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IT IS TIME.

It is time to be brave. It is time to be true.
It is time to be finding the thing you can do.
It is time to put by the dream and the sigh,
And work for the cause that is holy and high.

It is time to be lowly and humble of heart.
It is time for the lillies of meekness to start;
For the heart to be white, and the steps to be right,
And the hands to be weaving a garment of light.
--Selected.

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THE TEST OF YESTERDAY'S WORK.

A number of years ago, in a town in Germany, there lived a chain-maker unknown to fame. He was poor, but an excellent workman, and very conscientious in all that he did. He might have shirked his work. He might have done poor, imperfect work. But no. Each link of the great chains he made must be right, and so he labored.

Years pass, and on the great ocean there sails a large vessel with many passengers. On the deck is coiled the great chain attached to the sheet anchor. It lies there unnoticed, unthought of. Suddenly a storm arises, and grows in intensity. So fierce does it become that the ship is in danger. She flounders. Anchor after anchor is cast over, but the storm is so severe that the chains snap like cords.

Then comes the captain's order, "Let go the sheet anchor!" Now is the moment of suspense. It is the last hope of safety. Will it share the fate of the others? Down into the deep it goes. In a moment the chain is out its length. The vessel quivers from stem to stern between the grasp of the two forces, the storm and the anchor. The old German chain-maker is battling with the elements. He wins. The anchor holds. The vessel is saved. His work stood in the great moment of trial.

In the last great day "every man's work shall be tried," and faithfulness alone will win the crown. May we hear the voice of our ascended Lord say to each of us, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life!"

--Pulpit Treasury.

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SOMETHING OF WHAT A SABBATH SCHOOL OUGHT TO BE .

"The Sabbath-school has neat, light, cheery rooms.

"It has a clock that runs sixty minutes to the hour.

"It has officers and teachers as prompt as the clock.

"It teaches Bible truths from the Bible.

"It sings gospel truths and not pretty jingles.

"It doesn't get along without the best modern appliances because they cost so much.

"It is earnest in seeking souls.

"It is the church shipyard, where the foundations of Christian characters are laid, and is more important than the church repair shop, where deformed and wasted lives are made over at the penitents' altar."

WORK FOR ALL .

Doubtless all the readers of the NEWS SHEET have read of the plan, which has been started by the General Conference, for raising funds for missions during Thanksgiving week. Briefly stated, it is as follows: A special issue of the REVIEW is to be printed giving a statement of our work in other lands. This paper is to be furnished free to our people, through the Tract Societies, and they are to present it to their neighbors and friends, calling attention to our work and soliciting funds to help the work in which we are engaged.

This will furnish an excellent opportunity for our people, to not only raise funds for the work in the regions beyond, but to talk with their neighbors about the truths for these times.

I trust that the brethren and sisters in North Michigan will take hold of this work and make it a success. I hope that our churches and companies will plan at once as to how many of this special number they can use and let us know immediately so we can know how many copies to order. While the papers are free, yet we want to be sure that all are used.

Let us rally to this opportunity given us and labor earnestly for the furtherance of the Lord's work.

J. J. Irwin.

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MORE ABOUT THE SPECIAL THANKSGIVING REVIEW.

The special REVIEW for Thanksgiving will be profusely illustrated with cuts of our various mission workers, publishing houses, sanitariums and periodicals. Every page will contain some of these photos, making the whole number very attractive, as well as instructive. It will be the very best presentation of our home and foreign work ever given. It will do much toward giving the world an enlarged conception of our work. It will make the work of soliciting for donations for our foreign missions comparatively easy, and will have a favorable impression upon the minds of the people.

This number of the REVIEW will be furnished free to all who will use them in soliciting for cash donations to missions. With them will be sent a suggestive canvass showing how to approach the people, and something of what to say. A registered solicitor's card containing the name of the solicitor and a list of mission stations operated by the Adventists, with space opposite each station to enter the amount donated, will be issued to each person authorized by the elder, State Tract Society Secretary, or the Mission Board to receive donations.

When the week has ended, the donations with the cards are to be passed in to the Church Treasurer, and by him forwarded to the State Tract Society secretary. The States Tract Society Secretary will remit for all churches and isolated members to the Mission Board.

Let all plan to have a part in this important work. If our people do their duty during this one week, the message in foreign fields will receive an impetus heretofore unknown, and our home work will be greatly strengthened through the better knowledge of it gained through the special REVIEW.

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STRONGEST PROOF OF THE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES.

"The fact that it is found by actual experience that obedience to the teachings of the Bible, meets the wants of man's nature; thus demonstrating that the God that made man and that made the Bible are one and the same being."

-- J. N. Andrews.

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"The only way to arbitrate with a temptation, is to kill it first, and talk it over afterward."

THE WRITTEN REVIEW.

In harmony with the recommendation of the Conference at the last camp-meeting, every class in the Petoskey Sabbath-school took the written review or test as given in the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER. Much interest has been manifested of late in reviewing the lessons as a preparation for the test, and nearly all, young and old took hold of it with enthusiasm, and some were heard to say that they enjoyed the new plan. Next Sabbath the papers will be given back, with the standings marked and the teacher will have a better knowledge of the results of the class work, and can seek to strengthen the weak points of each pupil in his class.

Frequent reviews and tests are one of the ways in which the public schools have improved their methods of teaching and in Testimonies for Sabbath-schools, page 9, we read that some of these methods can be adopted by the Sabbath-schools with profit.

More thorough study is what we need and let the good work go on till every school in our conference takes up these reviews. They arouse an interest as nothing else will, and interest and attention strengthen the memory.

Parents have a great responsibility in this work. Page 8, Testimonies for Sabbath-schools reads, "Even greater care should be taken by the parents to see that their children have their scripture lessons than is taken to see that their day-school lesson is prepared. Their scripture lesson should be learned more perfectly than their lessons in the common schools." A lesson in the day-school is not considered well learned until the pupil is able to take an examination and pass the test. How can we be thorough or do less? Superintendents and teachers, this matter rests with you to take hold of and make it a success; for our cause knows no failure. Our history has been one grand forward march and this is only another step in the line.

So let us be faithful in our service of training recruits so that it can be said of our boys and girls, as of Timothy that they know the scriptures, and by them shall be made wise unto salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

THE SCHOOL AT PETOSKEY.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that the school begins this week with Brother L. A. Jacobs of Graysville, Tenn., in charge. Those having charge of the preparations have been working hard to get things arranged, and we hope that all will be satisfactory.

It has been thought best to have the students board and room at one place, and instead of boarding on the European plan, take regular meals. These will be furnished as cheaply as possible and every endeavor will be made to make the school a success.

Some time ago dime albums were sent out through the conference and the people were asked to solicit funds for the school. Some of these albums have been filled and returned but there are several out yet. We hope that those who have the albums on hand will see to it that they are returned as we will need the money for the school.

We have an earnest class of young people and we trust that many prayers will ascend to our Father for the success of this school. The Lord has spoken plainly to us about our duty in regard to educating our young people and we certainly do not want to fail in this important work. The third angel's message is the most important work in which we can engage, and when young people are trained to give the message it is certainly one of the best things we can do. It is certainly an inspiring sight to see a class of young people studying and fitting themselves for the giving of the message to the world, the message that is due at this time.

Again we ask that earnest prayers be offered for the success of the school.

J. J. Irwin.

In dealing with children, parents will do well always to remember that "a strong pull is worth more than a hard jerk," and that the gentle leading of Christ-like love is supremely better than either.—Selected.

A GRAND OPPORTUNITY.

For what? Hastening the coming of our Saviour for we read that the gospel must go to all the world and then shall the end come.

Our missionaries are stationed in nearly every country on the globe and the Lord is opening up new fields in a wonderful manner and the call is continually coming for workers to enter these new fields. He is also impressing men and women with a desire to go, but like most other people, missionaries have to have money to pay their living expenses.

We read how an opportunity came to Felix to give his heart to God but instead of improving it, he waited for a more convenient season, and it never came. We are now living in a time when we can expect God will soon cut short His work in the world and the opportunity is now given us to assist when help is most needed.

The Psalmist says that "thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power," and while we see the power of God manifested in opening fields to hear the message, shall we not also see the people willing to give it to them?

When Nehemiah heard of the condition of Jerusalem he first prayed to the God of heaven and then went to the king, a Gentile and a heathen, to solicit help from him for the work of God, which was freely given, and the people, having a mind to work, finished the wall in a very short time.

In the plan, as stated elsewhere in this paper, for telling our neighbors of this truth and at the same time raise funds for the needy mission fields, we have already seen how the Lord can work.

The edition of the Thanksgiving REVIEW being so large it was thought first that they would have to be sent by freight, but God's hand is in this movement and the Post-office officials have granted the publishers the privilege of sending them through the mail at pound rates.

Let us thank God for this and then let every church and individual plan to use as many as possible of these papers and bring in a Thanksgiving offering that will cause rejoicing in the regions beyond and in the courts of heaven also. The world will then see that we really believe what we profess and doubtless many will be led to inquire into this great truth and the church will have an opportunity to follow up the interest with other reading matter and the honest in heart would soon be gathered out and the work finished.

What will you do with this opportunity?

H. W. Johnson.

CADILLAC and WILDWOOD.

At the close of the camp-meeting it was decided that I visit the church at Cadillac as soon as possible. I began work Sept. 18th. I held eleven meetings with fair attendance from the outside, and a good attendance of our people on Sabbaths. All who were privileged to attend the services were very much encouraged and we trust all may put in practice the precious lessons we learned in our studies.

I spent Sabbath, October 3, with the church at Wildwood. This being the quarterly meeting where was a fair attendance. Two sisters, one nearly four score years old, drove twelve miles each. This aged sister had not attended any kind of meeting for one year and she was hungry for the truth. God blest us very much and we feel all were greatly blest by this one service and the celebrating of the ordinances. May God bless us all.

W. C. Hebner.

THE CONFERENCE CHURCH.

At the conference a recommendation was passed favoring the organization of a conference church. The resolution reads as follows: "WE RECOMMEND, That a conference church be organized. (2) That all loyal isolated Seventh-day Adventists living in our conference be urged to unite with the conference church. (3) That the president

of the conference act as elder of the church, the treasurer of the conference as treasurer of the church and the secretary of the Sabbath-school Department as secretary and librarian of the church. (4) That a meeting of the church, where the ordinances shall be celebrated, shall be held at least once a year, at such time and place, as may be agreed upon, at which meeting all members shall be expected to be represented either in person or by letter."

I would like to hear from all those who are desirous of uniting with the conference church so that steps may be taken at once for the organization and the carrying out of this plan.

J. J. Irwin.

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MISSION NOTES.

Elder Jay J. Nethery and wife have been compelled to remain in England, instead of returning to Egypt, where they have been laboring the past two years. They will labor in the South England Conference. A young man and his wife from Europe have been selected to go down into Egypt to continue the work.

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Brother Robt. S. Greaves, writing from Smyrna, Turkey, under date of August 9, after speaking of the rejoicing throughout the city because of the change in government affairs, tells of two who have embraced the truth as a result of their labor. One Armenian lady, who before they came had heard about the Sabbath, and a young Greek, who also had had his attention called to the Sabbath, but who had opposed it, are now rejoicing in the new-found truth. Brother Greaves still craves an interest in the prayers of God's people in the homeland.

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"A queer country this is, where the only things of interest you have to show me are the graves," said a newcomer who had joined the mission forces in Africa. "Yes," was the reply, "but they are the milestones of Christianity to regions beyond. Another missionary, illustrating the brave spirit actuating the advance into such dark climes, said; "Though every step be over the grave of a missionary, Africa must be redeemed." Soldiers of Christ are needed whose hearts beat with this true heavenly courage, who are not daunted in the face of hardships, to enter the great mission fields with the third angel's message.

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A general meeting was held during August at Kozy, Japan. This place is the one the brethren have in mind for locating their new sanitarium. Brother FeField writes: "We are looking forward with much expectation to our meeting at Kozy. It ought to mark a decided advance step in the work here, and I believe that it will. We have a carefully arranged program, covering the various lines of our work, and have divided the meetings among the workers, that the best results may be secured. We plan to have the workers spend some time each day in getting out among the people with our literature. The evening meetings will be planned with special reference to outside attendance. This will be the first camp-meeting for Japan.

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Two acres of land have been deeded the India Mission committee, in a favorable locality among the Tamils of south India. One and one-fourth acres of this land are well adapted for building purposes, the remainder for a fruit and vegetable garden. Brother and Sister James are in the mountains, seeking a little respite from the heat of the plains, where the mercury has gone up to 112° in the shade. They carried on dispensary work, relieving the afflicted who came to them in large numbers, both from the vicinity where they lived, and from outlying villages, until they were compelled to seek a little rest. A physician and wife who can also help in the spiritual work are greatly needed to join Brother and Sister James in south India.

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God is forever uttering himself in love, and man may forever utter himself in obedience. --Phillip Brooks.

ELEVEN THE FIRST WEEK.

To the call made last week, to our Young People's Societies, church elders, and ministers, for the names of those who would join the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, the following have responded: M. Armilda Bogar, Mrs. D. E. Hafford, H. W. Johnson, Mrs. H. W. Johnson, Myrtle Lewis, Alma Hart, Helvig Olsen, Edwin Sprague, Edith McClellan, No-a Willaman, and Mrs. R. J. Bellows.

This makes eleven the first week. How many will send in their names for the second week? We trust to see the list reach the hundred mark before the month ends.

What is the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course? It is a plan whereby our young people may advance continually in the path to intellectual attainment. There are two books used this year, viz.: 1. Great Controversy. 2. Daybreak in the Dark Continent. Surely everybody can and wants to read something; then why not join our circle, send in your name to the Conference Secretary, and read these two good books and receive your certificate showing that you have taken the course. Don't put it off, but send in your name right away, both young and old. Address 220 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich.

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The following schurch schools have begun and the commencement reports are being sent in: Petoskey, Traverse City, Onaway, Omer, Iron River, Moorestown, and Mesick. Perkins and Harris will begin next week.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

THEN AND NOW.

Previous to 1879 no large denominational subscription books had been sold. In fact, we had none. Up to that time no one had comprehended the great possibilities of advancing the message through the sale of our books to those not of our faith, but all can now see how willing the general public has patronized us along this line. Is it reasonable to expect even greater and more direct financial aid from the world in the future?

The Prophet Isaiah (60:5) assures us that the time will come when "the wealth (forces) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee (the church)." This wealth of the Gentiles is the Lord's and at the command of His church when He can trust it, and for the blessings associated with its accumulation. It will not come to them without an effort on their part.

The Thanksgiving Ingathering plan is a manifestation of our faith in the fulfillment of the time when the Gentiles are to help carry this message to all the world. It really seems strange that some such plan has not been advanced before. It is the same idea as calling upon the world in the sale of books. They have patronized us liberally in book sale, so it will be in soliciting for donations--success will come to those of faith and consecration. No one can afford to miss the blessings that will come as the result of promptly moving out in faith as the opening providences of the Lord are revealed.

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TITHES RECEIPTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

Alden - - - - -	\$22.81	Frankfort - - - - -	\$39.71	Onaway - - - - -	\$ 32.10
Alpena - - - - -	42.83	Gaylord - - - - -	34.80	Omer - - - - -	28.89
Baldwin - - - - -	11.00	Hancock - - - - -	122.47	Petoskey - - - - -	17.10
Chase - - - - -	5.39	Iron River - - - - -	47.45	Rose City - - - - -	26.82
Cadillac - - - - -	69.17	Menominee - - - - -	83.15	Scottville - - - - -	13.20
Clarence - - - - -	37.64	Mesick - - - - -	25.00	Traverse City - - - - -	39.22
Golfax - - - - -	16.00	McMillan - - - - -	4.00	Whitemore - - - - -	32.28
Evart - - - - -	2.00	Miscellaneous - - - - -	9.26	Wildwood - - - - -	113.37
Ensign - - - - -	19.59	Munising - - - - -	23.92		
Eastport - - - - -	12.47	Moorestown - - - - -	8.78	Total - - - - -	\$940.42

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ELDERS AND LEADERS : ATTENTION !

Let us know at once how many copies of the special issue of the REVIEW you will use in your church or company, also the number of persons who will solicit for funds.

E. A. Bristol.

TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS, NOTICE!

The pupils' Lessons Sheets accompanying the first section of the Standard Graded Course of Sight Singing, recommended by the General Conference Textbook Committee are now ready for mailing. Send in your order at once so that your pupils may get the benefit of these effective exercises at once. Address Recorder Press No. 843, East 46th St., Chicago, Ill.

Gerard Gerritsen.

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Conference Committee met in Petoskey last Sunday.

The work on the new Tract Society building is progressing nicely.

Elder J. J. Irwin arrived in Petoskey September 30th. All mail for him should be addressed to 220 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich.

By mistake, in the conference proceedings reported in the last issue, we omitted the name of Mrs. M. M. Faulkner in the list of those receiving missionary credentials.

Blanks, petitioning against the passage of the Johnston Sunday Bill will be sent to the elders and leaders this week. We trust that all the churches and companies will take up this work of getting signers to this petition at once.

Mrs. J. J. Irwin and daughter are visiting relatives at Copemish.

Brother E. F. Peterson, now located at Houghton, writes that Brother Evans, our Finnish interpreter, reports more of the Finnish people interested in the truth. Brother Peterson expects to soon visit their settlement.

The Tract Society has made arrangements with the publishers whereby they will carry a supply of the current issues of LIFE AND HEALTH and LIBERTY.

Elder W. C. Hebner paid the Tract Society a call Oct. 5th while enroute to Gaylord from Wildwood. Brother Hebner expects to take up work at Alpena for a time.

L. A. Jacobs and wife of Graysville, Tenn., arrived in Petoskey the evening of the 5th. He will have charge of the Petoskey school.

CORRECTION: By mistake the last NEWS SHEET quoted the price on Christ In Song, limp binding at 40¢. This binding comes at 45¢.

Brother R. J. Bellows and family left Petoskey October 5th for the Soo where he will labor for a time.

Renew your subscription to the NEWS SHEET.