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"I can not raise the dead, nor from the soil
Pluck precious dust. . . .

But I can live

A life that tells on other lives, and makes
This world less full of evil and of pain-
A life, which, like a pebble dropped in the sea,
Sends its wide circles to a hundred shores."

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The following quotations are from a recent communication from Sister White entitled, "A Call to Services:"

"Now as never before, the great and wonderful work of this message is to be carried on. . . .

"Our periodicals are to be distributed by men and women in all stations and walks in life. Young and old are to act a part. . . .

"We have, as it were, been asleep regarding this matter. . . .

"Let everyone professing the name of Christ act a part in sending forth the message, 'The end of all things is at hand, prepare to meet thy God.' Our publications should go everywhere. The circulation of our periodicals should be greatly increased. . . .

"It is our duty now to employ every possible means to help in the proclamation of the truth. . . .

"We are to work as we have never worked before. The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering into scenes of calamity. Satanic agencies, though unseen, are working to destroy human life. . . .

"Now is our time to work with vigilance. Our books and papers are to be brought to the notice of the people; The gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. We need to arouse to our duties. . . .

"Just now when people are thinking seriously, literature on the meaning of the signs of the times, wisely circulated, will have a telling effect in behalf of the truth. . . .

"God's judgments are abroad in the land. . . .

"Now is our opportunity to make known the truth to them. . . .

"The Lord is soon coming. In fire, in flood and earthquake He is warning the inhabitants of this earth of His soon approach. . . .

"We have no time to lose. We must make more determined efforts to lead the people of the world to see that the time of judgment is near at hand. Carefully prepared literature on the significance of the scenes we are now witnessing is to be circulated everywhere. . . .

"O, if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them to give the last message of mercy to the world, what a wonderful work would be done. A thousand times more work for God might be accomplished if all His children would fully consecrate themselves to Him, using their talents aright. . . .

"The councils of heaven are looking upon you, who claim to have accepted Christ as your personal saviour, to see you make known the salvation of God to those who sit in darkness. . . .

"Every Christian, high or low, rich or poor, learned or ignorant is to talk of the kingdom of God, to speak of Christ and Him crucified to those who are in ignorance

and sin. . .

"If the curtain should be rolled back you would see souls perishing in their sins, and the church idle, indolent, unsympathetic, absorbed in selfish interests. . .

"The Lord God of heaven would have the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor may hear the message of truth. . .

"There should be companies organized and educated most thoroughly to work as nurses, as evangelists, as ministers, as canvassers, as gospel students, to perfect a character for the divine similitude. . .

"From town to town, from city to city, from country to country, the warning message of present truth is to be proclaimed. . .

"Wake up ! Wake up ! My brethren and sisters, and enter the fields of America that have never been worked."

G L A D S T O N E C A M P - M E T I N G .

June 24 to June 30.

The workers will be on the ground to prepare the camp Friday June 21st. The first meeting will be held Monday evening, June 24. All should be at the first meeting because there will be a regular program carried out each day and this camp-meeting is of more than usual importance. The times in which we are living demands our study of plans and methods of work.

Excellent help has been secured and all who stay from this meeting will miss much. Brother A. C. Bourdeau will conduct meetings in French and a good tent has been is to be pitched especially for this work.

Order your tents at once as they will be shipped in a few days and we will only ship as many tents as we have orders for. Tents 12 X 16 will rent for \$2.50 and the 14 X 22 tents will rent for \$3.00.

Those coming to the meeting on the Northwestern from the north should leave the train at West Gladstone and from there take the stage direct to the camp-ground. The fare is 50¢. Those coming from the south can get off at the same depot but if you have no baggage you can get off at Escanaba transfer by street-car to the boat and land near the camp-ground at Gladstone.

Bring your Bibles and song books.

A C C O U N T S .

It is indeed gratifying to notice that the church tract and missionary accounts and personal accounts with the conference tract society are being rapidly reduced. However there are a few that are still large. The first of July the Tract Society must raise several hundred dollars. Please notice this and bend all your energies for a little time on reducing the accounts so that the office will be relieved of the embarrassment of having to hire money.

G E N E R A L S W E D I S H M E E T I N G .

I had the privilege of attending a meeting of the Swedish brethren and sisters at Iron River May 25 and 26. While I could not understand their language I was impressed with the deep feeling manifested and the high regard they had for the house of God. I noticed that whenever they went into the house instead of treating it as a com-

mon place they bowed their heads in silent prayer. How much better it would be if in all our English churches we would do the same.

Elders Mortensen and Johnson conducted the meetings. I spoke to them twice in English and altho it was very rainy and cold Sabbath evening a large number of outsiders were present.

S. E. Wight.

E D U C A T I O N A L R E P O R T

In my last report I spoke of visiting the school south of Onaway, but the next day was spent in the school nearer town where Brother Don Ludington was teaching. There were about a dozen children present and all seemed much interested in the work. The work has been going forward at Onaway, and Brother Ludington has been a great help in the Young People's Society and Sabbath-school as well as in the school. Some of the sisters are holding Bible readings in town and there seems to be considerable interest to hear the truth. The children were working hard to get the land surrounding the school house cleared for some crops they were planning to put in. They are going to make some improvements on the school house and it will look very much better and be a great encouragement to all.

At Potoskey Sister Ethel Peters is teaching and there seemed to be a very good spirit of co-operation among the pupils, tho there have been many discouraging experiences during the year. The Lord is blessing in the work, tho Satan is working hard to hinder.

The Eastport school was the next one visited. The school was held in the home of Sister Williams. I reached there just in time for the last half day's work and the closing exercises, which consisted of a Bible study given by the teacher Sister Rosetta Peters. It is to be regretted that school had to close so early, especially when the term was short but another year they hope to have more months of school. One of the boys who was in the church school last year is doing good work in Cedar Lake this year and two of the others are planning to go next year if possible.

The Leetsville school also was closed early on account of sickness, so I did not have an opportunity of visiting that school. Sister Bogar has taught there during the year, but went to Frankfort to teach a spring term.

Before going to Frankfort I visited the Grant school. Brother H. Kent Nelson is the teacher, and has done very good work. This is the first year they have had a school there and they are of good courage and they are already making plans for the work next year.

School was going along nicely at Frankfort. Sister Bogar has a larger attendance than there has been before this year. There have been many things which were discouraging; but everyone seemed to have taken a new start and I hope the school work may prosper in Frankfort as it has never done before and that the Lord will bless the efforts that have been made to help.

Sister Janie Sweet is teaching a Spring term at Clare. There is a very small attendance, but they have made a good beginning and a number of others are planning to start next year. The children are doing fine work, as the teacher has so much time to devote to each pupil.

The Lord has said that Satan "is seeking to divert the minds of old and young from the great work of preparation for the things that are coming upon the earth. He means that our children and youth shall be swept away by the soul-destroying deceptions with which he is flooding the world. Therefore he seeks to divert their minds from the word of God, and thus prevent them from gaining a knowledge of those truths that would be their safeguard. Never should books containing a perversion of truth be placed before children or youth." Is this not a call for all parents to place their children under the right sort of instruction?

Myrta M. Kellogg,
Educational Supt.

GRANT.

The school here at Grant commenced the first of October and, with the exception of a week at Xmas, continued to the last of February. I then spent five weeks very

profitably in the Frankfort school, commencing here again the 9th of April.

Our school closes the 6th of June; all seem to have enjoyed it and intend to have a school here next year. There has been a good attendance, the Lord has greatly blest us in our efforts to learn of Him and the children have tried hard to improve with a good degree of success.

Let us not forget, during the vacation months, to pray that our schools may be better, far better, next year than they have this year.

H. Kent Nelson.

A L E T T E R.

Hancock, Mich., May 23, 1907.

Elder S. E. Wight,
Petoskey, Mich.

Dear Brother:

I have just found a very desirable piece of property here for sale. It could hardly be arranged to suit our needs more perfectly. There are eleven rooms in the house, three of which are in the basement and fitted up for living rooms. They have good light and open out onto level ground. By taking out the partition between two of them we would have an excellent school room and meeting place. There are eight rooms above.

There are two large lots, nicely graded and set to fruit, shrubs, flowers and garden. They are corner lots and face two streets, two blocks to street car.

This property is held at \$3000. Now this may seem like a large sum perhaps but considering the price of lots which are from \$800 to \$1000 rough it seems that this is a bargain.

I do not know how you feel about it but I do not like the idea of throwing our rent to the world. I would much rather pay my rent toward a property for the conference. I do not know as our finances will permit us to even make a dash at this but thought I would write you anyway. This property has increased \$400 in valuation in past two years. Wish you could look it over.

Yours in the work,
O. Montgomery.

The above letter will speak for itself. Those who are not on the ground cannot understand how difficult and expensive it is to do work in the Copper Country. This letter has been sent out to the readers of the NEWS SHEET with the hope that someone might be interested to place money in the hands of the conference to be used in the purchase of this property in order that we may reduce the expense of conducting a mission there and also to make our work more permanent. When we own property the people look at our work as being stable and that it has come to stay.

I would be glad to correspond with any who may be interested in this work for I am more than anxious that something be done to put this work upon a solid basis.

S. E. Wight.

C A M P - M E E T I N G F U N D.

There are still several unpaid pledges to this fund. The fund is now behind \$63.51. We now own seventy family tents and two new forty foot tents which were made this spring. There are some other equipments such as stakes, bedsprings, chairs, etc., that must be secured. If these pledges can be paid at once it would enable us to secure these needed articles for our next meeting. Brethren and sisters, do your best to help out in this work.

S. E. Wight.

NEWS NOTES.

The summer school of the Lake Union Conference will be held at Berrien Springs June 5th to July 16th. Prof. Lamson is to act as principal of this school.

Elder S. E. Wight left Petoskey the 2nd to attend the commencement exercises at Cedar Lake School which will be held the 4th of June.

Brother and Sister C. A. Clough have returned to their home in Wildwood after spending the winter in Ohio.

The Petoskey church school will close June 6th.

The school at Mesick closed May 24th after having had a successful term of eight and one half months. Miss Willaman has gone to Nelson for a short vacation until the beginning of the summer school.

Prof. J. G. Lamson has been secured as dean of the Emmanuel Missionary College for the coming year.

Brother and Sister E. A. Bristol were called to the southern part of the state May 23rd by the illness of Sister Bristol's mother.

Sister Myrta M. Kellogg attended the Council of Superintendents at Berrien Springs beginning the 6th of May. She stopped at Cedar Lake on her return and visited the North Michigan students who are there. A number are planning to return for another year and all seem to enjoy the work and to be doing well.

Misses Ella Rasmussen and Alma Du Bois who have been attending the Emmanuel Missionary College the past year expect to go to Ishpeming in a short time to canvass for a scholarship.

Brother H. W. Johnson is in the Northern Peninsula in the interest of the colporter work.

A cyclone has struck the Lake Union Conference. The state of Ohio has been united with Pennsylvania and the Virginias into a new union conference. Wisconsin we hear has also been united with another union conference.

The Cadillac school closed May 21st. It is doubtful whether there will be a school held there next year or not since a number have moved away but we hope the others will work harder than ever to keep the good work up.



TITHES RECEIPTS FOR MAY, 1907.

Alpena - - - - -	\$ 9.57	Miscellaneous - - - - -	\$-15.00
Baldwin - - - - -	36.00	Munising - - - - -	13.46
Cadillac - - - - -	22.28	Menominee - - - - -	77.67
Eastport - - - - -	7.89	Onaway - - - - -	172.89
Emmigan - - - - -	2.00	Petoskey - - - - -	153.89
Escanaba - - - - -	7.00	Rose City - - - - -	.22
Gaylord - - - - -	32.71	Scottville - - - - -	13.95
Iron River - - - - -	19.00	Traverse City - - - - -	24.03
Leetsville - - - - -	8.80	Wilson - - - - -	54.70
Moorestown - - - - -	18.03	Wildwood - - - - -	29.06
Total - - - - -	\$718.15		