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"He who works in the field of the world
Must work with a faith sublime;
For the seed he sows must lie in the earth,
And await for God's good time.
But nevertheless the harvest is sure,
The sower the sheaves may not see;
For never a word was spoken for Ham
But will ring through eternity.
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P E T O S K E Y C A M P - M E E T I N G .

TIME: August 27 to September 6th.

PLACE: Bay View.

HOW TO REACH GROUNDS: The camp-ground is about four blocks from Bay View Depot. The Pere Marquette and G. R. & I. railroads run to Bay View. Send baggage to Bay View and freight to Petoskey. No excursion rates this year.

TENTS: We have only 12 X 16 tents left, price \$2.50. Rooms can probably not be rented this year; they will be taken by resorters. Order tents early so we will know how many will be needed.

FURNITURE, LUMBER, ETC.--Bed-springs will rent for 50¢; lumber, 50¢ per hundred; tables, 25¢; chairs, 10¢; and straw at reasonable rates.

DINING HALL: The dining tent will be in charge of Brother M. Stephens. We will follow what is best understood as the European plan. Foods will be placed in dishes and so arranged that those ordering can look them over and make a selection. If material is no higher than one year ago, and we think it will not be, the price will be the same as last year, 3¢ per dish, making an average meal cost about twelve cents. We believe this is nearly as cheap as the campers can board in their tents, and much more convenient. The dining tent is not run as a money-making branch but as a necessity and we are well pleased to make it satisfactory and self-supporting.

WORKERS' MEETING: This meeting will begin the 18th. The Bible workers will come the 21st. The first meeting of the camp-meeting proper will begin August 27th at 7:30 P. M.

We expect Elder W. A. Spicer and Prof. Frederick Griggs of the General Conference to be with us a portion or all of the time and good help from the Lake Union Conference also.

Let no one stay away for the sake of starting the children to school on the first day of school. One week at camp-meeting may be worth more than all the rest of the year to your child.

C. A. Hansen.

IS IT TOO MUCH ?

Is what too much?

Why, ten cents a week.

Ten cents for what?

Well, is ten cents a week too much to spend for tobacco?

Why, Brother Jeys, you know I don't use tobacco.

O, don't you? Well, how did that happen? I notice that most of the people use tobacco, and ten cents a week is not regarded as a large amount to spend for it. Since you don't use it, I suppose you don't buy it. Didn't you ever use it?

O yes, I once did.

How did you happen to quit?

Well, the truth of the third angel's message found me a few years ago, and of course you know well enough that I could not hold to both. So I gave up the tobacco.

Praise the Lord for that. I'm glad you let go of that which harmed you, and held on to that which is good for you. But now about the ten cents again. What do you think? Is ten cents a week too much? Did you use ten cents worth of tobacco?

Yes, I think I did.

Now do you love the third angel's message better than the tobacco?

Certainly.

Do you think there might be some others who, like yourself, would love it if they heard it?

Yes, I think there must be.

Do you think then, that ten cents a week is too much to give to the work of pushing this blessed truth in the regions beyond?

Why, Brother Jeys, I many times spent that much for cigars some days in town. It seems a very small sum surely.

Well, now take your pencil and do a little figuring quickly for me. How many Seventh-day Adventists are there in the world?

Wait a minute till I go to the library for the Year Book. Here it is. The 1907 enumeration gives 87,311.

For convenience call it 80,000. Now suppose you should give ten cents a week to foreign missions, how much would that be in a year.

Since there are fifty-two weeks the entire year would bring \$5.20.

Good! Now if each of 80,000 Seventh-day Adventists should give ten cents a week, how much money would the mission board receive with which to push the work in all lands?

It would be 80,000 times \$2.50, or \$416,0000

Correct. Now is the the third angel's message worth ten cents a week? Is it too much?

T. H. Jeys.

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D I M E _ A L B U M S .

It gives us pleasure to announce that the "Dime Albums" are already coming in full of dimes. I'm sure God will bless all who gave to this worthy cause. Our Academy will doubtless be the means of encouraging men and women to enter God's cause and we all know that money invested in educating missionaries for the home and foreign fields is money well spent. We hope you are meeting with success in your company.

C. A. Hansen, Chairman.

"You never lift up a life without being lifted up yourself."

MISSION NOTES.

IN a letter mailed at London, Mrs. Edith E. Bruce, who left the position of head nurse at the Washington Branch Sanitarium, in answer to a call for help at the Mussoorie (India) Sanitarium, writes: -

"We reached Liverpool in time Friday for me to get on to London before Sabbath. I found that the other nurses had already sailed for Bombay, so I am obliged to make the trip alone. It will be just a little lonely. But I am sure the dear Father's protection will always be mine, and I have nothing to fear."

BROTHER J. L. SHAW, speaking of the publishing work in India and of their plans, says: "Our publishing work is destined to occupy a very large place in the evangelistic work in India. Our little press at Karmatar is altogether inadequate to the needs of the work. It is impossible for us to have workers canvass for our literature unless we can supply them with what they need. We need another press, and Marathi and Urdu type, for printing tracts and pamphlets, in addition to the other literature that we are planning in other languages."

IN a recent communication, Doctor Selmon mentions a bit of interesting experiences concerning the death of one of our believers in inland China. He says: "One of our oldest Sabbath-keepers in this section died the other day. He was over sixty years of age. He had always been a faithful Christian. He was at the mission a short time before his death. He sickened very suddenly, and, living over twelve miles from us, his relatives, who were all heathen, did not notify us, and we did not get to see him, or we might have given some treatments that would have saved his life. The people are fatalists, and when an old person comes down with a serious illness, it is not uncommon for the relatives to place him on his deathbed, or even in his coffin."

BROTHER L. J. BURGESS, who has recently passed through a serious illness of typhoid fever at the Mussoorie Sanitarium, says of the work in that institution:-

"The sanitarium work here is going on well. They are full to overflowing, and are having good results. They not only give treatments to patients, but also give Bible studies. As a result, some are accepting the message. Doctor Menkel seems to be doing faithful work. I can say that during my illness he was very attentive, and I appreciate his prayers and advice very much.

"We have our first Hindustani gentleman nurse in training at the sanitarium. He is an earnest young man, and we hope he will in time become well prepared for that line of work."

OF his recent visit to Burma, Elder J. L. Shaw, in a recent letter, says: "I had an interesting trip to Burma, and found the work going forward in that field in a very encouraging way. The message is really getting root there, and some time I hope that a conference may be organized in Burma. I visited Rangoon, Moulmein, and Meiktila. In all these places a short series of meetings were held, and in all eight souls were baptised. The workers in Burma are an earnest little band. Our prayer is that God may double the number of Sabbath-keepers there this year. This is rather a large request, but it shows the faith of the workers in that part of the vineyard."

Let us all join with them in prayer that this addition maybe made.

A CALL TO IMMEDIATE ACTION.

In no less than five months Congress will again be in session, at which time the Johnston Sunday bill, which passed the Senate on May 16, may be brought before the House at any moment for final action. This fact should not be lost sight of by those who comprehend what it means should the House of Representatives pass this bill. The bill would then only lack the signature of the president to make it a law. This would doubtless be quickly affixed, and then it would become a law in the District of Columbia. The next logical step for the champions of Sunday legislation would be to prevail upon Congress to enact a national Sunday law. This all can see would be easily secured in view of the fact that Congress would then have committed itself fully to the question of Sunday legislation by the passing of the Sunday bill for the District of Columbia.

There should be delay no longer on the part of our conference officers and ministers in doing what they can to enlighten the people on this subject, with the hope of holding in check a little longer this proposed legislation. This can be done by securing appointments with the United States Congressman in each of your respective conferences, and placing before them the dangers which lie beneath this whole scheme, to which they would commit themselves in favoring the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill.

Much depends upon our activity and earnestness whether this bill will become a law or not. We are confident, however, that many of the Congressmen have very little, if any, true conception of what is involved in this proposed measure. But if they could be so approached upon the subject by representatives of their own constituency before Congress convenes, they might be convinced of the dangers attending it.

The forthcoming issue of Liberty will be especially designed for our people to use in the present campaign in enlightening the people upon the subject of religious liberty, and preventing, if possible, the passage of this bill. This number of Liberty will be on the subject of the United States in prophecy. The Religious Liberty Leaflets should be used in large quantities, and also the Religious Liberty souvenir postal cards.

A copy of this forthcoming issue of Liberty, a set of the Religious Liberty Leaflets, and a set of the Religious Liberty postal cards should be placed in the hands of every state, county, municipal, and town official. The same should be placed in the hands of attorneys, educators, and other public men, besides sold as far as possible to all classes of people.

With a vigorous campaign along this line engaged in by all of our church members throughout the United States, we can little comprehend what great good might be accomplished in enlightening thousands and thousands of people concerning the dangers of religious legislation which threaten us so seriously at the present time. and too, in this way we might be able to defeat the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill for the District of Columbia now pending in the House of Representatives.

The time before Congress convenes is rapidly passing. What we do must be done quickly. We would urge that the officers of every church call a meeting at once, and plan for a vigorous religious liberty campaign in their respective communities. Liberty, the Religious Liberty Leaflets, and the Religious Liberty postal cards can be ordered through your tract societies. Begin at once to pray and work while you have the opportunity to do so.

K. C. Russell.

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LONELY WORKERS.

Many Christians have to endure the solitude of unnoticed labor. They are serving God in a way which is exceedingly useful, but not at all noticeable. How very sweet to many workers are those little corners of the newspapers and magazines which describe their labors and successes; yet some, who are doing what God will think a great deal more of at the last, never saw their names in print. Yonder beloved brother is plodding away in a little country village; nobody knows anything about him, but he is bringing souls to Christ. Unknown to fame, the angles are acquainted with him, and a few precious ones whom he has led to Jesus know him well. Perhaps yonder sister has a class in the Sabbath school; there is nothing striking in her or in her class; nobody thinks of her as a very remarkable worker; she is a flower that blooms almost unseen; but she is none the less fragrant. There is a Bible woman. She is mentioned in the report as making so many visits as week; but nobody discovers all that she is doing for the poor and needy, and many are saved in the Lord through her instrumentality. Hundreds of God's dear servants are serving him without the encouragement of man's approving eye, yet they are not alone - the Father is with them. -- C. H. Spurgeon.

The first meeting of the sixth annual session of the North Michigan Conference will be held on the Camp ground at Petoskey, Mich., at 9 A. M. on Friday the 28 of August 1908, to elect officers and to transact the usual business connected with the Conference. A full delegation is desired at the first meeting.

C. A. Hansen, Pres.

The sixth annual session of the North Michigan Conference Association of Seventh Day Adventists is hereby called to convene at the Camp-ground Petoskey, Mich., August 28 at 10 A. M. to elect officers and transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

C. A. Hansen, Pres.

EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE ITEMS.

Examinations are over and the Summer School students are gone. The farm seems very quiet, with only enough students left to carry on the usual routine of manual labor.

Those in the printing office are busy working on the new calendars.

Prof. Graf has gone to Nebraska on important business.

About sixty repaired to the banks of the St. Joe Sunday 5 P.M. where two of the Summer School students received the ordinance of baptism.

About a dozen young people from the College have gone out to earn their scholar ships to enter school this next year. Among the canvassers are two of our North Michigan girls, Miss Siomam and Miss Bissett.

Mr and Mrs Hutchinson left the College July 22 to spend a two weeks vacation with friends at Fenton. This is of interest to North Michigan people as Brother and Sister Hutchinson spent a number of years laboring in the north.

Mrs Lon K. Curtis will go to Kansas for a short vacation before taking up her duties in the Normal Department.

The last two sabbaths there was a collection taken up to pay for Instructor so that all the donations could be sent to missions.

EASTPORT SABBATH SCHOOL.

I thought it might be interesting to others to know what we are doing here in our Sabbath-school. A few weeks ago we voted to give all our donations to missions. Our donations are increasing each quarter. For two Sabbaths we have had the test questions. The Sabbath-school has been drilled on the lessons during the quarter so that when the time came for the test questions nearly all were ready. We finished them last Sabbath so I don't know how many were correct. My class did very well. One thing we began to realize and that is, the more we study the Sabbath-school lessons the more interesting they become.

Mrs. T. B. Kirby,

DO YOU?

"Do you know the Scripture better then you did a year ago? You ought to."

"Have you any more places in the Bible to which you go as a bird goes to her retreat? You ought to."

"Are there more precious spots in the Bible than there were once? There ought to be."

"Suppose some one had intrusted me with a great matter, and had given me written instruction how to conduct it; and suppose when I felt like it I went and read a sentence; I should have only the most fragmentary knowledge of the instruction. But how many Christians treat the Bible thus?"

Wayland Hoyt, D. D.,

PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

One day last week over three tons of books were shipped from the Book Department of the Review & Herald, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

We are not keeping many books on our shelves these days, but we can report that we have thus far been able to fill our orders promptly.

Our bindery is now running three nights a week until nine o'clock. The clerks in our shipping department are also obliged to work overtime.

Brother J. W. Mace, manager of the Battle Creek Branch of the Review and Herald, reports an increase of 60% in the subscription book business for the month of June over the corresponding month of last year. These were actual sales in the Lake Union and Ohio Conferences.

Orders were taken in the Atlantic Union Conferences for \$5217.35 worth of books during the month of June. For the same month of last year in the territory, the orders amounted to \$2666.56 making an increase of 95%.

The entire sales of the Atlantic Union Conference for the month of June, 1907 were \$4601.26. This was before the division of the territory. This year for the same month, with a little over three-fifths of the territory, orders were taken for \$616.00 worth more than were taken in the entire territory last year in June.

A report just handed in of orders taken in the Columbia Union Conference for the month of June amounts to \$7008.85. This is an increase of \$2777.95 over the same month last year, or 116%. Surely the Lord is blessing the efforts of the faithful, energetic canvasser.

In looking over the one of our conference papers a few days ago, I noticed that fully one-half of it was devoted to articles concerning the canvassing work. The report in that paper was among the largest in that Union Conference, and it showed a very large increase over the same week in June, 1907.

Today's mail brought two letters from heads of families who have recently accepted the truth as the result of reading books placed in their homes by our canvassers. One writes that he would like to canvass for the book he has purchased, and adds, "I think this truth should be in every home."

A canvasser in one of the Western conferences writes: "In my first three month's work I only took one \$2.50 order. Now, my last three weeks have been 46 hours, 236 orders, \$966.50. I do not believe I ever saw people more anxious to get our books. Some do not want to wait until I make my delivery. Some people say, 'I have plodged myself never to order another book from an agent, but I cannot afford to let Daniel and Revelation go by.' I often miss some as I go through, and they will come and overtake me and order a copy. It certainly seems like the 'Sound in the mulberry trees.' I feel that the work is fast closing up, and O, how I long to be in the kingdom. I can truly say that I am of good courage, and I long to see more laborers in this line of the Lord's work."

"I sold over \$200.00 worth of books in three weeks. I expect to have a scholarship before another week is past. Great Controversy is a wonderful seller. One day I sold at every other house, and other days nearly as well. Surely the Lord is in the work. He sends His angels before me to prepare the hearts of the people. I know that he has answered my prayers many times, and given me orders that I otherwise would have lost. There was a failure of crops here last year, but that does not prevent the message from going. I have had more precious experiences the past week. The people are not prejudiced."

Horris Lukens

O B I T U A R Y

Johnson, - Mrs. I. N. Johnson, aged 71 years, 9 months and 23 days, quietly passed away July 17, 1908 at the home of her son, H. W. Johnson, Petoskey, Mich., after a lingering illness.

Martha Adela Hall was born in Newark, England September 24, 1836 where she spent her early childhood, coming to America with her parents at the age of fifteen. She was married October 5, 1867 to Isaac Newton Johnson at Cleveland, O. To this union six children were born, five of whom are left to mourn the loss of a loved mother, but hope to meet her where death will be no more.

In 1876, after becoming interested in the message through reading the Review and other literature, she attended a series of meetings conducted by Elder E. F. Daniells at Spring Arbor, Mich., at the close of which she took her stand for the truth and remained a faithful member until her death.

The following year the family moved to Battle Creek where she joined the church and remained there until 1903 when she went to Omaha, Neb., living there until the death of her husband, December 23, 1907. At both places she was a successful teacher in the Sabbath-school and took a great interest in this department of the work. Her greatest joy in life consisted in giving and working for the advancement of the Third Angle's Message and in learning of its progress.

Funeral services were conducted July 20th by the writer.

E. A. Bristol.

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THE "STAR" AT LAST.

You will be glad to know that our amount of the \$150,000 Fund is almost raised. There are some who have not yet paid in their amount, but the conference has borrowed the money and paid it all in, believing that all who have made pledges and others who are behind will come up and pay their share soon. We did this because the cause of God needs the money.

We wish to thank our brethren and sisters everywhere for their faithful work in raising this large amount, and may God bless you all abundantly for your liberality in basket and in store.

This year we will wrestle with the ten-cent-a-week plan. I believe we are able to pay it, don't you?

C. A. Hansen.

L I B E R T Y

All of our readers will desire to circulate a large number of Liberty No. 3, now ready to mail, for it contains the straight Third Angle's Message associated with the act of the United States Senate in passing a District Sunday Bill during its last session.

It presents the true principles of Religious Liberty upon which this nation was established, and through which it has been prospered; The history of the church of Rome and the formation, and the work of the Papacy is portrayed in contrast with these principles; The image of the Papal government in fulfillment of Prophecy, is clearly set forth; It reveals the meaning of present movements, and clearly places the issue between the law of God and the commandments of men.

In the glaring light of Prophecy and present developments, this nation is shown to be rapidly developing an image to the Papal government and making enforced Sunday observances the mark of loyalty. It is a timely issue and all of our people should unite in giving it a large circulation.

Send to us for circulars containing prices and special rates to agents.

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My lad, if thee would be truly successful, ally thyself in youth with some righteous unpopular cause.

John G. Whittier.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR JULY, 1908.

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| Alden - - - - - | \$53.51 | Escanaba - - - - - | \$18.00 | Manistee - - - - - | \$.80 |
| Alpena - - - - - | 40.36 | Ensign - - - - - | 41.79 | Mesick - - - - - | 151.62 |
| Bear Lake - - - - - | 42.00 | Ewart - - - - - | 46.03 | Onaway - - - - - | 224.32 |
| Baldwin - - - - - | 15.83 | Frankfort - - - - - | 96.97 | Omer - - - - - | 10.49 |
| Chase - - - - - | 2.00 | Gaylord - - - - - | 40.66 | Petoskey - - - - - | 129.88 |
| Colfax - - - - - | 8.74 | Grant - - - - - | 36.72 | Rose City - - - - - | 12.99 |
| Clarence - - - - - | 5.35 | Hancock - - - - - | 55.81 | Scottville - - - - - | 7.70 |
| Cedar Run - - - - - | 11.54 | Iron River - - - - - | 19.25 | Traverse City - - - - - | 57.91 |
| Clare - - - - - | 8.90 | Iron Mountain - - - - - | 9.60 | Wildwood - - - - - | 93.66 |
| Cleon - - - - - | 52.36 | Leetsville - - - - - | 9.02 | Whittamore - - - - - | 17.00 |
| Dighton - - - - - | 20.15 | Miscellaneous - - - - - | 10.37 | Wilson - - - - - | 8.98 |
| Eastport - - - - - | 91.10 | McMillan - - - - - | 12.20 | Total - - - - - | \$1463.61 |

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NEWS AND NOTES.

Order your tents now for the camp-meeting.

Brother H. W. Johnson left Petoskey July 28th to visit different parts of the conference in the interest of the canvassing work.

Elder O. Montgomery and family have reached their new field of labor in Vermont. Their address is 190 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, Vt.

The splendid series of tent meeting sermons which have been running through the WATCHMAN for more than a year have now been concluded. The entire set of back numbers of the WATCHMAN from the first of this series to its close, including the good special number and several hundred pages of other choice matter, may be obtained for only seventy-five cents. Order through the usual channel, or address the WATCHMAN, Nashville, Tenn.

We received the sad intelligence of the death of Elder Allen Moon's wife which occurred in South Bend last week. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Moon in his sad bereavement.

Six have accepted the truth as a result of the tent meetings at Pellston and others are interested.

All mail concerning Sabbath-school, church-school, and young People's work should be directed to C. A. Hansen, 220 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich., instead of to Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

There has been a fair interest at the Traverse City tent meetings and some have accepted the truth. We hope to give a more complete report later.

All of our readers will desire to circulate a large number of LIBERTY No. 3, now ready to mail, for it contains the straight third angel's message associated with the act of the United States in passing a District Sundry Bill during its last session. It is a timely issue and all of our people should unite in giving it a large circulation. Send for circulars containing prices and special rates to agents.

Another NEWS SHEET will be sent out the 18th of August giving further particulars concerning the camp-meeting.

Read the August number of LIFE AND HEALTH to find out how to enjoy hot weather; how to maintain that cleanliness which is next to godliness; how to prevent and cure Neuralgia; how to cook without fire; how to preserve fruits and vegetables in the most hygienic manner; how to resuscitate a drowned person; how to feed babies, and many other important "things worth knowing."