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"Here is the patience of the Saints: Here are they that keep the Commandments of God, and the Faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

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RESIGNATION,

Gon knows best; come joy or pain, If they lift me skyward and help me to gain A place with the saints as they walk in light, Where weeping and hoping are lost in sight; All will be well, if the way I've trod, Whether gloomy or joyous, leads to God. It matters little how or why, If it end with a crown and a home on high.

If often in life I slip and fall, The closer I'll cling to Christ through all; No matter how rough the way may be, If it ends in immortality. Little it matters how rough the way That my feet are treading day by day, Though I walk through the darkness with tear and sigh,

Tears will be banished by and by.

Welcome the day when the journey's done, And the weary feet shall homeward come, When the brow is wreathed with a starry crown And the heavy burdens are all laid down,-No more in journeyings dark and lone, But joy, and Heaven, and peace, and home, Ended forever earth's weary night, And we'll walk with the glorified ones in white

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Anniversann Reports.

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL TRACT AND MISSION-ARY SOCIETY.

In response to call of the President, eight meetings were held during this session. The first opened with prayer by Eld. B. L. Whitney at 2 p. m., Nov. 11. The following State societies were represented by delegates, according to Article 5 of the Constitution; namely, New England, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Nebraska, Tennessee, Kansas, Dakota, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, and California.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. A summary of the labor performed by the various State societies during the past year was also read. (See ta ble in Supplement.)

The total distribution of reading matter in this country, including Annuals and periodicals, equaled about 26,701,234 pages in tract form, or 7,094,568. pages more than was reported the year before. The report also showed that \$6,773.57 more had been received for the support of the tract and missionary societies this year than last. The average per cent of T. and M. members who reported each quarter during the year was about 37. Less than 50 per cent of S. D. A. churchmembers are members of the tract society consequently only about 18 per cent of S. D. Adventists belonging to churches were represented in this report. A report was also given of the financial standing of the various State societies, particulars of which will appear elsewhere.

The financial standing of the General Tract Society was as follows:-

Cash on hand Oct. 8, 1878, \$457.17 1020.00 Received on Life Membership,
"donations, etc.,
"one-tenth, Illinois,

\$2205.52 \$985.88 303.37 Paid for Publications, " incidental expenses, * Cash on hand to balance,

> \$2205.52Total,

29.88

On motion, the Chair appointed the following committees: On Nominations, W. C. should be some uniform, efficient, and sys-

White, Eld. J. Fargo, and M. H. Brown; on Resolutions, Elds. B. L. Whitney, D. A. Robinson, and S. H. Lane.

At a subsequent meeting the Committee on Nominations recommended the following persons as officers for the ensuing year: President, Eld. S. N. Haskell, Battle Creek, Mich. Vice-President, Eld. B. L. Whitney, Rome, N. Y.; Secretary, Maria L. Huntley, Battle Creek, Mich.; Assistant Secretary, Jennie Thayer, Battle Creek, Mich.; Executive Committee, Eld. S. N. Haskell, Eld. G. I. Butler, and W. C. White.

On motion, these officers were elected col-

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows :-

1. Whereas, It has pleased God in great mercy to his erring people to repeatedly speak to them in testimonies of reproof and encouragement, through the gift of prophecy, and

Whereas, These several testimonies have not been as extensively circulated, as carefully read, and as fully heeded, as they should have been, therefore

Resolved. That the officers of the several tract and missionary societies shall regard it as their special duty to labor to introduce the testimonies into all the families of our people every-

This resolution called out remarks from Elds. White, Decker, Canright, B. L. Whitney, W. C. White, and others, respecting the great benefit to be derived from these testimonies, the lack everywhere observable in those not familiar with their teachings, and the duty of our preachers to impress their importance upon the people.

2. Whereas, The Lord in his tender mercy has recently given a most solemn and searching tes-timony relative to the Judgment, of thrilling interest to our people, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend the publication of the same as soon as consistent, and that we earnestly urge the presidents of the several tract and missionary societies to immediately ascertain the number needed in their States, and order a full supply of Testimony No. 29; and that we appeal to our brethren everywhere to acquaint themselves with its important contents.

3. Whereas, Many of our State societies are indebted to the offices of publication, and

Whereas, Said indebtedness is a great embarrassment to them, therefore

Resolved, That we most heartily approve the plan adopted by many of the State societies, of creating a reserve fund equal to the value of publications required to be kept on hand in the State depository, and that we urge all societies that have not done this to do so at once.

This fund was explained to be a State fund, to be employed in sustaining a liberal supply of publications in each State depository, and to be under the control of the State officers. The several districts are not to receive credit for whatever sums they may donate to this fund.

Whereas, The practice of introducing portant business into our tract society work by direct communication with the librarians, rather than through the medium of the officers of our State societies, has brought discouragement and confusion to these societies, and

Whereas, Such efforts have repeatedly proved unsuccessful in accomplishing the object designed in making these appeals, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend that hereafter all enterprises in which it is desirous to enlist the efforts of the tract society, be introduced through the agency of the officers of the General and State societies.

This resolution was followed by remarks from the presidents of the various societies present, W. C. White, and others, respecting the ground covered by it, and the bearing it will have upon future efforts. It was explained to include such enterprises in particular as affect the financial standing of State societies.

5. Whereas, It has been proved by the history of our work in the past, and confirmed by the special light which the Lord has been pleased to give us, that the tract and missionary work constitutes one of the most important departments of our cause, and

Whereas, It is necessary for the maintenance of so important a branch of the work that there

tematic plan for its financial support, therefore Resolved, That this society, adopting the suggestion of the General Conference, recommend to each State tract society the raising of a sum equal to one-third the tithes paid for the sup-port of the ministry, for the direct support of he tract and missionary work.

An animated discussion over what has been termed "the one-third" followed the reading of this resolution. The intent of the resolution is to fix the sum to be raised, leaving the manner of raising it optional with each State society.

6. Whereas, In the providence of God we have at Battle Creek, Mich., and Oakland, Cal., two efficient Publishing Houses, by means of which large quantities of "present truth," in its printed form, has accumulated, therefore

Resolved, That for the year to come we will put forth our best efforts in effecting a sale of these publications, and in getting the light before those who are in darkness.

7. Whereas, This work is constantly increasing in magnitude, and whereas there is a great demand for individuals to act as colporeurs and canvassers, to visit and pray with families, etc., therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the presidents of the various T. and M. societies to use their influence in enlisting the co-operation of such persons in this work as can be successful therein.

W. C. White made remarks showing the great need of colporteurs in our churches. Only a small portion of the new books printed from time to time have been taken by our brethren, whereas they should be found in every Sabbath-keeping family. He expressed fears that this lack among our brethen would finally result in apostasy with many. The plan of selecting some of our most important books and offering them for sale as family libraries was recommended, and it was

Vvted, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to select books for such a library, and that the chairman of this committee write an article on this subject for the RE-

Elds. D. M. Canright, S. B. Whitney and G. G. Rupert were appointed as said commit-

The propriety of reducing the initiation fee to State societies to less than \$1.00 was suggested, and on motion, the Chair appointed the following committee to consider the matter: Elds. H. W. Decker, W. H. Littlejohn, and M. B. Miller. At a subsequent meeting this committee recommended that as the time and manner of paying this fee is optional with the various societies, it is the mind of the committee that it should remain \$1.00.

8. Whereas, Our Danish Norwegian paper, The Advent Tidende has in the eight years of its existence wielded a great influence in favor of this country and in Denmark and Norway: and is these nationalities are largely represented in this country, and there are but few ministers to proclaim the truth among them, and

Whereas, The Tidende has been changed from a monthly to a semi-monthly, thus greatly increasing its usefulness as a missionary paper,

Resolved, That we urge our Scandinavian brethren to take a greater interest in extending its circulation, by obtaining new subscribers, forming clubs, and earnestly engaging in the missionary work; and further

9. Resolved, That we recommend that our tract societies interest themselves for the circulation of the Tidende, by forming clubs and otherwise, and introduce it among the Scandinavians wherever they may have an opportunity to do so.

This was spoken to by W. C. White, O. A. Olsen, and others, who gave interesting par ticulars concerning the circulation of this paper, and the reason for changing its form and publishing it semi-monthly instead of monthly.

The present number of subscribers is about 1,450, of which 270 are in Denmark and Norway. W. C. White stated that could the Tidende have one thousand full-paying subscribers, and two thousand club subscribers, it would be self-sustaining. Some plans for

suggested; also, in view of the dissatisfaction with some on account of the change in the form of the paper, it was proposed to furnish a binder to all who renew their subscription for the same before Jan. 1, 1880. The co-operation of the American T. and M. societies was earnestly solicited for the support of the paper.

10. Whereas, The German population of this country, at the present time, numbers over ten million souls, many of whom, by becoming acquainted with the truth, through their native tongue, would be glad to obey the word of the Lord, and

Whereas, A German paper has been started, which has received a hearty welcome from thou-

sands of our countrymen, therefore Resolved, That we earnestly recommend our American tract societies to circulate the Stimme der Wahrheit to every German family within their reach, and

11. Whereas, We have received many and earnest appeals from our German readers, requesting a more frequent appearance of the erman paper, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend that the Stimme der Wahrheit, from the beginning of next year, be issued monthly instead of quarterly.

Interesting remarks were made by Elders Decker, Grant, Lamson, and others, which evinced the fact that with proper efforts much can be accomplished among the German peo-The last resolution, after further remarks, was referred to the General Conference Committee.

W. C. White recommended that the brethren try canvassing for this paper, remarking that if one thousand subscribers were obtained, it could be published monthly.

12. Whereas, The plan of taking the Signs in clubs has proved to be an efficient medium of communicating light; and whereas many are rejoicing in the truth received thereby, therefore

Resolved, That we most heartily approve the plan, and recommend all our churches, companies, and scattered brethren, to continue the use of the Signs in this way, until some other pioneer sheet shall be provided to take its place; also that Good Health be taken in the same manner.

A discussion followed respecting the evils arising from furnishing Good Health in clubs, in which the course of our brethren who selfishly take advantage of the liberal offers made by the Publishing Association to the tract societies, to benefit themselves, was severely censured.

13. Whereas, The Swedish Harold is as yet the chief means of spreading the truth among the Swedes, and is indispensable to the upholding and carrying forward of the third angel's message among this nationality, and

Whereas, The Swedish cause is greatly in need of help at the present time, therefore

Resolved, That we will do all we can to forward this branch of the cause by our hearty co-operation in the circulation of the Advent Harold.

In support of this resolution it was stated the truth among the Danes and Norwegians in that the Harold is all the preacher that our brethren in the Swedish language have, and that its circulation has increased considerably during the year. Some of the discouragements under which our Swedish friends have labored were also mentioned.

14. Whereas, The general system that has been adopted in our tract societies has proved efficient and successful in accomplishing the work for which these societies were organized, and whereas the introduction of new plans at variance with this system will tend to confusion, and thus prove detrimental to the interests of this important branch of the work, therefore

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the general system already adopted, and recommend to all State societies to maintain a uniformity of action in harmony with this general plan until such time as the General Tract Society shall find it necessary or advisable to mature and recommend important changes.

These resolutions, with the exception of the eleventh, were unanimously adopted. A report having been called for from the committee on family libraries, Eld. S. B. Whitney responded (see article on "Family Libraries"), and this report was adopted.

A question having been raised respecting the price to be charged for this library, on motion of Eld. D. M. Canright, this matter, also the amount of discount to be allowed on securing this number of subscribers were publications to tract societies and individuals,

was referred to the Executive Committee of the General Tract Society and the officers of the Publishing Association. It was urged that as individuals now purchase publications in much smaller quantities than the tract societies, they should receive less discount on the same, also that should this course be pursued, it would encourage our brethren in their efforts to establish a reserve fund in each State society. Before the tract societies were formed it was necessary for ministers to order publications in large quantities, whereas, at the present time, they can obtain as small quantities from these societies as their circumstances require. This, with other advantages secured to them by the present arrangement, will balance a slight reduction in discount.

W. C. White then introduced the following resolution, which was adopted :-

Whereas, The monthly Instructor is a good missionary paper, and its publication will provide the means of educating youth and children in the work of canvassing, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend its continuance, and urge all T. and M. workers to aid the children in increasing its circulation.

W. C. White spoke of the importance of educating children to canvass, and proposed to give books and Sabbath-school maps, as premiums, to those obtaining specified numbers of subscribers for the Instructor.

The cases of individuals who frequently write to the office of publication requesting the continuance of their papers after their subscription has expired, was introduced. The President stated that such cases should at once be referred to the State Secretary of the tract society where the individual lives, and that it is the duty of this Secretary to ascertain what course should be pursued in each case, and to either order subscriptions renewed or discontinued. The expense of sending our periodicals to worthy persons who are unable to pay for them, should be borne by the church society to which they belong, if it is able; if not, the district should pay it. If the district cannot do this, the State society should bear this expense.

ould bear this correction.

Adjourned sine die.

S. N. HASKELL, Pres.

MARIA L. HUNTLEY, Sec.

FAMILY LIBRARIES.

THE undersigned, having been appointed by the action of the General Tract Society as a committee to consider the matter of a more general circulation of our denominational works among our people, would submit the following thoughts and suggestions:

1. The importance of the subject. We are all familiar with the ancient adage, "Knowledge is power." But this is not all. Knowledge is one of the fundamental principles of Christian experience and character. In enumerating these principles, Peter places this the third in the list. "Add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge." 2 Pet. 1: Now, as we understand faith to have a specific signification and to imply confidence in the present truth, so also we must consider knowledge as implying an understanding of the principles and doctrines of the present truth. Viewed in this light, the importance of this subject cannot be overestimated. Our work is the greatest, most solemn and important, ever given to the church; we have the highest, grandest destiny ever offered to mortals to work out, while the perils and dangers surrounding us are the most imminent and terrible to which human beings were ever exposed. The best safeguard against danger is a knowledge of its existence; the best guarantee of success is a allowed 20 per cent discount on the large lithorough understanding of that which will secure it. And all this has been especially provided for in the production of our works. Prepared expressly to elucidate the peculiarities of our faith, written in a simple, clear, yet forcible style, and offered at a price to bring them within the reach of all, they unquestionably constitute the most efficient means, if rightly used, of making our people intelligent relative to present duties and dangers. It must therefore be the duty of all our people to provide themselves with this efficient means of improvement to the extent of their ability.

Parents should feel the responsibility resting upon them respecting their children in regard to this matter. We have met with young people whose parents were Sabbathkeepers from the time their children were small, who were almost as ignorant of the present truth as those who have never heard of our people. Such things should not be; they need not, would not be, if parents would provide themselves with our published works, and then do their duty in studying much the Protestant heretics. them themselves and faithfully instructing their children from them as they ought. have neighbors, friends, and relatives, that upon singing than formerly, and less upon I will not open you the windows of heaven, "Have you been a good little dog while you

occasionally come to visit us, and all ought to have a good assortment of our publications to lend to such as may become interested to learn more fully our views. And here we would suggest, that, if we are interested in this matter and become more intelligent upon our faith, our conversation will be better calculated to create in the minds of our friends an interest in the truth.

2. The plan to be adopted. In the list of our publications the writings of Sister White stand first, and every family should have them complete; but as a special effort is being made to place these in every family among us, we would now call attention more particularly to our other works. As to a plan, we recommend the following :

Let every family, so far as possible, get a complete set of our bound books; viz., History of the Sabbath, Thoughts on Daniel, Life of Wm. Miller, Thoughts on Revelation, Constitutional Amendment, Sanctuary and 2300 Days, Bible from Heaven, Nature and Destiny of Man, Life of Capt. Bates, Science and the Bible, U. S. in Prophecy, and Thoughts on Baptism.

These constitute a complete library of our faith, and could be put up in boxes in neat style and sold at such discount as the Publishing Association can afford. Those who have any of the above works can obtain the balance at a proportionate cost. We would urge our people everywhere to provide themselves with this full set, even at a sacrifice. The cost will probably be about ten dollars, including boxing; and there are few but that can save that amount in the course of the year for this purpose. But for those who really are not able to procure these we would recommend the following list of pamphlets; viz., Sanctuary and 2300 Days, Sermons on Sabbath and Law, Thoughts on Baptism, State of the Dead and Destiny of the Wicked, Faith and Hope, U. S. in Prophecy, Modern Spiritualism, Ministration of Angels, Atonement, Three Messages, Spirit of God, Two Laws, Seven Trumpets, Matthew Twentyfour, and Truth Found.

The above selection presents the prominent features of our faith, and will be found a valuable one. The cost will be only about three

Again would we urge upon our brethren everywhere to procure these books. We cannot afford to go without the instruction they contain. Let those who are able get both sets; but by all means let every family procure one or the other, not to ornament the shelves of your bookcase simply, but that you may become more intelligent upon the great truths of this time, and thus be better prepared to get the light before others.

D. M. CANRIGHT, S. B. WHITNEY, Committe. G. G. RUPERT,

The libraries named above will be put up in heavy cardboard boxes, and will be ready for sale in a few weeks. The price of the books named in the first list is \$10.15. Each book will have pasted on the inside of the first cover, a printed slip with blanks in which the purchaser can write the date of purchase, the library number, and the name and address of the owner; and a note to the reader to return the book to the owner as soon as read. These slips and the box will cost 35

cents, bringing the total value to \$10.50.

The price of the smaller library, including the box, is \$3.00.

We shall ship these in quantities to State T. and M. societies, from whom they can be or dered through the librarians. We recommend that those buying complete libraries be

brary and 10 per cent on the small one.

This reduces the expense of the large library to \$8.40 net, and the small one to \$2.70. Who cannot afford a library? Of course, these discounts cannot be given to those taking only a part of the library, and PUBLISHERS. thus breaking the set.

A STRANGE CHANGE.

It has never been known since Protestantism had its birth that Catholicism has yielded a hair's breadth to its creed, ritual, or religious habits in any way. But it is now reported that since Mr. Moody's great revival meetings have produced such wonderful results, and it is so apparent that a very potent instrumentality in these meetings has been the congregational singing, the Catholic church, which has always had choir singing, and allowed none but the singers to have their hymns in church, is now adopting congregational singing, and sending out missionaries who are preaching and imitating very

It is perfectly evident that a change is taking place among all who are laboring in But the matter does not stop here. We all revival work, and many are depending more

preaching the doctrines of the gospel. In fact, modern singing has very nearly excluded doctrinal expression, and substituted an endless repetition of sounds giving very few ideas. To us it is becoming more apparent every year that solid, essential Bible truths are being more and more dismissed from worship, and something artistic, fanciful, or sensational is taking their place. Is it not possible that the prophet's prediction that," truth is fallen in the street, and that equity cannot enter," and of the time when there will be "no intercessor," and the Judge shall "put on the garments of vengeance for clothing," (see Isa. 59:14, 16, 17), is about to be fulfilled? Has not truth commenced already to fall in the reverence and confidence of the people? If it is so, then putting sound doctrine" in the background because the people will not "endure" it, and substituting something sensational, which will please their "itching ears," will become a distinctly marked sign of the last days. We think this sign is very discernible at the present time. - World's Crisis.

PRESENT TRUTH.

What is present truth? What are the great truths for our days? If we were to judge from the talk and acts of some of our people, we should think that the present truth consisted merely in keeping holy the Sabbath day. But what a sad mistake!

What are some of the leading and most important truths embraced in the third angel's message, that is now being heralded to the world for man's salvation? is often asked, Is the truth of God different to-day from what it was ages in the past? The great fundamental truths are the same as in the beginning, the same as when God spoke from Mount Sinai; but every age has had truths particularly applicable to the time. The truths that were proclaimed in the sixteenth century, or even the more glorious truths taught in the time of Christ and the apostles, are not the only ones for us to heed; but there are additional truths that we will mention as we proceed.

With the Jews at the time of our Saviour it was all law and no Christ; in this age the cry is, "No law, and all Christ." In order that these errors, which are equally fatal, may be corrected, God has sent out messengers over the world, who are preaching the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And when we say, "The commandments of God," we do not mean nine of them, nor the fourth commandment alone, but every one of them. "Whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

Some say, "All I hear from your people is, the Sabbath, the Sabbath." But this is not so. Our ministers preach more upon the Sabbath commandment than any other; but why? Because it is the one that has been trodden under foot by every denomination but the Seventh-day Adventists and Seventh-day Baptists. But the seal of God is in that commandment. It is the only one that tells us of the true God, the Maker of heaven and earth. God's holy day must be restored. The breach must be made up. God must and will be honored by his people. The loud cry will go forth, and the 144,000 will be found keeping the Seventh-day Saboath holv.

There are other truths connected with this message,—truths of vital importance. It is not in the Sabbath alone that man has robbed God. Read this: "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes not the tithing system pertain to the Jewish dispensation, and was it not done away in there is no vision, the people perish." Christ?" It was not. If it was necessary to give one-tenth in the Jewish age, is it not Does it cost less to support the gospel now than it did then? Listen to Christ: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith; these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." One-tenth of all our income is the Lord's. What? one-tenth of all my wheat, corn, and potatoes, and even of my butter and eggs? Can I not first take out enough to supply my family, enough oats and corn to feed my horses, and then of the remainder give one-tenth to the Lord? Will not that be all right? No; one-tenth belongs to the Lord. And the man who robs God of this, though he keep the Sabbath ever so strictly, will be weighed in the balance and found wanting. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, . . . and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if it jumped to greet me as usual, and I said,

and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.'

Well, to keep God's holy day, and to give one-tenth of all my income, is a part of present truth. What next? "Whether therefore ye eat or drink, . . . do all to the glory of God."
Then does present truth deal with what we eat and drink? Listen to the words of the spirit of prophecy: "The health reform sustains the same relation to the third angel's message, that the right arm does to the body. "Know ye not that every one that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things?" Are not our bodies the temple of the Holy Ghost? Then how dare a Seventh-day Adventist eat that which God has pronounced unclean and an abomination in his sight? However strictly one may keep the Sabbath, if he uses tobacco, tea, and coffee, and partakes of swine's flesh and the abominable broth, he cannot expect the blessing and favor of God. "If any man defile the the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are." "Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Perhaps some who think that, however strait the way, we have the truth so far, will yet suppose we have a wrong idea about Christ's soon coming. They say: "All things continue as they were from the beginning, and Christ may not come for a thousand years yet, or he may come to-night." "Now When his learn a parable of the fig-tree. branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise ve, when ye shall see all these things, know that it [margin, he,—Christ] is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation [the one before which the darkening of the sun and moon and the falling of the stars are proclaimed as signs of the last days, and that witnesses earthquakes, fires, floods, wars, the rise of spiritualism, and wicked men growing worse shall not pass away till all be fulfilled."

Again, we have no charity for false doc-We do not countenance any modes, trines. creeds, or doctrines for which we have not a "Thus saith the Lord." And we read that "God only hath immortality." The doctrine of the immortality of the soul originated with the devil, when he told Eve that she should not surely die.

Seventh-day Adventists all have the same Bible, and they read and interpret it alike; they are a unit, all believing the same thing; and they will not allow heathen doctrines to come into the church. The Judgment is sitting; the heavenly sanctuary is now being cleansed. Christ is soon coming, and he must find a people all of whom have the same faith. And how is this unity brought about, when other churches are so divided, scarcely two in the same church believing the same thing? I will tell you how. We have the spirit of prophecy in our midst. Oh!" exclaim hundreds of voices, "possibly the rest might all be true; you have a Bible faith except this prophesying. That was all done away ages ago. The last visions were in Paul's day. The law and the prophets were until John; since that time Christ is preached." The spirit of prophecy was designed for all ages, and is nowhere restricted o any particular age or time, from the fall to the final restitution; but it is among the special signs of the last days. "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh; . and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy." The testimony of Jesus, which is the spirit of prophecy, is the chain that and offerings." Perhaps some will ask, "Did | links us together, keeps the wolves and false doctrines out, and makes us a unit. "Where

In conclusion, let me say in the language of Paul: "Finally, my brethren, be strong equally necessary in the Christian age? in the Lord, and in the power of his might Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." For Christ "cometh quickly," and will reward every man according as his work shall be. Blessed are they that are found doing his commandments, "that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

MRS. MARIA MEAD. Stearns Co., Minn.

A DOG'S CONSCIENCE.

A young fox terrier, about eight months old, took a great fancy to a small brush, of Indian workmanship, lying on the drawingroom table. It had been punished more than once for jumping on the table and taking it. On one occasion the little dog was left in the room accidently. On my return

have been alone?" Immediately it put its tail between its legs and slunk off into an adjoining room, and brought back the little brush in its mouth from where it had hidden it. I was much struck with what appeared to me a remarkable instance of a dog possessing a conscience, and a few months afterward, finding it again alone in the room, I asked the same question while patting it. At once I saw it had been up to some mischief, for with the same look of shame it walked slowly to one of the windows, where it lay down with its nose pointing to a letter, bitten and torn into shreds. On a third occasion it showed me where it had strewn a number of little tickets about the floor, for doing which it had been reproved previously. I cannot account for these facts except by supposing the dog must have a conscience.—London Spectator.

> THE STREAM OF LIFE. THE stream of life is going dry; Thank God, that more and more I see the golden sands, which I Could never see before.

The banks are dark with graves of friends
Thank God for faith sublime In the eternity beyond The gloomy shades of time.

The flowers are gone that with their glow Of sunshine filled the grass; Thank God, they were but dim and low Reflections in a glass.

The autumn winds are blowing chill; The summer warmth is done; Thank God, the little dewdrop still Is drawn into the sun.

Strange stream, to be exhaled so fast In cloudy cares and tears; Thank God, that it should shine at last Along the immortal years.

-Selected.

"JUDGE NOT."

"YET Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." Jude 9.

There is brought to view in this text a thought which should be a controlling one in the life of every Seventh-day Adventist. We believe that this movement is in direct fulfillment of an important Bible prophecy. We believe that God has committed to our trust the most solemn message that the world has ever heard (Rev. 14:9, 10, 11),—the last message of warning, of mercy. This message embraces the fundamental principles of righteousness, and the great work of redemption through Jesus Christ. Rev. 14:12. How vastly important it is, then, that we, as lightbearers, should walk in the light we bear. These great truths put into practice by their advocates will do much more toward bringing others to God than merely advocating them could do. The world callsand justly too-for practical holiness. "Give us examples of holiness. Theory is good, but practice is better."

But in order to properly bring out the subject mentioned in the text, let us notice, briefly, two characters mentioned, and the standing of each respectively; viz., "Michael the archangel" and the "devil." That "Michael the archangel" is Jesus Christ, is fully proved by comparing Dan. 12:1; Jude 9; 1 Thess. 4 16; and John 5: 26-29.

That the subject pending may have due force, let us notice the points of contrast between these two great characters, using Scripture declarations only, respecting each.

JESUS CHRIST.	THE DEVIL.
"The beginning of the creation of God." Rev. 3:	"A murderer from the beginning." John 8:44.
"All things were created by him, and for him." Col. 1:14-17; 1 Cor. 8:6;	"Abode not in the truth."—Id.
Eph. 3:9; Heb. 1:1, 2. The Son of God. Matt. 3:17.	"No truth in him."—Id.
"The faithful and true	" A liar."—Id.
Witness." Rev. 8:14. "The Prince of the kings of this earth." Rev. 1:5, "Christ, the Son of the Blessed." Mark 14:61,	
1, compared with verse 14. "The Lord our right- eousness." Jer. 23:6; 1 Cor. 1:30. "The resurrection and the life." John 11:25.	Overcome by "Michael and his angels," and driven from Heaven, he "was cast out into the earth." Rev. 12:7-9. Doomed to final destruction in "the lake of fire."

Thus they appear before us in the light of revelation,—one the embodiment of holiness; the other, a masterpiece of iniquity. Now let us have the application, and a thought which we consider werthy of prayerful atten-

accusation, but [in humility and gentleness referring it to the Father] said, The Lord rebuke thee," how can we, poor, blind, erring mortals, speak or even entertain a thought, passing sentence upon a fellow-creature, who may be better than ourselves. "God is no respecter exalted, or assume the ability to judge; "for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," Rom. 3:23.

PRACTICAL LESSON .- CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.

"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." 1 John 2:6.

Words of Jesus: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye." Matt. 7:1-5.

The language used by the Saviour in setting forth this important subject conveys to our mind the enormity of the sin of assuming to judge one another. He speaks of the fault of the person being judged as a "mote," while that of the one assuming to judge he calls a "beam." A mote is "a small particle; anything proverbially small; a spot."-Webster. From the signification of the term "beam," as given by Mr. Webster, we unas given by Mr. Webster, we understand it to mean something of importance, or of considerable magnitude. And thus Jesus points out our readiness to notice and condemn in others that which (though it be evil) is of insignificance in comparison with the sin of our own heart. And then, as if to add, if possible, to his argument—to show up the case as it is,—he styles the would-be judge a "hypocrite." No practice of the Jews called forth stronger terms of denunciation from the Saviour than did that of pretending to be what they were not (See Matt. 23.) And in the scripture quoted above he urges upon us the importance of removing the evils from our own life, of clearing our own moral vision, that we may be prepared to aid one another.

Precepts of Paul: "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest; for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long-suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" Rom. 2:1-5.

In this scripture the apostle very forcibly sets forth the error of speaking against, or condemning, one another; and teaches that in proportion as we do this, we are ourselves subject to the condemnation of God. Then until we have been "tempted in all points" in which the human family is subject to temptation, as was Jesus, and until we, like him, are "without sin," let us, like him, "bring no railing accusation." It is not man's prerogative to raise his voice in railing. Circumstances in life are so varied, that in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred we cannot understand the condition of another in all the bearings in which it may influence him. None but the eye of the Allwise, Om nipresent, can see the multiplicity of causes which lead to as many results.

My brother's mental, moral, and physical standing is not, and cannot, in this mortal state, be just like mine. And as each trait of character pertaining to a man has an influence upon all other traits of his character, so we, having different organizations, are not actuated alike, do not think alike, and consequently do not act alike in the minutiæ of life. I may not be able to measure my brother's strength, he may not be able to realize my weakness. He may be living near to God, basking in the light of heavenly truth, his soul often watered with showers of divine grace; while temptations to which he may not have been subject have come upon lukewarm in his service, and thus an easy

devil, the murderer, the deceiver] a railing | ferring one another. . . . Bless them which | persecute you; bless, and curse not. . Recompense to no man evil for evil. $\,\cdot\,$. it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath; for it is written, Vengeance is of persons" (Acts 10:34), that we should be mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." Rom.

12:9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 19.

These words of Inspiration are precious, and they admonish us that we, like Jesus, should not return evil for evil, railing for railing, to those whom the devil may send against us. God will hold us responsible for the blessed light he is giving us. And if, when the great day of his wrath is upon us, our lives shall have been given to the service of Satan, ours will be a greater condemnation than if we had not had the light.

God can speak better than we can; so let us notice the example of Christ, who "suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps; who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." 1 Pet. 2:21, 22, 23. As a people we must expect rebuke, must expect to be spoken lightly of, must expect that our "names will be cast out as evil." The message God has given us is unpopular; it excites the dragon's ire, and he will stir up the world against us. (Rev. 12:17.) But let us remember that we, without God, are erring, and ever look for strength to "Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds." Heb. 12:3. Let us look to Him who said: "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" who also said: "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake." Matt. 5:44, 11.

During the mock trial of Jesus, when he was falsely accused by his enemies, no angry word was spoken by him. And when nailed ${f t}$ o the cross, suffering the terrible agonies of death, mocked and insulted by the infuriated mob, he prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." Luke 23:34. The spirit of meekness and humility which Jesus possessed was what enabled the early Christians to endure; and it was what prompted the apostle to say, "Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it being defamed, we entreat." 1 Cor. 4:12, 13. And all along through the "Dark Ages," the history of the church is a history of rebuke, of suffering, and of revilings, the endurance of which calls forth the praise of men and angels. And shall not we, now the conflict

is so nearly done, exercise the same spirit? Christian, will it not rejoice your heart to see that companion or friend happy throughout eternity? Will it not rejoice you to see your loved ones receiving a crown of life from the hand of the blessed Redeemer, and to hear notes of everlasting praise swell from the golden harp touched by those fingers that may have ministered to your earthly wants? Will you not rejoice to see them partake of the delicious fruit of the "tree of life"? Nay, more: Will you not rejoice to see him (though now your enemy) for whom Jesus shed his precious blood, stand with the redeemed upon 'Mount Zion," and hear him "sing the new song"? Then,-

> "Speak gently to the erring one, And never once forget, That though he is an erring one, He is thy brother yet."

And look to Jesus: let his life, Thy perfect pattern prove; Speak, act, with all as though your heart Were filled with heavenly love. J. M. HOPKINS.

WELL PUT.

In one of our exchanges we find the following paragraphs, which strike vigorously against a growing evil. No credit is given but the article is so good we regret that it is a strav waif.

Coaxing the devil to support the gospel is a modern device. The primitive church knew nothing of it. When Paul was collecting funds to aid poor saints at Jerusalem, he used no fairs, festivals, "mum sociables," kissing games, or other sanctified snares, to accomplish his object. The Christians paid me, and led me away from God, making me their own bills, and did not expect Satan to pay for the weapons which they used against prey to the wiles of the devil. Then would him. When the devil supports a church, he it become my brother to speak lightly of me l does so in his own interest. He carries on No; but "let love be without dissimulation. his operations with a full knowledge of the ingly employed; neither ought any talent to tion. If Jesus Christ, occupying so exalted Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that fact that "a kingdom divided against itself be wrapped in a napkin. But, whatever it a position, equal with God the Father (Phil. which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to cannot stand." For every dollar paid out of is, the word is, "Stir up the gift which is in 2:6), "durst not bring against him [the another with brotherly love; in honor pre his coffers to the church, he receives full thee,"

value. Church partnerships with the devil never benefit the former, but always the latter. Hands off!

Untold harm comes to the church by the use of even questionable measures to raise money for the support of God's work. It creates the impression, in the minds of the worldly, that the church is a kind of parasite, dependent for its existence on the community; that it is a sort of genteel beggar, which it is proper and fashionable to support; that it is an object of charity or even pity and contempt, which is grateful for the tolerance of the people that let it live. The ungodly regard such churches as engaged in seeking money rather than souls, and valuing wealthy members more than poor saints. To stand before the world in this light is hu miliating and degrading beyond expression. Such churches ought to be closed or cleansed, cured or killed.

DOES IT PAY?

PRINCE BISMARCK, the dreaded German Chancellor, who may be said for years to have held the destinies of Europe in his hand, is, it seems, by no means, a happy man. He is rendered uneasy by his conscience, is devoured with melancholy, and he laments his destiny, which he feels to be an unpropitious one, notwithstanding his splendid political successes. "In satisfying my ambition," he is reported to have lately said at Varzin, "I have made nobody happy. What a number of people I have cast into misery! Without me three great wars would have been avoided; eighty thousand men-nay, many more, would not have been killed, and such numbers of families, fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, and wives would not have been plunged into mourning. However, that account is to be settled between God and myself, so far as the hereafter goes. What happiness have I derived from all my success? Little or none; and I have reaped endless worry, vexation, hatred, pain, grief, overwork, and care."

We scarcely see how Bismarck can charge himself with the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71, seeing that he was forced to resist the French invasion; but still in contrast with him, how happy is the humblest believer in Christ who has learned the apostolic lesson,-" Be careful for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God," and is enabled to realize the added promise, "And the peace of God, which passeth understanding, shall keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus."-Selected.

Oun Suskat.

"A little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts and almonds." Gen. 43:11.

-Carry your cross-do n't drag it.

-HOLY fear is the door-keeper of the soul. —A scar nobly gained is a good livery of

THE soldier wastes his strength who fights his shadow.

-IT is little troubles that wear the heart out. It is easier to throw a bombshell a mile than a feather—even with artillery.

-WE deceive ourselves when we fancy that only weakness needs support; strength needs it far more. A straw or a feather sustains itself long in the air.

-Our trying to love an object is like our trying to laugh when we are not pleased: the more we try, the less we shall succeed. The ess implies it is a thing we do not prefer.

-IF you hate your enemies, you will contract such a vicious habit of mind, as, by degrees, will break out upon those who are your friends, or those who are indifferent to

-Did you ever know a good man or pure woman utterly ruined by outside attacks upon their reputation? I never did. The abuse of a good man is commonly the head-wind that fans the fires of his own furnace, and gives him the greater headway. No true man was ever put down and kept down while he was true to conscience and to God. When character is destroyed, it is never murder; it is suicide.—Cuyler.

-Each person may have a separate gift. Even the gift to be able to lie still and suffer is not a small one. The gift of being able to be poor and contented is not to be despised. The gift of nursing the sick, or of interesting children, should be very lov-

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SEVENTH-DAY BAPTISTS AND SEV-ENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

THE Seventh-day Baptists observe the last day of the week as the Sabbath of the Lord, and practice immersion for Christian baptism; hence their denominational name, Seventh-day Baptists. The strength of their positions on the weekly Sabbath of the Bible, and baptism, lies in accepting Scripture testimony upon these as meaning just what it says. "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." Ex. 20: 10. "My holy day." Isa. 58:13. "The Sabbath was made for man." "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath." Mark 2:27, 28.

Accepting the literal and obvious meaning of the sacred Scriptures relative to baptism, S. D. Baptists reject all forms of water baptism excepting immersion. Jesus was "baptized of John in Jordan; and straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened." Mark 1:9, 10. "And they went down, both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water." Acts 8:38, 39. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism." "For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." Rom. 6:4, 5. "Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ve are risen with him." Col. 2:12. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." Col. 3:1.

Accepting the same literal interpretation of Scripture on the question of the second appearing of Christ, that the Bible means what it says, which rule both S. D. Baptists and S. D. Adventists accept on the questions of the Sabbath and baptism, the figurative or spiritual coming and reign of Christ is excluded. If the Bible be allowed to speak for itself, and we be allowed to understand its words as we do those of other books, the doctrine of the second coming of Christ is clear and forcible. We will here let Isa. 26:19. "Our friend Lazarus sleepeth." Christ, the angel at the mount of ascension, and Paul, testify, relative to the personal and visible second appearing of Christ, to raise and reward the just.

"They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." Matt. 24:30. "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works," Matt. 16:27. "Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him." Rev. 1:7. "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:11. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thess. 4:16-18. "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Heb. 9:28. "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:7, 8. "And behold I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12. The rule of Biblical interpretation which S.

D. Adventists feel safe to adopt is, "Every text of Scripture means just what it says, word for word, excepting those passages where it is evident from the text and the context that a parable or figure is introduced." Departing from this, the only safe rule, and giving license to fanciful interpretations, has brought deplorable results. It has filled the mouths of skeptics with objections to the Bible, brought reproach upon our holy religion, and caused the enemies of the Lord to tread his word in the very dust. Approach the infidel upon the subject of religion, and with feelings of disgrist he will at once them return to unconscious dust, and in the give good proof of their sincerity?"

point to the confusion of sentiment, the fancies and curiosities, of the great Babylonish museum of the professed Christian world.

Christ prayed that his people might be one as he was one with his Father, that the world might know that God had sent his Son to save lost sinners. Paul prayed that the church might all speak the same thing, and be perfeetly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. This happy state may be realized when the church will allow the Lord to answer that other petition, "Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth." John

The widest difference between S. D. Baptists and S. D. Adventists is in regard to the nature and destiny of man. But here also, we intrench ourselves in the plain, literal and obvious meaning of the word. The record gives the creation, life principle, and the nature, of the first man in these words, "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Gen. 2:7. After the transgression and fall, the sentence of death fell upon Adam. "Dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." Gen. 3:16.

The two-fold nature of man, taught by those who charge us with teaching a "grossly materialistic system," is not intimated in the ecord of the creation and dissolution of the first man. All there was of Adam was formed of the dust of the ground. The record does not state that a second immortal Adam was put into the first. The Creator gave the creature life, and when that life ceased in consequence of sin, Adam returned to dust, unconscious, till he shall be reorganized from dust, and brought to the enjoyment of immortal life at the resurrection of the just.

The figure which Inspiration uses to represent the state of the righteous dead is sleep, from which they will be awakened by the trump of God at the resurrection of the just. This is as true of the writers of the Old Testament as of the New: "For now should I have lain still and been quiet, I should have slept." Job 3:13. "So man lieth down, and riseth not till the heavens be no more: they shall not awake nor be raised out of their sleep." Job 14:12. "Lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death." Ps. 13:3. "Many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake." Dan. 12:2. "Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust." John 11:11. "And when he had said this, he fell asleep." Acts 7:60. "The greater part remain unto this present; but some are fallen asleep." 1 Cor. 15:6. "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." Verse 51. "But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethen, concerning them which are asleep.' 1 Thess. 4:13.

In regard to the question of the destiny of the unjust, probably more changes have taken place in the religious world during the last thirty years than on any other subject in all the range of Christian theology. Where is the man who will stand before an intelligent audience and paint the horrors of an eternity of punishment in a hell of fire and brimstone, as ministers did a half century since?

"God is love" is a declaration no less true to-day than before the Universalists used it to comfort the sinner in his sins. In love he created man and gave him life. We prize this mortal life, with all its toils, and pains, its sorrows, tears and woes, above all else in this world. In love God gave his Son to die that we may have eternal life. But if the sinner will not have life, what can the God of love do with him? Will he take him up to Heaven? The holy Heaven of the Bible would be to him the veriest hell. Will God punish him in an eternity of suffering, and receive in return an eternity of curses from the sinner, and thus sin be immortalized? The voice of Wisdom and of Love answers :-

"The wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs. They shall comsume. Into smoke shall they consume away." "For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth, and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off." "For yet a little while and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be." Ps. 37:10, 20, 22.

"For behold the day cometh that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud; yea, and all that do wickedly shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor

words of the prophet, "be as though they had not been." Obad., verse 16.

The last we hear of the wicked, with Satan at their head, represented by Gog and Magog of the Apocalypse, is that "fire came down from God out of Heaven, and dewoured them." Rev. 20:8, 9.

Then comes that grand song of jubilee from a delighted Universe that the blot of sin is removed from the earth, and that the rebellious career of Satan and all sinners has ended. Phil. 2:10, 11; Rev. 5:13. That triumphant song from holy intelligences in Heaven and on earth, 'Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever," is not marred by the yells of the immaterial damned, and the gnashing of their immaterial teeth in some immaterial corner of the Universe.

MATERIAL, OR IMMATERIAL?

WHICH? Material, or immaterial? We have neither time nor space at present to answer this question which seems to trouble some of our respected Christian friends. S. D. Adventists rest and worship on the day on which God rested after creating the material world in the preceding six days of the first week of time. We also immerse in material water as the only mode of Christian baptism. If our faith and practice relative to the ancient Sabbath of the Lord, and baptism, makes us worthy of the brand "Materialists," the S. D. Baptists may wear it quite as well as S. D. Adventists; as they were centuries before us in faith and practice in these particulars.

And if to look for that same Jesus to come again as he ascended from Olivet, that we shall see him when he shall appear, and that he is really coming himself to raise the righteous dead, and reward them according to their works, be condemned as "grossly materialistic," the stigma rests equally upon the head of our adorable Redeemer, holy angels from the courts of glory, and the great apostle Paul.

And if holding that God "only hath immortality," 1 Tim. 6:16, and that it is brought "to light through the gospel," 2 Tim. 1:10, not as an inheritance, but bestowed as a reward, Rom. 2:7, when the last trump shall sound at the second coming of Christ, 1 Thess. 4:16; 1 Cor. 15:52; and that sin and all sinners will cease to be, at the completion of the grand scheme of human redemption, Ps. 37:10, 20, 22; Mal. 4:1; Obad., verse 16; 2 Pet. 2:12; Rev. 20:9, be regarded as heresy worthy of shots from the guns of immaterialists, S. D. Adventists will hide behind the plain declarations of God's word, stand the cannonading the best they can, and hold their present positions till our immaterialistic friends give us clearer light.

But seriously, we call in question the good taste of two recent writers for the Sabbath Recorder, who use language not at all complimentary to S. D. Adventists. Bro. Main, in the issue for Nov. 13, under the caption, "Is it Wise?"

"Is it wise and right to want to have our Conference represented in the Adventist Conference by a delegate, to pass a resolution expressing our great satisfaction at the success of that people, and in other ways to assure them how large a place they fill in our Christian esteem? As for me, I firmly believe such a course to be both unwise and wrong. Their system of doctrine is unquestionably a grossly materialistic system, and our doctrines mold our life and character; and we cannot hope to lead them out of it by fellowshiping them in it. It strikes me that here is a test of the consistency of our so-called 'close communion

"Again, they would undoubtedly overthrow every one of our churches in a day, were they able to do it. And this is something they certainly have a right to do. We would convert all the churches in the land into Sabbath-keeping churches, if we could. But it does not seem to me to be either right or wise to tell them that we are exceedingly glad, unless we really are, that they are so successful in making inroads upon our churches, and in spreading heresies that are so full of moral poison.

"A prominent member of one of our small churches, and a Seventh-day Adventist minister, called upon another prominent member, to whom the suggestion was made by the visiting brother that the church might be transferred to the Adventists. It is but just to say that Eld. White assured the writer that this minister is not to receive a preaching certificate another year. (He is, however, again on the field.) But are they prepared to do a wholesale business, if branch." Mal. 4:1. In love God will let it be necessary, in the same direction, and so

Again Elder Main says, "And such a people are in danger of employing questionable methods and measures."

No comment needed. We will say, however, that what Eld. White has said to Eld. Main and his brethren in public or private, he will be happy to meet again before competent witnesses at any proper time and occasion. The minister of whom he speaks came over from the no-law Adventists not long since, and brought with him much of the peculiar lawlessness of that people, and has taken such a course that he failed to get his credentials renewed at his Conference at its last session. Our people have no use for him. They have done their daty; and if this man will preach without credentials and support from S. D. Adventists, neither Elder White nor his brethren can stop him. If Elder Main thinks he can silence him, he can have the job. It is the veriest childishness to make us responsible for his being "again on the

Elder Wheeler, in the Recorder for Nov. 6, says: "The Adventists are steadily on the move, and as they stimulate thought, there is more and more demand for Seventh-day Baptists. This will increase. The errors of the Adventists are so numerous and in some instances so absurd, that they will be rejected more and still more as they are investigated."

Thank God that our errors are being rejected, and the Lord's truth we hold and teach is being received by hundreds. May the prophecy of Elder Wheeler not fail, that our errors be rejected more and still more as they shall be investigated. That word "investigated" reads well, and we suggest a change in the exercises on this wise: Let investigation take the place of this wholesale dealing in unqualified assertions, rash declarations and unworthy insinuations. May God pity S. D. Adventists that they are so few in numbers, and so unworthy the name they hold and the doctrine they teach. But to show whether our views are being rejected by the discriminating public mind, we can record an increase during the last Conference year of twentyseven ministers, fifty churches, and eleven hundred and fourteen members. "During the last year," says the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, "we decreased in numbers twenty-seven."

These good men may imagine that they are doing S. D. Adventists, and all the rest of the world, great favors in dealing out upon us their sweeping assertions to pass into print in the venerable organ of the S. D. Baptists. But they are taking a bad way to help us. One ounce of proof will do us more real good than a hundred weight of assertions and harsh denuncia-

But we are happy to know that the reliable men of the S. D. Baptist ministry are not pleased with these unchristian thrusts. The objectionable circumstances on the part of S. D. Adventists which have given rise to unpleasantness between the two bodies, we have referred to in previous articles. We as a people have not been able to control all those who preached S. D. Adventism. And if the S. D. Baptists find similar difficulties in a few cases, the entire body should not be judged by them, and consigned to the dark regions of heresy. It would be better for the cause of S. D. Adventists today, if they had as few unreasonable and unmanageable men as the S. D. Baptists. The movements and growth of the S. D. Baptists have been slow, while our movements and growth have been rapid. Time and discipline have fanned away the chaff, removed the hay, wood and stubble, and consolidated them. With us it is astonishing how the chaff flies sometimes, and the hay, wood and stubble move off from the gold, silver and precious stones, as if under Divine direction, as the creatures moved into Noah's ark. Had it not been for the elements of confusion and insubordination brought in among us by the no-day-first-day Adventists, and if in exchange S. D. Adventists could have started in with the experience, education and refinement of the S. D. Baptists as a body, with the mighty truths we hold, we would now have an influence over the public mind a hundred-fold what it is.

We have no fears of the results of this matter. A better understanding of the real feeling of the body of S. D. Baptists toward S. D. Adventists will exist. These things, unpleasant for the present, will work out good in the end. S. D. Adventists will be better understood, and, at least, will be regarded as a body of sincere Christians; and we in return will love and respect the S. D. Baptists, and observe the Golden Rule with greater care, -"Do unto others as you would have them do to you."

THE HOLIDAYS.

WE are rapidly approaching the season of the holidays, and many conscientious ones are now questioning what course they may pursue that will be pleasing in the sight of God. By the world the holidays are spent in frivolity and extravagance, gluttony and display. It is the prevailing custom at this time to make and receive presents. And it is no small burden upon the mind to know how to distribute these gifts among friends so that none will feel slighted. It is a fact that much envy and jealousy are often created by this custom of making pres-

Thousands of dollars will be worse than thrown away upon the coming Christmas and New Year's in needless indulgences. But it is our privilege to depart from the customs and practices of this degenerate age; and instead of expending means merely for the gratification of the appetite, or for needless ornaments or articles of clothing, we may make the coming holidays an occasion in which to honor and glorify God.

We advise all our brethren and sisters to make a decided reform in regard to these festal days. Those who appreciate the gift of God's dear Son to save them from ruin, now have a favorable opportunity to give tangible proofs of their gratitude by rendering to God their thankofferings. Let old and young lay aside their mites as sacred offerings to God. If we would give to the cause of our Redeemer one-half as much as we have bestowed upon our friends, we would do much good and receive a blessing for giving.

Let us seek to faithfully represent Christ on the coming festal days by imitating his example as he went about doing good. It is impossible to enjoy the approbation of God while living for self. As Christians who profess a living faith in the near coming of the Son of man, keeping all of God's commandments, let us make earnest efforts to draw near to God through Jesus Christ, and make a covenant with him by sacrifice. In our principles of action we must be elevated above the customs and fashions of the world. Christ came to our world to elevate the minds of men to the divine level, and to bring them into sympathy with the mind of God.

As every blessing we enjoy is brought to us through the condescension, humiliation, and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we should render to him our best gifts, above all not withholding ourselves. The infinite sacrifice which Christ has made to free us from the guilt and woe of sin, should work in every heart a spirit of gratitude and self-denial which is not manifested by the world. God's gift of Christ to man filled all Heaven with amazement, and inspired at his birth the angelic song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward

Christmas day, precious reminder of the sacrifice made in man's behalf, should not be devoted to gluttony and self-indulgence, thus exalting the creature above the Creator. Let us who are partakers of this great salvation show that we have some appreciation of the gift, by rendering to God our thank-offerings. If we would indulge less in feasting and merriment upon these occasions, and instead make them the means of benefiting humanity, we should better meet the mind of God. It is a pleasure and gratification to exchange gifts with our friends; but are there not nobler and more glorious objects for which we may give our means, and thus do good by shedding light upon the path-

There are many who have not books and publications upon present truth. Here is a large field where money can be safely invested. There are large numbers of little ones who should be supplied with reading. The Sunshine Series, Golden Grains Series, Poems, Sabbath Readings, etc., are all precious books, and may be introduced safely into every family. The many trifles usually spent in candies and useless toys, may be treasured up with which to buy these volumes.

Children need proper reading, which will afford amusement and recreation, and not demoralize the mind or weary the body. If they are taught to love romance and newspaper tales, instructive books and papers will become distasteful to ings, great and small, for these houses of worthem. Most children and young people will have reading matter; and if it is not selected for them, they will select it for themselves. They can find a ruinous quality of reading anywhere, and they soon learn to love it; but if pure and good reading is furnished them, they will cultivate a taste for that.

from our homes that class of literature which can have no beneficial influence upon our children. Many times I have been pained to find upon the tables or in the book-cases of Sabbathkeepers, papers and books full of romance, which their children were eagerly perusing.

There are those who profess to be brethren who do not take the Review, Signs, Instructor, or Good Health, but take one or more secular papers. Their children are deeply interested in reading the fictitious tales and love stories which are found in these papers, and which their father can afford to pay for, although claiming that he cannot afford to pay for our periodicals and publications on present truth. Thus parents are educating the taste of their children to greedily devour the sickly, sensational stories found in newspaper columns. All such reading is poisonous; it leaves a stain upon the soul, and encourages a love for cheap reading which will debase the morals and ruin the mind.

Parents should guard their children, and teach them to cultivate a pure imagination and to shun, as they would a leper, the love-sick pen pictures presented in newspapers. Let publications upon moral and religious subjects be found on vour tables and in your libraries, that your children may cultivate a taste for elevated reading. Let those who wish to make valuable presents to their children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces, procure for them the children's books mentioned above. For young people, the Life of Joseph Bates is a treasure; also the three volumes of Spirit of Prophecy. These volumes should be placed in every family in the land. God is giving light from Heaven, and not a family should be without it. Let the presents you shall make be of that order which will shed beams of light upon the pathway to

Anciently the children of Israel Were commanded to keep three annual feasts each year: the Passover, the Feast of Tabernacles, and the Feast of Weeks. The Lord gave directions that on these occasions their gifts and offerings were to be consecrated to him, and none should appear before him empty-handed. But in our day it has become fashionable to observe these festal occasions in a manner that would divert the mind from God instead of bringing glory to his name. Those whom God has blessed with prosperity should acknowledge the Giver, and feel that where much is given much will be re-

Our holidays have been perverted from their intended use. Gifts are lavished upon one another, and praise which should have been given to God, to whom all these things belong, is bestowed upon poor mortals.

Our houses of worship in Oakland and Battle Creek are under the pressure of debt. The Dime Tabernacle belongs to us all; we should all have a special interest in it. In order to accommodate the students at the College, the patients at the Sanitarium, the laborers at the Office, and the large number of worshipers constantly coming in from abroad, the erection of this spacious house of worship was a positive necessity. Great responsibilities rest upon those at Battle Creek, and also upon those whose arms should be reached out to sustain these interests at the great heart of the work. Not in all the world is there a battle field for truth and reform like this. Great interests are involved here. The Sabbath-school and College are educating the young, and determining the future destiny of souls. There is here a continual necessity of devising ways and means for the advancement of truth and the conversion of souls. Our people are not half awake to the demands of the times. The voice of Providence is calling upon all who have the love of God in their hearts to arouse to this great emergency. Never was there a time when so much was at stake as to-day. Never was there a period in which greater energy and self-sacrifice were demanded from God's commandment-keeping people.

We are now nearing the close of another year, and shall we not make these festal days opportunities in which to bring to God our offerings? I cannot say sacrifices, for we shall only be rendering to God that which is his already, and which he has only intrusted to us till he shall call for it. God would be well pleased if on Christmas, each church would have a Christmas tree on which shall be hung offership. Letters of inquiry have come to us asking, Shall we have a Christmas tree? will it not be like the world? We answer, You can make it like the world if you have a disposition to do so, or you can make it as unlike the world as possible. There is no particular sin in selecting a fragrant evergreen, and placing it in our

prompts to action, and the use which is made of the gifts placed upon the tree.

The tree may be as tall and its branches as wide as shall best suit the occasion; but let its boughs be laden with the golden and silver fruit of your beneficence, and present this to Him as your Christmas gift. Let your donations be sanctified by prayer, and let the fruit apon this consecrated tree be applied toward removing the debts from our houses of worship at Battle Creek, Mich., and Oakland, Cal.

A word to the wise is sufficient.

E. G. WHITE.

✓ OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Ar our recent General Conference, the subject f our foreign missions received much attention. Perhaps the press of business and the want of time would not permit all that careful consideration which such an important subject demanded; but we can truly say the deepest interest was felt in their prosperity. The hearts of our people in America are drawn out toward our dear Brn. Andrews, Loughborough, and Matteson, who have left us to go among strangers away in distant lands, to preach the precious truths of the last message, and toward their fellow-laborers who have united with them in the work. We know they must experience hardships and trials of peculiar difficulty, which we can little realize in America. It is in all our hearts to sustain them by our earnest prayers in their behalf, and by our means as duty shall require. We feel that these are our missions, and nothing fills our hearts with greater joy than to learn of their prosperity: These dear brethren we know to be men of God, who would peril their lives to advance this cause and save precious souls for the Master. We greatly miss them, and feel their loss in the work here; but we know they are engaged in a branch of the work of the utmost importance, and for this reason we will try to bear patiently the loss we feel in their absence.

When we take into consideration the final out-come of these missions, now in their infancy, the work, under God, they are yet to accomplish in warning the world of its approaching doom, and in gathering out a people prepared to meet the Lord in peace, our hearts are overwhelmed at the thought of the importance of their work. Think of the hundreds of millions of our fellowmen in Europe and the eastern world who are ignorant of God's truth, and exposed to his wrath. The coming of Christ is just before us. "The great day is near, and hasteth greatly." These missions must expand till their influence will be felt in all those countries. God has precious jewels there whom his work is sure to reach if we wisely improve the time, and make the best use of the means at our command. Bro. Andrews is located among the French and Germans, and is publishing, in their tongues, the great truths God has given us. Bro. Matteson has opened up a good work among the Scandinavian peoples, and encouraging progress is already being made. Bro. Loughborough has obtained a foothold in old England, upon whose dominions the sun never sets; and thousands of copies of our papers and tracts are being circulated there, and are being sent by English ships to all parts of the world. Reports recently received of this branch of the work are of thrilling interest, and suggest thoughts of what may and will be when these enterprises are firmly established and in full operation.

Thus we see that many of the leading races and nations of the world are already having access to the light of present truth. And it is safe to say that there is no nation in Christendom or the world that may not be reached through them when these missions become fully established and do the work God would have them do. Hence we consider these by far the most important missions we shall ever establish till the close of time. Lesser ones may grow out of these; but these are the most important of any we shall ever see. We cannot, therefore, be too careful in perfecting their establishment, and laying their foundation securely. Every important building must have a good foundation; it must be firm and solid.

Mistakes are liable to be made, and possibly may have been made already, in reaching out too far before we are prepared to do our work thoroughly. Those who come among us who have never had the benefit of a thorough acquaintance with our past experience, our doctrines and manner of labor, need careful instruction before they are fully qualified to build up the work properly. This is a peculiar work. Nothing exists in the world like it. Experience with other religious bodies in their manner of Especial efforts should be made to exclude churches; but the sin lies in the motive which labor rather disqualifies than assists in labor

among us. Those who have had this experience have much to unlearn before they are prepared to help build up this cause. The dear brethren of large experience who have gone to Europe to found these missions, will need to use special care in instructing those who join them in labor there, so that their work may be well done, and the believers there may be thoroughly established in all the truth. If they are not, great evils will result, and the work will have to be done over at great disadvantage. Economy in the use of means must be carefully looked after, and many such lessons as have been learned in the earlier days of our history in America must be taught.

The first and most important work is to get these three leading missions thoroughly established, not merely in one town in each of these countries, but with separate churches here and there in each. The branches thus formed may support and strengthen each other, while uniting to sustain the important interests where our publishing work may be located. When these missions are firmly fixed, it will be time to establish others in distant countries. We firmly believe we can in this way work more successfully and economically than to reach out too far before we are prepared to hold what we have already started.

Our publishing work in Europe is also a matter of the deepest interest. Already papers are issued regularly in French and Danish, and publications in German and other tongues are being sent out. We must soon issue papers in English from England. Means have been raised in this country for founding the publishing work there upon a stable basis. Many important and perplexing questions connected with this subject are arising, and the most careful plans and the closest investigation will be required in order to use money in the most economical manner and accomplish the important work we have in view.

We long to see the day when thousands of our periodicals shall be regularly circulated to all the English speaking dependencies of the British crown, as well as to other countries in Europe. But this, like every other important enterprise, must be built up from small beginnings, as the providence of God opens the way. It is much better to grow up gradually than to get ahead of Providence and suffer losses which will discourage our hearts and weaken our

We have reached a point of much interest and great perplexity. Our General Conference, in considering these matters tried to weigh them well. and while determined to do nothing rashly, nor lavish money unnecessarily, yet they mean to forward the work with ever-increasing momentum till the end shall come. God's work cannot stop; it must not stop; it will not stop. Victory is before it. We must increase the efficiency of our missions. We must see our publishing work so consolidated and strengthened that it may exert a great influence in forign countries.

In order to secure these results, it is decided to have a general meeting of our missionaries at some central point in the old world, with some from America well qualified by their experience in the message and the publishing work, that they may counsel together as to the best means to forward these important interests. There are many important objects to be secured by such a council, among which are greater unity of effort, more system in the use and application of means, and greater efficiency and thoroughness in the work. We believe the time has come for a council of our missionaries in Europe. "In the multitude of counsellors there is safety." These brethren can be a help to each other. Brn. Matteson, Jasperson, and Brorsen, from the Scandinavian countries; Dr. Ribton and Bro. Bertola, from the Orient; Bro. Loughborough from England drews, Ertzenberger, and others in Germany and Switzerland, and others whom these brethren may think it wise to invite, can meet with such persons as the General Conference Committee may see fit to send from America.

We believe such a meeting would be of immense benefit to the cause in Europe. This will involve some expense; but it is cheaper going to Europe than to California, and we have never regretted sending help there from time to time. We believe plans might be laid which would, in the end, be a great saving of expense. We think some point in Switzerland would be the most central for such a gathering, and most productive of good to the cause. Such a meeting ought to be held as early as February, if not before. We would counsel our missionaries abroad to

plan such a meeting at once, and correspond with the General Conference Committee in regard to it, as to when and where it shall be held. Our work is onward, and the Lord is giving us special light as to our duty. For years we have been talking of starting the publishing work in England. We feel that now we have come to the time for action. We firmly believe our people everywhere will be ready to sup-port these missions as the providence of God opens the way before us.

GEN. CONF. COMMITTEE.

BEYOND THE RIVER.

WE shall meet beyond the river, When the storms of life are o'er, Naught shall then our hearts e'er sever, When we reach the golden shore.

Oh, the glorious day is dawning, And I see the beams of light, For I'm looking for the morning That shall end in glory bright.

Lift your eyes, ye sad and weary, See the mansions bright above; For the night so long and dreary, Ends in joy, and light, and love.

Are thine eyes now dim with weeping, O'er earth partings, hard to bear, For the loved ones who are sleeping, Once so joyous, bright, and fair?

Lift thine eyes, why yield to sadness?
For the Saviour will provide; He will turn thy grief to gladness, Ever in thy heart abide.

Jesus lives, he lives forever. And his saints will joyful meet In that home beyond the river, Where our bliss shall be complete.
L. E. MILLNE.

Progress of the Cause.

"He that gooth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtles me again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

GENERAL CONFERENCE. (Concluded.)

A strong appeal having been made for Vermont by C. W. Stone, this led to a consideration, for some time, of the wants of the cause, and the dearth of laborers in important fields,

Moved, That Elds. D. M. Canright, S. N. Haskell, and C. W. Stone be a committee to consider and report what can be done toward sending a laborer to Vermont.-Carried.

FIFTEENTH MEETING .- Nov. 26, 6 P. M. Prayer by Eld. Jas. White. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

The committees not being prepared to report, Eld. Butler spoke of the propriety of making the Missouri Conference a legally-incorporated body, qualified to hold the title to meetinghouses and other church property, so that should a church having a meeting-house cease to exist from removals or any other cause, the property would not be lost to the Conference. The Chairman raised the inquiry why it would not be well to act upon the same principle in respect to the General Conference, Missionary Society, etc. It was then

Moved, That this matter be referred to the @ meral Conference Committee, -Carried.

Eld. Haskell being called to the chair, Eld. Jas. White introduced the following preambles and resolutions :-

Whereas, The S. D. Baptists have for many years observed, taught, and defended the Sabbath of the fourth commandment, and are known to us through their delegates to our General Conference as a body of Christian Sabbath-keepers possessing a good degree of culture, liberality of sentiment, and Christian forbearance, therefore

Resolved, That we deem them worthy of our respect and love, and that it is for the interest the Sabbath cause that the two bodies of Christian commandment-keepers labor to sustain friendly relations to each other; and

Whereas, Certain preachers, who professed to be S. D. Adventists, at an early date in our brief history, did seek their field of labor in the localities where there were S. D. Baptist churches, and did weaken some of their feeble churches, and blot out others, resulting in harm and only harm, to the great grief of the S. D. Baptists, therefore

d. That our S. D. Baptist brethren b just cause for complaint, and that it is the sense of this Conference that our preachers are violating the Golden Rule—Do unto others as you would have them do to you—in seeking their fields of labor where S. D. Baptist churches are

Resolved, That while we deplore the spirit of prejudice and unkindness manifested by certain S. D. Baptist ministers toward S. D. Adventists, we deeply regret the injury done to individuals and to feeble churches, about twenty years since, by those men whom we could not control, and who have since done S. D. Adventists tenfold the injury they did the S. D. Baptists, resulting in weakening and grieving both denominations. And while we pledge our influence against such wrongs in the future, we ask not to be held responsible for that which we have no power to control.

These were unanimously adopted.

SIXTEENTH MEETING.—Nov. 28, 10:30 A. M. Prayer by Eld. Jas. White. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

The Chair, according to a vote passed in the fifth meeting, appointed the committee to inquire into the status of the cause in the southern field, as follows: B. L. Whitney, D. M. Canright, and U. Smith.

The Chair, also, according to vote passed in the thirteenth meeting that he should name two others to act with himself as a committee on a course of reading and study for ministers, named U. Smith and S. Brownsberger.

Eld. G. I. Butler then introduced the following, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The subjects of health and temperance have been intimately connected with this cause, and are of themselves of the most emi-nent importance to the well-being of our fellow-

Whereas, God has providentially connected with this cause a Sanitarium, where the sick may be treated, and the laws of health and temperance may be taught by those eminently qualified to do so, which has already done great good, and may, if properly appreciated, accomplish much more; and

Whereas, In this reading age, when the press wields such a mighty influence, comparatively little can be done to move the minds of the people without its assistance; and every good cause finds it a leading instrumentality with which to

accomplish its object; and

Whereas, God, in his providence, has connected with our work Good Health, a journal devoted especially to these great and important subjects, a journal ably edited, pure in tone and sentiment, containing a vast amount of information greatly needed by the public everywhere to educate them in these principles so necessary to their well-being here and hereafter; and

Whereas, The success of the Sanitarium in the great work it has undertaken depends largely upon the success of Good Health in this work of educating public sentiment and creat ing an interest in the proper treatment of disease, and in calling the attention of the suffer ing to its many facilities for this object; there

Resolved, That we urge upon our people the importance of making special efforts to extend the circulation of Good Health by all proper means, and also our other health and temperance literature,

Resolved, That we deplore the lack of interest which some manifest in the great health and temperance movement, and we urge upon our people everywhere the importance of reading up on these subjects, till they become intelli-gently familiar with the principles of health and temperance reform.

Eld. J. Fulton spoke further in reference to Ontario as a field of labor, and the help needed there at the present time.

SEVENTEENTH MEETING .- Nov. 30, 3 P. M. Prayer by Eld. James White. Minutes of last neeting approved.

The committee on the matter of procuring a aborer for Vermont reported by presenting the following :

Resolved, That in view of the urgent appeal from the Vermont Conference made at its last session, the General Conference recommend that Eld. Geo. I. Butler visit Vermont this winter, and labor there and in the New England and Maine Conferences three months, or

On motion to adopt this report, Eld. Butler emarked that if the Conference so decided, he would go and do what he could in the time specified; but he asked the Conference to look carefully at the circumstances and consider whether it was appropriate, after he had been elected president of two Conferences in the West, which were both in most urgent need of help, to send him to a distant field in another part of the country, which could not possibly be in greater need of labor than the Conferences of which he had been put in charge. The motion to adopt was further discussed by S. N. Haskell, Jas. White, and W. C. White, and

Eld. C. W. Stone then offered the follow-

Resolved, That Eld. A. O. Burrill be recommended to go to Vermont to labor for a period of two or three years, or more.

An amendment was offered to substitute the name of J. O. Corliss for that of A. O. Burrill. Under a suspension of the rules, the follow

ing resolution was introduced and adopted :-Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with Eld. J. O. Corliss in his sickness which made it necessary for him to leave the encouraging field of labor in Colorado; and we pledge our brotherly care and our prayers for his recovery, that he may return to his field of labor in that State at the opening of the next tent season.

The question of the amendment being resumed, the amendment was lost.

Another amendment was offered, adding the words, "at the opening of next tent season," so that the resolution would read, "Resolved, That Eld. A. O. Burrill be recommended to go to Vermont, at the opening of next tent season, to labor for a period of two or three years, or more;" which amendment prevailed.

The motion, as amended, was then carried. The committee to nominate the two remaining members of the Missionary Board, reported by recommending that it be left with the seven members already elected to fill the two remaining vacancies. The report was accepted.

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee to assist Bro. White in procuring necessary help.-

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to examine all our blanks, S. S. and T. and M. books, and suggest such improvements therein as they may deem necessary; and also to suggest a form for an s. B. book.—Carried.

The question of the publication of a paper in England, and the shipment of a quantity of reading matter for distribution in Sweden, was taken up and discussed at some length. The subject was finally referred by motion to the General Conference Committee.

A motion to recommend leading brethren who have the principal part to act in the transaction of business matters to be on the ground at the time of camp-meetings three or four days before the regular meetings commence, in order to prepare business and make the camp-meetings more interesting, was withdrawn after being discussed by B. L. Whitney, G. I. Butler, H. Grant, J. G. Saunders, Smith Sharp, and W. C. White; and the following was offered in its place :-

Moved, That a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to suggest such improvements in the manner of holding our camp-meetings as shall make them most profitable, and to report through the REVIEW. - Carried.

EIGHTEENTH MEETING.—Dec. 1, 9.30 A. M. Prayer by Eld S. N. Haskell. Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Moved, That Eld. James White and wife be hereby appointed as delegates from the General Conference of S. D. Adventists to the next General Conference of S. D. Baptists.—Carried.

Moved, That we recommend the Michigan Conference to take under its supervision, as a part of its territory, the province of Ontario.-Carried.

The committee to be appointed by the Chair on revision of blanks, etc., was named as follows: B. L. Whitney, M. H. Brown, and Smith

The time for which, Eld. J. H. Waggoner was sent by the Conference to the Pacific Coast to take charge of The Signs of the Times, having ex-

Moved, That the matter of Eld. Waggoner's further continuance with the Signs be referred to the General Conference Committee. - Carried.

W. C. White stated that he had been requested at an informal meeting of the brethren to appoint a committee of five to prepare leaflets for distribution at camp-meetings, and he would appoint D. M. Canright, C. W. Stone, U. Smith, S. H. Lane, and W. C. Gage. Thereupon it was

Moved, That this action, subject to revision, be sanctioned by the General Conference.-

It was then

Moved, To revise the appointment by substituting the name of W. C. White for that of W. C. Gage.—Carried.

The committee on camp-meetings, to be appointed by the Chair, was named as follows: B. L. Whitney, J. Fargo, W. C. White, H. Grant, and H. W. Decker.

Moved, That the Chair appoint a committee of three to consider the following questions: 1. How long it is desirable for church elders, deacons, and clerks to hold their office without a re-election; 2. What the duties are which pertain to each office; 3. What majority should be considered necessary to elect officers, expel members, etc.—Carried.

Elds. Geo. I. Butler, H. W. Decker, and J. 'argo were appointed as said committee

The following resolutions were introduced by Eld. B. L. Whitney:

Resolved, That we recommend that our ministers furnish quarterly reports of their labor, expenses, and receipts, to the secretary of the onference to which they belong.

Resolved, That we instruct the committee on the revision of blanks, to prepare blanks for quarterly and annual reports of ministers.

After some discussion these were adopted

The following resolution, passed at a ministers' meeting, was introduced and adopted as an act of the Conference :-

Whereas, God has again most mercifully and graciously spoken to us as ministers, in words of admonition and reproof through the gift of

the spirit of prophecy; and
Whereas, These instructions are just and timely, and of the utmost importance in their relation to our future labors and usefulness: therefore

Resolved, That we hereby express our sincere and devout thanksgiving to God that he has not left us in our blindness, as he might justly have done, but has given us another opportunity to overcome, by faithfully pointing out our sins and errors, and teaching us how we may please God and become useful in his cause.

Resolved, That, while it is right and proper that we express our thankfulness to God and his servants in this manner, yet the best manner of expressing our gratitude is to faithfully heed the testimony that has been borne to us; and we hereby pledge ourselves to make a most earnest effort to reform on those points wherein we have been shown to be deficient, and to be obedient to the will of God thus graciously made known to us.

Adjourned sine die.

JAS. WHITE, Pres.

U. SMITH, Sec.

KANSAS.

Smith Center, Nov. 28.—The interest in this place has been good from the beginning, still the people move slowly. It is rumored that we are to be challenged to discuss the Sabbath question. We are expecting strong oppo-M. AND H. ENOCH.

Star Valley, Cherokee Co.—I am still coninuing the work here. I cannot speak all the time now, for other appointments have been thrown in, first by a Mormon, then by a Presbyterian, and lastly by a Baptist minister. I think all have one common desire,—to over-throw the Sabbath. We have now held our first Sabbath meeting. About thirty were present. Quite a number expressed themselves firm in the truth. To-morrow I take up the subject of the nature of man. I think this will be a central point for meetings, as there are three churches within ten miles of this place, north, south, and west. We expect to visit faithfully, and hold what we have gained.

L. D. SANTEE.

IOWA.

Lincoln Township, Adams Co., Nov. 27. I have labored here twelve days, giving thirteen discourses. Two district school-houses are open to me. The interest is good so far. I have obtained three subscribers to Advent Tidende, and sold some books. I am about to take up the Sabbath question, and the test will soon come. I am in health, and of good courage. Pray for me. John F. Hanson.

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Fowler Center, Trumbull Co., Dec. 2 .-We began meetings Nov. 24 in the M. E. church at this place. We have held eight meetings, with an average attendance of one hundred. We have just opened the Sabbath ques-Some show of fight is manifested by a Disciple minister. We desire the prayers of the faithful.

R. A. Underwood.
N. J. Bowers.

Van Wert and Dunkirk, Dec. 2.—I met with the brethren at Van Wert Sabbath and first-day, Dec. 22, 23. The T. and M. work was taken up, two new members were obtained, and all expect to make this work a specialty

hereafter. Nov. 24, I was called to Dunkirk to attend the funeral of a child of Bro. and Sr. Packer. The T. and M. and H. and T. work received attention. Members to both societies were obtained. Since that time I have been holding meetings here, with a fair interest. About \$10 worth of books and papers have been taken. One has decided to keep the Lord's Sabbath, and one desires baptism.

This is my home and the place where I commenced the observance of the Sabbath over two

years ago, under very unfavorable circumstances and encountering the bitterest opposition.

Pray for me, that others, through my influence, may see the warning message of the third angel.

G. G. RUPERT.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

THE first annual session of the Texas State Conference of S. D. Adventists was held on the Dallas camp-ground, Nov. 5-11, 1879. The first meeting, Nov. 7, was called to order by the President, Eld. R. M. Kilgore. Opening prayer by Eld. Geo. I. Butler. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

Seven delegates were present, representing the churches at Cleburne, Dallas, Peoria, and Terrell. The church at Denison was received into the Conference, with Geo. Ellis as delegate. Bro. Butler was cordially invited to assist in the deliberations of the Conference, and all members in good standing were invited to take part without the privilege of voting.

The Chair, being by vote authorized to appoint the usual committees, announced the following: On Nominations, A. W. Jenson, W. J. Kerr, A. H. King; on Resolutions, Geo. I. Butler, H. Hunter, John Wilson; Credentials and Licenses, R. A. Miller, Chas. Wilson, H. C. Chrisman; on Auditing, D. C. Brooks, J. M. Huguley, D. Carpenter, W. J. Kerr, Frank Green, M. G. Dillon.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING.—The second meeting, Nov. 9, was opened with prayer by Eld. R. M. Kilgore. The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report: For President, R. M. Kilgore; Secretary, A. S. Chrisman; Treasurer, James Gague; Executive Committee, R. M. Kilgore, R. A. Miller, and H. C. Chrisman.

The appointment of the camp-meeting committee was left to the President, who named the following as said committee: Frank Green, L. H. Huguley, and Charles Wilson.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses recommended that Bro. A. W. Jenson receive license to labor among those of his native tongue.
Adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING.—The third meeting was held Nov. 10. Prayer by Eld. Geo. I. Butler. The Committee on Resolutions submitted the following:

Whereas, The General Conference has sent us Bro. Geo. I. Butler to assist us at this camp-meeting, therefore

Resolved, That we tender that body a vote of thanks for his efficient labors during this meeting, and that we will endeavor to carry out in our lives the rich instruction which we have received.

Resolved. That we express our gratitude to God for the evidences he has been pleased to give us that the gifts of his Spirit were to continue in the church, and that it is our privilege to express our increased faith in the spirit of prophecy so manifestly connected with the third angel's message.

Resolved, That we request the General Conference to furnish us, from time to time, such help in our general gatherings as they may deem best; and we also request them to send us an efficient laborer to assist Bro. Kilgore in his work in this broad State, if such help can be spared without injuring the cause in other fields.

Whereas, We find that camp-meetings largely advance the interests of the cause and our spiritual welfare, therefore

Resolved. That we will punctually attend these important gatherings, and in the future manifest more interest in them than we have shown in the

Whereas, A temperance movement has been entered into by our people, therefore

Resolved. That we heartily indorse the present national temperance movement, recently commenced among us, as it supplies a want long felt and presents the most sensible temperance platform we have ever known; and we cordially invite all our brethren and sisters to sign the teetotal pledge, and labor earnestly to forward the great temperance

Whereas, We are indebted to Messrs. Lago and Elliot for assistance kindly rendered us at this camp-meeting, therefore

Resolved, That we tender Mr. Lago a vote of thanks for the free use of our camp ground, also a like vote to Mr. Elliot for the free use of his lumber.

Adjourned sine die. R. M. KILGORE, Pres. A. S. CHRISMAN, Sec.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES IN 39 ENGLAND.

From a letter received from Eld. Loughborough, in answer to some inquiries concerning the missionary work in England, we present the following extract, respecting the distribution of the Signs in that country :-

Several have already embraced the truth as the result of reading the Signs. A brother and sister whose names are attached to the covenant here, received it through this agency. The same may be said of a sister who is keeping the Sabbath in Portsmouth; and through the efforts of a sister living near us, three others have also commenced to keep the Sabbath. At several points in Great Britain we hear of whole neighborhoods that are stirred up to investigate these truths, as the result of reading a few numbers of the paper. In several instances, parties, after reading awhile, have become paying subscribers for it, and are now greatly interested. We have heard of a company in Dorsetshire, that, through this means, are keeping the Sabbath, though we have not as yet been able to communicate with them. In Lincolnshire there are parties who have in theory embraced our views, and many are interested in reading, for whom we hope. In Liverpool, some have moved out to obey; we also hear the same of one or two families in Sheffield. We know that the Signs is doing a great work here, in convincing people of the truth. Since I commenced this letter, a gentleman living a few miles from here, who has been reading the Signs, has called, and requested its continuance. He is of his dut to obey the truth May the Lord move on him and scores of others in the same condition to carry out their convictions of duty.

To this report was appended a piece of poetry entitled, "Sowing Time," given to express their "views of the situation." This was published at the head of the Progress Department in last week's REVIEW.

THE RECENT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

It was my privilege to attend the later meetings of this Conference after my return from Texas, and to me it was a season of much interest. It was a great pleasure to meet with our leading brethren from different parts of the field, those of them at least who are in this country, and very encouraging to see Bro. and Sr. White so full of courage and able to labor so much in this glorious cause.

The weeks spent there were as busy as any in my life. Indeed, it seemed to me I never saw so much business pressing in before. The cause is expanding in all directions over our world. Until the present year I had had little to do with matters at Battle Creek and the General Conference, for several years. Perhaps, therefore, I am as well able as any one to compare the present with four or five years ago. Being called again by our people to take a part in these general interests, I can realize a great difference. Then, we were talking about establishing missions; now, we have them in operation, and from these the truth is being circulated, more or less, to the most remote parts of the earth.

This cause presents a healthy, progressive growth, not of the hot-house order, but a steady onward progress, successfully meeting and coping with such difficulties as few enterprises in this world have ever had to contend against. Never a backward step, but onward to certain victory. This is a good deal to say in this world of changes. But thirty years of continual progress have verified the assertion. Taking all the surrounding circumstances into consideration, it never could have been truly said if God was not in it. The last few weeks have clearly shown that we have no lack of work on our hands. Never was there more to do. Every true Seventh-day Adventist should gird up his loins for the last great contest with the powers of dark-

I leave our General Conference full of courage and hope. I never before felt such determina-tion to labor in the cause. The special reason of my feeling so is, that I never saw such manifest tokens of God's guiding hand in this work as I have recently seen. I never felt so thankful before that God had placed among us the testimonies of his Holy Spirit, to correct wrongs and point out the dangers which environ us. There can be no cause of discouragement when we see the guiding hand of God in the work. This precious gift, which so many despise, is to me a source of consolation, courage, hope, and rejoicing. How thankful I am that God has a care for us. Let us all hope in God, and go forward.
GEO. I. BUTLER.

TO THE BRETHREN IN MISSOURI.

WE have but one month more in this year, and at the close of this month come our quarterly reports, in all the different branches of our work,—the church, S. B., T. and M., Sab bath-school, and temperance. All of these branches should engage our special attention, and the officers in each department should be up and doing. They should see that every-thing is moving, and that all our people are coming up to the work in all its departments. They should see every member, and make a

Each church should look well to its members that they are all in the work, and make a full quarterly report. Each librarian should see the members personally about their reports of labor; also about their subscriptions now due, with the pledges, and see that they are all paid up, if possible. Look to the donations. The Lord has been good to us in Missouri this year, and given us an abundant harvest and a good market, and we should remember him with our free-will and thank-offerings.

Our s. B. treasurers should see that the money is properly paid in, and sent to our State treasurer, that our ministers may be out in the field at work. No minister should be compelled to stay at home and labor with his hands for want of his support. Talk this up with each member as a matter of business. Let all come

up to the help of the Lord. Our Sabbath-schools need attention every Sabbath. They are in want of that energy and zeal that should actuate every lover of the third angel's message. Rouse up, and let us push our schools forward.

The health and temperance cause must go forward in our Conference. Every Adventist in Missouri ought to be a teetotaler and a worker in this branch of the cause. Cannot we make a forward move, and double our last report? Let every member try to get at least one name to the pledge before the year is out.

If any officer has not blanks for reports, etc.,

rite to me at once, and I will forward them. Let us all be up and at work; for the time is short, Idleness is a sin. D. C. HUNTER. Nevada, Mo.

NEW YORK SABBATH-SCHOOLS. ATTENTION!!

WE shall labor hard to make the Sabbath. school department of our Tract Institute a success. We shall have individuals prepare to present thoughts on such subjects as General Exercises and Reviews, "How to conduct recitations," "Blackboard and object teaching," "How to keep up an interest," "The importance and object of the Sabbath-school work," and such other points as may be profitable. Instruction will also be given in regard to the duties of teachers and officers.

Let us awake to the importance of the work committed to our hands, and save our children from being drawn into the world, by obtaining that information concerning the best methods of imparting instruction, which will enable us to make the Bible interesting and attractive to them, and thus save them to the cause

Please remember the following points: 1. Every school should be represented in the annual meeting of the S. S. Association by the

number of delegates to which it is entitled. 2. Be sure to send, from each school, one or more that will remain during the entire Institute. This is important.

3. Send all your Records, both Secretary's and Class Records, for examination. Please do not neglect this.

4. Please send by your delegate or by mail all questions which relate to the S. S. work, and they will receive due attention. M. H. Brown, Pres. N. Y. S. S. A.

Notes of News.

-British India now has 8,215 miles of railroad. -A NEGRO exedus from North Carolina to Indiana has commenced.

-Pennsylvania has 10,882 oil wells, producing 50,000 barrels of oil daily.

-THE Golos, an influential Russian paper, has been suspended for five months. -During the last fiscal year, 9,333,353 acres of

the public lands have been disposed of. —The Spanish government has decided to dispatch several small war vessels to Cuba.

—General Butler's last two gubernatorial can-vasses are said to have cost him \$275,000.

-The pope's new paper, which is to appear Jan. I, is to be printed in 7 different languages.

—Birmingham, Eng., spends \$5,000,000 a year in strong drink, and \$250,000 for education. -Statistics show an annual waste in this country

of \$100,000,000 in property destroyed by fires. -The money expended in railroads since the invention of the locomotive reaches the vast sum of \$15,000,000,000.

-ABOUT 200 submarine cables have been laid in different waters all over the world. Six connect this country with Europe.

-The second session of the 46th Congress was formally opened Dec. 1, and listened to the reading

of the President's message. -THE Mennonites are about to establish a mission among the Indians in the Island of Kodjah, 600

miles west of Sitka, Alaska. -In Central Turkey the Protestant Community has

made a gain of twelve per cent, and of 1,000 registered members within the year. -A PARTY of 12 Carmelite nuns, who had been

driven from Guatemala, have established themselves in Riversdale, Yonkers Co., N. Y. -THE Mexican Congress has approved a plan for laying a telegraph cable across the Gulf of Mexico,

to connect with the United States. -THE drought has been so severe in the West,

that water has been carried by rail a distance of 75 miles east and west of the Mississippi River. BAKER PASHA, who is practically the appointee

of the Beaconsfield government, has gone to Asia Minor, to superintend the promised reforms there. -In Foggia, a beautiful city of Southern Italy.

20 persons were recently killed by the falling of the wo upper floors of a factory in course of construc-

-England will soon be brought in direct connection with its South African colonies, as the submarine cable has been laid between Zanzibar and -A CABLE dispatch announces that the ex-Ameer

of Afghanistan has been removed from Cabul under military guard. This is the beginning, probably, of a journey toward the scaffold. -HARTFORD Hebrews have been notified that

they must close their stores either Saturday or Sunday, as so many regard neither their own nor the Christian Sabbath.—Advance.

-Indignation and consternation prevail in the New York butter market, at the discovery and publication of the fact that over 2,000 packages of oleomargarine are sold daily as dairy butter.

-The official reports show that over 28,000 immigrants from Germany have landed at New York since the first day of January, being 7,000 more than during the corresponding period last year.

-THE indebtedness of Archbishop Purcell, whose failure caused so much excitement some months ago, is \$4,000,000. At the latest reports, \$75,000 of this sum had been raised by the Catholics of this

country. -A HUGE marble statue 15 feet high, and weighing 1,200 pounds, has been unearthed at Gaza. It is supposed to be the god of the Philistines, or an Assyrian monument commemorative of their invasion of Palestine.

-THE contest in Boston between the priests and the liberal Catholics, over the question of patronizing the parochial or public schools, is demonstrating that there are in that church two parties on the school question.

-THE civil authorities of Sweden are again be coming intolerant even to persecution toward Baptists and others who maintain, however conscientiously, views not in accord with the rulings of the national church.

-CAREFUL inquiry shows that in the late war between Russia and Turkey, 292 churches, 10 monas teries, and 20 schools were destroyed on the south side of the Balkans. The destruction in other sections was even greater.

-On the 6th of January, the Atlantic and Great Western Railway is to be sold in Akron, Ohio, under foreclosure proceedings. The liabilities are about \$70,000,000, and it is expected that the road will sell for about \$10,000,000.

-ONE o' the first matters that came before Congress at its present session was the Isthmus-canal project. Senator Burnside has called up the resolution declaring against the occupation of the 1sthmus by any foreign company.

-THE spirit of intolerance is not dead yet. learn that the missionaries of the American Board have been obliged to withdraw from Austria. Individuals have been fined for reading the word of God to their neighbors present at family prayer.

-A WILL written entirely in Chinese characters has been offered for probate in the New York Surrogate's office There are wills on record in Hebrew, Arabic, Russian, German, and many other lan-guages; but this is the first Chinese will filed there.

-On the 2d of December an attempt was made to assassinate the Czar by blowing up the train on which he was traveling to Moscow. By mistake, his baggage train was blown up instead, and the Czar was unharmed. The affair produced intense excitement in the various European capitals.

—In Nordenskjoeld's Arctic voyage of 1879, it is said that beans of a West Indian leguminous tree

(Entada Gigalobum) were found at the entrance of Hinlopen Strait, that had been brought there by the sea, thus proving, if further proof were wanting, that there is a current extending from the Tropics to the Arctic Circle.

--- ANOTHER massacre of Protestant missionaries is reported to have taken place in Mexico. It occurred at Toluco, about 50 miles from the City of Mexico, in the Presbyterian Mission. How many were killed is not stated; but one man, after being badly cut, was dragged through the streets and then hung up to a tree, where his body remained all night.

—The annual report of the Children's Aid Society of New York shows that 3,700 persons, in the past year, were sent to homes in the West. During the past 26 years, 50,000 persons have been provided with homes. In that period 200,000 boys and girls have been sheltered and instructed at the lodging houses of the society. The expenses of the past year were \$204,000, and receipts \$205,000.

-A SALE by William H. Vanderbilt to the Wabash Syndicate of 250,000 shares of New York Central stock was consummated on the 26th of November. Of this amount 150,000 shares are sold outright, and an option is given for the remainder. At the price agreed upon, the sale amounts to \$30,000,000. A large part of the stock will probably be placed in London and other foreign markets.

-Dime novels bear their proper fruit even in so cold a climate as Canada. Recently at London, Ont., ten young boys were discovered in a plot to buy a schooner and turn pirates on the lakes. They had purchased revolvers and were collecting weapons of warfare. The money for this outfit, \$180, one of the boys stole from a relative. The oldest boy was 12 years of age. All engaged declared they got their idea of the plot from reading "Jack Harkaway," and other kindred stories.

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"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth" Rev. 14:13.

WHEELER.-Died at West Monroe, Oswego Co., N. Y., Nov. 14, 1879, after a very distressing illness of three days, Willie H., only son of George G. and Sarah E. Wheeler, aged 14 years, 3 months, and 11 F. WHEELER.

TROY.—Died of fever, at Coopersburg, Rice Co., Kan., Nov. 8, 1879, Lily E. Troy, daughter of Bro. J. H. and Sr. Asenath Troy, aged 2 years, 1 month, and 15 days. Funeral sermon by the writer, from Jer. 31:15-17. R. F. Barron.

BROWN.-Died in Centerville, Kan., Nov. 12, 1879, Susan Brown, aged 53 years, 7 months, and 5 days. Sister Brown had been an invalid for some years, and for the last few months a great sufferer. She leaves a husband and two children to mourn their loss. The funeral services were attended by a large number of sympathizing friends and neighbors. Discourse from Acts 17: 18.

JOSEPH LAMONT.

Thompson.—Died of consumption, at Douglas, Mich., Sept. 24, 1879, Sister Louisa Thompson, aged 43 years. Through a long illness she was called to think of the future and prepare for death. She said she could see the wisdom of God in her affliction, for had she been suddenly called to leave this world, she might have been unprepared. But through much pain and suffering were born to her a hope and power that this life never could bring. M. E. BURNETT.

DRYDEN.-Fell asleep in Jesus, near Aledo, Ill., Oct. 26, 1879, Eva, youngest daughter of Bro. C. and Sr. C. W. Dryden, aged 9 years and 11 months. She died of putrid sore throat. Little Eva was an interesting child and is greatly missed in the family circle as well as in the Sabbath school, in which she manifested a deep interest. Her parents have the blessed hope to sustain them in their affliction. Appropriate remarks were made at the funeral by Bro. J. R. Whitham. MARY MILLER.

WARDELL.—Died of consumption, in Perryville, Cecil Co., Md., Oct. 24, 1879, Bro. Wm. T. Wardell, of Camden, N. J., in the fortieth year of his age. He made no profession of religion until he embraced the third angel's message ten months before his death. He was baptized, and united with the church at Vineland, N. J., at our quarterly meeting held July 5, 1879. He rests in hope, leaving a bright evidence that his work was well done. He left a companion, who is striving to do the will of tree of life. N. ORCUTT.

LANGDON .- Died of heart disease, near Estella, Gratiot Co., Mich., Nov. 1, 1879, Sister Mary Ann, wife of Bro. John Langdon, in the sixty-ninth year of her age. Sister Langdon was for many years a devoted follower of her Lord. Four years ago she, with others, embraced the third angel's message, and she has given evidence of the genuineness of her faith by a life of prayer and devotion. May her many prayers for her unconverted children be held in remembrance before God. A large circle of friends are left to mourn, yet not without hope. Of her we can say that she is "asleep in Jesus." Dis-course by the writer, from Rev. 21: 4, to a large and sympathizing audience. L. A. KELLOGG.

RANDALL .- Died of tumor, at the residence of her brother-in-law, Job Francis, in Oakland Co., Mich., Nov. 20, 1879, Sister Mary L. Randall, aged 62 years. She was born in Winfield, Herkimer Co., N. Y., and removed to this State in 1834. She made a profession of religion when she was fifteen years old, and her subsequent life was that of a devoted Christian. Eighteen years ago she embraced the Advent doctrine, and she afterward spent most of her time in trying to bring others to the truth in which she rejoiced. She was a great sufferer, but not a murmur escaped her lips, though she often praised the Lord for the light he had given her while passing through the dark valley. Funeral discourse by Eld. Deland (Baptist), from Mark 10: 28-31, a text which she had chosen.

E. F. SIMMONS.

The Review & Perald.

Battle Oreek, Mich., Fifth-Day, Dec. 11, 1879.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

MEETINGS IN ALL OUR CHURCHES, SUNDAY, DEC. 21, 1879.

THE General Conference at its last session, and also the meeting of the General Tract and Missionary Society, laid important plans for future labor. Both these organizations passed resolutions relative to the circulation, and a more general and careful reading, of the writings of Mrs.

The dangers of our people, and also their duties, were presented before her in her late wonderful vision, especially the duty of giving our reading matter a more extensive circulation. Testimony for the Church No. 29 will be hurried through the press as quickly as possible. An address, embodying the most important light upon present duty, will be immediately prepared, and sent out to church elders and librarians to be read before our people at the special meeting on the 21st.

At this meeting all our people should make arrangements for family reading, and for more active operations in the missionary work during the winter. More definite suggestions will be given in connection with the address as to the many important matters to be considered at this meeting. More particulars next week. GEN. CONF. COM.

HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE ANNUAL.

THREE hundred thousand copies of this house hold work, containing valuable reading upon the subject of temperance and health, with the calendar for 1880, should be circulated during the next twenty days. And why?

1. Because the people should receive our Annual ahead of the comic and drug almanacs which abound.

2. Because the Annual, to remain by 300,000 firesides, will be the best mode of advertising our College, publications, and the Sanitarium. These belong to our people, and all should feel an interst in them. These institutions are embarrassed, and the best lever to lift them up above want is advertising. We advertise the Annual to be sent out by mail.

3. Because the Office is not able to circulate it through the T. and M. societies at a loss of five dollars on every thousand copies or a loss of fifteen hundred dollars on the 300,000. We urge that the Annual be ordered at once, by mail, that it may be circulated everywhere before New Year's. The Annual is offered by mail,-

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Life Sketches of Elder and Mrs. White will probably be through the press as early as the first of April. We would say to those who ask the engravings of the subjects of the work in advance that they will be sent to them, postage paid, on receipt of six dollars for four copies of the book. A little canvassing will secure the portraits.

Elder Corliss and family are now settled in this city. Bro. C. takes treatment at the Sanitarium. He will not be able to labor till the milder weather of early spring. His friends in Michigan and elsewhere should know that he has no means with which to pay bills at the Sanitarium and to support his family. A fruitoffering, canned, dried, or green, or anything else, such as provisions, clothing, and even cash, would be very acceptable. His address is Eld. J. O. Corliss, Battle Creek, Mich.

Read what Bro. Butler says of our late General Conference, on the seventh page of this

A press of matter in other departments of the paper obliges us to put the concluding portion of the proceedings of the General Conference under the Progress Department, where the reader will find it this week.

The next number of the REVIEW completes the present volume. Then, according to our usual custom, the paper will be omitted one week, to commence the new volume with January 1. Let appointments, as far as possible, be arranged accordingly.

the little item on the second page about a dog's such a meeting than the date first named, and conscience. They may hand it out as a nut to as many have expressed a desire to attend, be cracked by those who argue that because we shall look for a general turnout. This we man has a mind and conscience, he therefore has an immaterial, immortal soul. Have dogs also that sort of a thing?

With the Supplement, this week, we give the reader twelve pages of most interesting matter. The tract societies make a more encouraging report than in any previous year. This is cheering. Hope for the future was never brighter. But with this addition of space we are not able to give all the good things we have on hand, and therefore another Supplement will be issued next week.

When the General Conference Summary, as given last week, was compiled, we had received no report from the English Mission. Fifty Sabbath-keepers are now reported from that field, which brings our increase of membership the past year to eleven hundred and four teen. This does not include the unorganized companies raised up during the same time, of which there are more or less in every Conference. Bro. Loughborough writes that every week there are many interesting items in his missionary work in England.

To Of the tabular reports in the Supplement this week, only those of Michigan, Vermont and Wisconsin are annual; the remainder are quarterly reports.

AGENCIES AND DISCOUNTS.

WHEN the REVIEW Office was first established n Battle Creek, there were no tract societies, and its only agents were the few ministers then laboring in our cause. Our people were then few, and the yearly demand for books for the first ten years reaching to 1871, amounted to less than five thousand dollars' worth per year.

During the last seven years, tract societies have been organized in all our Conferences, and our increasing numbers, thus organized and making a united effort to circulate reading matter, have swelled the demand for books, so that after establishing an office in Oakland to supply the Pacific coast, the REVIEW office is still called upon annually to furnish thirty thousand dollars' worth of books, and fifteen thousand dollars' worth of periodicals. many of these publications are given away, the Association has been urged to sell books cheap, and to make large discounts. These requests have been granted until, in some cases, books are sold for less than what they cost the Association. This ought not to continue.

Years ago, before our tract societies established depositories in almost every Northern State, brethren ordering books from a distance were obliged to pay large freight and express bills, and therefore the Association made large discounts on even small orders of books, so that the discount might cover the expense of transportation. For several reasons this is no longer ecessary.

First, the Association will mail, post-paid, to any place in the United States and Canadas, any of its publications, on receipt of the retail

Secondly, complete depositories of our works have been established in Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, and several other States; from either of which books can be bought hereafter at the same rates as from the office. This will greatly lessen the cost of shipping to those living at a distance from the office.

Therefore in the future we shall give the following Rates of Discount:-

On cash orders amounting to \$10 or more, shipped by freight or express:-

Denominational bound books and pamphlets, 20 per cent. Denominational and health tracts, 40 ""Blank books, Bibles, and other pub's books, 15 "" To ministers and regular agents the above discounts will be increased to 25, 50, and 20 per cent, respectively.

Tract societies and general agents will be given sufficient additional discounts to cover the cost of transporting books from the office to the depositories.

TRUSTEES S. D. A. PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION.

NEW YORK TRACT SOCIETY IN-STITUTE.

WE wish to call the especial attention of the New York tract workers to the appointment for this meeting, commencing Dec. 20, which we anticipate will be the most important of any ever held in the interests of the tract work in our State.

The postponement of the meeting on account of the General Conference has brought us to a tendance at each meeting.

For the use of our preachers we give more favorable season in the year for holding certainly should have, as all the circumstances are favorable and the importance of the work demands it.

> The work of the tract society is increasing in importance each year, and this requires of us increased efforts that we may be prepared to meet the demands of the cause. The prevent season will be one of marked advancement in this department of the work, and many plans of great importance will be put in operation, and we should be in readiness to do our part and to do it well. We hope to see every church included in the New York Tract Society represented at this meeting, and during the two weeks' drill in the proper methods of doing business, which are to follow.

> Every church should see that the librarian, at least, attends for the entire time. In fact, every tract officer, from the highest to the lowest, should be there; and we wish to see as many others as can attend. A thorough course of instruction will be given, not only in keeping the accounts and records of the tract society, but also concerning the duties of church clerks, S. B. treasurers, and S. S. officers. The health and temperance work will also have its due share of attention, and we trust that this effort will result in greatly increasing the interest in all these branches of the work.

A class in vocal music will also be formed in connection with the Institute.

The brethren at Adams Center have been very liberal in their offer of entertainment to those who shall attend, and yet we trust that all who can do so will come prepared to take care of themselves. Bring plenty of bedding, bed-ticks, etc., and provisions as far as convenient. The Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg R. R. grant reduction on return fare to all who attend.

We are very glad that we can state that Eld. S. N. Haskell will attend this meeting, and his presence will be the more appreciated by our brethren as it has been some time since he has labored in our State. Altogether, there is every reason why a special effort should be made to secure a full attendance, and why we should do all in our power to make the meeting a success. We hope, as far as possible, to have every conference, tract society, Sabbath-school, and health and temperance officer present, and many other of our brethren who are interested in all these departments of the work.

If there are those who wish to become canvassers, let them also be present, as attention will be given to this part of the work. We urge all to come to remain for the two weeks during which the meetings will continue. And above all, let us seek for the blessing of God to be with us in this work, that our meeting may indeed be in the highest sense successful.

B. L. WHITNEY.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 3.

TRACT INSTITUTE.

THOSE designing to attend the New York Tract Institute will confer a favor upon the Committee of Arrangements if they will send their names and P. O. address to M. H. Brown, M. H. Brown. Adams Center, N. Y.

Appointments.

"And as ye go, prea at hand." Matt. 10: 7. preach, saying, The kingdom of Heaven is

No providence preventing, I will meet with the churches in Maine as follows Allens Corner, Sabbath. Dec. 13. 15, $6\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. 16 $6\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. 17, $6\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. 19, $6\frac{1}{2}$ P. M. Brunswick. Monday, Richmond, Tuesday, 46 Somerset Mills, Wednesday, So. Norridgewock, Friday, nd over the Sabbath. 21. $10\frac{1}{2}$ A. M. Cornville, Sunday, 23. $6\frac{1}{5}$ P. M. West Athens, Tuesday, Canaan, Thursday, 25, $6\frac{7}{2}$ P. M. " 27, 28, Jan. 3, 4. Hartland,

We hope to see all our brethren and sisters in the vicinity of each one of the above appointments at the meeting. No postponement on account of storms. Come one; come all.

J. B. GOODRICH.

PROVIDENCE permitting, I will meet with the churches as follows:—
Convis, Mich., Dec. 13, 14, meetings will commence Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Marshall, Dec. 15, 10:30 A. M. Quincy. 7 P M 10:30 A. M., 7 P. M. " 16, " 18, Bronson, Burlington, " 20, 21, Newton, " 21, 10:30 а. м. 7 р. м. We appoint the above meetings as director of T.

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the church at Fairgrove, Mich., Dec. 12-19; Watrousville, Dec., 19-23; Vassar, Dec. 25-29.

Will Eld. E. R. Jones meet with us at Vassar on Sabbath and first-day?

Hope the brethren and sisters will attend these With the T. and M. work will be considered.

WM. OSTRANDER.

Norming preventing, I will attend the monthly meeting at Hebron, Wis, Dec. 13 and 14; quarterly meeting at Monroe, Jan. 3 and 4; and quarterly necting for Dist. No. 1 at Oakland, Jan. 10 and 11.

We hope to have a full attendance at these meetings. The H. and T. work will receive good atten-, and at Oakland we wish to hold a Sabbathschool Convention. We expect Bro. Decker will be present at this meeting. G C. TENNEY.

A GENEREL meeting of the churches of Clyde, Norwalk, and New Haven, will be held at Clyde, Ohio, Dec. 19-22. Eld. D. M. Canright will be present. Let there be a general attendance of these hree churches. There will be a Sabbath-school Convention, temperance meeting, and T. and M. Let the scattered ones come. Officers of every kind, should be present, for business and in-

A general meeting, of like nature, will be held with the Camden, Wakeman, and Troy churches, Dec. 25-29, at the brick school-house in Camden, one mile east of Bro. H. P. Draper's. Let there be a general turnout at this meeting also. Bro. Can-right will be present. H. A. St. JOHN.

I PURPOSE, the Lord willing, to meet with our reuch and American brethren as follows:—
Clifton and L'Erable, Ill.,
Dec. 13, 14. **"** 20, 21. Pittwood, " 23. Beaverville, St Anne, Near Kankakee, for the French, " 27, 28. Kankakee, for Americans, Jan. 3. 4. These will be important meetings. I hold them

vith reference to leaving for new fields, and wish to see all the brethren and sisters, to unite with them in seeking the Lord, and to consider important interests in connection with the cause.

D. T. BOURDEAU.

WE will hold quarterly meetings with the churches in our district as follows: Round Prairie, Minn., Dec. 20, 21; West Union, Dec. 27, 28; Lake Ellen, Jan. 3, 4, 1880; Grove Lake, Jan. 10, 11. Geo. M. Dimmick. M. A. DIMMICK.

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Every subscriber who will renew his subscription to GOOD HEALTH by the first of January, 1880, will receive, in addition to the year's numbers of the journal, a beautiful calendar for 1880. Every one who received the calendar last year was more than pleased with it. Its size is 11x14 inches. It is beautifully printed in various colors, in ornamental style, and is well worth the retail price, 15 cts. post-

Good Health Trial Trip.-With the January number Good Health will begin a trial trip for four months, at twenty cents. This will afford our friends an opportunity to send the journal to their friends for a small sum for a sufficient length of time to enable them to test its merits. Many persons can be induced to pay 20 cents for a dollar journal for four months; and who cannot afford to pay a dollar for five copies of the journal to be sent to riends for four months? We want at least fifteen thousand names. Let them come in at once. If every one will help a little, we shall meet with a grand

Any Sabbath-keeper who may desire to obtain employment at wood-chopping during the winter, would do well to address Mr. I. T. Andrus, Alexandria, Minn.

Books Sent by Express.

E Higley \$4.00, W J Hardy 75c, G W Newman 1.00, Geo Foreman 4.50.

Cash Rec'd on Account.

Texas T & M society \$400, Wm Beehe 6.00, Am H & T Association per Wm Beehe 8.00, Iowa Ed Relief Fund (donations John Johnson 8.00, Peter Johnson 2.00), Christian Black 2.00.

Gen. Conf. Fund,

Cal Conference tithe per S N Haskell \$280.00, Eliza Harding thank offering 1.00, Mrs M T Haughey 4.00, Mary Olmstead 5.00, Delia Chamberlain 1.00, Mary Martin (Kalamazoo) 1.50.

Mich. Conf. Fund.

Matherton per Peter Moore \$2.25, E J 3.00, Gaines per J W Hardy 20.00, Newton per James Stiles 13.50. Mich, T. & M. Society.

Dist 5 per J S Wicks \$37.00 Dist 2 per J E Titus 400

S. D. A. E. Society

Andrew Christianson \$25.00. Gen. T. & M. Society .- Donations.

> Delia Chamberlain 50c. English Mission. Maud Sisley \$25.00.

Danish Mission.

CS Anderson \$50 00, Rasmus Hanson Miller 8.75 and M. district No 3, and earnessly solicit a full attendance at each meeting. M. B. MILLER. Mrs Wm J Sherman 1.50, C J A Peterson 1.25, A sister 2.00, Thomas & Hans Jessen 50:00.

THE RIGHT TIME.

We have now reached the most important time of the year for our missionary workers. The harvest is over, and at this season publishers urge out their agents to place their reading matter in thousands of families, for their entertainment during the long winter evenings. Seventh-day Adventists should not be behind in this respect, and allow the children of this world to be wiser in their generation than the children of light. Each president and officer of our tract societies, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, should at once bring into line his army of workers, and move forward. The cloud is rising, and the providence of God calls us to take advance steps.

There are before the tract societies two special fields of labor,-home missionary work, and labor for those outside of our faith. Hundreds of our brethren and sisters are dying spiritually for want of activity in the cause of God. Such should be visited, prayed with, and encouraged to take hold anew in the service of the Master. In many of our churches the blood of precious souls will be found in the skirts of those filling responsible positions, because of a neglect of home missionary work. Those holding positions in our tract societies and in our churches should know the standing of each member connected with the church. should ascertain if all are taking our period-

THE ADVENT REVIEW AND SABBATH HER-ALD should be in every household. There is no reading matter which can fill its place. We are acquainted with the influence of this paper upon families from Maine to California, and have never known a family of Seventh-day Adventists that had not the privilege of reading this paper, in which there was not a lack. It is our church paper, and a means of grace to help the church. The constant appeals it contains are designed to point the mind to our present duty, and hence it is a great spiritual help. These appeals cannot be found in any other periodical issued by Seventh-day Adventists. Shall we let our brethren die a spiritual death in our midst, while we associate with them daily, and do not put forth an effort to save them? We cannot afford it. If we do, it will appear against us in the day of Judgment. If a family is too poor to pay for the paper, the church should supply it. A few years ago, when a few leading brethren were personally acquainted with all our churches, every family who professed our views took the RE-VIEW. Our numbers have largely increased, but those taking the REVIEW do not increase in proportion, and many families are not taking one of our periodicals. Some one is responsible for this.

We appeal to our missionary workers everywhere. Look after those connected with you in church fellowship. The name of each individual brother or sister, and the names of their children, should be on the s. B. book. The testimonies should not only be in each church, but should be read by each family. All should become interested in the missionary work.

In view of the Judgment, and for the sake of souls for whom Christ died, this work should not be neglected. Commence now; do not wait one week. Remember you are your brother's keeper; and God will inquire as anciently, "Where is thy brother?"

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

There is no one phase of the missionary work at the present time that is accomplishing so much for the spread of the truth as the remailing of The Signs of the Times. The Judgment alone will reveal the good accomplished by so doing. Could our eyes be opened, and could we see the moral darkness which rests upon the people and view the work of our vigilant missionary societies, we should see rays of light emanating from them to all parts of the world. We wish here to state, for the encouragement of those interested in this branch of the work, and also for those who edit and publish this pioneer pa per, a few things which we know to be true.

- 1. Our missions in England, Italy, and Egypt were commenced by remailing reading matter, and largely The Signs of the Times.
- 2. We have those interested in the Sabbath reform in the islands of the Mediterranean Sea, in Turkey, Scotland, Ireland, Africa, India, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, and in nearly every Southern State in this country, besides British America and other portions of the world. This has been accomplished through reading matter sent them, and the Signs has been the most prominent instrument, under God, in awakening this interest.
- 3. Since the vigilant missionary societies

gradual increase in the number of permanent subscribers to this paper, until at the present time, taking from one quarter to another, there will be an increase of over one thousand this year. And these subscribers are not our brethren, but individuals living in all parts of the civilized world. Frequently individuals receive the paper sent by some V. M. society, and thinking it came from the Signs office, they will subscribe for it, and then because they have subscribed, they may never respond to the letter sent them by the one who mailed the Signs. With these facts be fore us, comes the important question,

WHAT WILL OUR TRACT SOCIETIES DO THIS COMING WINTER?

Will we increase our clubs of the Signs We are fast approaching the time when this message will swell into the loud cry; will our tract societies now slacken their hand in this work? Will our V. M. societies lessen the number they are now taking, for the coming year? Our efforts should increase. We are acquainted with a number of V. M. societies in the country who are taking from one hundred to three hundred copies, who could use, if they had them, five hundred copies. Others are not having that interest and success. We have been led to ask, Why are not all V. M. societies thus successful? Their lack is attributable (1.) to a lack of consecration and devotion to the work; (2.) to a failure in the method of conducting the society; or (3.) to not having proper persons to manage it. This last evil grows out of the two former. A remedy for the first is found in being baptized with the spirit of the third angel's message. A careful examination of the Constitution for the tract societies, and following the method there recommended will remedy the second evil; and then the third will no longer exist. Enclosing five cents to the REVIEW AND HERALD will bring you, by return mail, one of these constitu-

WHAT IS WANTED.

We want our ministers and officers to take hold of this matter immediately. Each company of our friends, wherever the English language is spoken, should have a club of the Signs, varying from ten to five hundred copies, in proportion to the size of the company, and the means which they can command to pay for them. They can be paid for in monthly installments. The Constitution gives full directions for getting up a club, organizing a V. M. society, procuring addresses of persons to whom to send the paper, etc.; every Seventh-day Adventist should have one. Individuals living alone should take a club of the Signs, and remail them weekly. Villages should be canvassed by devoted men and women. Hundreds of our brethren and sisters who take no especial interest in the missionary work, with proper encouragement would take hold and do some thing.

We feel anxious about this matter. Our ministers do not feel the importance and burden of this work as they should. It requires prayerful thought and study to do God's work successfully. Shall we not arouse as never before, and put the armor on? There is no failure in this work. God's special providence is over it. Not a week passes but we learn of individuals or companies in different portions of this country and in far-off nations, that are embracing the truth, some from reading the Bible, and others from a stray tract providentially falling into their hands; but more from reading the Signs than from any other one means.

God would teach us a lesson from this. we would co-operate with him, we must be up and doing. We are not half awake to the importance of the present hour. All the powers of fallen angels and wicked men combined cannot stop the work of God. The Almighty arm is beneath it to uphold it and carry it forward to a successful issue. God's promises are to those who identify their interests with his precious cause, so that whether we triumph or not depends upon the course we pursue. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.' 2 Chron. 16:9.

WHY STAND YE HERE IDLE ?

Hundreds of our brethren who are now doing nothing, should take hold of this work. Our publications, containing the precious truths for this time, must be judiciously distributed until they fall like the leaves of autumn upon every portion of the civilized globe; and at present there is nothing better adapted to this work than The Signs of the Times. Those who now use their influence and utmost efforts in encouraging words, have become more fully organized, there is a prayers, and means to spread this work, will

share in the reward when Christ comes to give every man according as his work shall

To the sisters especially do we appeal. When the V. M. societies were first organized, it was with the view of bringing into the service of God talents which were buried in household cares. Not that any should neglect these home duties, but that all might have a consciousness of doing something which would directly tell in sending out the light and truth. The influence of all is greatly needed, and God holds us responsible for the talents which we possess. mail a few copies of the Signs, write a few letters, and seek God's blessing upon the work each week, will divert the mind and bring joy and gladness to the soul. Do not say that you have not time. Read Sr. White's article in the latter portion of the T. and M. Constitution. Take the time in which you are fostering pride in your children's hearts by decorating their persons and dress with ruffles, flounces, etc., to do this. One work will bring bitter anguish and tears of remorse in the day of Judgment; the other, glittering stars in the crown of righteousness which you may wear in glory. Which do you prefer? This question need not be asked; we know which each would choose. There should not be a single company of our people who understand the English language without a club of the Signs, for this winter and the coming year. Let the sisters feel that here is a field for them. The brethren should help them pay for the paper and assist in every possible way. young sisters, here is a field of labor for you. Do not let your life be an aimless and fruitless one, bearing nothing but leaves. Think of God and Heaven, and precious souls for whom Christ died. Do something each week which can tell directly to the advancement of God's work.

Families living alone should have a club of the Signs to work with. This work need not be confined to the sisters alone, but as the brethren have leisure through the winter months they can apply themselves earnestly to the work. All, all, should lift, and lift together in the cause of present truth; now is the working time, and God will bless the workers.

We wish it understood that what we say here to our American brethren, we also say to our Norwegian, French, and German brethren and sisters. God's cause is one. The providence of God has given us periodicals in these various tongues, and they should be widely circulated. We confidently expect to see a work accomplished this coming year that we have never witnessed in any year since this message began to be proclaimed. We say to our friends everywhere, Have courage in God. The cloud is rising. Go forward! The sea will divide, and those who pass through will sing the song of Moses and the Lamb, upon the other shore.

S. N. HASKELL.

MICHIGAN T. AND M. SOCIETY.

THE first meeting of the eighth annual session of the Michigan T. and M. Society was held according to appointment, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, at 5 p. m., Nov. 9, 1879.

President in the chair. Prayer by Eld.

Haskell. The minutes of the last annual meeting were then read and approved, after which the report of labor performed during the year was read. See table.

Churches that did not report: Alaeidon, Almont, Birch Run, Bronson, Burlington, Carson City, Colon, Convis, Howell, Kendall, Marshall, Mattawan Olivet, Park son, Sheridan, Watrousville, and Westphalia.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Debt at beginning of year, Paid out during the year,

5303.89 \$6376.74 6306.33

\$1072.85

Received,

\$70.41

Due Offices Oct. 31, Eld. Haskell spoke of the financial advancement of the society since last year, and also of the increase in membership. He called attention to the fact that only about one-half the members of our churches are members of the T. and M. society, and as only one-fourth of the T. and M. members reported any labor performed, it would indicate that about oneeighth of the Michigan Conference were actually connected with the T. and M. work. He recommended that the next annual report show a radical change in this respect.

On motion of E. R. Jones, the Chair appointed the following committees: on Nominations: W. C. White, D. H. Lamson, and W. A. Towle; on Resolutions: E. R. Jones, M. B. Miller, and W. H. Littlejohn.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, 1:30 P. M. Nov. 12.—W.

C White, chairman of the committee, presented the following nominations:-

For President, Eld. J. Fargo, Greenville; Vice-Presidents, Elders E. R Jones and M. B. Miller of Battle Creek, and Eld. A. O. Burrill of Marshall; Secretary and Treasurer,

Jennie Thayer, Battle Creek.
Directors: Dist. No. 1, F. D. Snyder, Pittsford; No. 2, James Roberts, Concord; No. 3, M. B. Miller, Battle Creek; No. 4, Alex. Carpenter, Otsego; No. 5, E. H. Root, Coopersville; No. 6, F. Howe, Lyons; No. 7, F. Squire, Pompei; No. 8, E. S. Griggs, St. Charles; No. 9, Wm. Ostrander, Elmwood; No. 10, Samuel Woodhull, Linden; No. 11, C. N. Stuttle, Vernon; No. 12, John Sisley, Spencer Creek; No. 13, Geo. O. States, Memphis; No. 14, J. F. Carman, Potterville; No. 15, L. G. Moore, Hastings; No. 16, Leonard Lawrence, Rochester.

As Article II. of the Constitution of the T. and M. Society reads: "The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, State Secretary," etc., the report of the Nominating Committee could not be accepted unless this article be amended. On motion of Eld. Littlejohn, Art. II. was amended to read as follows: "The officers of this Society shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents," etc. The report was then accepted, thus electing these nominees to their respect-

Eld. E. R. Jones, chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted the follow-

ing, which were adopted :-

Whereas, Convincing evidences have been iven in the conversion of very many to the truth, that the tract and missionary work is of the Lord, and a powerful means of spreading abroad the light of the third angel's message

therefore
Resolved, That we urge every member of the
T. and M. society to take a deeper interest and manifest greater activity and perseverance in

this work

Resolved, That we earnestly request the ministers of our Conference, the elders and the leaders of our churches, and the librarians of the various T. and M. societies in the State, to labor earnestly and persistently to the end that all the members of our churches, and all others interested in present truth, who do not already belong to our T. and M. societies, shall immediately become members of the same.

Whereas, The Publishing Association has been creatly crippled in its usefulness by the necessity which it has been under of furnishing to the different State T. and M. societies large amounts

of tracts on long credit; therefore

Resolved, That we recommend that the State T. and M. Society of Michigan shall raise a reserve fund of \$3,000.00, to enable it to purchase publications and periodicals without asking for

edit on the same. Resolved, That we recommend that the matter of raising the above reserve fund shall be referred to Elds. J. Fargo, E. R. Jones, M. B. Miller, and A. O. Burrill, and the different T.

and M. directors of the State, with the request that they shall take steps for the raising of the same by subscriptions and donations, as soon as may be. At a meeting of the ministers and direct-

ors of the Michigan T. and M. Society, held in the Office Chapel at 5 A. M. Nov. 16, the previously offered resignation of Alex. Carpenter, Director of Dist. No. 4, was considered, and after remarks from several, was rejected

by a rising vote of the directors.

THIRD MEETING, 9:30 A. M. Nov. 17.—The power of directors to pay the expenses of any director was called in question, and the T. and M. Constitution being referred to, it was found that no such provision was made therein. On motion, the Chair appointed W. H. Littlejohn, W. C. White, and E. S. Griggs a committee to consider the Constitution, and prepare such amendments thereto as will make provision for paying the necessary expenses incurred by directors of their official duties.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

FOURTH MEETING, 9:15 P. M. Nov. 20.—The following resolution was unanimously adopted, after extended remarks had been made by Elds. Fargo, Miller, Jones, Burrill, and others, in regard to the importance and bearing of the resolution, and the necessity of earnest and systematic effort on the part of our T. and M. workers :-

Resolved, That we, as ministers of the Michigan Conference, and directors of the T. and M. society, will put forth a persistent effort to get all our people in this Conference to pay a tithe into the Conference treasury, and a sum equal to one-third of that tithe into the T. and M. fund.

Moved, by Wm. Ostrander, that our State Secretary be properly remunerated for her services during the past two years. Carried.

It was further moved that the amount of emuneration be decided by the Conference Committee. Carried.

Adjourned to call of Chair. J. FARGO, Pres.

JENNIE THAYER, Sec.

Norg.—The address of the Secretary in Dist. No. 10 is Sophia Wilson, Holly, Mich.

VERMONT T. AND M. SOCIETY. 25

The eighth annual session of the Vermont T. and M. Society was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Essex Junction, Sept. 11-16, 1879. The President, Eld. A. S. Hutchins, in the chair. Prayer by Bro. C. W. Stone. Report of the last annual meeting read and accepted.

The Chair appointed Brn. E. P. Farnsworth, C. N. Pike, H. W. Pierce, Committee on Nominations. Oral reports were then given by the directors with reference to the interest manifested in their several localities. After interesting remarks by Bro. W. C. White, the meeting adjourned.

SECOND MEETING, Sept. 15.—Prayer by L. Bean. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The report of labor for the year and the financial standing were then read, as per table in another column.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following names: For President, Eld. A. S. Hutchins, Irasburg; Vice-President, Eld. L. Bean, Bordoville; Secretary, T. H. Purdon, Middlebury; Director of Dist. No. 1, C. P. Whitford; No. 2, H. Peebles; No. 3, C. E. Powell; No. 4, H. W. Jackman; No. 5, D. Wilcox; No. 6, M. Augusta Green. These were elected to their respective offices.

After remarks by Elds. Geo. I. Butler, A. S. Hutchins and Bro. W. C. White, with reference to increasing the reserve fund, pledges were made amounting to \$254.25, to be paid on or before June 1, 1880.

Adjourned to call of Chair.
Third Meeting, Sept. 15, 8 p. m.—Prayer by Bro. L. Smith. Minutes of second meeting read. Encouraging and instructive remarks were then made by Eld. Geo. I. Butler and W. C. White.

Adjourned.

A. S. Hutchins, Pres. Thos. H. Purdon, Sec.

ILLINOIS T. AND M. SOCIETY.

The State quarterly meeting of this Society was held at Pittwood, Ill., Oct. 19, 1879, at 9 A. M. Meeting opened in the usual manner.

M. Byrket was appointed Secretary protem. Reports of labor were given, followed by remarks by J. W. Tait, Director of Dist. No. 9, who spoke of the necessity of laboring more diligently, and doing all in our power to advance the truth; he also presented the importance of attending to the financial condition of the society.

The President, Eld. R. F. Andrews, then called the attention of the society to various important items before the meeting,—the German paper, which has been lately introduced, also the French paper, showing the necessity of faithfully canvassing for these periodicals, among our French and German friends.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

Second Meeting.—This meeting was held at 12:30 P. M.

The following resolutions were adopted:—
Resolved, 1. That our brethren throughout
the State should arouse to greater earnestness
and zeal in the missionary work.

2. That the Sabbath-school and health and

2. That the Sabbath-school and health and temperance work should be especially remembered.

3. That in localities where there are German people, efforts should be made to introduce the German paper, and obtain subscribers and interested readers for the same.

4. The tract concerning the Pocasset tragedy should be freely circulated in all localities where this terrible deed is charged to S. D. Adventists, and thus save the cause of truth from reproach.

5. The church library, consisting of eight volumes of Sister White's works, should be placed in every company of Sabbath-keepers within the bounds of our Conference, and we urge the directors, and T. and M. officers in the several districts, to see that these matters are attended to, and faithfully carried out.

Adjourned sine die.
R. F. Andrews, Pres.
Mary Byrket, Sec. pro tem.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WISCON-SIN T. AND M. SOCIETY.

The seventh annual session of the Wisconsin T. and M. Society was held at Hundred Mile Grove, Wis., Oct. 16-20, 1879.

FIRST MEETING, Oct. 17, A. M., 1879.—Eld. H. W. Decker in the chair.

Report of the last annual session read and approved.

Voted, That the Chair be authorized to appoint the usual committees, also a committee of three to suggest any changes in the districts. These committees were appointed as follows:—

On Nominations, G. C. Tenney, A. D. Olsen, and O. A. Johnson; on Resolutions, G.

C. Tenney, T. B. Snow, and Wm. Kerr; to redistrict the State, O. A. Olsen, S. S. Smith, and N. M. Jordon.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, Oct. 17.—The time was occupied in discussing the subject of dividing the State into ministerial divisions, and in considering the wants of the cause generally in our State.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

THIRD MEETING.—Prayer by O. A. Johnson. The committee on redistricting the State reported, recommending as follows:—

That a new district be formed of the three northern tiers of townships in Richland Co., and that that part of Vernon Co. lying north of Richland Co. be known as Dist. No. 18. Also, that half of Wood and Portage counties be taken from Dist. No. 13 and added to Dist. No. 7; and, that the west half of Jackson Co. be added to Dist. No. 6.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For President, H. W. Decker; Vice-President, O. A. Olsen; Secretary, Librarian and Treasurer, Mrs. Mattie A. Kerr.

Directors: Dist. No. 1, Thomas Bickle; No. 2, E. R. Gillet; No. 3, A. D. Olsen; No. 4, C. K. Ackley; No. 5, T. D. Waller; No. 6, J. B. Ingalls; No. 7, J. J. Smith; No. 8, C. W. Olds; No. 9. W. H. Canfield; No. 10, Wm. Hanson; No. 11, E. A. Whipple; No. 12, E. G. Olsen; No. 13, E. J. Rice; No. 14, T. B. Snow; No. 15, Orcutt Burr; No. 16, J. C. Neilson; No. 17, E. G. Olsen; No. 18, O. A. Johnson.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as per table in another column.

1. Resolved, That we hereby urge upon our people the patronage of our German paper, and recommend obtaining subscribers, securing interested readers, and the raising of clubs, both by churches and individuals.

2. Whereas, The Health Annual for 1880 possesses many points of excellence for missionary work, and the price is made very low; therefore

Resolved, That we urge the cooperation of our people in a liberal circulation of the Annuals in all parts of the State.

Resolved, That we recognize the hand of God in the health and temperance movement which has been inaugurated, and we recommend all members of the T. and M. society to identify themselves with its interests, and aid in the organization of local clubs and in forwarding the interests of this enterprise.

Resolved, That we call upon our T. and M. workers generally, and our ministers in particular, to interest themselves in behalf of the prosperity of our institutions at Battle Creek, especially by influencing those who may be benefited thereby to become patients at the Sanita-

Voted to adjourn.

FOURTH MEETING.

The report of work for the past quarter was as follows:—

No. districts,	17
" members,	410
" reports returned,	241
" members added,	12
" families visited,	832
" letters written,	340
" Signs taken in clubs,	181
" new sub. for REVIEW,	9
" " Signs,	8
" " Good Health,	3
" Instructor,	23
" " other periodicals.	95
" pages of pamphlets loaned,	19,273
" pages tracts given away,	53,119
" periodicals distributed,	3,222
" Annuals given away,	2.129
Donations to tract fund,	\$170.29
Book sales,	\$6.85
Periodicals,	\$33.35

The report for the past year was read as per table in another column.

The Treasurer's report was as follows:—

T. AND M. FUND

On hand at beginning of year,
Received during the year,

Total,
Paid out,

By cash to balance,

\$30.40
1,688.51

\$1,718.91
1,669.74

GENERAL FUND.

On hand,
Received during the year,

Total,
Paid out,

By cash to balance,

13.75

By vote, G. C. Tenney was appointed to audit the Treasurer's account. It was also voted to allow the Secretary \$50.00 for services during the past year. The financial standing of the districts was read. The Auditor's report was accepted.

Meeting adjourned sine die. H. W. DECKER, Pres.

Mattie A. Kerr, Sec.

MICHIGAN T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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No. of District		No. of Members	No. Rep'ts retu	No. Members a	No. Families vis	No, Letters wri	No. Signs taken clubs.	No. new subscribers for all periodicals	Pages Pamph- lets loaned.	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	For members'p	100	Sales.	Periodicals.		Total	
284 56789 10118 111814 15	F. D. Snyder E. P. Giles R. Sawyer Alex. Carpenter E. H. Root F. Howe F. Squire John McGregor Wm. Ostrander Samuel Woodhull C. N. Stnttle Peter Smalley G. O. States J. F. Carman L. G. Moore David Randall	103 428 36 117 144 103 57 48 88 34 14 44 106 34 15	165 128 43 79 281 89 15 77 142 75 18 33 154 43	6 13 22 5 2 4 5 10 11 2 8 14 4	211 882 70 78 469 358 3 117 107 27 16 112 91 167 20	208 1867 67 253 329 307 1 78 146 9 91 85 75	74 899 13 136 45 40 19 64 155 25 25 181 18	43 82 12 42 27 30 2 55 18 9 4 109 66 5	7020 24102 12198 22308 3205 14832 35716 50 1807 12940 2030 2709 26154 21891 2301	39905 184219 11167 14465 52519 38860 946 10464 54775 22568 12322 38129 34704 17778 2478	980 3100 13740 2393 4855 6874 4214 251 1513 5949 1581 195 3088 3621 969 77	414 427 2430 444 100 1381 216 278 414 72 45 183 753	411 170 81 269 283 161 155 121 7 13 9 198 13	34 4 57 10 34 34 3 31 3 30 3 4 1 59 1 59 1	4 70 6 64 1 40 5 21	154 16 29 72 110 14 3 55 160 3 51 47	97 91 60 39 08 40 91 51 95 30 00 75	350 535 201 109 416 304 164 228 295 24 61 247 29	31 12 25 45 75 99 40 13 80 91 19 19 09
_	Totals	1449	1422	111	2841	3588	1274	528	189263	206460	53290	7450	2117 6	3 27	1 62	790	82	3180	07

JENNIE THAYER, Sec.

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VERMONT T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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No. of District.	NAMES OF DIRECTORS.	No. of Members	No. Rep'ts return	No. Members a	No. Families vis	Letters w	No. Signs taken clubs.	No. new subscriber- for all periodical-	Pages Pamph- lets loaned.	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	mem d dons	to tract fund.	Sales.		Periodicals.		Total	
2 3 4 5	W. J. Cross C. F. Worthen Chester E. Powell Chas, K. Drury. E. P. Farnsworth. Mrs. M. A. Green	57 40 80 44 44 17	00	2	32 20 32 212 6	29 29	40. 10 5 17 59 13	25 5 25 5 8 28	1883 220 836 1935	16520 6551 3175 18217 17642 9757	637	800 700 350 500 875 275	26 3 88 46	56 90 60	14 4 13	$\frac{30}{47}$	38 110	13 38	86 3 76 170	37 25 56 75 94 68
	Totals	232	887	8	302	498	144	78	4874	71862	5458	3000	\$162	89	\$39	41	\$268	00	\$ 465	30

T. H. PURDON, Sec.

A. S. HUTCHINS, Pres.

ILLINOIS T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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No. of District.	NAMES OF DIRECTORS.	No. of Members	No. Rep'ts retu	No. Members ac	No. Families vis	ers	No. Signs taken clubs.	No. new subscribers for all periodicals	Pages Pamph- lets loaned.	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	For members'p and donations to tract fund.	Sales.	Periodicals.	Total
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Dr. W. C. McNett. Robert Vickery. C. Turnipseed. Cary Dryden S. Stout. Wm. Pepper. M. Kittle. L. A. Logan J. W. Tait. H. P. Ritchey S. Glascock.	28 70 64 20 20 13 20 81 59 44 28	18 54 28 10 10 9 14 24 26 18 12	11 2 18	39 60 13 528 37 80	821 88 260 4 71 29	51 53 8 10 46 21 25	2 9 85 9 4	9601 1864 	3452 10825 5776 474 1095 1416 764 2480 8725 254 1689	1036 583 168 80	85 23 2 42	\$17 83 7 70 18 48 9 50 1 30 1 90 3 70 10 00 2 50 9 25 1 65 \$78 81	8 75 5 88 2 80 5 68 4 70 8 60	47 3 4 5 6 8 9 0 8 1 2 0 11 3 14 8	8 63 78 0 18 86 15 38 0 10 90 0 10 90 0 11 80 0 17 68 5 18 55 0 24 05 5 75

The churches at Watseka, Gibson City, and Pittwood failed to report.

LIZZIE S. CAMPBELL, Sec.

WISCONSIN T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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NAMES OF DIRECTORS.	No. of Members	No. Rep'ts returned	No. Members ac	No. Families vis	No. Letters written	No. Signs taken clubs.	No. new subscribers for all periodicals.	Pages Pamph- lets loaned.	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	For members'p and donations to tract fund.	Sales.	Periodicals.	Total.
Thomas Bickle 2 Wm. S. Higley 4 C. K. Ackley 5 Eli Osborn 6 J. B. Ingalls 7 Wm. Y. Eager 8 Rufus Baker 9 W. H. Canfield 10 Wm. Hanson	35 22 30	15 10 1 56 48 3	2	73 52 1 16 4 15	158 7	109 10 12 10	48 13 16 19 18 17 44	414 4260 8384 853 8713 32755	23431 8555 4531 8481 4373 17737 19964 2749		1915 197 229 226 186 39 25	130 40 12 00 3 37 8 30 22 49 5 02 18 60	50	\$ 7 00	130 50 12 00 3 27 8 30 22 49 5 02 17 10
11 E. A. Whipple 12 Thos. Pringle 18 E. J. Rice 14 J. D. Mulhollen 15 O. Burr 16 C. Sorensen 17 H. W. Reed 17 H. W. Reed 18 D. Rich 18 D. Rich 19 D. Ric	51 31 42	54 41 52		13 	89	22	4 4	876 3010		990 895	98 117	19 18	45	4 60	51 78 24 18 82 02
Totals	439	418	12	560	943	271	360	70446	121731	8051	3386	\$479 83	\$26 15	\$11 60	\$ 517 48

MRS. MATTIE A. KERR, Sec.

NEW YORK T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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No. of District.		No. of Members	No. Rep'ts return	Familiesv	Letters	No. Signs taken clubs.	No. new subscribers for all periodicals	Jog P	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	For members'p and donations to tract fund.	Sales.	Periodicals.	Total.	
28456789	Eld. R. F. Cottrell S. N. Wright. Wm. H. Brown. S. M. Cobb. I. N. Russell David Carr. N. C. Wheeler P. Z. Kinnie E. S. Lane Jacob Wilbur. *Individuals	18 48 19 11 89 83 24	4 17 3 8 22 19 3	. 164 	80 22 3 28 24 2 16	5 2 2 4 21	20	1158 3414 5842 8638 1632 8662 	2896 840 9060 8982 406 3220 4298 606 11464 288 10544	981 772 80 79 465 874 12 96 817	20 20 2		\$2 25 2 72 62 25 4 32 56	4 75 12 18 31 34 2 37 3 80 12 00 29 90 20 15 7 35 2 28 26 35	20 40 16 15 22 72 63 12 2	75 93 59 42 75 53 21 85 84 85
	Totals	195	7 6	1 386	195	34	28	27714	52604	3294	39	\$195 01	\$10 72	\$152 47	\$357	20

*Tent laborers and others working in connection with no particular district.
In addition to the cash receipts above given, \$118.25 has been received from ministers acting as agents of the

The churches at West Pierrepont, South Pierrepont, New Connecticut, Norfolk, Tine, Mannsville, and West Monroe failed to report.

MRS. B. L. WHITNEY, Sec.

THE REVIEW AND HERALD.—SUPPLEMENT.

PENNSYLVANIA T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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No. of District.	Names of Directors.	No. of Members	No. Rep'ts return	No Members ad	No. Families vis	m	No. Signs taken clubs.	No. new subscribers for all periodicals.	Pages Pamph- lets loaned.	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	For members'p and donutions to tract fund.	Sales.	Periodicals.	Total.
2 I 3 S 4 C 5 J	F. B. Reed D. B. Oviatt S. L. Strang D. F. Bowen F. Bowe ndividuals	106 66 46 32	57 84 13 18	2	29 69 63 115	52 36		37 9 16 2	1784 12588 6088 4254 4368	14972 5620 4978	548 243 462 255	28 61	45 45 25 25 19 80	\$1 00 24 1 60	3 85	71 1 29 3 46 0 14 0
	Totals	250	122	2	276	135		64	29082	49318	1712	99	\$101 32	\$2 84	\$81 39	\$185 5

The churches at Jamestown, Wheeler, Catlin, and Oswayo tailed to report.

Addie Bowen, Sec.

NEW ENGLAND T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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O District Names of Directors.	No. of Members	No. Rep'ts returned	No. Members ad	No. Families visited	1	δο ₂₀	No. new subscribers for all periodicals	H 30	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	For members'p and donations to tract fund.	Sales.	Periodicals.	Total.	
1 J. C. Tucker. 2 M. Wood. 3 S. Martin 4 H. P. Wakefield. 5 S. J. Twing. 6 E. G. Bolter. 7 A. P. McDuffie. 8 Eld. N. Orcutt.	48 52	21 57 57 24 18 15 33 13	1 ```1	30 270 44 21 13 44 9	100 479 39 63 13 27 139 18	44 215 22 38 9 164 19	3	1852 1182 2371 560	2517 15860 6392 46 1638 2755 20171 6016	544 2942 378 460 120 270 1479 273	78 143 17	51 16 29 99 9 03 1 87 7 00 28 87 14 60	1 88 1 88 1 18 1 18 1 16 9 1 16 9	22 76 20 80 3 1 63 0 14 05 64 90 8 75	185 58 29 3 22 110 23	45 15 85 68 04 68
Totals	411	. 218	8	431	878	511	51	20586	55395	6466	469	\$ 152 29	\$21 7	\$232 16	\$406	16

ELIZA THAYER, Sec.

IOWA T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	F. H. Chapman. J. T. Mitchell. Wm. H. Hankins. Jas. S. Houseman. Noah Hodges. Jacob Shively. A. J. Stiffer. T. J. Bryceson. J. W. Ballard. S. M. Holly. G. W. Hoskins. Ole Olesen. A. C. Hardy.	50 44 113 69 64 83 72 45 104 45 5 2	21 6 59 35 27 19 20 10 60 19 4 2	3 8 1 1 1 3 3 1 1 2	10 30 128 59 112 54 8 138 415 8	19 56 36 13 105 20 28 6 41 12	30 21 70 33 143 42	30 39 27 12 3 10 84 2 43 7	114 1208 4678 2163 18125 		271 780 492 437 707 163 298 101 2918 432 3 16	59 64 11 151 16	29 10 19 19 26 91 6 25 1 00 9 85 1 61 85 45 10 80	12 99 64 15 15 36 12 55 11 90 5 00 15 36 17 71 20 67 15 42 25 2 32	21 79 61 68 26 98 37 06 23 82 3 50 29 07 5 25 139 20 26 18 50 3 75	60 85 155 98 61 48 66 52 41 97 9 50 54 28 24 57 245 32 52 40

The church at Elk Horn failed to report.

LIZZIE HORNBY, Sec.

OHIO T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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2 3 4 5	E. H. Gatés D. M. Canright R. A. Underwood H. A. St. John O. F. Guilford G. G. Rupert	19 74 52 112 100 8	14 47 37 62 40 6	2 3 2 1	120 113 50 288 94 • 1	147	45 47	12	12819 3795		492 366 1045 905	159 152 66 34 8	100 16 57 35	1 11 1 30 3 23 1 20	\$3 50 1 00 3 05 27 30	
	Totals	365	206	- 8	666	269	124	58	27346	39200	2976	414	\$208 03	\$7 94	\$34.85	\$251 72

All the church and district quarterly meetings were held on time, and were seasons of interest and profit, but we held no State meeting. A report was received from every church society.

J. B. Gregory, Sec.

D. M. CANRIGHT, Pres.

DAKOTA T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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1 2	A. L. Dawson	37 81	26 19	3 1	3 0		21 9	10 37	2112 1265	1485 8933		1 5	\$ 5 74 11 05			
	Totals	68	45	4	39	67	30	47	3377	10418	1003	6	\$16 79	\$11 39	\$32 55	\$60 73

A report has been received from each church society.

1 J. B. Forest.....

D. T. Biggs, Sec.

KENTUCKY T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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Bettie Coombs, Sec.

Mrs. R. Scarborough, Sec.

COLORADO T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

ALICE J. GREEN, Sec.

KANSAS T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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No. of District.	Names of Directors.	No. of Members	No. Rep'ts returned	No. Members ad	No. Families vis	761	No. Signs taken clubs.	No. new subscribers for all periodical:	Pages Pamph- lets loaned.	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	For memb as p and donations to tract fund	Sales.	Periodicals.	Total.		
1	J. A. Ashbaugh	79	57	9	170	52		16	2680	19670	1416	1	\$18 96	\$19 8	\$35 1	\$ 73 94		
28456	J W Bagby T H. Wakeman Wm. M. Dail John Gibbs A. G. Miller John Riley.	9 10 2 5	 5 2 9 7 4		68	21	28 12 17	6 7 3 17	1700 1612 479	821	341 232	is	50 1 00 65 11 16	2 3 2	5 5 5 6 8	1 2 6 5 6 5 17 7 8		
8 9 10	John C. Evans H. C. Main. Oscar Hill A. W. Cone	15 34 35 29	11 12		29 15 20	16 23 17 8		5 1 16 4	1126 1144 3818 2117	1458 3603 64	250	20 117 5	75 5 18	99	5 7 2	5 7 4 0 5 7 0 5 8		
	Robert Aitken	17 269	16	••••	306	142	12	1	1000	1331	172 3215	ļ		\$27 9		0 21 2 0 \$147 9		

The courch at Otter Creek failed to report.

MRS. ADA A. DAWSON, Sec.

MINNESOTA T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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No. of District.	Names of Directors.	No. of Members	No. Rep'ts return	No. Members ac	No. Families vis	ers	No. Signs taken clubs.	No. new subscribers for all periodicals.	Pages Pamph- lets loaned.	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annnals sold and given.	For members'p and donations to tract fund.	Sales.	Periodicals.		Total.		
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	H. W. Norton Calvin Kelsey. J. L. House. W. I. Gibson John Olive. L. G. Meeker. John Emmerson. Hans Rasmussen J. E. Norstram R. B. Simmons. Agents.	82 140 95 67 17	43 43 20 4 1		12 40 54 74 6	95 31 	43 121 100 46	7 12 26 25	1387	10866	1530 1059 126 40 12	17 16 6 24	20 00 24 27 54 22 7 31 2 00 26 00	2 55 3 00 7 05 8 45	6 13 47 4 45 3	45 00 25 00 40 33	52 71 29 00 40 27 108 52 11 81 2 00 80 15 3 83 11 07 253 48		
	Totals	516	174	21	322	374	394	174	16926	46091	5131	102	\$160 91	275 26	\$155	87	\$591 84		

The churches at Kenyon, Round Grove, Irving, Manannah, Weston, Steele Centre, Dundas, and Lake Ellen failed to report.

NETTIE G. WHITE, Sec.

CALIFORNIA T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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1 T. M. Chapman. 2 G. Hutchings. 3 John Mavity. 4 John Judson. 5 Wm. Saunders. 6 D. S. Hemstreet. 7 W. J. Bostwick. 8 M. C. Israel	59 51 72 70	28 28 5 18		38 4 36 17 102 155	71 206 89 283	62 203 233	27 20 7		35032 12616 900 15195	1637 36 1867 3625	50		6 35 1 25 24 90 1 88	9 25 1 25 64 05	17 6 115 25	60 75 45
Totals	374	192	12	347	873	883	249	83690	125733	13257	106	\$91 26	\$48 98	\$113 80	\$248	99

The churches at Guenoc, Sacramento, Rocklin, and Christine failed to report.

NEBRASKA T. AND M. SOCIETY REPORT.

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No. of District.	Names of Directors.	No. of Members	No. Rep'ts returned	No. Members ac	No. Families vis	No. Letters written	No. Signs taken	No. new subscribers for all periodicals	A S	Pages of Tracts given away.	Periodicals dis- tributed.	H.Annuals sold and given.	For members'p and donations to tract fund.	Sales.	Periodicals.	Total.
2	H. A. Whittaker Stephen Rider A. W. Shepherd	36 95 60	14 14 7	13 5 5	8 4 2	5 15 1	97	1 1	1000 3059 1744	4056 4145 540	42 416 13	15	\$ 4 70 7 90 19 70	3 65	\$ 2 25	\$ 6 70 13 80 19 70
	Totals	191	85	28	14	21	97	2	5803	8741	471	20	\$32 30	\$5 65	\$ 2 25	\$40 20

The churches at Nebraska City, Weeping Water, Farmer's Valley, Waco, David City, York Creek, Raeville, Ord, and Dublin failed to report. Mrs. Annie E. Shepherd, Sec.

ANNUAL SUMMARY OF TRACT AND MISSIONARY LABOR.

STATE SOCIETIES.	No. quarters reported		No. T. & M. members.	Per cent reporting each quarter.	No. members added.	No. families visited.	No. letters written.	No. of Signs taken in clubs.	No. of subscribers ob- tained for periodicals.	No. of pages of tracks and pamphlets dis- tributed.	No. periodicals dis- tributed.	No. annuals distrib- uted.	Rec'ed on donations and membership.	Received on sales.	Received on periodi-	Total.
Iowa Wisconsin Indiana Ohio Illinois Nebraska Dakota Nevada Virginia Wyoming Quebec Georgia & N. C. Colorado Texas Kentucky and Tenn North Pacific Maine Vermont New England New York Pennsylvania Mynesota Missouri Kansas Michigan California	444444444444444444444444444444444444444	676 298 200 45 55 70 73 150 150 225 326 392 503 655 300 968 398 700 3175	439 136 363 387 191 68 277 13 14 34 33 75 63 132 2192 232 411 195 8 516 173	233 366 477 538 366 44 500 411 900 538 233 233 422 400 677 311 177	1088 124 63 28 21 18 18 11 14 43 11 11 64	560 334 2385 4957 910 205 205 1187 1188 104 68 101 66 1109 309 1995 2051 1816	1177 943 1777 1104 256 558 256 676 766 90 444 555 1620 1660 4988 5522 14 1394 2019 11438 2588 2770	212 83 1422 1344 977 300 522 57 22 199 46 60 95 521 410 20 10 394 153 272	360 4466 4469 272 214 75 30 41 52 87 240 78 364 414 284 284 284 424 428 528 528 528	169756 287584 416158 95081 35480 15966 28886 26272 18172 20525 10174 21100 52483 37166 151563 76736 364193 28696 12886 248193 241027	8058 22113 21775 19358 3302 1850 639 1658 458 435 1348 78 159654 687	3387 3502 2274 2596 289 83 87 300 67 40 146 271 50 898 3000 4149	479 82 387 70 699 600 298 83 126 01 47 69 48 75 2 10 9 50	\$508 344 28 952 79 16 56 47 93 64 45 85 43 18 8 00 8 55 11 61 1 50 1 88 31 81 04 40 80 18 15 95 84 86 271 62 271 62	412 27 290 08 38 95 84 81	517 37 678 09 1108 34
Total in America England Switzerland Scandinavia		13384	6765		816	29006 3323 898		5491	7335 109 500	6316248 124615 62587 128000	6653 1021		8150 74	2120 10 37 79	6289 99	19049 45 37 79
Grand Total		13384	6765		816	33227	29745	5491 *	7944	6681450	508883	38299	\$8150 74	\$ 2157 89	\$6289 99	\$190 87 24

*Taken from mailing list of Signs of the Times.

TENNESSEE STATE QUARTERLY T. AND M. MEETING.

This meeting was held at Edgefield Junction, Oct. 14, 1879, in connection with our camp-meeting. Reports for the quarter were received from all the churches.

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788
4,918
154
58
5,840
\$21.50
7.87
\$29.37

During the quarter there was pledged \$180.25, to create a missionary fund. This sum will be raised to \$250.00, before next quarter, \$29.25 having already been paid. The whole amount is to be paid by October, 1880. This will clear our society of debt, and leave us a full stock of books in the depository. G. K. OWEN, Pres.

CLINTON OWENS, Sec.

IOWA T. AND M. SOCIETY.

THE first meeting of the seventh annual session of the Iowa T. and M. Society was held on the camp-ground at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1879, at 4:30 P. M. The President in the chair. Minutes of the previous annual meeting read and approved.

The Secretary's report was called for and

read,	as follows:	
No.	of members,	705
44	" reports returned during the year,	918
"	" members added,	108
"	" families visited,	2,021
"	" letters written,	1,177
44	" Signs taken in clubs,	417
"	" new subscribers for periodicals,	798
"	" pages of tracts and pamphlets	
	loaned,	254,638
	" pages of tracts and pamphlets	1
	given away,	919,514
"	" periodicals distributed,	15,599
"	" Annuals sold and given away,	2,210
"	" books furnished libraries,	15

TREASURER'S REPORT. Rec'd from districts. \$2,076.88 individuals. 67.59" for widows and orphans, 22.09 " on reserve fund, " tent fund, 866.30

" " missions,	,	950.36						
,	Total receipts,	\$4,22 2.86						
Paid to REVIEW O	ffice, \$2	449.29						
" Signs Office	ce,	388.84						
" on missions,	•	950.36						
" " tent fund	,	234.32						
" to State Sec.	and for							
postage and frei	ght.	200.05						

Total paid out, \$4,222.86 Report accepted. The following Committee was appointed

on Nominations: C. A. Washburn, J. T. Mitchell, and A. W. H. Millard. Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, Sunday P. M., Sept. 28. The Nominating Committee reported as follows: For President, Eld. Geo. I. Butler, Mt. Pleasant; Vice-President, Eld. J. H. Morrison, Schonberg: Secretary and Treasurer, Lizzie Hornby, Davenport; Director Dist No. 1, F. H. Chapman, West Union; No. 2, J. T. Mitchell, Lisbon; No. 3, W. H. Hankins, Sigourney; No. 4, Jas. S. Houseman, Mt. Pleasant; No. 5, Noah Hodges, Sandyville; No. 6, Jacob Shively, Woodburn; No. 7, A. J. Stiffler, Winterset; No. Holly, State Center; No. 11, G. W. Hoskins, Danbury; No. 12, Ole Olsen, Emmittsburgh; No. 13, A. C. Hardy, Forrest City. this time. The nominees were duly elected.

Adjourned.

THIRD MEETING, Sept. 29, 6 A. M.—Encouraging remarks were made by Elds. Butler and Farnsworth in reference to the financial condition of the society. Interesting instances of persons being prepared to receive the truth by the faithful labors of tract workers were then related; and the necessity of each member entering more heartily the missionary work if we would see souls brought to Christ the coming year was fully set before

On motion, adjourned. E. W. FARNSWORTH, Pres. LIZZIE HORNBY, Sec.

As the tree is fertilized by its own broken branches and fallen leaves, and grows out of its own decay, so men and nations are bettered and improved by trial, and refined out of broken hopes and blighted expectations.—F. W. Robertson.

MISSOURI T. AND M. SOCIETY.

THE fifth annual session of the Missouri L, and M. Society was held at Windsor, Henry Co., Mo., Oct. 12, 1879. Opened with prayer by Eld. Geo. I. Butler. Officers present: Eld. Geo. I. Butler, President; Eld. J. G. Wood, Vice-President; D. C. Hunter, Secretary; H. H. Fisher, N. W. Allee, A. E. Flowers, J. F. Klostermeyer, Directors. Three directors absent. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

On motion, the Chair appointed a Committee on Nominations; viz., Wm. Evans, H. H. Fisher, and J M. Gallemore.

Adjourned to call of Chair.

SECOND MEETING, Oct. 13, 1879.—Prayer by Eld, C. H. Chaffee.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows: For President, Geo. I. Butler; Vice-President, J. G. Wood; Secretary, D. C. Hunter; Director of District No. 1, H. H. Fisher, Gallatin, Daviess Co.; No. 2, Wm. Evans, Hamilton, Caldwell Co.; No. 3, A. E. Flowers, Kingsville, Johnson Co.; No. 4, J. F. Klostermeyer, Rockville, Bates Co.; No. 5, Clarence P. Santee, Poplar Grove, Jasper Co.; No. 6, W. H. Beddoe, Rolla, Phelps Co.; No. 7, H. D. Clark, Macon City, Maçon Co. All of whom were severally

The Secretary presented his annual report,

as follows:—	
No. members.	188
" added.	15
" reports returned,	117
" families visited,	1,584
" letters written,	2,019
" Signs in clubs,	422
" new subscribers,	424
Tracts and pamphlets loaned, pages,	263,394
" " given away, pages,	8,155
Periodicals distributed,	14,845
Annuals given away,	60
FINANCIAL REPORT.	
Received on membership and donations,	\$345,91

ibscriptions,	410.9
Total T. and M. funds, Amount paid out,	\$898.06 762.30
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Book sales

Reserve fund collected,	φ185.70 114.66
Cash on hand,	\$250.4
Adjourned,	

GEO. I. BUTLER, Pres. D. C. HUNTER, Sec.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF NEVADA V. M. SOCIETY, ост. 1, 1879.

This society was organized July	l, 1879.
No. active members,	11
" families visited,	95
" letters written,	72
" letters received,	31
" papers distributed,	806
" pages tracts mailed,	545
" " tracts and books loaned,	33,276
" Signs taken by members,	31
" in club by society,	10
" additional members Oct. 1, 1879,	6
Present number,	17
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D. C. HUNTER, Pres. WM. G. Mossberger, Sec.

FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE T. AND M. SOCIETIES.

THE following table shows the approximate financial standing of the various State tract societies, after the completion of the last quarter's business. All dues from districts and unpaid pledges are not included. Upon the basis here employed, the following State societies have a balance in their favor; viz., Iowa, \$387.68; Ohio, \$308.21; Nebraska, \$268.78; New England, \$1805.71; New 8, Thos. J. Bryceson, Soldier Valley; No. 9, York, \$506.60; Michigan, \$200.64; Califor-J. W. Ballard, Hook's Point; No. 10, S. M. nia, \$698.71. Other societies doubtless have a balance in their favor, but not having the necessary data, it is impossible to give it at

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

Due

Publications

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n Due	C. Due	Lubications	or receive the free recompanies.
Review and Herald,	Signs of the Times.	and Cash on hand.	For EIGHT NEW SUBSCRIBERS, choice of
Iowa \$245 75	\$152 70	\$786 13	the following:—
Wisconsin . 968 42	74 65	786 13	Plain Facts for Old and Young (enlarged edi-
Indiana 344 58	$53 \ 67$		tion, 8vo, with chapter for Boys and Girls)\$3 25
Ohio 103 53		411 74	Smith's Bible Dictionary 3 00
Illinois 484 42	109 70	444 77	Josephus' Works (Porter & Coates' edition) 3 00
Nebraska 295 96		564 74	The People's Pronouncing and Defining Dic-
Dakota 431 73	$15 \ 45$	309 00	tionary (cloth)
Wyoming 73 76			For TWELVE NEW SUBSCRIBERS, choice
Quebec 90 20			of the following:
Texas 1217 88	46 45		Gibbon's Rome (5 volumes)\$5 00
Kentucky 150 61			D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation 5 00
N. Pacific 130 22	59 87		Fireside Encyclopedia of Poetry (1000 royal octavo pages, gilt edge, elegantly bound in
Maine 326 99	61 60	312 60	gold and black) 5 00
Vermont 23 23	5 37	29 50	Oxford S. S. Teacher's Bible, No. 711 5 00
New Eng 361 29		2167 00	Patent Lithogram (Packet Note size) 5 00
New York 209 43	$147 \ 42$	863 45	Macaulay's History of England (5 volumes) 6 00
Penn 439 95	40 17	$126 \ 39$	Illustrated Family Bible, containing the Apoc-
Minnesota . 625 89		$663 \ 34$	rypha, Bible Dictionary, Concordance, Com-
Missouri 588 77	2 53 30	$235 \ 20$	prehensive Notes, etc., etc 5 75
Kansas 1341 03	• • • • • •		For TWENTY NEW SUBSCRIBERS, choice
Michigan	745 66	946 30	of the following:
California		698 71	Oxford S. S. Teacher's Bible, No. 715, with im-

THE TIME TO WORK.

THE present month is without doubt the best time in the year for our tract and missionary societies to work. The past season was generally a prosperous one for farmers, and there is less of the usual cry of "hard times" than there has been, so that not only is this the best season of the year for booksellers, canvassers, and agents, but this year is more favorable for this work than either of the last three years has been.

There are thousands of families where our papers should be read, that could be induced to subscribe for one or more of them if our brethren and sisters would introduce these papers. bearing precious truths, before the people have subscribed for other papers.

The recent General Conference has occupied the time and thoughts of so many of our leading workers that we are a month late in issuing the Supplement and starting the canvass. But if our T. and M. officers and members will begin at once, very much can be done in a few weeks. The REVIEW AND HERALD, Signs of the Times, Good Health, Youth's Instructor, Advent Tidende, Advent Harold, and Stimme der Wahrheit, should each receive attention from those best qualified to work for them.

The REVIEW will continue to be our denominational paper, and should be read by every S. D. Adventist. Price, \$2.00 per year, with "Way of Life" as premium to new subscribers.

The Signs of the Times will be our pioneer paper for missionary distribution. Price, \$2.00 per year, with "Way of Life" as premium to new subscribers. In clubs of ten or more copies for missionary use, \$1.20 each copy per year.

Good Health should be introduced into twenty thousand families before March first. Its usefulness in the past is abundantly attested by those who have read it, many of whom would not dispense with it for ten times its cost.

During the coming year each number will contain a large amount of valuable and interesting matter on the subjects of Health, Temperance. Popular Science, General Literature, and other topics of interest. The practical information in its pages on sanitary science, public and domestic hygiene, and topics of kindred nature, gives it a scope and field of usefulness peculiar to itself, and unoccupied by any other journal.

An illustrated article on practical hygiene, or some other topic of general interest, will appear in each number, as a new and permanent feature of the journal in the future. In addition to this, the department of Questions and Answers, which has contributed so much to the success of the journal in the past, will be revived in a practically useful form, and made more valuable than ever before. Notwithstanding the increased value to the reader, and the additional expense to the publishers, the same liberal offers made to old and new subscribers for 1879 are renewed for 1880, with some new and magnificent offers in addition. For particulars read last cover page, the offers on page 382, and the club list, in Good Health for December.

The same liberal terms are offered to canvass ers who obtain over twenty subscribers for Good Health for 1880 as were given in 1879, and in addition to this a magnificent list of valuable prizes is offered to those who can only canvass their neighborhoods, and thus get from three to twenty subscribers. We have space for only a few of these offers. For full list, see list of prizes in December number of Good Health.

We offer to those obtaining new subscribers for Good Health at \$1.00 per year without premium, and \$1.25 per year with Household Manual as premium, the following prizes:

For THREE NEW SUBSCRIBERS, choice of the following:

One year's subscription to Good Health....\$1 00 Young Man's Counselor..... 1 00

ber Pads, Brush, and Water Bowl, all com-

The Youth's Instructor can be introduced into thousands of families by a prompt effort on the part of our canvassers, ladies, and young people. Even children have canvassed for the Instructor with good success.

There will be two editions of the Youth's In-STRUCTOR for 1880:-

1. The Monthly Edition, 8 pages. Price, 50 cents. 2. The Weekly Edition (with Sabbathschool Department), 4 pages. Price, 75 cts.
The "Child's Poems" will be given as a premium

to each new subscriber for either edition at the above prices. Those who have taken either edition and change to the other, are not new subscribers.

LIST OF PRIZES.

If you will send us six new subscribers for the In-STRUCTOR, Monthly or Weekly, or both, we will send you your choice of Sunshine Series for Little Ones, Song Anchor, or one of the three volumes of Golden-Grains: Vol. 1, The Hard Way; Vol. 2, The School-Boy's Dinner; Vol. 3, Grumbling Tommy.

For ten new subscribers, your choice of Vols. 1. 2, or 3, of Sabbath Readings; or the Game of Life. For fifteen new subscribers, your choice of The Life of Captain Joseph Bates, Thrilling Life Sketches, or the Bible Atlas and Gazetteer.

For twenty new subscribers, your choice of No. 7 Old Testament Map of Palestine, or No. 9 New Testament Map of Palestine, size 42x28 inches, or Cruden's Concordance, the Bible Dictionary, or Bound Volume of Weekly Instructor for 1879.

For thirty new subscribers, your choice between one of the Double Sheet Maps of Palestine, size 58x41 inches; No. 6 Old Testament Palestine; No. 8 New Testament Palestine, or the "Bird's Eye View of Palestine," a beautiful chart of the Holy Land.

For fifty new subscribers, your choice of a Nonpareil Oxford Teacher's Bible, with Index, Concordance, and Maps (an entirely new edition), size, 4½x7x1¾ inches; or Cloth Map No. 5, the Peninsula of Mt. Sinai, illustrating the wanderings of the Israelites in their journey from Egypt to Canaan.

Librarians, and S. S. officers should encourage those young people to canvass who will have a good influence wherever they go and who are most likely to succeed. In some places several of the S. S. scholars may join together and earn a map for the school.

We have mailed to the secretary of each State T. and M. Society packages of the agent's subscription books, in which the name and address of each subscriber is to be taken, subscription blanks on which to send in the names to the Office, and instructions how to canvass. These, with the premium book as sample, constitute a complete outfit. Those wishing to canvass who have the premium will be furnished with the remainder of the outfit free on application to the Office or to the T. and M. officers. The premium can be obtained from the T. and M. Society or from the Office, by mail, for thirty cents.

If this is pushed before the holidays are over, thousands of subscribers can be obtained.

The Advent Tidende is now published as an eight-page semi-monthly, size $21\frac{1}{2}$ by 30 inches, a little smaller than the REVIEW. It is a neatlooking and ably conducted paper, intended as a pioneer sheet for the Danish-Norwegian people of Europe and America. Terms to American subscribers, \$1.00 per year. To new subscribers the Way of Life will be given as a premium, for \$1.25. In clubs of ten or more copies to one address for missionary distribution, 60 cents per year for each copy. To European subscribers, \$1.25; with Way of Life to new subscribers,

The Svensk Advent Harold will be changed somewhat in form and name. Its title will be Advent Harolden. It will be a sixteen-page monthly, printed on heavy tinted paper, with out covers; size of page, $7\frac{1}{2} \times 10\frac{1}{2}$ inches; size of whole sheet, 30x42 inches. It will be stitched and trimmed, and the tinted paper will make it so neat in appearance that its old friends will scarcely miss the cover. It will contain threefourths as much reading as it does now, and the price will be reduced in proportion. Terms to American subscribers, 75 cents per year; to new subscribers, with the Way of Life as a premium, \$1.00: to European subscribers \$1.00 per year; with Way of Life to new subscribers, \$1.25.

The Stimme der Wahrheit, the last, though by no means the least important of our papers, will hereafter be issued monthly, eight pages the size of Advent Tidende. Price to American subscribers, 50 cents a year. In clubs of ten or more to one address, for missionary distribution, 30 cents a year per copy. To European subscribers, 75 cents a year.

We hope our brethren of other nationalities will appreciate the liberal terms on which these last three papers are offered, and that they, with our American brethren and tract societies in those parts of our country where there are many who speak the German, Danish, and Swedish, will give these papers a very wide circulation.

W. C. WHITE.