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COMING

O watchman on the mountain height,
Proclaim the coming day;
Behold the spires of golden fires
Point upward far away.

O watchman, bid the sleeping church
Awake, arise, and pray;
The heavenly bridegroom soon will come,
And now is on his way.

Coming, yes, he's coming,
The Dayspring from on high;
Coming, yes, he's coming,
The hour is drawing nigh;
Coming, yes, he's coming,
Let all the ransomed sing;
The hills are bright with holy light,
All hail the coming King.
--W. O. Cushing.

OBJECT OF CHURCH SCHOOLS AND WHY THEY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED.

(Continued from last issue.)

Yes, there are two sides to every question and correct judgment cannot be formed until both sides have been considered. The school question has a business side, also. Viewed as a purely business proposition it is cheaper to send your children to public school, but what costs the least money is not always the cheapest. It depends on quality. The public school can fit them for this world only, while a Christian school is to fit them for eternity, and not only them, but their life may be spent in saving other souls. Can you afford not to give them a Christian education?

The world is making high bids for their services and they are leaning that way perhaps more than you are aware. Satan presented the glory of this world to Christ in its most attractive form and he is doing the same to the young of this generation. And alas! He is ensnaring too many of them in his devices. Will you deliberately put them where the current is strongest because it costs a little less? If you succeed in saving them to the cause will it not be a far better investment than money laid up in the bank? It will yield the largest dividend of any transaction you ever made.

Listen again to the word God has sent us: "The youth are our hope for missionary labor. What can be done to save our youth?"

"Parents, will you remember that the education of your children from their earliest years is committed to you as a sacred trust?"

"Many parents will have to render an awful account at last of their neglect of their children."

"Schools are needed where Bible instruction may be given to the children. The school-room is needed just as much as is the church building. It is high time for Sabbath keepers to separate their children from worldly associations and place them under the very best teachers who will make the Bible the foundation of all study."

"Workers in new territory should not feel free to leave their field of labor till the needed facilities have been provided for the churches under their care. Not only should a humble house of worship be erected, but all necessary arrangements should be made for the permanent establishment of the church school. This matter has been plainly presented before me."

"Wherever there are a few Sabbath keepers the parents should unite in providing a place for a day school where their children and youth can be instructed."

"The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our

youth."

"When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the spirit of the Lord will come upon the children and they will do a work in the proclamation of the truth which the older workers cannot do because their way will be hedged up. Our church schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work."

Now as never before we need to understand the true science of education. If we fail to understand we shall never have a place in the kingdom of God. "This is life eternal that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." If this is the price of heaven, shall not our education be given on these lines?

M. Armilda Bogar.

FROM BATTLE CREEK.

The following appeared in the Battle Creek Daily Enquirer under date of April 27, 1907:-

"Our Adventist friends are a peaceable and peace-loving people. They live their well-ordered lives according to the tenets of their creed and seek to live in harmony with all mankind.

"On more than one occasion of late the press of the city has been the means of disseminating news concerning the internal condition of local church affairs which has been derogatory to the attendance at the Tabernacle and quite untrue as well.

"Upon one recent occasion a particularly aggravating instance of this sort happened, and we regret to say that through error the Enquirer was made a party to the crime. We call it a crime advisedly, for certainly it savors of criminality to slaughter the reputation of the innocent.

"In the instance referred to a garbled version of a church meeting, printed in one of our evening contemporaries, appeared the next morning in our columns. Our attention was then called to it and we investigated. We discovered, after some considerable search, that several things were quite untrue, insofar as that article was concerned, and we take this opportunity of telling people about it, and to tell them more.

"We found that in the instance cited, Mrs. White did not enter into the controversy as was alleged. We found that, despite what was printed, Dr. Kellogg's name was not once publicly spoken during the meeting. We found that the meeting instead of being a most inharmonious one, was a most decorous one, and we also found that out of the hundreds present at the meeting in question, but three dissenting votes were cast to the will of the majority.

"Besides conveying a moral as to the propriety of requiring an exactitude of information, which the Enquirer promptly appropriates, the instance also shows how two or three individuals with an aggressive determination to stir up mischief, can easily do so.

"Almost the entire talk of trouble in connection with the church and a split in its congregation has emanated from what the ordinary non-sectarian person would describe as 'soreheads'. There is no actual split in the denomination. There may be a sliver off the main block, if three or four can constitute a sliver in a block of such dimensions as is made by the great congregation in the West End.

"Not only the Enquirer, but at least one other daily in Battle Creek, has therefore been made the unwilling instrument of a noisy and disgruntled few, and insofar as the Enquirer is concerned, we take their method of serving notice upon them that their graft upon our columns must cease herewith.

"We think we know an error when we see it. We frequently make errors for all newspapers do, and quite presumably these errors will continue to occur. We do not propose, however, to undertake to please three people who are wrong, when in so doing we displease four hundred ninety-seven who are right.

"The circumstance of the publication of the article herein commented upon constitutes a most disagreeable journalistic episode. It will not be repeated in these columns if care can prevent it."

GENERAL SWEDISH MEETING.

For the benefit of all our Scandinavian people in the Upper Peninsula, I will say that there will be a special general meeting in the Swedish in the S. D. A. church near Iron River from May 18 - 27, 1907. All of our Scandinavian people that can, will do well to come to this meeting because there will be no special Swedish camp-meeting this summer.

Arrangements will be made so that there will be carriages at the station in Iron River on the 16th and 17th of May to take those out who may be coming. The church is about six miles from the station.

Geo. G. Johnson.

EDUCATIONAL REPORTS

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Winter is past and how gladly we welcome spring with its sunshine and flowers, sweetness and light. As we listen to the little songsters offer up their notes of praise to their Maker, the same spirit reechoes in our hearts, and we feel more thankful for the blessings which we have enjoyed throughout the year. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for granting us the privilege of serving Him, even in a small way.

From day to day we are striving to form our characters symmetrically, strengthen the weak places, and correct all defects, that we may be instruments in the hand of God to pass this wonderful truth on to others.

A high standard is necessary in our schools. Our ambition should be to inspire the pupils with principles of truth, obedience, honor, integrity and purity--principles that will make them a positive force for the uplifting of society. God desires us, above all else, to learn life's great lesson of unselfish service. This cannot be done except by working for others. The best time to begin this service is in childhood. It should be one of the first things impressed upon the young mind-- how to make others happy, and this spirit should be faithfully prompted throughout life.

As we read the urgent calls for help from far-off lands, it inspires us with a desire to help those who are less favored. Our plans must be laid early in order to have the results which we desire. School closes early so we will have no school garden; but I think without exception each individual is planning on something which will increase the mission fund next winter.

Last Sabbath the parents in our Sabbath-school donated a fund which was distributed equally among the children. This money is to be used by them and increased as much as possible during the summer, then all returned next December and sent to the needy fields. Are they interested? They certainly are! Some will invest their money in garden seeds, others in eggs, chickens, etc. Look for the report of their experiences next December, and pray that their desire for missionary work may increase with their years and ability.

When Elder Curtis and Miss Kellogg were here our church school pledged ourselves to get two rods of pennies for the Copper Fund. We have just sent in seven dollars to this worthy cause. It has been a pleasure to see the earnestness with which some of the pupils have worked to obtain "more than we pledged". As many are acquainted with the pupils here it may be interesting to give the names and the amount each was able to add to the treasury: Hila Shepard, \$1.95; Catherine Shepard, \$1.18; Hershel Wheeler, \$.64; Lida Coon, 50¢; Myron Jorgensen, 48¢; Ralph Hastings, 48¢; a donation, \$1.77. Part of this was solicited, and part of it was earned in other ways.

Nora Willaman.

Hancock.

In company with Brother Montgomery and family I left Rose City the fifth of November, arriving here on the sixth. On account of the difficulty in finding a house suitable for the purpose, school did not begin until Nov. 21, 1906.

The first day five were enrolled. Three days later three more were added and at present the enrollment is fifteen. One of these however is attending school now at Cedar Lake and three more should be in an intermediate school next year. Two of

the pupils are Swedish ladies who are learning the English language. These ladies are Lutherans, and at first they were very much opposed to us. When they first came, one knew nothing of the English language, while the other knew very little. Now one has just finished the second reader, and the other is in the fourth, and both can carry on a fairly good conversation in English.

Most of the children have been out selling the SIGNS and FAMILY BIBLE TEACHER, and at present all are engaged in making a missionary quilt.

Since school began five have been baptized, and all are endeavoring to do their best, so as to prepare themselves to be workers in the Master's vineyard. I am sure that if the Young People's Societies could see the interest manifested in the Bible classes, and the bright, happy, eager faces of the children each morning as they begin their school work, they would feel amply repaid for the sacrifice made to support the school.

School closes next month, but we expect to continue the school work here next year, as there is a prospect of a larger attendance than than now.

Nearly all of the pupils are members of the Young People's Society and our motto is, "The Advent Message to all the world in this generation." Remember the school work in the "Copper Country" in your prayers.

Nellie Spencer.

HOME DEPARTMENT WORK.

The following interesting letter concerning the Copper Fund was recently received by the Educational Secretary from Sister Aurora Bailey of Arthur Bay, Mich.--

"I am returning the cards as they are all in. One was returned empty; all the rest made some attempt. Most of those who gave one cent are in the kindergarten class but they are not all regular attendants. Dear little lambs, they were the first ones who offered to give.

"In one family the mother said she didn't believe in getting money that way. She wouldn't have her children begging. They came to Sabbath-school and began telling the rest of the children that they were not going to beg. When I called school I told them of a story of someone who was sick. This sick person had a very kind neighbor who wanted to help the one who was in trouble but had no money and in the kindness of her heart asked others, who were better off, if they wouldn't help pay the doctor's bill. I asked them if they thought that was begging. No, they didn't. Then I told them of a great many people who were going to die with no hope of being saved. Some people wanted to send ministers to teach these people about God, but they didn't have enough money to pay the ministers. I asked them if it would be begging to ask someone else to help pay them so these poor people might go to the beautiful city that we learned about in our Sabbath-school lessons. When the children went home and told their mother she seemed to feel as though she had been a little hasty and divided a dollar and thirty-six cents among her four children.

"I am glad to be able to tell you that I got a subscription from the Swedish neighbor I told you of for SIONS VAKTARE. She told me the last time I saw her that she never had anything trouble her so much as the Sabbath. She has moved about four miles from here but asked me to send the Sabbath-school paper to the children. They are going to study their lesson at home.

"I do hope there will be enough from this collection to accomplish something."

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He who faithfully prays at home does as much for foreign missions as the man on the field, for the nearest way to the heart of a Hindu or Chinaman is by way of the throne of God. --Eugene Stock.

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"But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." John 1:12.

O B I T U A R I E S.

Depas,-- Florimon Depas died at his home in Stephenson, Mich., on the 24th of April, 1907, aged 69 years, 4 mo., and 1 day.

Brother Depas came to this country from Belgium in 1856 and was married in 1861 to Miss Philomen Dellies and they spent forty-six years of their lives together in a pleasant home. Two children were born to them during that time, one daughter and one son. The daughter died in 1865. The son still survives and lives at Niagara, Wis.

His business was that of agriculture until 1862 when he enlisted under the flag of the United States to put down the Rebellion, but soon returned home on account of ill health. He belonged to Company A of the State of Wisconsin.

He enlisted as a soldier of the cross of Christ in 1864 and identified himself with the Catholic Church, but later he joined the Presbyterian Church and remained a member of such, until he began the study of the Third Angel's Message and embraced the whole truth in 1869 and was faithful to the end of his life. He left a bright hope behind to all of his friends and relatives. He selected 1 Thess. 4:13-18 for the foundation for the funeral service as an expression of his hope to all his comrades in the war, his neighbors in the city, friends in the country, and a wife, son, two sisters, two brothers, five grandchildren, and many great grandchildren who mourn their loss.

He had been sick quite a considerable during the winter and died with old age and now rests in the blessed hope of a part in the first resurrection. Comforting words by the writer.

M. W. Lewis .

O'Brien,-- Died at his home in Traverse City, Mich., Thos. W. O'Brien, Thursday May 2, 1907.

He was born in Glasgow, Scotland in the year 1854. He came to this country sometime during the year 1854. He accepted of the views held by Seventh-day Adventists about twenty-five years ago and has ever been an earnest follower of His Master. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss.

The funeral was held at the home Sabbath morning May 4th. We drove eighteen miles to Elk Rapids where we laid him away to await the Life-giver.

S. E. Wight.

GLADSTONE CAMP - MEETING.

The first service of this meeting will be held Monday evening June 24 at 7:30 and the last service Sunday evening June 30.

Meetings will be held in both French and English. Elder A. C. Bourdeau of Battle Creek will speak to the French people. Elder Bourdeau has had a long experience in this work and his labors will be very valuable. A tent, twenty-two feet square, will be pitched for the French brethren to hold their services in.

All should come to this meeting with winter wraps and stoves. Please do not try to tent without a stove. The tents will be sent from Petoskey about the 7th of June. Please order your tent early. Tents will rent for \$2.50, stoves for \$1.00, and bed-springs for 50¢. If you have a stove of your own state that fact when you order your tent. The new tents will admit of only the regular tent stove used in this conference so if you wish to set up your own stove mention it and an old tent will be sent. The old tents are as comfortable as the new as they have all been repaired. We advise all who can to purchase a camp stove. We can furnish new stoves for two dollars and the freight from Petoskey to Gladstone added. These stoves will last for years and it is much better to buy than to rent.

Arrangements have been made so that lumber can be rented at a reasonable rate.

The program has not been fully arranged, but every effort is being put forth to make it of more than usual interest. One hour each day will be devoted to answering questions such as may be puzzling to you. These will be answered by a minister in charge of that hour. Another hour will be devoted to missionary work; not talking about it but to tell how it is to be done.

Some time will be spent in convention work, topics being Sabbath-school, church school, health and temperance, and young people's work. It is hoped that some Mothers'

Meetings can be held. Be sure and bring your children.

There is some possibility of Elder K. C. Russell being with us.

S. E. Wight.

CHURCH SCHOOL NOTES.

I reached Alpena April 19th where I spent the Sabbath with our people there. All seemed to be of good courage in the work and are hoping and planning to have a church school there next year. There are ten children who should be in school and they have a fine place in which to hold the school, there being a school room in the church.

The Lord has said, "In some countries parents are compelled by law to send their children to school. In these countries, in localities where there is a church, schools should be established if there are no more than six children to attend. Work as if you were working for your life to save the children from being drowned in the polluting corrupting influences of the world."

Some have said, "We haven't enough children to have a school"; but Father, Mother, if there were but one, and that one yours, do you want your child lost? The following incident illustrates the attitude of two many parents:

"On our last trip a boy fell overboard from the deck. I did not know who he was, and the crew hastened out to save him. They brought him on board the ship, took off his outer garments, turned him over a few times, and worked his hands and his feet. When they had done all they knew how to do, I came up to be of assistance, and they said he was dead and beyond help. I turned away as I said to them, 'I think you have done all you could; ' but just then a sudden impulse told me I ought to go over and see what I could do. I went over and looked down into the boy's face and discovered that it was my own boy. Well, you may believe I did not think the last thing had been done. I pulled off my coat and betn over that boy; I blew in his nostrils and breathed into his mouth. I turned him over and over, and simply begged God to bring him back to life, and for four long hours I worked, until just at sunset I began to see the least flutter of breath that told me he lived. O, I will never see another boy drown without taking off my coat in the first instance and going to him and trying to save him as if I knew he were my own boy!"

Shall we not renew our determination to work as never before?

The next place visited was Onaway, Monday morning Brother and Sister O'Reilly and I went to the Maple Glen school. This school is a new one, Sister Nellie Gifford being the teacher, and the school room her own sitting room. There were eleven pupils enrolled, and four more were expected the next week. Only a few are children of our own people, and I hope that Sister Gifford's efforts may be blessed of the Lord. The school work is going forward notwithstanding many difficulties. The school is located about eight miles from Onaway and is surrounded by forest. No public school is near and the people appreciate the privilege.

Pray for the church school work.

Myrta M. Kellogg.

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We are sorry to note that the REVIEW & HERALD have made a mistake in reporting the North Michigan donation to this fund. We do not understand why we have not received full credit. We have written the General Conference Treasurer asking for an explanation. We trust that all will be patient with the office and the General Conference for it will come out all right in a few days.

"The best and sweetest flowers of paradise God gives to his people when they are upon their knees. Prayer is the gate of heaven, a key to let us into paradise."

A T T E N T I O N !

There are many pledges still unpaid. Most of these are past due. The money is needed very much. It is hard to say which is needed most but I will mention the tent fund. We cannot wait until most time for camp-meeting before we prepare. This work must be done now. I entreat all to make a special effort to pay pledges.

S. E. Wight.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR APRIL, 1907.

Alden - - - - - \$20.59	Ensign - - - - - \$ 1.35	Moorestown - - - - - \$100.00
Alpena - - - - - 46.09	Eastport - - - - - 22.21	Gnaway - - - - - 46.77
Baldwin - - - - - 5.25	Escanaba - - - - - 7.25	Omer - - - - - 24.38
Chase - - - - - 12.25	Gaylord - - - - - 27.01	Petoskey - - - - - 2.16
Cadillac - - - - - 36.49	Grant - - - - - 73.49	Rose City - - - - - 77.91
Cedar Run - - - - - 23.81	Hancock - - - - - 70.51	Scottville - - - - - 9.68
Cleon - - - - - 84.62	Iron River - - - - - 118.00	Soo - - - - - 20.00
Clarence - - - - - 6.94	Leetsville - - - - - 16.83	Traverse City - - - - - 14.30
Colfax - - - - - 18.85	Menominee - - - - - 80.59	Whittemore - - - - - 17.68
Dighton - - - - - 87.46	Mesick - - - - - 153.07	Wilson - - - - - 173.62
Ewart - - - - - 32.15	Miscellaneous - - - - - 23.50	Total - - - - - \$1455.81

FOR OUR SCANDINAVIAN BRETHREN.

It is hoped that all the Swedish people will attend the meeting to be held at Iron River, May 18 to 27. The General Conference will send some help. This meeting is held some distance from the center of the conference but you have this advantage that there will be no tent rent and very likely you will be entertained free. Everyone should attend.

N O T I C E - T E A C H E R S !

Will the teachers all write Sister Olive Siemann, Cadillac, Mich., at once concerning the plans you are making for the school work at camp-meeting.

Myrta M. Kellogg.

S U M M E R S C H O O L .

The Summer School will be held at Berrien Springs, Mich., June 4 to July 10, 1907.

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