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Here and here alone
Is given thee to suffer for God's sake.
In the other world we shall more perfectly
Serve him and love him, praise him, work for him,
Grow near and nearer him with all delight;
But then we shall not any more be called
To suffer, which is our appointment here.
Canst thou not suffer, then, one hour or two?
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OUR SCHOOL.

Ever since the organization of our conference the plan of having an intermediate school of our own has been advocated. Many locations have been suggested and much earnest thought has been given to it, but at the close of each discussion it was seen that we were not able to build a school on account of not having the necessary funds. And so the school has been left until this last fall when we started a school in the vestry of the church at Petoskey.

This school has been a success in all ways and has been a means of convincing our people that we must have a permanent school. We were looking for a place for the school outside of Petoskey for we recognized that the testimonies of God's spirit had clearly outlined that the school should be located outside of and away from the city, where the students could be kept free from the temptations that naturally would come to them while in a town.

A few weeks ago Elder Moon, president of the Lake Union Conference, called a meeting at Cedar Lake, March 31, of the committees of North Michigan and West Michigan to consider the school question. On the part of West Michigan, Elder Haughey offered to turn over Cedar Lake Academy to North Michigan on condition that we assume the indebtedness of the school and pay a small amount to West Michigan. The total amount would make a sum less than the plant would bring at public sale. Our committee looked the matter over carefully and considered that, as we were getting a property that was worth what we would pay for it we would accept the offer, and so the transfer has been made.

Another consideration of the transfer was that the counties of Mecosta and Isabella with the north tier of townships in Montcalm county would be made a part of North Michigan territory which would give us nine more churches with a membership of nearly three hundred. This will enable us to employ more laborers and will tend to build up the work in our conference.

We all appreciated the liberality of West Michigan in this matter and I am sure that our people will be glad to learn that the transfer has been made. Those of our brethren in the conference that I have heard from express themselves as being pleased with the arrangement, and think that brighter days are in store for the work here. In considering the plans at Cedar Lake it was recognized that West Michigan was practically making us a donation of several thousand dollars. This is in harmony with the liberal treatment that we have always received from that conference and we appreciate what has been done.

Prof. Avery has consented to take the principalship for another year. Prof. Jacobs, who is teaching the school at Petoskey, will be associated with him and plans are being laid to make the school at Cedar Lake a strong factor in the spread of the third angel's message, and we trust that many young men and women may go from that place to take an active part in this closing work.

J. J. Irwin.

CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY.

The transfer of the Cedar Lake Academy from the West Michigan Conference to the North Michigan Conference is handled in another article, therefore the writer will not review that.

Cedar Lake Academy is no stranger to our people of North Michigan, as this conference has sent some good substantial young people there each year since the school was established. Each year since its establishment the school has been a strong factor in the educational work in the Lake Union. Many of our young people have come to a knowledge of the Savior while under its teachings and have gone out strong workers for God.

It is indeed a pleasure to be associated with such clean, wholesome young people as we find brought together in our school. The writer has been led to remark many times upon the difference between them and the average young people of the world. We also find that our young people are strong mental workers, the class of work being equal to if not superior to the same grade of work in the common schools.

Another point that we feel will be appreciated by our people is the fact that the hand is trained as well as the head. It is a common thing to find girls there in the fall with very little experience in domestic work who, at the close of the year, tell us that they have learned as much in practical home making as from books. Hand and head are not the only part of the youth which we aim to cultivate, but we consider the development of the spiritual nature most important of all.

Seventeen students were baptized during the year ending 1908. Although we did not have such a large number this present year who were not professed Christians at the opening of the year, the year will close will all having given their hearts to God. It is not only proposed to maintain the same high standard of work as in the past but our constant endeavor to strengthen and improve the work.

To this end we solicit the hearty co-operation of our brethren in the conference. With this assistance and help which we get from the source of all strength we plan to have the best school next year that we have ever had.

W. L. Avery.

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TIME OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Time is always of great value. Next to life, it is heaven's best gift, but the time covered by the above dates, though short, will record events in which all heaven will be intensely interested. The Lord himself, with all the affairs of the universe to control, will be more interested in what takes place during this time at the General Conference in Washington, D. C., than in all other matters pertaining to his Kingdom, for this important gathering represents the special, rapidly closing work the Lord has committed to man in connection with the closing events of this world's history. If God notes the appointments of his people in the lesser gatherings, and commissions angels to be present to encourage, to strengthen, and to inspire his servants, is it not reasonable to expect that he will make special provisions for the gathering fraught with so much importance as the coming General Conference?

The Lord will certainly meet his people on this great occasion, and impart wisdom, skill, and power to his Gideon's army of special messengers. There will be many things taking place in connection with this session of the General Conference that all of our people will need to know as early as possible. The General Conference realizing this, have provided a daily BULLETIN which will contain a full report of all the proceedings of the session. The price has been fixed at only 50c for the entire meeting.

Churches should meet daily, either as a church, or in companies and read, and study the BULLETIN together, and most earnestly pray for God's assembled messengers in Conference, that they be imbued with the spirit of the message, clothed with strong faith, and endowed with pentecostal power. Those of our members who will have the BULLETIN and study it daily will be imbued with the spirit of the Conference, and will be able to keep up with all advances made, and ready for active, acceptable service. No one who is expecting to keep up with this work from this time on should think of being without the BULLETIN. Let all who have not done so, order the BULLETIN at once, sending the orders,

MOORESTOWN.

It has afforded us so much pleasure to get reports from other places that we decided to tell the rest about Moorestown. We met April 3 at the home of our elder and celebrated the ordinances. We have a flourishing Sabbath School of 32 members. Frequently one number on our program is a song by the children alone. I must not let this opportunity pass without expressing our appreciation of our Superintendent, Bro. H. Hull. Altho we do not feel boastful because of the good officers the Lord has blessed us with, yet we do believe the faithful service he has rendered the cause here in this place is worthy of note by his fellow workers and may be an encouragement to the rest of us to do more faithful work for the Master.

Our Young People's Society is wide awake and active. Our membership is twenty all of whom seem anxious to do all they can to spread the message. Our We are holding Bible studies in the homes of those who are interested. Our society gave a temperance entertainment, March 25 and at the close the congregation were given copies of the Temperance Instructor. A donation of \$3.75 was received.

Mrs. Myrtle Reed.

SCOTTVILLE.

We began a series of meetings in Scottville the 2nd of March which lasted thirty-one days. Our interest was fairly good most of the time. We had some things to contend with, such as a large skating rink that drew many of the young people away, also an auction sale which was crowded every night with people. I think the worst of all was the ministers working against us, causing prejudice to exist.

Every Monday morning we distributed bills with the announcement of our subjects so we feel that this place has been warned with the Third Angel's Message. As a result of these meetings six have taken their stand to keep the Sabbath for which we feel like praising God. Let all our brethren remember them in prayer. As Satan is working hard against them, especially the two who came out of the Methodist and Evangelical churches.

M. J. Butterfield.

HISTORY OF PETOSKEY SABBATH SCHOOL.

(Paper written for the Petoskey Sabbath School convention)

So many years, matters and scenes have intervened since the early history of the Petoskey Sabbath School, that all is decidedly shadowy in my mind.

It was, I believe, in 1880 that my father's family moved to Petoskey. We found the family of "Father Crydeman" living there. And soon after we reached there Bro. J. L. Howe moved with his family to the same place. He was the son-in-law of Bro. Crydeman. Almost immediately Sabbath services consisting of Sabbath School and church services were begun. There were about twelve members of the school at first. During the summer a few transients met with us and gradually, as a result of missionary efforts in the town and vicinity, others joined us.

At this time we had no church edifice, so the services were held in private houses. The church was built later on and then the Sabbath School was moved into its new quarters. One thing is a source of pleasant retrospection to me, that is the fact that from the first, there seemed a hearty interest in the Sabbath School, and so far as I know that interest has continued unabated in the face of many circumstances, such as bad roads, severe storms, etc which naturally interfered with the regular attendance as until recently the majority of our people resided in the country.

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THE CANVASSING WORK.

As I look over the reports from the canvassers, I can truly thank God that his blessing has attended their efforts to place the printed page in the homes of the people. Some have met with trying experiences but they were still of good courage and thankful for a part in the work. One day last week we had a severe storm so that most canvassers would hesitate to go out but one man faced it and as a result the Lord gave him six orders for Great Controversy and in his letter he said nothing about the storm but how the Lord had blessed him.

Another worker in the country made his dinner of wintergreen berries for two days as it was not convenient for him to find a place for dinner, but instead of complaining, he thanked God that the berries were growing and kept on in the work. That is the same kind of courage that enabled Paul to endure the trials that came to him and is what every worker needs in conflict.

I have just returned from the Copper Country where we now have five faithful workers going from door to door with the message which is to prepare the world for the Savior's return. Four more there plan to enter the work soon. While we rejoice to see the work growing, let us remember to pray for the success of the workers at the front and that more may enter the fields that the work may soon be finished.

H. W. Johnson.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR THREE WEEKS ENDING APRIL 2, 1909.

Name	Territory	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
C. E. Matteson	Laurium	Bible Footlights	63	4	\$29.90	\$57.90
Jas. Lowry	Clare	Great Controversy	62	5	1.00	15.75
Edmond Williams	Tustin	Great Controversy	95	14	2.60	41.10
Fred Osier	Tustin	" "	70	5		17.25
F. M. Larsen	Tustin	" "	90	7	.40	19.05
R. W. Coon	Houghton	Coming King	20½	18	3.50	30.50
M. C. Guild	Traverse City	Great Controversy		2	2.50	8.00
Anna Bjork	Calumet	Coming King	32½	10		17.00
K. V. Bjerk	Hemans	Finnish Books		6	6.25	16.25
Orpha Moore	Cadillac	Home & Health	30	5		15.75
Caroline Moore	"	Daniel & Revelation	23	2		6.00
Totals			486	78	\$45.55	\$238.15

H. W. Johnson.

EMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE.

Doubtless many of our readers remember that, at the time Object Lessons were being sold, the College was receiving help from the sale of the books that Sister White had given for that purpose. When these books ceased being sold the College was not completed and a large outlay of means has been required to complete the buildings and also to accommodate the increasing number of our young people who are planning on getting an education to fit them for usefulness in the Lord's work.

The College has no endowment to build it up and so we are obliged to ask our people to help in placing this institution where it can be self supporting. Accordingly it has been decided to ask our people in the conference to make a special donation next Sabbath, April 17. I hope a liberal offering will be made. Send your donation to this office and it will be forwarded.

J. J. Irwin.

OBITUARIES.

Wery.-- Seraphine Routheaux was born Aug. 15, 1881 at Dyckville, Wis. and died March 29, 1909 aged 27yrs. 7 mo. and 14 da. Dec. 16, 1900 she was united in marriage to Joseph Wery. To this union two children were born who are left to realize the loss of a loving and devoted mother.

From childhood she had been familiar with the important truths held by Seventh Day Adventists and about three years ago she was baptized and fully united with the Wilson church, remaining a faithful member until her death.

About two years ago she fell a victim to that fatal disease consumption, and altho all was done for her relief that could be, she gradually failed until human nature gave up the struggle and she passed quietly away. During her long illness she showed to all that she was enjoying a rich Christian experience and left many comforting words to encourage her companion in his struggle of training the children without a mother's help.

Her faith was strong in the promise of the Savior that He would come again and she died with the hope of meeting her loved ones in the First Resurrection. Aside from her parents she leaves a husband, two children, two brothers, three sisters, and a large number of relatives and friends to cherish her memory but they sorrow not as those that have not hope. Words of comfort were spoken from L. Thea. 4: 13-18.

H. W. Johnson.

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Miller.--Hubert J. Miller, infant son of Bro. & Sister David Miller of Wildwood, died March 24 aged 15 mo. He was taken sick with the measles and was thought to be gaining, but pneumonia set in causing the death of the little one. On the advice of the physician no public service was held but a few of the neighbors gathered together and he was laid away to await the coming of the Life Giver.

J. J. Irwin.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE.

The following is a list of the young people who wrote on the review of the first half of Great Controversy and passed satisfactorily: L. A. Jacobs, Mrs. L. A. Jacobs, Mrs. J. Willaman, Nora Willaman, Edith McClellan, Dora Hafford, Edwin Sprague, H. W. Johnson, Mrs. H. W. Johnson, Mrs. J. J. Irwin, M. P. Peterson, Mrs. Peterson, Jennie Olson, Ruth Olson, Alma Olson, Evelyn Lowry, Mrs. L. Coon, Isabel Campbell, Arnilda Bogar, Hazel Bogar, Carlend Bogar, Harold Bogar, Clyde Nelson, Hollis Nelson, Ethel Peters, Anna Ferguson, Clara Stephens, Carlton Stephens, Oren Smalley, Mrs. F. L. Covert, Joseph Hewart, Mrs. S. D. Chapman, Ada L. Chapman, Mrs. L. A. Newell, Archie Friday, Mrs. L. E. Payne, Robert Payne and Roy Payne.

If any sent in their answers whose names are not in the list, please write the secretary about it as they may have been lost in the mail and we want the list complete. At present writing there are thirty-eight who passed the written review and their names are recorded among the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course of our conference.

The questions for the second half of the book are sent out this week and we hope that instead of our list being diminished the thirty-eight whose names appear on our list will finish the good work they have begun: also that at this eleventh hour some who wanted to write but thought they lacked the time, will redouble their efforts, send for the first and second list of questions and reap the reward that comes from putting to test the powers of the intellect. Every day of our lives we are meeting tests and forming habits that later, will make our character. How are you going to meet this one?

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"If the spring put forth no blossom, summer will have not beauty, and autumn no fruit; so, if youth be trifled away without improvement, manhood will be contemptible, and old age miserable."

ATTENTION!

Many times the question is asked as to who should handle the different funds of the church and a word of explanation might be in order. The tithe and all the several collections for the church should be handled by the church treasurer. The Sabbath School money is taken up by the secretary of the Sabbath School and at regular times handed over to the church treasurer who will see that it is forwarded to the proper place.

The librarian takes orders for books, papers, tracts, etc and turns the money received on such sales over to the treasurer of the church explaining at the same time what the different amounts are for, and the treasurer at the end of each month sends all funds on hand to the North Michigan Tract Society at Petoskey with a statement of the different funds, so that no mistake will be made in crediting the church from which the funds are sent. A little thought on the part of each one will make the work easy for all who have any of this work to do.

J. J. Irwin.

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ECHOES FROM OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Onaway Church School used a hundred "Special Instructors."

April 3 the Petoskey Sabbath School listened to an interesting memory verse drill by four boys who recited correctly the thirteen memory verses learned during the quarter.

Mrs. Loranger writes from Alpena, "For the past two quarters we have had the written review and we like it very much. All had good standings and are trying to have their lessons better and remember the scriptures."

John J. Cover writes that they are soon to have a new blackboard for their Sabbath school. He also writes that they had the "Special Program" Mar. 27 and enjoyed it and are planning for more thorough study of the lessons.

The following is taken from Special Testimonies to Sabbath Schools, page 9:

"Some efforts have been made to interest children in the cause, but not enough. Our Sabbath Schools could be made more interesting. The public schools have of late years greatly improved their methods of teaching. Object lessons, pictures, and blackboards are used to make difficult lessons clear to the youthful mind. Just so, may present truth be simplified and made intensely interesting to the active minds of the children. We are glad to see our schools heeding this most valuable testimony given a number of years ago."

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CONFERENCE BULLETIN.

The next General Conference promises to be one of unusual interest and quite a large number of our people will attend and get the benefit of the sermons that will be given by our general workers. The great majority, however, of our people will not be able to go and leave their work for so long a time but yet would like to know what will take place at the conference.

Provision will be made so that all our people can read the proceedings day by day in the General Conference Bulletin that will be published daily. If the past this paper has been one of great value and the next volume will be no exception. The price is the same as heretofore, 50¢ for the term. Do not delay sending in your order as many will do, and thus run the risk of not getting the paper. Order of the North Michigan Tract Society and do it now.

J. J. Irwin.

TITHES RECEIPTS FOR MARCH, 1909.

Alden - - - - - \$150.00	Frankfort - - - - - \$13.37	Onaway - - - - - \$ 47.70
Alpena - - - - - 22.09	Gaylord - - - - - 11.30	Omer - - - - - 20.56
Baldwin - - - - - 5.00	Hancock - - - - - 39.29	Petoskey - - - - - 176.47
Chase - - - - - .50	Iron River - - - - - 86.50	Rose City - - - - - 37.96
Cadillac - - - - - 30.14	Leetsville - - - - - 9.11	Riverside - - - - - 28.01
Clarence - - - - - 12.21	Menominee - - - - - 1.50	Scottville - - - - - 2.70
Dighton - - - - - 1.80	Mesick - - - - - 25.94	Traverse City - - - - - 23.57
Ensign - - - - - .60	Manistee - - - - - 14.48	Whittemore - - - - - 2.66
Eastport - - - - - 21.05	Moorestown - - - - - 2.30	Wilson - - - - - .50

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Total - - - - \$785.51

NEWS AND NOTES.

A board meeting of the Cedar Lake Academy was held in Petoskey April 13- 14.

Brother H. W. Johnson returned to Petoskey from a trip to the Copper Country Friday April 9.

The Tract Society will ship cooking oil in five and ten gallon lots at 70¢ per gallon f.o.b. St. Louis.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Traverse City church have earned means for installing electric lights in the church. It is now beautifully lighted with the new electric Rungsen lamps.

Brother E. A. Bristol left Petoskey the 14th for the Upper Peninsula .

The North Michigan Conference Committee met at Petoskey April 13- 14.

Prof. W. L. Avery of Cedar Lake met with the Cedar Lake Academy board at Petoskey April 13-14 .

The students of the Petoskey Intermediate School are very busy finishing up their year's work. Special services for the school will be held Sabbath April 17th and the graduating exercises of the school will be held Tuesday evening April 20th. The graduating class is composed of M. Arnilda Bogar, Emma Rasnussen, Clara Stephens, and Garland Bogar.

Brother H. W. Johnson left Petoskey 14th to attend the Canvassers' Institute now in session at Cedar Lake.

The members of the Petoskey Missionary Volunteer Society are happy in the possession of a new bell recently purchased by them for the church. It is a thirty-eight inch bell and has a very clear tone. It rings at the beginning and close of the Sabbath as well as for the weekly and Sabbath services.

Elder M. C. Guild and Brother M. B. Butterfield expect to begin a series of meetings at Copenish Thursday night.

One brother at the Washington Seminary has a burden for the Finnish people in North Michigan and has been selling papers outside of school hours to pay his expense to this field to canvass this summer. We hope the Lord will wonderfully bless his efforts in working for this people.

Have you renewed your subscription to the NEWS SHEET?