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H I S L A M P S

His lamps are we,  
To shine where He shall say,  
And lamps are not for sunny rooms,  
Nor for the light of day;  
But for dark places of the earth,  
Where shame, and wrong, and crime have birth;  
Or for the musky twilight gray,  
Where wandering sheep have gone astray;  
Or where the light of faith grows dim,  
And souls are groping after Him,  
And as sometimes a flame we find,  
Clear shining through the night  
So bright we do not see the lamp,  
But only see the light,  
So may we shine-- his light the flame--  
That men may glorify His name!

--Missionary Tidings.

T H E W E E K O F P R A Y E R .

By the time this paper is received by most of its readers another year will have passed and we will be at the time of our annual prayer service. We always look forward to the coming year as a most important time and certainly this year we have many things upon which to reflect, all of which lead us to the conclusion that the year 1908 will be one full of events foretelling the great event of all events--the second coming of Christ.

I fear that some will listen to the readings given to us through the columns of the Review and Herald for this season, and because of the cares of this life, the deceitfulness of riches, and other worldly ties, will not get the benefit they should.

Each Seventh-day Adventist, at the beginning of this Week of Prayer, should remember that Satan is laying plans to keep them from getting the help they so much need. If we do not get help and strength during this Week of Prayer it will be because we do not exert ourselves to throw off the influence of this world. We should not let trivial matters keep us from attending service where the readings are to be given and prayer is to be offered. Do not let the weather, your work, or tired and sleepy feelings keep you at home.

S. E. Wight .

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Every Missionary Volunteer should strive to become a "Member of Attainment" at the earliest possible moment. To know the fundamental truths of the Third Angel's Message, and the history of the Advent Movement is essential for those who would give the message.

## A TIME FOR PREVAILING PRAYER.

The Lord is soon to come. Wickedness and rebellion, violence and crime, are filling the world. The cries of the suffering and the oppressed rise to God for justice. In the place of being softened by the patience and forbearance of God, the wicked are growing stronger in stubborn rebellion. The time in which we live is one of marked depravity. Religious restraint is thrown off, and men reject the law of God as unworthy of their attention. A more than common contempt is placed upon this holy law.

A moment of respite has been graciously given us of God. Every power lent us of heaven is to be used in doing the work assigned us by the Lord for those who are perishing in ignorance. The warning message is to be sounded in all parts of the world. There must be no delay. The truth must be proclaimed in the dark places of the earth. Obstacles must be met and surmounted. A great work is to be done, and this work is entrusted to those who know the truth for this time.

Now is the time for us to lay hold of the arm of our strength. The prayer of David should be the prayer of pastors and laymen: "It is time for thee, Lord, to work, for they have made void Thy law." Let the servants of God weep between the porch and the altar, crying, "Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach." God has always wrought in behalf of His truth. The designs of wicked men, the enemies of the church, are subject to His power and His overruling providence. He can move upon the hearts of statesmen; the wrath of the haters of His truth and His people can be turned aside, even as the waters of a river could be turned, if thus He ordered it. Prayer moves the arm of Omnipotence. He who marshals the stars in order in the heavens, whose word controls the waves of the great deep--the same infinite Creator will work in behalf of His people, if they will call upon Him in faith. He will restrain all the forces of darkness, until the warning is given to the world, and all who will heed it are prepared for His coming.

Mrs. E. G. White.

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WHO WILL ENLIST ?

## Gideon's Three Hundred.

The situation was critical; for the Midianites, swooping down in great numbers, were ravaging Israel's land, and destroying the fine fields of grain. The country must be liberated from the intruders. The call for volunteers echoed throughout the land.

Some leaned on their hoes, saying "It was a good work, and someone ought to do it, but, they could not go." Large numbers however, volunteered. This army of volunteers marched up to where the enemy could be seen across the valley. Such tremendous odds! Some began to tremble. The scene stabbed their courage. Their willingness retreated, and soon they left the field. But three hundred stood with eager eyes riveted upon the enemy. With cords of faith they bound the sandals of God's promises under their feet. They had enough "red iron" in the will to stick to it. God blessed them, and the land of Israel was freed from the enemy.

To-day, in earth's ripened fields, the dripping faces of the enemy's reapers are seen. The scythes swing like pendulums. The hands that bind the sheaves need no weariness. Thousands of splendid young people are being reaped for utter destruction. Many are being snatched from the ranks of Israel. A painful scene is this to the Christian, and how can we thwart the enemy's plans?

To save the youth from the hand of the enemy, will demand earnest, ceaseless effort, in seizing every opportunity presented. Just now, the "Truth" number of the INSTRUCTOR gives the worker a chance to thrust in the sickle and reap for the garner of heaven.

## Suggestive plans.

Some already have well-laid plans for circulating this number of the INSTRUCTOR, but others have not. We therefore make the following suggestions for the

planning and carrying forward of this work:--

- A. Order large quantities for distribution.
  - 1. Find persons who will take large numbers.
  - 2.. Take it up in the Society or church meeting, and ascertain how many each will take.
  - 3. See how many older people will pay for copies for young people to use.
  - 4. Appoint a committee to see all who were not at the meeting.
- B. Distribution of the Paper.
  - 1. Appoint the officers of the Society or other members as a Periodical Committee to plan for and direct the work.
  - 2. Each member should study this special number; and let the Society prepare a program from it.
  - 3. District the town and country, and assign to workers according to their adaptability to work in the various localities.
  - 4. Give copies to all libraries, reading rooms, schools, other institutions and public places where they will be received.
  - 5. Supply waiting room racks.
  - 6. Make a special effort to place the paper in the hands of the leaders and members of other Young People's Societies.
  - 7. Mail copies to friends and acquaintances, and follow by faithful correspondence.
  - 8. With such a preparation as can be obtained, let certain ones sell the papers on the streets and in business houses, observing propriety and Christian curtesy in all the work.
  - 9. Nothing of value was ever done for God without prayer. Let every individual and the entire society pray earnestly for success in planning and executing the work.
- C. Follow-up Work.

Carefully note the interested ones; take to them other literature, and give Bible Readings as opportunity offers.

Let none say, "It is a good work, but I cannot help". Let none order a supply, and then, repulsed, at the first door, turn about and lay the papers on the shelf. Let each Missionary Volunteers be a member of Gideon's three hundred,--ready to seize the opportunity, ready to lift the responsibility, and then ready to stick to it in the spirit of earnest prayer, until the work is done.

M. E. Kern.

#### REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

##### THE THIRD ANGEL'S MESSAGE AMONG THE FINNS.

Shortly after our return from camp-meeting, a Finlander came to our door and requested me to baptise him. This man, Brother Evonon (Evans) had had Brother Bjork's son, Victor, working for him a few weeks and was so impressed with the fact that the boy would not work on the Sabbath that he began to study the matter. Later he bought Great Controversy and Elder Conradi's book on Revelation, both in the Finn language, from Brother Bjork, but found no time to read them until he was sick for several months last winter and spring with rheumatism, which time he devoted to the study of these books and the Bible.

He came to one of our meetings last winter in Laurium and told me at that time he thought we had the truth. After reading Great Controversy he was so delighted with the new light which he had found that he began to talk it to his neighbors and loaned the book to a friend by the name of Loganen, who upon reading the book carefully comparing it with the Bible, was convinced of the Sabbath, and began to keep it with his family before he had finished the book.

The next week after Brother Evens came to our home I visited these people, holding meetings among the settlers, Brother Evens acting as interpreter as he can speak the English quite good. He lives several miles back in the woods from Toivola in a scattered community of Finnish homesteaders. Following a trail for several miles through the deep woods we came to the house of Brother Loganin with whom we spent the afternoon

and night in studying the Bible.

In tears this man said through the interpreter, "Surely God must have some great message to give, that He would move upon the heart of an Englishman to tramp through the woods in the rain and mud, to look up the poor Finn." He said he did not feel worthy that I should come under his roof. He wanted me to tell him the message God had sent to him. I assure you it gave me pleasure to give him the Third Angel's Message and see the joy with which he received it.

He told us his neighbors had all turned against him, and he could not get work, and did not know what he should do to support his family. I told him the Lord would open the way before him, citing him to His sure promises, and many similar cases where God had wrought.

During this visit I used the book Hebrews, and spoke of the work of Christ as our High Priest, not knowing that I was opening to his mind a great mine of precious truth. But on my last visit I learned that the Laustodians (the church to which he had belonged) teach that the work of Christ was finished when He died on the cross and since that time He has nothing to do for man, consequently the book of Hebrews to them is a great mystery which has not been revealed yet. Brother Loganin is now rejoicing in the light of the Heavenly Sanctuary.

He is now working in a lumber camp for a rough ungodly man. When the other Finns went to the boss and demanded that Brother Loganin be discharged because he went home every Friday, the boss replied, "I cannot answer for this man's sins. The Bible tells him to keep Saturday and if he believes that to be right, I would have to answer for his sin if I made him work on that day." So the Lord has opened the way before him for which we praise Him. O, what a glorious truth we have. How we ought to rejoice in it.

There are many doors open, where the families have invited me to come and teach them the Bible. There is another family there whom we hope will take their stand soon. In Hancock the interest among the Finns is growing. I am holding a meeting with them every Sunday afternoon with a good attendance. Most of those who come are Baptists and one of them, Brother Storm, interprets for me. The Finnish Baptist minister was present at one of the meetings. The subject was, "The First Day of the Week in the New Testament." He said that Christ was the end of the law. The Lord helped me to present the truth and gave us a signal victory. We were glad the minister was there, for the truth stood out in such clear contrast with error that all in the house saw it. Some of the Finns have been to our Sabbath service and prayer meetings.

The work among the English is onward. Brother Stedman is doing good work with the club of SIGNS and Sister Campbell has her hands full with the Bible work. Mrs. Montgomery and I made a flying trip to Greenland and held five meetings there, watering the seed sown and as a result one sister is keeping the Sabbath of the Lord.

Brethren and sisters, are you praying for the Finnish work? and are you putting your coppers, dimes, and dollars with your prayers? How about the "Copper Fund for the Finnish Work." Have you forgotten it? O let us come up to the help of the Lord with out means. Let us be faithful in our tithes and offerings that the work may not languish. It will pay.

The end is coming on like a whirlwind. We must be quick to help now. or it will be too late. Are you doing all you can?

O. Montgomery,

#### THE SWEDISH WORK.

The Swedish work is on the onward move. I met with the Iron River church at their regular quarterly meeting October 5th. This was a good meeting. At our business meeting the following Sunday, three were added to the church, two from Pentoga and one from Norway.

Two Swedish members have been added to the church here at Menominee since I reported last. I have also held some meetings at Wallace with considerable interest. During the last month I have visited several churches and companies in the interest of the \$250,000 Fund. A considerable sum was solicited in cash and pledges to that fund, and nearly all being willing to contribute and over fifty dollars in tithes were secured.

For the present I am at work in the cities of Menominee and Marinette. The

Wisconsin Conference has now sent four young canvassers into the cities of Menominee and Marinette. We are very much in need of a Swedish lady Bible worker in these two cities now. I hope our Swedish readers of the NEWS SHEET will prove faithful to God in paying Him an honest tithe. The Swedish work in our Conference needs to be strengthened. Remember that work at the Throne of Grace.

Geo. G. Johnson.

#### ONAWAY.

The work is advancing at Onaway. The Lord is blessing every effort. Not only in school do we see His power manifested but in the Sabbath-school and other meetings.

We are planning on a campaign to circulate the journal, "Liberty" to all the business men of the city. All seem to realize the shortness of time.

May the Lord help all of us, to push this message with all our strength and hasten His glorious appearing.

Don C. Ludington.

#### EASTPORT AND ALDEN

From Nov. 21 to 25 I was with the company at Eastport. I found the members of good courage and working faithfully as was shown when the \$150,000 Fund was mentioned. All the cards that had been sent them were taken and more asked for. The young people, too, resolved to re-organize for service and expect to do some work with the Special SEGNS.

The school is held in a pleasant room of Brother De Moulpied's house, overlooking Torch Lake. It is indeed gratifying to note the hearty co-operation which exists between parents, children, and teacher.

Next I visited Alden and was pleased to meet some of our pioneer Sabbath keepers and found them strong and of good courage. The school at this place is under the supervision of Garland Bogar. I found the teacher not only spending much energy in making the lessons interesting for the pupils, but every spare moment is employed in qualifying himself for better service. The eagerness on the part of some of our young teachers to make themselves proficient is commendable and makes it a pleasure to assist them.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1907.

To the Young People of the North Michigan Conference:-

A few days ago I sent out letters and report blanks to the societies who had not sent in a report for the quarter ending Oct. 1st. I have not received answers to all these requests for reports and will those who have not yet sent them in, please do so at once and send them to Mrs. Jennie Willaman, Petoskey, Mich., 220 Michigan St., as I find that it will be impossible for me to find time to make out the reports. I have very much appreciated the encouraging letters which have come to me from the young people of our conference and I doubt not that many are wondering why they have not been answered. But my excuse is that my time has been taken up with my school work and the letters have had to wait. I hope to answer everyone as soon as I can.

I have been pleased to receive the Information blanks which you have sent me. They have all been carefully read and I pray that the Lord may help you in planning your work for Him. I have been so much interested in reading of your plans to go to school and all the other plans for work for the Lord and hope that you will not grow discouraged until you have attained the desired end. There is great need of workers in every branch of the Lord's work and the work will be done. If we do not do it, other young people will step in and do it and take our places. We must not let this happen. We are too near the end to drop out now.

Just now I hope that every one of you who has not already taken up the work will send your name for enrollment in the Missionary Reading Course. You will under-

stand all about this from the work that is given in the INSTRUCTOR. The first book, "Early Writings" is almost finished; but you can catch up if you will hurry. Soon the book, "Into All the World" which is a most interesting study of missions will be taken up. This you can order of the Review & Herald, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., cloth 50¢ or paper 35¢. The booklet, "Outline of Missions" will be sent free with it. Let all who have studied the first book, "Early Writings" but who have not received the review questions write to me for them at once. I shall be glad to send them to you.

In another part of the NEWS SHEET you will find some items of interest about the "Membership of Attainment". You will have seen something about this in the INSTRUCTOR also and in the "Report of the Convention" which was held here last summer. Sister Willaman will have questions for this work.

Of course, you will all want to sell the "Our Truth" number of the INSTRUCTOR. This is a fine number and will be excellent to use in working for young people.

I had planned to write you about my work and the school here but have written such a long letter that it will have to wait. I want to thank you for your promptness in writing to me, and hope you will understand why I have not been more faithful in answering your letters.

Your sister in the blessed hope,

Myrta M. Kellogg.

#### ANNUAL OFFERINGS.

"For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." If the antediluvians had invested their means in the ark and in carrying the message to the world in their time, they would have shown their faith in God and His power to save them in time of trouble and as a result would have been saved from destruction.

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." At the present time we find God's cause suffering for means to carry the closing message to a perishing world. The greatest source of strength to the people of God at this time and the assurance of protection in the time of trouble, will be to have faith in the power of the Third Angel's Message to the extent that each will make "a covenant with God by sacrifice" and give to the cause Dec. 21, 1907, the time of taking the Annual Offering. Envelopes will be provided each church and company for this purpose.

E. A. Bristol.

#### ELDERS! ATTENTION!

It has been decided to hold a meeting of the elders at Petoskey beginning Thursday evening, at 7:30, Dec. 26, 1907. This meeting will continue only a few days. No time for its closing will be set but it is likely it will close the following Tuesday evening.

The presence of every elder is desired at the first meeting. When you come into the city, if there is no one to meet you at the train, go to the church on the corner of Michigan and Petoskey Streets. It is only two and a half blocks from the Pere Marquette Depot and about three and a half blocks from the G. R. & I. Depot. Each elder should bring at least one quilt with him.

S. E. Wight.

#### ATTENTION! EVERYONE!

It is hoped that every individual in the conference will interest themselves in the announcement given above to the elders by encouraging the elder of their respective church to attend this meeting. Their railroad expense and entertainment

while at this meeting will be free, so we trust that nothing but the inevitable will keep them at home.

We would be pleased to have anyone who wishes to attend this meeting but inasmuch as the accommodations in the Petoskey church are limited it will be impossible for the church to entertain at this meeting others beside the elders.

S. E. Wight.

#### REPORT FROM MESICK.

On Sabbath and Sunday, Nov. 30, and Dec. 1, I visited the church at Mesick. Several visiting brethren and sisters came in on the Sabbath and it was a good day for the church.

As the grace of God and its effect upon the heart and life of sinful man was dwelt upon, testimonies of praise were borne, and one brother, a backslider, gave his heart anew to God.

Several members of this church have donated liberally in the past to the \$150,000 Fund, yet forty-three dollars more in cash and pledges were given while I was there.

There are fourteen pupils in the church school and a lively interest is felt by the church in this part of the Lord's work. An ingathering service was held Sunday afternoon, and an interesting program was rendered. Last spring the Sabbath-school raised enough money to furnish each boy and girl eight cents apiece. Some raised chickens, others planted gardens, sold mottoes, etc., until some earned as high as two dollars and fifty cents from the small investment of eight cents. The money raised by these boys and girls together with the collection taken up at the ingathering amounted to nearly twenty-dollars. Their faces fairly shone as they brought their willing offerings for missions. Surely the blessing of the Lord rests upon this kind of work.

The Mesick church intends to raise a larger sum of money next spring as to give their young people a good start. Would it not be well for all our Sabbath-schools to help and encourage the children in this line of work.

I am of good courage.

M. C. Guild.

#### NOTICE!

Those who are owing the North Michigan Tract Society should pay their account at once as it makes a very bad showing for an individual or a church to have the Conference books closed with these old accounts looming up so prominently. As the books appear when they are closed up this month so they will stand when the financial statement is made to be given to the public at the next Conference.

S. E. Wight,  
E. A. Bristol.

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One of the greatest rewards of service is the ability to do more service. This is especially true of the Young People's work with the Special Numbers of the SIGNS and INSTRUCTOR. The information which they gain in selling these papers will help them to become "Members of Attainment". To reach that standard will enable them to do better work in giving the truth to others. What a blessed privilege to have a part in God's work at this particular time.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1907.

Aldon - - - - - \$26.45	Gaylord - - - - - \$23.74	Munising - - - - - \$11.38
Baldwin - - - - - 6.60	Grant - - - - - 29.84	Onaway - - - - - 32.53
Bear Lake - - - - - 15.55	Hancock - - - - - 98.65	Omer - - - - - 39.72
Chase - - - - - 9.83	Iron River - - - - - 46.22	Petoskey - - - - - 80.10
Cadillac - - - - - 25.19	Iron Mountain - - - - - 53.70	Rose City - - - - - 13.02
Clarence - - - - - 16.95	Menominee - - - - - 98.77	Traverse City - - - - - 20.78
Ensign - - - - - 3.63	Mosick - - - - - 49.04	Wildwood - - - - - 17.55
Eastport - - - - - 24.65	McBain - - - - - 6.78	Wilson - - - - - 38.80
Escanaba - - - - - 10.00	Miscellaneous - - - - - 1.00	Total - - - - - \$788.25

NOTICE!

The month of December not only closes the calendar year of 1907 but also the fiscal year of the Conference, so all remittances of the church treasurers such as tithe, offerings, money on accounts, oct., and librarian's reports of missionary work should be sent so as to reach this Office before Dec. 30th.

E. A. Bristol, Treas.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Last week a notice was sent to all whose subscriptions had expired on the NEWS SHEET. We are glad to say that several have sent in their renewal to the paper and we hope to hear from all.

Next Sabbath a general meeting will be held at Wildwood.

By the time this paper reaches its readers very likely all will have heard the sad news of the death of Elder W. D. Curtis, Educational Sec'y of the Lake Union Conference, which occurred Sabbath, Nov. 23, at his home in Berrion Springs. An obituary notice will appear later in the REVIEW.

We have extra copies of the Week of Prayer Readings in different languages. Those desiring copies can secure the same by applying to the N. Mich. Tract Society.

The Sabbath-school Quarterlies for the 1st quarter of 1908 have arrived. If the Sabbath-school will order at once it will be greatly appreciated.

On his last trip south, Elder S. E. Wight visited the Cedar Lake Academy. He reports a good attendance and excellent interest in the work there. He also visited Detroit in the interest of city mission work.

Watch the REVIEW for the rise in our share of the \$150,000 Fund.

For Sale: While they last, full blood Buff Orpington Cockrois at one dollar each. Address D. B. Voorheis, Chase, Mich.

Brother H. W. Johnson has just returned from Alpena and Onaway and reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

The church elder should send to Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman, 220 E. Michigan St. Petoskey, Mich, early in February, for lists of questions for the "Standard of Attainment". The examination is to be conducted by the church elder or someone appointed by him, during the first week in March. The question on Bible doctrine will be based on the present Sabbath-school lessons, the Bible Readings now appearing in the SIGNS, and our truth number of the INSTRUCTOR. The questions on denominational history will be based on the "Great Second Advent Movement" by Elder Loughborough.

A new tract has been issued on Mormonism. Price 1 ¢. Order of the Tract Society.