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YOUR PLACE .

Just where you stand in the conflict,
There is your place;
Just where you think you are useless,
Hide not your face;
God placed you there for a purpose,
Whate'er it be;
Think ! He has chosen you for it;
Work loyally.

Gird on your armor ! be faithful,
At toil or rest,
Whiche'er it be, never doubting
God's way is best.
Out in the fight, or on picket,
Stand firm and true;
This is the work which your Master
Gives you to do.

--Helen M. Richardson.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE AND CAMP-MEETING.

The first meeting of the fifth annual session of the North Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held on the camp-ground at East Jordan, Mich., Thursday evening, Aug. 29, 1907, at 7:30.

The first meeting of the North Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held Friday morning Aug. 30, 1907, at nine o'clock. The plan is to finish the conference work by the following Monday. Every church in the conference should be represented at these meetings. The churches in the Northern Peninsula we trust will send at least one delegate.

Very likely this is the last year the camp-meeting will be held in East Jordan. There is no other place in the conference so easily reached by all as this place but it will not be best to hold it here again unless many unforeseen changes are made.

The General Conference has promised us the best of help. Dr. S. P. S. Edwards' health will not permit him to attend our meeting as previously announced. Elder V. A. Hansen has been invited to lead the singing this year. Dr. H. W. Miller of China who is in this country for a short time expects to spend a few days at the camp-meeting and will lecture in native costume. Mrs. C. F. Salisbury who was with us two years ago will also be present.

Inasmuch as a large part of our people in the conference have been to East Jordan it is not necessary to give instruction as to how to get to the camp-ground.

Tents 12 X 16 will rent for \$2.50; and 14 X 22 tents for \$3.00; lumber, 50¢ a hundred; bedsprings, 50¢; chairs, 10¢; tables, 25¢; bedsteads, 25¢; stoves, \$1.00. Tents should be ordered at once of the North Michigan Tract Society, Petoskey, Mich.

No arrangement has been made for pasture but without doubt those having horses will be able to find pasture for them the same as last year.

Friday Aug. 16th the freight will be loaded at Petoskey and Tuesday Aug. 20th the conference laborers are requested to go to the grounds. The churches are invited to send one or more men to assist in the work.

S. E. Wight.

OPEN LETTER.

I wish to address all who are to attend the camp-meeting about the dining tent. The dining tent barely pays expenses and some years runs behind. This makes us think what can be done to get more patronage.

Those who travel and the students in the schools know that the European plan is the cheapest for the purchaser. At first people who are in the habit of sitting at the table with the food all before are not pleased with the order system but after a little education change their mind. The writer believes if the dining tent is conducted on the European plan entirely and all who possibly can board there all or a part of the time, it can be made to pay expenses. If a large number would board at the dining tent the food could be cheapened and still be no loss but a gain instead.

Brother Morton Stephens will have charge of the dining tent. It will be his aim to serve food in the way that will please the most people so whichever plan, American or European, he decides upon it will be for the benefit of the campers. I trust many will decide to help defray the expenses of the dining tent by eating there often. Personally I would very anxious to have the European plan tried. For fear some may not understand what the European plan is I will explain that one pays so much for each dish of food.

In addition to the dining tent there will be a baking tent where buns, cookies, doughnuts, and pies will be prepared for sale free from the objectionable grease.

S. E. Wight.

CANVASSING AS ANN EDUCATOR.

In a recent number of one of the leading journals I noticed the following piece about canvassing which I thought would be interesting to the readers of the News Sheet:

"I have seen a green, diffident, awkward college student, right from the farm, so completely changed by his experiences in book canvassing during the vacation, following his freshman year that you would scarcely have recognized him. Confidence and self-assurance had taken the place of timidity and self-consciousness. His canvassing tour had proved a tour of self-discovery. He had developed initiative, and the very discovery that he could sell something has increased his faith in himself.

"Before he started out canvassing he was a very poor conversationalist, because of his great timidity and lack of experience; but when he returned to college in the autumn he talked very interestingly. His work had forced him to talk a great deal of the time to state his opinions clearly and pointedly, and to try to be interesting and convincing.

"His experiences had taught him a great deal about human nature. He had found that every person must be approached in a different way, from a different avenue; that what would convince one person might not have any influence upon another. So he had been forced to study people, to learn to read them, that he might be able to approach different types of men and women in different ways, each according to his peculiar temperament.

"It is really remarkable how quickly a canvassing experience develops a spirit of self-reliance and manly independence. There is no leaning here, no depending upon the advice of others. The canvasser must stand or fall alone.

"There is nothing that will bring out the initiative, the resourcefulness and inventiveness in a man quicker than canvassing. Like traveling, it grinds off the hard angles and the rough corners of those who have not had the advantages of society.

"Canvassing gives a great opportunity for studying human nature, and there is no other education like this. It is a great thing to learn to read people, to develop sharp discrimination of character, to be able to measure men, to weigh their motives.

"The successful canvasser must be a great student of the approaches, the avenues to the mind, for no two people are reached in exactly the same way. One must be reached through cold logical argument; another is reached by the influence of

suggestion, by appealing to his emotions, his sentiment. Some are reached by an appeal to their pride, their personal vanity.

"The canvasser must learn the susceptibilities of people, must find their approachable point, whatever it may be. He must learn the power of the first impression. He will soon discover that if he makes a bad impression at first, it will probably take him more time that he can get in the interview just to overcome this unfavorable impression, and to get back where he started. He will learn that with some people it is next to impossible to erase the first bad impression. It clings tenaciously.

"Any kind of salemanship employment is especially desirable for those who have been reared in the country, or who have not had the advantages of mingling with all sorts and conditions of people.

"If a certain amount of canvassing were obligatory in all our colleges and higher institutions of learning, I believe it would be a good thing for the students, because it would develop resourcefulness and inventiveness; it would show them a side of their nature which a college course does not touch.

"It is well enough known that many students who pay their way in college by canvassing develop a remarkable practical power which students whose expenses are paid by their parents do not develop."

Aside from the educational advantages to be derived from an experience in the canvassing field, the Lord has told us that canvassing for the books containing the precious truth was the best kind of preparation for the ministry or other kinds of missionary work. I feel safe to say that all who have been working to reach souls with the warning message through the printed page this summer have received many blessings, but we do not like to be selfish and receive them all as the Lord is anxious to give a rich blessing to all who will engage in this work.

Now is the time to reach people with the literature for soon the Lord will cut the work short and come to take His faithful workers home and what a joy it would be to meet souls in the Kingdom as the result of our experience in the canvassing work.

Personally the Lord has blest me in the work and recently I was able to take twenty-seven orders for "Practical Lessons" in a few days besides some for other books. I trust that all who read this will remember to pray for the canvassing work.

H. W. Johnson.

MT. VERNON SUMMER SCHOOL AND CONVENTION .

I returned from Mt. Vernon July 22nd where I attended the Summer Normal for teachers, also the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention.

Mt. Vernon is the third oldest city in Ohio, and is a very pretty place. The College is located about one and a half miles from the city in the midst of an extensive lawn, while an attractive grove, in which are a number of splendid springs, forms a picturesque background. The surrounding country is quite rolling and in some places even hilly.

The members of the faculty and the Ohio teachers did everything possible to make our stay at the College both pleasant and profitable, and they succeeded well. The courses of study were very practical, just what we needed. What we learned in the studies we pursued was what will be most useful to us in the school room. The Teacher's Round Table, Friday night prayer meetings, and our study in the grove on Sabbath afternoon were especially helpful and inspiring. In fact, I received more help from the Normal than I had thought possible during such a short stay.

Then we had the privilege of attending the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention held at Mt. Vernon from July 10 to 21 which was certainly a fine meeting. Besides the papers and discussions on the Sabbath-school and Young People's work, Elders Spicer, Irwin, Thompson, and Dr. Miller (from China) told of the advance of the work in foreign lands. It was encouraging to hear these men, who have been on the ground and know what is yet to be done, say that this Gospel can be carried to earth's remotest bounds in this generation. When we, as young people, realize the shortness of time and that it is the young people, who are rightly trained, that will bear this message

to the world we will certainly make haste to get the needed preparation and enter our field of service.

M. Armilda Bogar.

TEACHERS ! ATTENTION !

Examination for our church school teachers will be held on the camp-ground at East Jorda August 27th and 28th. Please arranged to reach there Monday so that the examination can begin promptly Tuesday morning. The subjects required for license are as follows:

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| 1. Bible. | 11. Christian Education (History of) |
| 2. Agriculture. | 12. Theory and Art of Teaching. |
| 3. Reading. | 13. Bookkeeping. |
| 4. Spelling and Writing. | 14. Music. |
| 5. Arithmetic. | 15. { Carpentry, |
| 6. Grammar. | { Hygienic Cooking, } Choice. |
| 7. Geography. | { Sewing, |
| 8. U. S. History. | |
| 9. Government. | |
| 10. Physiology, Hygiene, and Simple Treatments. | |

In addition the following are required for Conference Credentials: 1. Drawing; 2. General History; 3. Rhetoric; 4. Botany.

The following standings are required:

Licenses.				Conference Credentials.			
"C"	An average of 75,	Min. 60.	1 year.	"B"	An average of 80,	Min. 70.	3 years.
"B"	" " " 80	" 70	2 years.	"A"	" " " 90	" 80	5 years.
"A"	" " " 90	" "					

REQUEST FOR LITERATURE.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

As the papers are not coming in as rapidly as we could wish, we repeat the request for late copies of our missionary papers and magazines, to be used in the soon coming camp-meeting.

Of course if these are all being distributed about your own homes we would not wish them sent here. But, for any late numbers in good condition, not already in circulation, we will indeed be thankful.

Will not our young people take hold of this matter and push it at once? One response has come from Cliff Island, Me., Surely the nearer friends of the cause have an interest equal to theirs.

Thanking those who have already complied with our request, and those who will later do the same, I am,

East Jordan, Mich.

Yours in the work,

Inez A. E. Lay.

OBITUARY.

Powers: Died at Antrim July 12, 1907, Sister Mary Powers aged 87 years, 5 months, and 12 days.

Sister Powers became interested in the faith of this people and gladly accepted the Sabbath truth in 1886, her faith remaining firm to the end.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Hill (Congregationalist) and we laid her to rest in Lake View Cemetery until Jesus comes.

Mrs. D. M. Van Valkenburg.

WITH OUR TENT COMPANIES.

MANISTIQUE.

Wednesday, July 10th, together with my family I left Hancock and came to this place to engage in a tent effort with Brother Bellows who had come on a few days ahead of us to look up a place for our tent, secure lumber, etc. We are nicely located in the corner of a large meadow about four miles north of Manistique near the center of a very prosperous farming community.

There seems to be some interest here and we can see that the Lord is leading and blessing in many ways. Our attendance is fair and many of the people seem eager to hear, while others are prejudiced. We are looking for success and expect some to accept the truth there.

Several of our Hiawatha brethren drove down to the tent one Sunday evening which was a source of encouragement to us.

Remember us at the Throne of Grace.

O. Montgomery.

Since receiving the above report we learn that the interest at Manistique has greatly increased and that in an evening meeting held recently, at which there was a good attendance, all but one present signified their belief that the seventh day was the true Sabbath.

DIGHTON.

We pitched our tent and began meetings here July 11th. This is a small village of about three hundred people, six miles east of Tustin.

At first there seemed to be prospects for a good hearing with some interest but as the meetings progressed the attendance dropped off so that at this writing, July 29th, there isn't much in prospect. However, the effort here has been some satisfaction to the brethren who live in this vicinity.

We are impressed more and more with the fact that time is drawing to a close as we see the people constantly seeking after things of pleasure such as shows, dancing parties, and other things of like nature, and having no relish for that which is really substantial. The knowledge of these facts help us to be of good courage and goes to strengthen our faith in the message we love.

W. R. Matthews,
C. J. Tolf.

NORWAY.

We still continue to hold our Swedish tent meetings here in Norway. The attendance has been quite good all through but not very many have attended regularly. There are large crowds outside the tent of both old and young so that if they all came in the tent could not hold hold them. The boys cause a great deal of disturbance so I have been compelled to call a police some times.

We held baptism recently and two sisters followed Christ in this service to arise and walk in newness of life. One of these is a young lady eighteen years of age. She has decided to consecrate her life to the Master's service and is going to enter one of our schools next month.

We will continue our meetings one or two more Sundays. We have sold and distributed a good deal of literature and our hope is that God will gather out a few more souls from this place.

Geo. G. Johnson.

REPORT FROM THE SOO.

It may be of interest for you to know that a strong agitation for the close of places of business on Sunday was started at Sault Ste. Marie about a month ago, resulting as follows. The ministers closed the saloons by bringing pressure to bear upon the police commissioners. The saloon keepers retaliated by forcing the closing of candy shops, soda fountains, art stores, souvenir stands, etc., and threatened the stopping of the street cars the following Sunday. The "liberal" element brought pressure to bear upon the police commissioners not to have any blue laws enforced, saying that they did not wish a Puritanic Sunday. The effort very large flashed out and saloons and other shops are operating very much as they have heretofore.

J. G. Lamson, Lake Union Conference.
Religious Liberty Sec'y.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR JULY, 1907..

Alden - - - - - \$53.66	Eastport - - - - - \$62.63	Menominee - - - - - -\$ 29.47
Baldwin - - - - - 6.25	Evart - - - - - 17.67	Moorestown - - - - - 33.77
Cadillac - - - - - 31.06	Escanaba - - - - - 6.00	Omer - - - - - 26.92
Cedar Run - - - - - 21.18	Frankfort - - - - - 2.90	Onaway - - - - - 22.14
Clare - - - - - 20.70	Gaylord - - - - - 46.02	Petoskey - - - - - 118.21
Colefax - - - - - 44.44	Hancock - - - - - 16.60	Rose City - - - - - 9.03
Chase - - - - - 3.00	Iron River - - - - - 26.60	Traverse City - - - - - 24.38
Clarence - - - - - 1.55	Leetsville - - - - - 23.20	Whittemore - - - - - 20.79
Cleon - - - - - 29.06	Munising - - - - - 7.80	Wildwood - - - - - 3.66
Dighton - - - - - 19.75	Medick - - - - - 28.42	Wilson - - - - - 21.11
Ensign - - - - - 39.50	Miscellaneous - - - - - 25.60	Total - - - - - \$843.07

N O T I C E !

Aug. 20th the Conference headquarters will be temporarily changed from Petoskey to East Jordan. All mail to the Tract Society and Conference should be directed to the East Jordan, in care of the camp-ground.

PETOSKEY AND VICINITY ! ATTENTION !

All who wish rates on the boat from Charlevoix to East Jordan should apply to the Tract Society and buy their tickets before the 20th of August. The price will be 70¢ for return ticket.

\$150,000 FUND.

We are notified by the General Conference Treasurer that the mistake in the \$150,000 Fund of \$85.91 will be rectified in this week's REVIEW. This amount should have been taken from the East Michigan fund instead of from North Michigan. We are very glad to know it is to be rectified.

MT. VERNON CONVENTION NOTES.

The key note of the convention is "Volunteers to the front." Our conventions become more and more missionary conventions as we near the close of the work.

How would you answer these questions that Elder Warren asked in his address upon "Our Young People and Prayer"? How many spend five minutes a day in prayer? How many spend half an hour reading the Bible to two hours of reading the newspapers, popular magazines, and other such literature?

East Michigan Banner.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Have you renewed your subscription to the News Sheet?

Send in your orders at once for tents for camp-meeting.

A Bell Telephone will be placed in the bookstand at camp-meeting for the use of the campers. All long distance messages to the camp-ground should come over this phone.

Those who are desirous of making arrangements for a church school next year should write to the Educational Secretary at once.

Everyone attending the camp-meeting should have their mail addressed in care of the camp-ground.

Brother H. Kent Nelson who taught at Grant last year is making plans to go to Cedar Lake to school next year. We hope that many more of our young people are planning to prepare themselves to do better work for the Lord.

Bring your Bibles, hymn books, and children to camp-meeting.

Several Sabbath-school secretaries and secretaries of the Young People's Societies have not sent in their reports. It is important that they be sent in at once. Will you please report immediately to Myrta M. Kellogg, Le Roy, Mich.

Some are asking if rooms cannot be rented near the camp-ground for the coming meeting. This is something the Conference Committee is not interested in because everyone, to get the full benefit of the meetings, should be on the grounds. Another thing, if the people room off the ground and put their money into the hands of the people of the city we will not be able to meet the running expenses of the camp-meeting.

The East Michigan papers noticed that another denomination charged seven dollars for a tent and floor and the tents were only 12 X 14. Our tents are 12 X 16 and cost \$2.50 for a tent and if you wish a floor, one dollar extra. It will lessen expense if two or three persons can go into a tent together.

The proceedings of the Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention just closed at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, are being published. The books will contain a large amount of the papers read and as much as possible of the remarks which were made. These will be a great help to every Sabbath-school worker, and to those who are interested in the Young People's work. The price is only 10¢. Order of the Tract Society.

"Every camp-meeting should be an object lesson of neatness, order, and good taste. Let everything connected with the encampment be pure, wholesome, and cleanly."

A special temperance number of LIFE AND HEALTH has been prepared for September. This is now ready to mail. It is a 40-page number, and will be sold agents in lots of 25 or more copies for three cents a copy. It will retail for 10 cents per copy.

It will be a splendid number to sell, and we trust our churches will take an active interest in its circulation. For further information concerning this special number see the second page of the REVIEW for August 8th.

Send all orders for the temperance number to the Tract Society.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST , COME TO THE CAMP-MEETING.