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From the Field.

Quincy.

The work here is going onward. We are having services every evening, and the interest seems to hold about the same. Brother Clare Thompson plays the violin, and Brother O. Warner plays the cello, and are quite an addition to our song service. The brethren have furnished us with a liberal supply of tracts, which we hand to the people at the end of each service. This week there has been a large theater pitched near us, but the Lord has sent the earnest ones to our meetings. We are now giving the Sabbath question, and solicit an interest in the prayers of God's people that the honest in heart may come into the truth.

C. A. HANSEN,

H. NICOLA,

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

Grand Haven.

We have secured a fine location right in the business part of the city at the corner of Washington and Fourth street, just one block from the heart of the city. We have been holding services ever since Tuesday, the 9th of July. The first evening was very rainy, still twenty-four were present. The attendance since that time has been between that number and forty, all of the best class of citizens of Grand Haven. We have experienced no decided opposition as yet, although some of the ministers protest against our preaching some of our doctrines, especially the Sabbath and the immortality of the soul, but the people are very kindly disposed toward us. I believe with the Lord's help good re-

sults may come from the work in Grand Haven.

J. W. HOFSTRA,

J. M. WILBUR.

Sturgis.

I rejoice in the Lord for His wonderful love to the children of men. July 13, Elder Nicola was with us and preached an excellent sermon on baptism, after which he buried three precious souls in the watery grave and they arose to walk in "newness of life." Elder Nicola remained with us, and July 15 visited the Sunday-school that the brethren have organized at a school house five miles from Sturgis. They are studying our literature at this Sunday-school and the people are searching the Scriptures daily to see if these things are true. Why cannot schools be organized in other places? It is an excellent way to get the truth before the people. Elder Nicola preached two sermons at this school house.

C. K. DAVIS.

Union City and Sullivan.

In this report I shall speak of these places only, because before coming to Union City, I gave but three or four talks in a place, not staying long enough to accomplish any more immediate results than to cause the people to think, for a while at least, on the subject of Healthful Living.

At Union City I remained a week, speaking in the evenings in connection with Elder Hansen, as has been previously reported, and visiting the people as opportunity presented.

I am much impressed with the favorable prospects before the

little company in Union City and ascribe no little credit to the fact that the company is a live company, giving to others the truths they profess. Brother Oliver, who for some time has lived the truth out before the people of that place, having his light at all times on the candlestick, because of which others were and are led to enquire the way of life. And Sister Green, who has been there about a year, and yet whose energy and untiring zeal for the work has been instrumental in bringing five or six into the truth, and has interested several others so that they are favorable to the truth.

As I observed the love for the truth, and the energy displayed in getting it before others, I could not but wish that such might become courageous among other sisters, who have, most of them, equal opportunities for presenting the truth.

Leaving here, I was asked to take Elder Heckman's place, left vacant since Elder Heckman had accepted a call to England, with Elder Heber at Sullivan. Here we are holding a series of meetings, with a congregation varying from thirty to sixty, who seem to be very much interested, giving the closest attention to the present truths, as they are presented.

We can not but expect to see some of those here take their stand with the faithful.

DR. L. J. OTIS.

Muskegon and Sullivan.

It was my happy lot to be with the Muskegon church, Sabbath and Sunday, June 22 and 23. This church is composed largely of sisters, there being only four male

members. There seems to be perfect harmony among all its members, and the majority have a mind to work.

Some of the children did a good work in soliciting funds for the \$150,000 fund, and they are doing excellent in the canvassing work.

Brother M. C. Whitmarsh, the elder, secured the German Methodist church in which to hold meetings. They have it Sabbaths and alternate Sunday evenings. This was a very profitable move for the church. In the past they occupied a hall, and had to go up two flights of stairs. Some could not attend the meetings because of this; and as the result the attendance has increased, and all are encouraged.

The workers, Brother and Sister Whitmarsh and Miss Zona Carr are doing a good work. For at this this time it was my privilege to accompany a party of about twenty-five, in an electric launch, across the Muskegon lake, up the outlet, into Bear lake, where eight willing souls followed the example of their Saviour in baptism. Two more have since been baptized, and there are four others who have requested baptism. We can praise God for this good work.

The work here at Sullivan has been hindered by the changes that have been made by the calling of Elders Kneeland and Heckman to other fields. But we are having a fair attendance and some few are present each evening. One has requested baptism, and we hope to see others accept the message. Dr. L. J. Otis is with me, and God is blessing him with freedom in presenting the truth, both to the saving of soul and body.

The testing truths of the Sabbath will be effectual in winning souls to the dear Saviour.

W. C. HEBNER.
L. J. OTIS, M. D

Wayland.

Dear Herald:

We thought possibly you would be pleased to hear from us, so we

advise you that we have opened work here, beginning with Sabbath evening, the 5th. instant. The attendance was thirty-five. We decided to hold meetings every night, also Sabbath and Sunday afternoons. The attendance has not been less than twenty Sabbath or Sunday afternoons, nor less than twenty-five any night, while we had as high as ninety-three at our first Sunday evening meeting. We feel quite encouraged. The interest is splendid. About twenty-five have been in attendance at every evening meeting. One lady said she enjoyed the talks so much that she could not stay away. We believe that there are more of that same mind if we can judge from appearances and the regularity with which they attend.

We found only a few of our people here but they had not had any meeting since January 26, when three or four held a Sabbath-school class. As soon as our friends found out that we were holding meetings, they began to gather, some coming six miles to the meetings. We re-opened the Sabbath-school the first Sabbath, July 6, with an attendance of fifteen and Sabbath July 13 the school was re-organized with twenty-one members. Officers for the present term were duly elected. Aubrey Harris of this place was elected secretary and treasurer.

The Wayland Globe (weekly) has freely advertised our meetings from the beginning, giving our list of subjects for each week, and other comments.

The people, store-keepers and all, have vied with each other to show their good will toward us, many accomodating us with our needs, and others assisting us free of charge. Surely the Lord has been good to us here. Pray for us that the seed already planted and yet to be sown may be increased. We feel sure that the word shall not return to Him void, but it shall accomplish that which He pleases, and that it shall prosper in the

thing whereto He sent it.

H. C. PITTON,
S. S. GRAY,
J. E. HANSEN.

Financial.

Receipts of the West Michigan Conference for Month of June, 1907.

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| Tithe | \$2203 58 |
| Sabbath-school Offerings | 40 75 |
| Weekly Offerings | 20 47 |
| Conference Expense | 70 |
| O. H. F. T. D. Fund | 216 19 |
| Conference Imp. Fund | 205 25 |
| General Fund | 16 15 |
| Mission Board Offerings | 38 63 |
| Annual Offerings | 1 03 |
| Free-will Offerings | 25 |
| Self-denial Fund | 2 00 |
| African Native W's. Fund | 4 00 |
| Mid-Summer Offerings | 179 18 |
| Nashville Church | 2 60 |
| Southern Field | 92 |
| Jamaica Conference | 3 00 |
| Finnish Mission | 41 56 |
| Orphan's and Aged Fund | 16 41 |
| Work in Fiji | 30 00 |
| C. O. L. Fund | 1 25 |
| | \$3023 92 |

WEST MICHIGAN TRACT SOCIETY.

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| Merchandise | 41 56 |
| On Account | 193 09 |
| West Mich. Herald | 2 00 |
| | 236 65 |
| Total | 3260 57 |

Tithe for June, 1907.

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| Bedford | \$ 6 98 |
| Battle Creek | 1028 80 |
| Benton Harbor | 85 55 |
| Berrien Springs | 57 40 |
| Bloomington | 10 68 |
| Buchanan | 13 32 |
| Bushnell | 39 59 |
| Byron Center | 11 54 |
| Carlton Center | 26 47 |
| Carson City | 44 81 |
| Cedar Lake | 7 09 |
| Clifford Lake | 4 00 |
| Covert | 9 16 |
| Eaton Rapids | 12 47 |
| East Mich. Conference | 10 00 |
| Fremont | 11 35 |
| Frost | 3 15 |
| Glenwood | 11 57 |
| Grand Ledge | 23 04 |

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| Grand Rapids | - | 96 11 |
| Hastings | - | 42 09 |
| Homer | - | 37 69 |
| Individuals | - | 42 72 |
| Kalamazoo | - | 79 50 |
| Mendon | - | 35 24 |
| Mecosta | - | 128 23 |
| Muskegon | - | 30 01 |
| Niles | - | 4 21 |
| Ontario Conference | - | 22 00 |
| Otsego | - | 64 04 |
| Paw Paw | - | 67 13 |
| Quincy | - | 6 20 |
| Rothbury | - | 35 00 |
| Shelby | - | 66 78 |
| Sturgis | - | 5 68 |
| Trufant | - | 10 03 |
| Vermontville | - | 13 95 |
| Total | - | 2203 58 |

Obituaries.

Lane—Died at her home, about twelve miles from Battle Creek, Michigan, July 13, 1907, Mrs. Maria T. Lane, aged 73 years. Her maiden name was Maria T. Alton; she was born at Portage, Allegany county, New York, March 21, 1834. When about ten years of age she removed with her parents to Illinois where she grew to womanhood. Although she lost her mother when only sixteen years of age, she was given an excellent education, and taught school for several years, first in Illinois and later in Michigan. December 27, 1855, she was united in marriage with J. Thomas Lane, who survives her. They located in the township of Convis, Michigan, where they have since resided. In 1860 they united with the Seventh-Day Adventist church. Sister Lane was an excellent Bible student and taught in the Sabbath-school for many years.

Besides her husband, a son and daughter are left to mourn their loss. Her funeral was attended by many sympathizing friends and neighbors. It had been Sister Lane's desire that but little should be said concerning herself at her funeral, but that the resurrection, that precious theme to every believer in the third angel's message, should be

presented. The writer spoke words of comfort, using as a text Psalms 17:15.

W. E. VIDETO.

Miss Myrtle Louise Cole was born near Trufant in Kent county, Michigan, April 7, 1883, where she lived with her parents until their removal to Sand Lake about three years ago. She was married to Mr. Hermon Carleton Pitton of Stanton, Michigan, June 19, 1907. She was taken sick with nervous prostration shortly after her marriage. Paralysis of the muscles of respiration caused her death July 19, just one month from her wedding day, at the age of 24 years, 3 months, and 12 days. Myrtle was converted when but a little girl 13 years of age. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Trufant and lived a beautiful Christian life until the very last. She was a young woman who always stood firm for principle and right. She could not be influenced to sacrifice her Christian experience under any circumstances, for any worldly allurements. She was so firm in her religious principles that she was always a source of strength and encouragement to her friends, relatives and associates. She was the mainstay of her mother, the refuge to whom she went for safety when discouragements would almost overwhelm her soul. In every storm and temptation of life which come to try the Christian the words of the poet are certainly true: "In storm, she was oak and rock, in sunshine, vine and flower." She was the dearest idol in the home, the chief source of comfort to her mother, the joy of her father, and the pride of her brothers. Myrtle was a young woman who made friends. She was loved wherever she went. She always carried a smile for everyone, which brought cheer to the most dispondent heart. Of her it could be truthfully said, "None knew her but to love her, none saw her but to praise." She was looking forward, until the

very moment of her death, to a long and happy, useful life.

And now tho hard it is to do we lay her away to rest, free from all the troubles and sufferings of earth, with the tenderest care that loving and affectionate hands can give, leaving behind her dear husband, father and mother, brothers and sisters, numerous relatives and many friends. We feel confident, knowing that we have the blessed assurance that it will be our happy privilege to meet her on the resurrection morn and live with her throughout eternity in the earth made new, a united happy family, which is our only hope.

Synopsis of Faith of Seventh Day Adventists.

Sermon Delivered in the Tabernacle.
May 18, 1907, by Elder M. N.
Campbell.

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"And so man lieth down and riseth not; till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake nor be raised out of their sleep."

So the dead are reckoned as being asleep. "His sons come to honor and he knoweth it not." When a man is in the grave, he is absolutely unconscious of the passage of the years until he is called forth on the resurrection day. These views are in harmony with the statements of the various Bible writers.

Now, we are fully aware that many of these views are very unpopular. The fact of the matter is not a solitary doctrine that I have presented to you this morning, but what at the present time is very unpopular indeed. Beginning with the idea of the personality of God, —the idea is taught throughout the world at the present time that God is not a personal being, that God is simply a great and good principle that is found wherever there is life; that he who comes in harmony with that good principle, will find it well with him; that he who falls out of harmony will find it ill with him. There is no such

thing as penalty; no personal God; no day of judgment; no future day of reckoning. The carnal mind may pursue its own way to the heart's content, without any fear of a day of reckoning ahead. The popular idea is that Jesus Christ was a good man; that he stood, perhaps, a little above the great philosophers of the past ages, and that he came to give to the world a beautiful philosophy. That idea is being taught from popular pulpits to-day, and the devil tried to force it upon Seventh Day Adventists through the book "Living Temple." Fortunately this denomination had sufficient vitality to throw off this deadly heresy. The Bible is no longer generally regarded as the word of God, but that it contains the word of God. But who is to decide what part is the word of God? If it is left for the natural heart to decide, it will choose the part which suits it best, and reject the rest. That is precisely what some are doing with the Testimonies these days. They accept some of the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy as Testimony but reject other portions, because their acting and doings are condemned. This is higher criticism pure and simple.

The study of the prophecies is looked upon as a ridiculous waste of time. The second coming of Christ is regarded as a myth, and professed Christians are no longer looking forward to the time when Christ shall return and claim his own.

Seventh Day Adventists believe in the gifts of the Spirit, as recorded in the 12th chapter of 1 Cor. the 28th verse:

"And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

Here we are informed that God set these gifts in the church. Those things are there to-day, for God put them there and no one can

take them away. As a people we believe in the gift of apostles, in the gift of prophets, teachers, miracles, gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues; but the particular one that is singled out by the Lord, which, in connection with keeping the commandments, is the test by which to determine the true church of God in the last days, is the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy.

Rev. 12:17 "And the dragon was wroth with the woman and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which kept the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

The testimony of Jesus Christ is defined in Rev. 19:10 as being the Spirit of Prophecy. Seventh Day Adventists believe in prophets and are not ashamed to say so. We thank the Lord that we are able to say it.

We believe in the new birth. We believe that a man must be born again in order to see the Kingdom of God. John 3:5-8.

"Jesus answered, verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is Spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again."

Some have had the idea that this people did not believe in the new birth. This is one of the foundation doctrines of the Seventh Day Adventists,—the belief in the conversion and the new birth.

(To be continued.)

News and Notes.

We are glad to have so many reports from the field this week.

A Sabbath-school convention was held at Mendon last Sabbath.

The Executive Committee held a meeting in Otsego Tuesday, July 30.

Camp-meeting August 15 to 26. Begin now to lay your plans to attend this meeting.

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Margaret Haughey, Editor.

We wish that all the young people of the West Michigan Conference could have been present at the Mount Vernon Convention.

We now have a Young People's Department of the General Conference with Prof. M. E. Kern as chairman, and Miss Matilda Erickson as secretary.

The following Sabbath-schools have not sent in their reports for the quarter ending June 30: Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs, Bangor, Bedford, Covert, Climax, Denver Center, Douglas, Haskell Home, Howard City, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan Home for Girls, Palo, Ravenna, Sullivan, Urbanale, and Vermontville. We hope these schools will please report at once.

Have our readers examined the August number of LIFE AND HEALTH? If they have, we do not need to add our testimony in its behalf, for all will have recognized its value and their obligation to place it in the possession of as many as possible. It contains much of the "entering-wedge" element of our message, and will serve in the work of saving souls through its teaching the principles of a branch of our work that is as important in the great advent movement as the right arm is to the body. Order a hundred copies and sell them, and thereby add your mite of pleasant, reasonable service in helping advance a cause that is worthy of our best endeavors. 25 copies will be sent for 63 cents postpaid, 50 copies \$1.25, 100 copies, \$2.50.

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