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Workmen of God, O lose not heart;  
Who sides with right is sure to win.  
Be loyal, brave. Act well your part;  
To doubt the issue is to sin.

It may be that someone falters  
On the brink of sin and wrong,  
And a word from you might save him--  
Help to make the tempted strong.

Look about you, O my brother,  
What a sin is yours and mine  
If we see that help is needed  
And we give no friendly sign!  
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DO NOT WAIT FOR A MINISTER .

There is personal work for souls that can be carried on by our brethren in the churches in every place, and the knowledge we have of the shortness of time should urge everyone of our people to be doing active work in making their neighbors acquainted with the last warning message that the world will ever receive.

The work of the gospel minister is largely to carry this message into the new fields, doing the pioneer work, and where churches are established and believers are located, it is God's plan that they shall be a light to those for whom they may labor. I have been made to rejoice to receive reports from some of our churches where the members have been permitted to move out, and most encouraging results have followed. Precious souls are being added to some of our churches as a result of the labor bestowed by men and women from humble homes and of seemingly small ability.

Brethren and sisters, the Lord is waiting to use you as a means by which many shall be added to our churches. If you are having trouble in your church, or if you are losing the love you once had for the truth exert yourself to break away from such conditions and in the name and strength of God go out and do what you can for your neighbors. You will gain an experience that will react upon yourself and bring refreshing to your own Christian experience, and a revival into the church that will banish the difficulties and build up the church in the love and unity of faith in a marvelous way. Some of our churches are having such an experience. Will you not help to place such a movement on foot in your church?

May the Lord help you to move out to do the work required of believers and not to wait for a minister to come and do that for yourself and others which can be accomplished only through your individual effort.

E. K. Slade in East Michigan Banner.

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In the shop, in the market, in the kitchen, in the study, in the street, and in the solitude, when we are thinking, and toiling and striving ever, still to have our face set toward God, is blessed but difficult. Still, though difficult to unite, the two things are not incompatible. The world swings round on its own axis in four and twenty hours, but that does not interfere with its annual revolution round its central sun. And it is possible for a man to be "diligent in business", and yet in it all to be "seeking the Lord." May, it is not possible for a man to be rightly "diligent in business" unless in it he is seeking the Lord."---A. Maclaren.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR JUNE 1908.

Golfax - - - - - \$11.19	Gaylord - - - - - -\$ 7.50	Manistee - - - - - \$18.17
Clare - - - - - 6.17	Hancock - - - - - 34.19	Omer - - - - - 6.74
Cedar Run - - - - - 11.00	Iron River - - - - - 8.00	Petoskey - - - - - 78.52
Clarence - - - - - 9.50	Moorestown - - - - - 7.00	Rose City - - - - - 19.65
Shase - - - - - 10.50	Miscellaneous - - - - - 40.70	Scottville - - - - - 4.50
Cadillac - - - - - 5.40	Mesick - - - - - 15.23	Traverse City - - - - - 22.69
Ensign - - - - - 5.35	Menominee - - - - - 87.52	Wilson - - - - - 17.67
Eastport - - - - - 9.12	Munising - - - - - 11.20	West Branch - - - - - 3.30
		Total - - - - - \$450.81

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TEN CENTS A WEEK FOR MISSIONS

How did you succeed in paying your ten cents last week? We hope you found it possible. It will be a great mistake to let the fathers and mothers hand in the money for the children. Every child can earn money at doing something. There are many children among us who could sell papers. Let the parents try to get the children to sell our good papers and thereby earn their own money to give to the cause. You ask, What shall we sell? Answer. LIBERTY, SIGNS OF TIMES MAGAZINE, LIFE AND HEALTH, WATCHMAN, etc. Send for them now.

C. A. Hansen.

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The following is a summary of reports received from the librarians of the Leetsville, Mesick, Omer, Clarence, Wilson, Hancock, Eastport and Menominee churches from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1908. You will note that but eight churches have missionary reports thus far this year:

Number of reports given to members, 68; number of reports returned, 41; number of letters written, 36; number of letters received, 9; number of missionary visits, 846; number of Bible readings held, 242; number of subscriptions for periodicals, 14; number of periodicals distributed, 1665; number of pages of books, tracts, etc., distributed, 13081; number pages books, tracts, etc., furnished members by librarians, 1281; retail value of books, tracts, etc., sold, \$1.50.

H. W. Johnson.

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PETOSKEY CAMP-MEETING.

The North Michigan Camp-meeting will be held at Bay View, near Petoskey, from August 27th to Sept. 6th. The first meeting will be held Thursday evening, Aug. 27th.

All who are planning to attend, and we hope this is a large number, should order their tents as soon as possible. Prices will be as usual; 12 X 16 tents, \$2.50; 14 X 22, \$3.00; Stoves will rent for \$1.00; tables, 25¢; chairs, 10¢; bed springs, 50¢. Lumber for flooring can be secured at reasonable rates.

The dining tent will be operated on the European plan the same as last year.

Elder I. H. Evans and Prof. Griggs and other good help is expected, but best of all, we believe the Lord will be there to bless. Let all pray for the success of this meeting.

Bring the children and your neighbors and come expecting a blessing.

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"Tired? Well, and what of that?  
 Didst fancy life was spent on beds of ease,  
 Fluttering the rose leaves scattered by the breeze?  
 Come rouse thee! work while it is called today!  
 Come, arise! go forth upon thy way!"

CAMP-MEETING AT GLADSTONE.

The Gladstone camp-meeting was a complete success in that there was a good attendance and a good spirit felt in every meeting held. All who came expressed themselves as being benefitted.

The baptism was held on the last Sunday afternoon when eleven souls were led down to the water to be baptised into the Third Angel's Message. It was a beautiful sight and it made a solemn impression on the large number of Gladstone citizens who were present.

The visiting laborers present were Elders Bourdeau and Soule and Brother J. B. Blosser. May the Lord help all to carry out their vows made by them before the Lord at this meeting.

C. A. Hansen.

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ARE YOU REJOICING ?

No doubt all have read the experience recorded in the tenth chapter of Luke, how the Lord chose a company and sent them out to carry a message to the cities and villages that the Saviour was soon to come to those cities, and how the hearts of these workers thrilled with joy as they engaged in that grand work. Then, as they returned and told their experiences we read that it caused Jesus himself to rejoice.

We are living in a time when, according to the Scriptures, we can soon expect the Lord to again visit the cities and gather home those who are ready for him and he is calling for faithful workers to go out and carry the last warning to these places.

It would require many years for the small company of Sabbath keepers to reach all and tell them the different points in this great chain of truth, but as the Lord promised that the warning should go in this generation, he has caused literature to be written on all phases on this message, and everyone can have some part in this work.

It will cause our own hearts to rejoice when we engage in this work and then as we tell our experiences others will rejoice at hearing of the progress of the work.

This number of the NEWS SHEET contains a report of what has been accomplished in missionary work during the past six months. We feel sure that much more has been done and of course those who have been at work are rejoicing, but only eight librarians have reported that others might rejoice with them. What a blessing it would be to the cause if each individual planned to have something for the librarian to report.

Our book canvassers are having some wonderful experiences which show that the Lord's hand is in this work. One brother, who never had any experience before, but who desired to do something to spread this precious truth, went out trusting in the Lord for success and took eighty-eight dollars worth of orders for Great Controversy the first week, and of course, he is rejoicing. Another brother has taken enough orders in a short time to secure his scholarship in one of our schools and all who are working are having rich experiences.

It was encouraging to see the interest shown by our people at the Gladstone Camp-meeting in this line of work.

While the Lord is sending the workers into the whitened field, let the churches continue to pray for them as they go and that others may hear the call and have a part in the work also, that we may soon have the joy of seeing the work finished and the Saviour come.

H. W. Johnson.

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PETOSKEY ACADEMY.

The name of our Intermediate School is changed to that of Petoskey Academy, thus better representing to the people the high value of this institution. We are continually finding worthy people who promise to attend the school. Are you coming?

MISSION NOTES.

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Since the beginning of the present year, over fifty persons, including missionaries and their families, have been sent on to the waiting fields. Approximately this will mean \$25,000 additional outlay in getting these people to the fields and supporting them the first year.  
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One brother, in writing to the Mission Board requesting a copy of the Second Sabbath readings sent to him, says: "Our church is taking hold of the ten-cent-a-week plan in earnest, and I believe will carry it out faithfully." This sounds good, coming, as it does, from one of the officials of a local church.  
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In a recent letter, Dr. W. S. Swayze, who is in charge of the Mexican field at the present time, writes: "New interests are springing up in different parts of the republic. A young Adventist brother, a Mexican, writes that two are now keeping the Sabbath with him. They are poor, but want a school. It seems the Lord is opening more ways for the truth to go than we can follow up." And so it is in every field.  
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Elder J. L. Shaw, in a recent letter, mentions the Tamil Sabbath-keepers in southern India. He says: "I do not think our correspondence has overestimated the opening there. I have never seen such an opening anywhere in India. My only fear is that we will not meet the situation and do what should be done. They are ready to deed us a little land upon which to build. If we can get in among them, and teach them the truth, taking on as little responsibility otherwise in the way of taking over school work and putting up buildings, etc., as is possible, I believe our work will make far more permanency in the end." A good man and his wife should be sent to connect with Brother James in labor for these Tamil Sabbath-keepers. But the man and the funds ---?  
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A missionary says of Changsha, the principal city of Hunan Province, China: "Unlike many Chinese cities, Changsha is quite prepossessing. Its clean, broad, and very busy streets, with their well-equipped stores, its well-dressed people, its well-built and substantial houses; its numerous heathen temples, many of them works of art; these things appeal to visitors as expressing comparative luxury, wealth and ease." But as one views such a city in the heart of China who knows the third angel's message, very different feelings surge through the mind than are experienced by the common visitor. He thinks of reaching these unwarned souls with the light of this glorious truth. In this city five laborers have their headquarters, with millions of people in the province all around them outside this city with its vast population for whom they are also expected to labor. But the Sabbath truth must reach all these in some way, and we have the sure work of the Lord that it shall.  
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India is suffering an intensely hot summer, hotter than has been experienced in twenty years. The work is becoming well established in the hill country--Mussoorie. The sanitarium is overflowing with patients. Doctor Menkel performed a very successful major operation recently. Arrangements are perfected for holding a series of meetings in the city. People are accepting the truth. One man who had been opposing his wife for keeping the Sabbath has himself yielded, and will henceforth exert his influence--being a well-to-do man of influence--in its favor. Brother Burgess is now making rapid recovery to health, his fever having abated. Plans are now being laid to move the printing office from Karmatar to Lucknow, the fourth city of India, which has splendid transportation facilities to all parts of the country. While there is a constantly growing unrest, bordering on an anarchistic uprising, yet our workers are of good courage, and are earnestly seeking to bring the truth to the attention of the people

TRAVERSE CITY MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETY .

Having been asked to furnish the NEWS SHEET with a report regarding our young people's society of this place, I will endeavor to do so as briefly as is consistent with clearness and accuracy.

Altho not thoroughly organized at the time, our society began its existence on the 29th day of February, 1908. Its first work was the carrying out of the INSTRUCTOR program for March 7th after which the organization was completed, and future plans discussed.

Our numbers being quite widely scattered it was thought impracticable to attempt holding our meetings oftener than once a month, accordingly the fourth Sabbath of each month was the time chosen for "Young People's Day."

Realizing that the infrequency of our meetings would interfere with the successful carrying out of the lines of study followed by other societies, it was recommended that those in charge of the work should prepare each month, such matter as seemed best adapted to our circumstances. Our programs have not, therefore, been connected studies, as we might otherwise have wished but the constant aim has been to render them instructive as well as interesting. The hearty co-operation of both parents and children has aided materially in the accomplishment of this aim.

May 23 was "Religious Liberty" day. The enthusiasm resulting therefrom led to the ordering of a quantity of the current number of LIBERTY for circulation among the business men of our city and the taking of several yearly subscriptions.

On June 27th Elder Butterfield read for our Scripture lesson the parable of the Good Samaritan. Elder Guild followed with a few well-chosen remarks making clear to the children's minds the Bible definition of the term "Neighbor" after which we learned some interesting facts about our neighbors over in India, and of the self-sacrificing men and women who had severed all the home ties to carry to them the good news of the coming Kingdom.

July Fourth we considered one of those special occasions which our society had taken into consideration. In preparing for this day, upon our entire nation would be given over to the fleeting pleasures of the temporal life, it was our earnest desire that the exercises might be such that the Holy Spirit could use them to impress upon hearts the grand truth that the all-enduring joys of the Christian far out-number and out-shine those of the worldling. We hope and pray that the lesson was not wholly lost.

As an auxiliary to our society we have what is known as the "Woman's Missionary Society," whose object is to "lift wherever the burden is heaviest." One quilt has been pieced and sold, the money therefrom being used in missionary work. Then there has been some relief work done for the worthy poor. We are now planning to assist in furnishing the room for our soon coming church school.

We would be glad if the readers of the NEWS SHEET would remember us before the Father's Throne.

Inez A. E. Lay .

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MY FIRST EXPERIENCE IN CANVASSING .

As I have been so greatly blest and encouraged in my new work, I wish, through the NEWS SHEET, to express praise and thanksgiving to our kind Heavenly Father for his goodness and loving kindness toward me.

I first planned to do manual work this summer to earn money for an education and, as I offered myself to God to be used in his work to his glory, the thought came to me that there was more valuable work for me to do than this, and after counselling with my teacher last spring, I decided I must canvass for a scholarship.

The Canvassers' Institute was to be held in a few days and I made up my mind to attend it, tho the enemy was trying me to see if I would go or not. I was determined that if I entered the work I would stick to it or not try at all, for I feel sure if we only decide to try canvassing for two or three weeks we will not have success or enter the canvassing work.

I felt there were many chances to earn my scholarship in a more pleasant way than canvassing, but when I thought of the Saviour's experiences and sacrifices I

felt it my whole duty to take up this precious work and help to bring the gospel to the world, for this is the work that the Lord demands from many of us who profess to be doing our duty and are not doing it.

I went out walking many times by myself and talked and prayed aloud to God to give me strength and power to go forward and do His will; yes, with bitter tears I prayed for help and as soon as I yielded myself up to the different trials before me, I had great relief. With the tempting promises of the enemy before me and the unwilling sacrifice from home, I went forward and I have had so much to give thanks for I cannot express it.

I started in with Great Controversy and worked eighteen days and took fifty-two orders amounting to one hundred forty-eight dollars. This is certainly very encouraging to a new beginner, nineteen years old, from the woods in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Come, my young friends, and let us pray to the Lord to pour out His Holy Spirit upon us and let us take a part in this precious work of bringing the truth before those who are in great darkness. Let us start at once. I ask a special interest in each of your prayers that I may continue in the Lord's work and also get an education.

Archie Friday,  
Frankfort, Mich.

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#### THE ONE THING NEEDFUL.

Who should attend our camp-meeting? Whom shall we bring with us to Petoskey this year? Who needs to go the most in view of the fact that we are living in the last days of probation, in the time when Jesus is about to finish up the list of names of the 144,000? Surely all need to come; but people generally reason that someone must stay at home to care for the stock and the one who is left at home is generally the boy or girl that doesn't confess Christ, the one that doesn't take much interest in religion. But O, what a fatal mistake! By all means bring this year all who need to be converted. Bring your neighbors if they will come; it will do them untold good. Nothing makes our hearts happier than to see souls converted and saved in the Kingdom, but brethren we must have unconverted people come to the camp-meeting in order to get converts.

Sister White writes that "It is a great mistake for parents to leave at home the children who are not Christians." Try to arrange with your neighbors to milk your cows and feed the stock and pay them for it and bring your whole family to the feast. Plan to come for the whole time or you will miss the connections of the subjects. The first meeting will have a direct relation to every other service, therefore plan to come early and get for yourselves, "the one thing needful," a better preparation for the Kingdom.

C. A. Hansen.

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#### REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

Rose City.

Our quarterly meeting was held at the home of Brother J. B. Mathewson, some of the West Branch company meeting with us. The ordinance of humility and the Lord's Supper was celebrated.

Brother Montgomery was with us giving us a brief talk and encouraging us in all points of the message. After the services at the house we went to the creek where two were baptised. The Lord blest us richly with his spirit.

Jas. Kinsey, Clerk.

Wilson Church.

After the camp-meeting at Gladstone, the writer spent six days in Wilson and held nine meetings which were well attended by our people, and by many persons from without who seemed to be deeply interested in hearing the Word spoken in their own native tongue. The Lord helped in presenting the truth. Many hearts were filled with tenderness. The brethren and sisters were very anxious to have more meetings held there and in adjoining districts.

On Sunday, July 5, at 4 P. M., seven willing souls gave their hearts fully to the Lord and were buried with Christ in baptism.

The French brethren there are erecting a commodious house of worship and their hearts are full of courage.

A. C. Bourdeau.

Traverse City.

I wish, through the NEWS SHEET, to express my gratitude, that I can again have the privilege of being actively engaged in helping to spread the light of the third angel's message. We enjoy this work.

My family and I are nicely located in Traverse City and find plenty to do. Brother M. B. Butterfield and wife are working with us, and we have just started a series of tent meetings. Our first service in the tent was hold July 8th and the outlook is promising for a good attendance. Our tent is pitched near the business part of the city, and within reach of all parts of town.

We have on hand a good supply of literature and our people are taking hold loyally in helping spread the truth. The church here expects to start a school this fall and plan to erect a building for the school.

Pray that the blessing of the Lord may rest down on the efforts that are being made in this city and that souls may be converted.

M. C. Guild.

Sault Ste. Marie.

In accordance with the decision of the Committee we changed our location from Manistique to the Soo the first of June, and as soon as possible commenced work of placing literature on the boats.

Without a single exception the captains and deckmen have received the reading matter thankfully. Truly it seems to be a golden opportunity to get the truths of the third angel's message before the sailors of the Great Lakes.

We had not worked long before we were invited to attend the Gladstone camp-meeting which we can truly say was among the best we ever attended and it seemed to be a universal testimony of all that the meeting had been a great blessing and source of spiritual strength to all there.

At the close of the meeting we stopped at Hiawatha on our way home and held two or three meetings and had baptismal services in which six precious souls followed the example of their Saviour in baptism. We are in hopes that in the near future as many more, who have accepted nearly all of the message, will take this important step.

May the Lord grant us all grace and strength to walk in all the ordinances of the Lord's house blameless is my prayer.

R. J. Bellows.

CLERKS ! ATTENTION !

Credential blanks to be filled with the names of delegates chosen for the North Michigan Conference of 1908 were sent to the clerks last week. Kindly notify me if any fail to receive these blanks and others will be sent.

Edith McGlellan.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR JUNE, 1908.

Name	Book	Hours	Exhibitions	Orders	Helps	Total Value	Amount Delivered
E. C. Collard	Bible Readings	108		27	\$30.40	\$105.40	\$33.25
Chas. H. Wallen	Great Controversy	83	205	31		97.25	
A. P. Friday	" "	88	121	14	1.40	42.40	
Mrs. E. A. Kirby	" "	1		1		2.50	
Jas. Lowry	" "						10.00
Alma Du Bois	Home & Health	40	108	3	7.00	16.00	
Flora Jorgensen	" "	3	5	4	2.50	14.50	
Mrs. G. F. Ernst	" "	6	12	1		3.00	
E. B. Hodgins	Coming King	4	9	9		11.00	8.50
Helvig Olson	Life of Christ	30		12		9.00	3.75
Total		363	460	102	\$ 41.30	\$301.05	\$55.50

SCRIPTURE RENDERING.

The following Scripture; in four French, the Latin, the Italian, and in some other versions, is rendered thus:- "There shall be no more thence an infant that shall not live but a few days, nor an old man that shall not fulfil the time of his life; for he that dieth aged an hundred years, shall again be young; but the sinner aged an hundred years shall be accursed." Isa. 65:20.

A. C. Bourdeau.

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SABBATH - SCHOOL NOTES.

Lillie Sherwood, Sabbath-school Secretary, writes from Rapid River, "Our Sabbath-school is supplied with the INSTRUCTOR, LITTLE FRIEND, SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER, and lesson quarterlies and is self-supporting. We send all our donations to missions." This is a move in the right direction and I more of our schools will follow the good example.

Superintendents:- How many of you are holding your teachers to the Test Question plan and encouraging them to take up this work. In Testimonies for Sabbath-Schools we read that "the public schools have of late years greatly improved their methods of teaching" and "the modes of teaching adopted with such success in the public schools could be employed with similar results in the Sabbath-schools and be a means of bringing children to Jesus and educating them in Bible truth." More frequent reviews and tests are what will fasten in the minds of our children the Bible truths and save them from the false theories of the age. How long shall we be in adopting the plan which all see is a good one? Three quarters have passed since the plan was adopted. How much longer time shall go by before all our Sabbath-schools take up the test question plan and strive to make their Sabbath-school one of the very best.

A recommendation was read at the Gladstone camp-meeting that all our Sabbath-school donations be sent to missions. A goodly number of our Sabbath-school did this the last two quarters and by the reports coming in, the number is increasing.

A strong plea was also made that each Sabbath-school officer and teacher take the WORKER. A vote was then taken and it was found that nearly all were already taking it. It is the very best periodical of its kind published and we are glad so many are availing themselves of the help which it gives, and not even one school can afford to not to have it.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A sister in renewing her subscription to the NEWS SHEET writes: "I will make a long story short and it is this, that I cannot get along without the NEWS SHEET. Please keep on sending it." Another says, "I do not want to miss any of the NEWS SHEETS. I always look forward to their coming."

Letters are being received from different school boards throughout the conference that they are already planning to have a church-school next year.

After the camp-meeting at Gladstone Brother Bourdeau visited Harris where he and his brother raised up a company twenty years ago.

Tent meetings began at Pellston Friday evening, July 10th with an attentive audience of thirty-five. These meetings will be conducted by Brethren Bristol and Bellows.

Miss Lucile Mallory of Benton Harbor has joined the office force at Petoskey to assist in the Tract Society for a time.

Elder C. A. Hansen spent Sabbath July 4th with the church at Eastport and met with the company at Hebron Sabbath July 11th.

A new church school will be started at Hyde by request of Brother Williams and two young Swedish brethren who have recently come into the truth and want to learn English.

For Sale: 80 acres of land by Emile Baurain, Harris, Mich.

Tent Companies are located as follows: Elder W. C. Hebner and Brother F. E. Fenner, Vanderbilt; Elder M. C. Guild and Brother M. B. Butterfield, Traverse City; Brethren E. A. Bristol and R. J. Bellows, Pellston.

The Conference Committee met at Traverse City July 8th and voted to release Elder O. Montgomery to take the presidency of the Vermont Conference. Words cannot express our regret in losing Brother and Sister Montgomery who have been faithful workers in North Michigan for the past five years but we know that their services are much needed in the field where they are going, and we also know that the truth which separates us will, if we are faithful, bring us together again when the workers are gathered home. May the blessing of the Lord attend them as they take up work in their new field.

Through some delay in printing we are unable to fill orders for the new edition of Christ in Song yet but expect they will be ready in a short time.

Elder M. C. Guild conducted the funeral service of Sister Henry Ward at Bayshore, June 30th.

Brother C. Corless writes that the quarterly meeting service of the Gaylord church conducted by Elder W. C. Hebner was an occasion of great blessing and that the brethren and sisters are of good courage.

A good report comes from the young people of Cheboygan. Miss Barbara Archer writes that they go out and sell SIGNS, LIBERTY, and LIFE AND HEALTH and have given several Temperance programs. Thirty-eight have signed the pledge. This is a practical way to show where we stand as a people on the temperance question, and may the good work go on. Elder Soule has been working for the young people at this place.

Many have yielded to go a mile with Satan who never intended to two. He leads poor creatures down into the depths by winding stairs, and does not let them see the bottom, where they are going." D. L. Moody.