then made some very interesting remarks, setting forth the wonderful manner in which the truth is doing its work through the efforts of the T. and M. Society, and also advised the Nominating Committee regarding their duties. A few

remarks were also made by Elds. Hutchins and Bourdeau upon the same subjects, after which the meeting adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND SESSION, SEPT. 11.

Opened by prayer by Eld. A. C. Bourdeau.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was then accepted, after which the following named persons were unanimously elected to their respective offices for the ensuing year:—

President, Eld. A. S. Hutchins; Vice-President, L. Bean; Treasurer, sister S. R. N. Barrows; Secretary, Thos. H. Purdon. Directors: Dist. No. 1, M. Gould; No. 2, G. W. Page; No. 3, M. H. Wheeler; No. 4, P. S. Bicknell; No. 5, D. Wilcox; No. 6, sister M. A. Green.

Adjourned *sine die*.

A. S. HUTCHINS, Pres.
THOS. H. PURDON, Sec.

MAINE T. AND M. SOCIETY.

THE fifth annual meeting of the Maine T. and M. Society was held on the camp-ground, in Richmond, Aug. 31, 1877, at 6 o'clock A. M., the president in the chair. Prayer by Eld. D. A. Robinson. The secretary being absent, Timothy Bryant was chosen secretary *pro tem*.

Voted, That the Chair appoint the Nominating Committee, whereupon the following were appointed: G. W. Barker, W. R. Clark, and S. F. Grant.

The committee chosen at the June quarterly meeting, to re-district the State, being called upon to report, presented the following:—

Dist. No. 1. South Norridgewock, Somerset Mills, Canaan, and Jay.

No. 2. Cornville, Hartland, Athens, Cambridge, and Bradford.

No. 3. Deering, Brunswick, and Richmond.

No. 4. Oxford County.

No. 5. Aroostook County.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND SESSION.

Prayer by Eld. D. A. Robinson. The report of the last meeting was read, also of the fourth annual meeting, and both were accepted. The Nominating Committee reported as follows: President, J. B. Goodrich; Vice-President, S. J. Hersum; Secretary, R. J. Goodrich; Treasurer, J. E. Baker; Directors: Dist. No. 1, G. W. Barker; No. 2, T. S. Emery; No. 3, Frank Dexter; No. 4, C. R. Davis; No. 5, Enos Leavitt. These persons were duly elected. Adjourned to call of Chair.

J. B. GOODRICH, Pres.
TIMOTHY BRYANT, Sec. *pro tem*.

Obituary Notices.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth."

DIED, Sept. 16, 1877, in Allegan, at the home of her daughter, H. P. Booth, Sarah Jones, of Hillsdale, Mich. She embraced the truths of the gospel 21 years ago, under the labors of Bro. Bates and Waggoner, and has since endeavored to lead a consistent Christian life. Eighteen months ago she was stricken by disease of the progressive paralytic form; and at last, purified through suffering to child-like sweetness, she sleeps well, fearing no evil beyond the dark valley.

"We would the great world grew like thee
Through suffering to something good;
Then all God's ways were understood
Through substance of the faith we see."

FRANK M. JONES.
HENRIETTA P. BOOTH.

DIED, Aug. 23, 1877, in Burnside, Wis., Julia A., daughter of William and Laura Hurlburt, aged 1 year, 3 months, and 28 days. Their loss is great, but they feel the parting will not be long. Funeral discourse by the writer. Text, Deut. 32:29.

D. POWNER

DIED, of typhoid fever, in Antrim, Shiawassee Co., Mich., Sept. 2, 1877, Libbie A. Banks, eldest daughter of Montraville and Maria S. Banks, in the eighteenth year of her age. She was a member of the Antrim church, and for the past two and a half years had led a devoted Christian life, which enabled her parents to lay her in the grave with a bright hope of her having a part in the first resurrection. Discourse from Rev. 14:13.

M. B. MILLER.

DIED, of summer complaint, after an illness of about one week, near Modale, Harrison Co., Iowa, Aug. 26, 1877, Irene Estella, daughter of George and Rebecca Ann Jeys, aged 8 months and 9 days. Discourse by the writer, from Jer. 31:15-17.

C. A. WASHBURN.

DIED, of dysentery, Aug. 7, 1877, in Jamaica, Vt., Alfred E., son of Emerson and Fidelia Edson, aged 3 years, 7 months, and 17 days. When the Lifegiver shall come, we hope again to meet our loved and lost one. EMMERSON A. EDSON.

The Review and Herald.

Battle Creek, Mich., Fifth-Day, Oct. 4, 1877.

Biblical Institute in New England.

It is now designed that a Biblical Institute be held at South Lancaster, Mass., commencing Oct. 20, the time of the annual meeting of the N. E. Tract Society. Young men who are thinking of entering the ministry, ministers who are not held by any special interest where they are laboring, and men and women who desire to prepare for usefulness in other branches of the work, are invited to attend. This call is for all the New England States, and New York, as no other Institute can be held East this season. As the cause is now rising in Eastern fields, this will be an important occasion, and none who can be benefited by it should fail to attend. The Institute will hold to the middle of November, and perhaps longer. Now let all who will attend write immediately to S. N. Haskell, South Lancaster, Mass., as it will be necessary for him to hear from every one by Oct. 12. Bro. and Sister White and Bro. Smith will conduct the exercises. Hard study and plain fare will be the order of the day. Provision will be made for ministers free of expense, and all others will be boarded as cheaply as possible.

GEN. CONF. COMMITTEE.

The reports from the State Conferences and the various missions are more full this year than at any previous time, and the standing of the General Conference shows a gratifying increase under all the heads upon which reports are given, over that of last year. This increase stands as follows: Ministers 8; Licentiates 27; churches 81; Members 1664; s. b. funds \$3,178.09.

U. S.

To those who transacted Office business with us on the Lansing camp-ground, we would say that we deemed it best to take the time before the paper went to press to prepare reports of the meetings, and so defer the business matters to next week.

U. S.

A report of the California camp-meeting has been received, but too late for this number; also a report from Bro. Andrews in reference to his visit to Naples, Italy. They will appear next week, with other interesting matter which is laid over to make room for the reports of all our yearly meetings.

U. S.

The students enrolled at the College now number 267.

To the Directors and District Secretaries of the Michigan Conference.

As the camp-meeting was held so near the time of the State quarterly meeting, and the directors have had the consultation usually held at such meetings, there will be no general quarterly meeting of the Tract Society in Michigan. But we hope that every district which did not report at this meeting will send a report at once to Mrs. S. H. Lane, Battle Creek, Mich.

Particulars next week in reference to missionary work this winter.

S. N. HASKELL.

A WATERPROOF cloak left at the depot in Morrisville, Vt., after the close of our camp-meeting, is in my possession.

A. S. HUTCHINS.

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The Sanctuary.

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It is better to sow a good heart with kindness than a field with corn; for the heart's harvest is perpetual.

Appointments.

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of He aven is at hand.

Ohio Quarterly Meetings.

ALL our churches in Ohio should remember the regular appointments for quarterly meetings:

1. Church quarterly meetings the first Sabbath and Sunday in October.

2. District Quarterly meetings on the following Sabbath and Sunday.

3. State quarterly meetings on the third Sabbath and Sunday in October.

The church quarterly meetings will be held at the usual place of meeting for the church.

District quarterly meetings as follows:

District No. 1, near Yellow Springs, where the brethren there may appoint. Eli Glascock, director.

District No. 2, Waterford. A. M. Mann, director.

District No. 3, North Bloomfield. Wm. Chinnock, director.

District No. 4, Norwalk. Wm. Beebe, director.

District No. 5, Bowling Green. J. J. Boardman, director.

District No. 6, Van Wert, T. F. Emans, director.

Directors are expected to take charge of these meetings, raise funds for the Society, ascertain how many Health Almanacs will be wanted in their district, and order through the president immediately thereafter.

The State quarterly meeting will be held at Clyde.

Possibly I may attend the meeting at Yellow Springs the second Sabbath and Sunday in October, but can give but little assurance of this.

Let all take an interest in the meetings. Go back to REVIEW, Vol. 49, No. 23, containing the instructions of the General Conference for such meetings to learn what to do, and how to do it. May the Lord add his blessing.

H. A. ST. JOHN.

THE next annual meeting for the New England Tract and Missionary Society will be held at Lancaster, Mass., Oct. 20-22. Preparations will be made to provide for all who may come. This meeting will be one of unusual interest. Eld. Canright will attend.

S. N. HASKELL.

If nothing in the providence of God prevents, I will meet with the friends at Dartmouth, Sabbath, Oct. 6, at their quarterly meeting; first-day, Oct. 7, where the brethren may appoint. Will meet with the friends at New Ipswich, N. H., Oct. 13, 14, where Bro. Hastings may appoint. Baptism will be administered at both the above-named meetings.

S. N. HASKELL.

General T. and M. Meeting for Wisconsin.

THE Wisconsin Tract and Missionary Society will meet in general quarterly meeting at Neenah, October 26-28. Meeting will open Friday, at 2 P. M. Neenah is at the junction of the C. & N. W., and Wisconsin Central Railroads. We hope there will be a general attendance, especially of our directors and leading brethren, as matters of importance will be considered. Let the directors see that pledges are paid, and reports forwarded to the secretary, Mattie A. Kerr, Monroe, Green Co., Wis.

H. W. DECKER, Pres.

QUARTERLY meeting of Dist. No. 1, Va. Tract Society, at Soliloquy, Oct. 6 and 7. The brethren of Page and Rockingham are earnestly invited. Bro. E. B. Lane will be there.

S. WOODS, Elder.

QUARTERLY meeting of Dist. No. 3, Iowa and Nebraska T. and M. Society, at Pilot Grove, Washington Co., Iowa, Oct. 13 and 14. Let each church in the district be represented at this meeting.

J. W. ADAMS, Director.

QUARTERLY meeting of Dist. No. 1, Kansas T. and M. Society, at Salem, Jewell Co., Kan., Oct. 14 and 15. A general attendance is expected.

J. N. AYERS, Pres.

QUARTERLY meeting of the church at Osawkee, Kan., is put off till Nov. 3 and 4. The funeral sermon of sisters Metzger and Hodges will be preached at that time. Our new house will be ready for dedication. All are invited. Elders Stevens and Sharp are expected.

JOHN W. ADAMS.

DIST. No. 5, Ia. and Neb. T. and M. Society, will hold their quarterly meeting at Monroe, Ia., Oct. 13 and 14. Let all attend. Ample arrangements will be made to take care of them. Will Eld. Morrison meet with us?

J. B. BENINGTON, Director.

I WILL meet with the churches in Minnesota as follows:

Grove Lake, Oct. 6 and 7.

Round Prairie, Oct. 13 and 14.

HARRISON GRANT.

QUARTERLY meeting of Dist. No. 1, Ia. and Neb. T. and M. Society, at Waukon, Iowa, Oct. 13 and 14, 1877.

F. H. CHAPMAN, Director.

PROVIDENCE permitting, I will meet with the brethren in quarterly meeting in Randolph, (Peth), Oct. 13 and 14; and at Andover, Vt., Oct. 20 and 21, 1877.

Following the order previously recommended, the first of these meetings would be the district quarterly meeting, the second the State quarterly meeting.

A. S. HUTCHINS, Pres.

At Norridgewock, Me., Oct. 6, there will be opportunity for baptism.

J. B. GOODRICH.

IN accordance with the suggestions made by the General Conference Committee in REVIEW, Vol. 49, No. 23, quarterly meetings in Wisconsin will be held in each church throughout the State Oct. 6 and 7.

All business pertaining to the church and T. & M. Society will be attended to at these meetings. Let each member of the T. and M. Society hand in his report to the librarian of his church, who will forward the report to the district secretary. We hope that all that is due on s. b. and for the T. and M. Society, will be promptly paid at these meetings.

H. W. DECKER, Pres.

QUARTERLY meeting of the church at M. Vernon, Kan., at the Webster school-house Franklin Co., Oct. 6 and 7. Meeting of the T. and M. Society at the same time and place. We hope for a general turnout. Reports are expected from all who cannot meet with us. Can some minister be present?

A. A. REED, Director.

MONTHLY meeting at the school-house near father Meeker's, Milford, Dickinson Co., Ia., Oct. 13, commencing at 11 A. M. T. and M. rector, Bro. R. S. Johnson, is expected. Some wish baptism; can some one be present to administer?

S. G. MEEKER.

QUARTERLY meeting of the church at Plainfield, Wis., Oct. 6 and 7. Eld. H. W. Decker is expected.

A. KISNER, Elder.

QUARTERLY meeting at Brookfield, N. Y., Oct. 6 and 7. We request all the church to be present or report by letter.

HENRY MAIN.

QUARTERLY meeting for Dist. No. 7, N. Y. and Pa. T. and M. Society, at Clarkville, N. Y., Oct. 13 and 14. Hope for a good attendance from all parts of the district.

J. Q. FOY, Director.

QUARTERLY meeting of district No. 7, Ia. and Neb. T. and M. Society, at Adel, Ia., Oct. 13 and 14.

A. J. STEFFLER, Director.

GENERAL quarterly meeting at Elk Falls, Kan., Oct. 13 and 14. The T. and M. work in Dist. No. 13, also Sabbath-school work, will be considered. Eld. Lamont will be there. The ordinances will be celebrated. Let the scattered ones, who seldom enjoy this privilege, come.

J. P. HENDERSON, Director.

Business Department.

"Not slothful in Business. Rom. 11:12."

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