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"A trifling kindness here and there Is but a simple small affair; Yet if your life has sown them free, Wide shall your happy harvestobe Of friends, of love, of sweet go d will That still renews, and gladdens still."

PREVAILING FAITH.

"Faith," the apostle says, "is the substance of things heped for, the evidence of things not seen," The faith of the Christian rests on the Word of God, which is a lamp to the feet of his people. Following its rays, they walk in the light; but those who reject the light, determining not to hear and obey, will be left in the darkness of error.

The day of God's vengeance is just before us. "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great Prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that same time: and at that time shall thy epeople be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

When the time of trouble comes, every case will have been decided. No longer will probation linger; no longer will there be mercy for the impenitart. Our ewn course of action is determining whether we shall be destroyed with the workers of iniquity, or delivered with the people of God. The Lord is willing to help us. While his face is against them that do evil, his eyes are "Upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their crys."

What we need now is a living, active faith in God. You do not know, dear reader, that you will live one day longer. You cannot call one hour your own. You do not know how soon death may feel for your heart-strings. Will you, then, let envy, hatred, and jealousy live in your hearts? or have you gained one precious attainment after another until pride, malice, and selfishness have been swept taway, and there remains the graces of the Spirit--meekness, forbearance, gentlemess, charity? God will help every one of us, if we will take hold of the help he has provided.

Jacob wreatled with the angel all night before he gained the victory. When morning broke, the angel said, "Let me go for the day Breaketh." But Jacob answered, "I will not let thee go, except the bless ne." Then his prayer was answered. "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob," the angel said, "but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men and heat prevailed."

When the test on Mount Carmel was over, and God had answered by fire, then it was that the prophet "went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himslef down upon the earth, and put his face between his kneed"—an attitude indicating deep humility and earnest supplication. Time after time Elijah sent his servant to see if in answer to his prayer a cloud was to be seen. At the seventh time the servant returned with the word: "There ariseth a little cloud out of the sea like a man's hand." Did Elijah stand back and say, I will not receive this evidence; I will wait until the heavens gather blackness? No; he ventured all upon that token from the Lord, and sent his messenger to tell Ahab that there was a sound of abundance of rain-

We need the perseverance of Janch, and the unyielding faith of Hijeh-faith that will take hold, and will not let go. Inspiration tells us that Hijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, yet the Lord heard his prayer. And why should not the Lord be entreated in behalf of his people today? He will; for heaven is a not closed against the fervent prayer of the righteous. The only reason for our lack of power with God is to be found in curselves.

By many, such a faith as these mighty men of G d had in times past is considered old-fashioned; it is pronounced abaurd, mystical and unworthy of an intelligent mind. Unbelief of the truths of God's Word, because human judgment cannot comprehend the mysteries of his work, is found in every community, in all ranks of society. It is taught in many schools, and comes into the lessons of the nuscry. Everywhere the spirit of darkness in the garb of religion will confront the soul; thousands who profess to be Christians give heed to lying spirits. And the time is not far distant when overy soul will be tested.

In the name of Christ I would address you: Ahide in the faith which you have received from the beginning. We must keep close to the word of God. We need its instructions. We need it warnings and encouragement, its threatings and : its premises. We need the perfect example given only in the life and character of our Savior.

In order to stand fast in the truth, we need to have a living active faith in .God and his Word. By a life of holy endeavor and firm adherence to the right, the people of God soal their destiny.

Do not be afraid to trust God. Rely upon his sure promise, "Ask, and ye shall receive." Do not let go of the promise, even though you do not see an immediate answer to your prayers. God is too wise to err, and too good to withhold any good thing to them that walk uprightly. Man is erring, and although his petitions may be sent up from an homest heart, he does not always ask for the things that are good for him or that will glorify God. If we could look into him plans, we should clearly see that our prayers are answered in windom and love. And through the temptations and trials of life the promise will be fulfilled: I will guide thee with mine eye."

Mrs. E. G. White.

THE HUMAN TOUCH.

A visitor to a glass manufactory saw a ran moulding clay into the great pota which were to be used in shaping the glass. Noticing that the moulding was done by hand, he said to the workman, "Why do you not use a tool to aid you in shaping the clay?" The workman replied, "There is no tool that can do this work; we have tried many, but somehow it needs the human touch." In this not true also in the Lord's work? The divine hand can wipe away every toar and heal every heart wound; but He chooses to use our common hands—yours and mine—to help him. Many sick of the palsy of sin will never come in reach of the healing power urless human hands bear them.

"Good habits are not made on birthdays, nor Christian character at the new year. The workshop of character is everyday life. The uneventful and common-place hour is where the battle is lost or wor."

CAMP-MEETING AT GLADSTONE.

I trust that all of our people in the Upper Peninsula will attend this important gathering, for we expect that the Lord will have rich blessings for all those who attend. Each year brings us nearer the end of probationary time and we see in some places of the earth that the work is closing, showing us that we have only a short time in which to get ready for the coming of Christ. This also means that we have but a little while in which to tell our fellow-beings that the seven last plagues will soon be poured out upon these who refuse to be loyal to God.

We need a closer walk with God in order to impress our fellow-beings with the solemnity of these times and at our camp-meetings we can get broader ideas of the

character of God and the sacredness of His work.

Many times we ask the question, can we afford to go to camp-meeting?

Dear brethren and sisters, I believe the proper way to put that question is, can we afford to stay away? Can we afford to lose the blessings that come to God's people when I they seek him whole heartedly at our assemblies? Can we afford to lose the enthusiasm for carrying forward the work that we obtain by gathering together in large companies? Can we afford to sot God's word aside when He has repeated told us that it is His will that we should attend these gatherings?

Let us earnestly pray that this meeting may be the best we have ever held

and one in which many souls will be converted to God.

J. J. Irwin-

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The camp-meeting at Gladstone will be held June 21-28. The first meeting will be June 21 at 7.45 P. M. Bring your Bibles and the good old song book "Hymrs and Tunes". Bring plenty of wraps for we are liable to have some cold nights. Tents will rent at \$2.50 and stoves at \$1.00. A supply of books and tracts will be on display for those who wish to buy.

J. J. Irwin-

SWEDISH WORK AT IRON RIVER, BATES, AND MUNISING.

I have been in this part of the conference since the 11th of February this year and many good people have visited my meetings with interest, and the Lord has impressed the truth upon the hearts of the people and many are convinced that the Word of God in the Bible is true. My prayer to God is, that these good people may receive the power of the Lord, and step cut on the solid rock, the Word of God, and I hope some of them will come to the camp-meeting at Gladstone and be baptized there.

I brganized a Young People's Society at Bates and they have their meetings every Baturday night after the Sabbath. The young people, especially, are interested

in these meetings and may God's blessing rest upon them-

I am now in Munising and have been a little over a week and we have had meetings every night and God has been among us and some are interested in the truth, and see the way of God and believe that God never has changed the Sabbath or anything in His Word. May God give them power to overcome and obey the blessed Word of God.

A little Sabbath-school is held in Munising with Sister bissett as leader and I know that God will bless these dear sisters, and if they are true to God, he will bring some more souls out from darkness to the light. I am of good courage in the Lord and g ad to have a part in the Third Angel's message.

Karl Stenberge

your own; balieve that the lives higher and better than your own are not through more case. Let more effort; that the lives loser than your are not through lose opportunity, more than the lives loser than your are not through lose opportunity.

WITH OUR CHURCH SCHOOLS. (Continued from last issue.)

The Missionary Volunteer Fociety, too, are holding regular meetings, and took sixteen shares in the Equipment fund. They also sent for the now record books as as to be better equipped for securing reports and stirring up minds to missionary work. With the books they sent for membership cards, as they think the time has come when they should follow the instructions given at Mt. Vernon and make as a test of fellowship, only those who "love Jesus."

At this place there is also an active Young People's Society whose well and faith are shown by their works. The Society meets every Saturday evening and some interesting programs have been given in the interests of temperance, the professor of the public school and the minister of the Methodist church taking part in them. Thus we see that in this great message, the young people are coming to the

front, andy by God's spirit we are seeing fulfilled Mal. 4:6.

Leaving Onaway April 27, I stopped over for a few hours at Alpena, the "Queen City of Eastern Michigan". Sister M. M. Falconer, one of our Bible workers, has charge of the work here, and among her readers are some of the best people in the city. The Sabbath-school is not large, but they are of good courage and with many other of our Sabbath-schools, they count as a "live factor" in spreading the message and thus hasten the coming of our Savior.

The next stop was at Cmer, where Sister Ella Rasmussen has conducted the church school during the year. That they were well pleased with the work of the school was shown by the fact that they asked to have the same teacher sent thom next year. At this place, also, there is an active Young People's Society, who are doing a good work and several of its members are enrolled in the Missionary Volunteer Reading Circle. Sunday, Sister Strong, the Sabbath-school superintendent, Sister Fasker and myself drove a distance of ten miles to Melita to look up some isolated members and get them in the Home Department.

Variety in soil and scenery seems to characterize the whole of North Michigan and this part of the country is no exception. On leaving the fertile soil with which Omer is surrounded, we came to what are called "the plains". At irregular intervals on old lumber road crossed the one on which we were travelling, leading off to the left

where could be seen the green timber of Rifle Rivers. The history of the country through which were passing was written by these reads, the many fatumps and the occasional remains of an old lumber camp. The lumber-baron and the periodical fires have together contributed to devastating whole counties in North Michigan and the government is thinking seriously of ro-timbering some of these districts.

As we neared Melita, there was a sudden change from harrenness to fertile soil and beautiful farms, find orchards and thrifty farm buildings. Here we found half a dozen Sabbath-keepers to add to the Home hepartment. These Sabbath-keepers were brought out as a result of the efforts of Brother Ray Bennis, who is active in giving out reading matter. One sister in this place sends out hundreds of pages each week. We felt well paid for visiting this place and Tuesday went back to Omer. The next stop was at West Branch, where we have a small but active Sabbath-school, conducted by Sister Ida Farliament. After stopping over at Gaylord, we arrived in Petoskey May 11, feeling that I had had a pleasant and profitable time.

Mrs. Jennia M. Villaman.

WIRRON CHURCH SCHOOL.

May 7,1907 the Harris church school closed. The attendance was good all winter and school interest was kept up all year. Some of the pupils have promised to study certain subjects during vacation. The young people are doing good work with tracts and many are preparing to plant gardons to buy desks for their school room. May the work go on and the children be prepared to carry this message when the Lord calls them.

Iella Starkey.

MESICK CHURCH SCHOOL.

The Mesick church school which has been in session since Sept. 14, 1908 closed Friday, May 21, 1909. The school was well attended during the year with bright active boys and girls. The total enrollment during the year term numbered twenty-eight, but school closed with a daily attendance of twenty-one pupils.

With the exception of the fifth, eight grades were taught throughout the t.rm. There was a bright class of seven children in the first grade, averaging in ages from five to eight years. It is interesting to hear—them tell the many bible stories they have learned and to repeat so many bible verses, to name the books of the bible and to recite geography.

The scholars have all done excellent work and nearly all finished their grade with good standings as a result, four of whom received diplomas from the eighth

grado.

I have enjoyed my work with the children very much. The parents and school board have manifested a deep interest throughout the year and it will always be a pleasure to me to hear reports fromm the Mesiak Church-school.

Florence Crouche

CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Surely there is no one who attended the General Conference or read the daily reports in the <u>Bulletin</u>, whose heart has not been stirred by the thrilling reports of the workers from all parts of the world. We are glad that the work is onward, and that no note of discouragement or retreat has been heard. Our hearts were rejoiced as from one field after another came the report of progress and good cheer. The Lord has worked marvelously for His people during the last four years. New fields have been entered in far-off quarters of the globe till at present the banner of Princo Emmanuel has been raised in nearly every important country. This is inspiring, but we do not want to stop here, for after all, the work has only begun. Accompanying each encouraging report was the call for help, for consecrated man and women to follow the pioneers in new and difficult fields, and for the means to send them. And now the committees are facing the task of finding men to send, and cannot hope to be able to send more than two or three where a score are needed. What is the cause of this dearth of trained laborers: Do you think this deplorable condition would confront us if the following instruction had been heeded:—

be melted and subdued. Let us in our educational work embrace far more of the children and youth than we have done, and there will be a whole army of missionaries raised up to the work of God. In the last days children's voices will be heard proclaiming the message. As Christ in the temple solved the mysteries which priests and rulers had not discerned, so in the closing work of this earth children in their simplicity, will speak words which will be an astoniahment to men who talk of "higher education". Then let the church carry a burden for the lambs of the flock in its locality, and see how many can be educated and trained to do service for God".

Testimonies F. C.

Let us not delay longer, but improve the opportunities yet before us to train our children for this great work. Now is the time to begin to lay plans for the coming school year. Befinite arrangements for the financial support of the school should be made during the summer, and not left until the time to begin school. We do not wait until the summer is past to provide for the material welfare of our wildren. Should we not be even more diligent in preparing for their spiritual needs?

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE.

H. R. Salisbury, in a paper read before the General Gonference, says that a systematic course of reading will give a knowledge that is necessary for growth and success in our Missionary Volunteer Society. Twenty-two young people have sent in their answers for the second review of Great Controversy. The following are the names: L. A. Jacobs, Mrs. L. A. Jacobs, Jennie M. Willaman, Nora Willaman, Mrs. S. D. Chapman, Mrs. Robert Strong, E. F. Peterson, Mrs. E. F. Peterson, Ruth Olson, Alma Olson, Jennie Clson, Mrs. L. E. Payne, Robert Payne, Roy Payne, Joseph Hyatt, Glara Stephens, Mrs. F. M. Covert, Archie Friday, Edwin W. Sprague, Hollis E. Nelson, Mrs. L. A. Newell, Mrs. Evalyn Lowry.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

This gathering of representative men from all parts of the world to discuss plans for the spread of the Third Angel's Message will long be remembered by those who had the privilege of attending this important service.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the giving of reports from lands beyond the seas. Some were given in broken English and some had to rely on an interpreter to get their thoughts before the people. But in and through all their reports rang a note of triumph and a determination to give all their people in their respective fields, the message that is due.

In many respects this conference was the most important one we have held. It was not only the largest but the plans that were laid for the furtherance of the work in other lands were broader than any that we have yet undertaken. China, India and Japan with their respective tremendous needs made a deep impression on all the delegates.

While listening to these plans, I thought what can North Michigan do? We can do much. We can strengthen the work here so that we can soon send men to these fields, and we can give of our means. We are abundantly able to do our part i of the work and let us rally to it.

J. J. Irwin.

TRAVERSE CITY AND MANISTEE

On May 16, Brother Butterfield and I closed our meetings at the Grant church-The attendance and interest was excellent. While the immediate fruits of our labor were not all that we could desire, yet we believe that there are precious souls at Grant who will yet obey the light of present truth.

At Traverse City on Sabbath and Sunday May 29 and 30, I was privileged to bury with their Lord in baptism three adult sisters who rejoice in the Saviour's pardoning love.

June 4 to 7 I spent with the company at Manistee. The Lord came very near; hearts were made tender, and three young people, each about twenty years of age, went forward in the ordinance of baptism. We celebrated the Lord's supper with this company, which was the first time they have had this privilege for many years. Brother John Cover from Battle Creek has located with his wife in Manistee and is doing efficient work in giving treatments to the wealthy people of the city. With the proper effort a strong church ought to be gathered out of this city which, with its suburbs, numbers about 20,000 souls.

M. C. Guild.

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Business is service. The King's business is the business of serving the King. Are you in business for yourself or the King!"

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

(For 5 Weeks Ending June 4)

Name	Territory	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
Mrs. E. T. Goff	Alpena	Great Controversy	17	33	\$1.75	\$ 20.00
L. A. Fettibone	Mt. Pleasant	и и	193	28	3-75	89-75
H. K. Nelson	Buckley	H	an	8		26.25
Grace Crouch	Petcskey	Home and Health	65	Bi		27.00
M. Armilda Bogar	Ludington	n u	39	8		28.00
Clara Stephens	Cheboygan	11 25 15	39章	7		26-25
K. V. Bjork	Fancock	Finnish Books	198	38	21.60	115.45
Jas. Lowry	Clare	Delivering				- 1
Anna Bjork	Calumet	Coming King	46	28	1.40	34.40
R. W. Coon	Houghton	it it	39	13	4-80	20.30
C. C. Gross	Houghton	N H	21	4	2-70	7-70
Frances Bourain	Harris	Home and Health	7	4	- V	12.00
C. E. Sutton	Mt. Pleasant	Bible Footlights	16	10	- 50	11-50
Carl Matteson	Laurium	C. O. Lessons	181	56	13-35	87-30
E. C. Collard	Iron Mountain	10 H	68	26	47.70	80.20
E. S. Williams	Reed City	Great Controversy	132	9	7.25	46.55
A. P. Friday	Mt. Tleasant	n n	266	30		98-40
Lilah Frentice	Ludington	Home and Health	32	-8		26-00
Fred Osier	Tustin	Great Controversy	139	27		62-\$5
F. M. Larsen	Myert	W N	1893	17		48.75
Irene Dingman	Cheboygan	Home and Health	45	8	• 25	26.25
Mayme Hogan	Hanceck	Coming King	39	26.	3-65	33.15
Lores Shepard	Mesick	n n	21 .	17		18-00
Nina Wallace	Mt. Fleasant	n u	19	ä	-60	3060
E. A. Fiper	Houghton	и и	88			
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The blessing of the Lord is attending the canvassing work. Some of our agents are having excellent success and all are thaving rich experiences. During the month of May more books were sold than in any other month in our history and the sales for 1909 already are greater than for the whole year of 1908. The figures cannot give the many families visited who have had the truth presented to them. This is one of the ways God has cho sen to give the last warning message to the world.

Several have started to work since our last report in the NEWS SHEET and a few more expect to start soom. I trust that all will remember to pray for these workers that they may have courage to press the battle until the victory is gained.

H. W. Johnson.

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE.

I am now out in the field working for the Master and am gaining a great experience in canvassing. This is certainly a grand work those who feel the importance of it.

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one day I had been canvassing two days with no orders before I got a place to stay. The next morning I started out with good courage, knowing that the Lord would give me success if I were only faithful. I came to a house, where the people were cating broakfast but as they were alone I tried to give them a banvasa but they were not very much interested. The lady asked who the author of the book was and when I told

the lady that the author was Mrs. E. G. White, she said, "This is an Adventist book."

Of course, I thought she was going to talk against the truth but she did not and said again to her husband, "This is an Adventist book" and he took it in his hand and said, "You bring me that \$2.75 binding." If it had not been an Adventist book he would not have taken it. That day the Lord blest me with three orders.

This is certainly a grand work for every man and women and it is my prayer that every one who starts out with it will stick to it. When I first started for the first two weeks I did not get over six or seven orders but since have got seven orders in one day alone. I am growing stronger every day and can see that the work is going fast. It will not be long before we can go home to our Father and the work will be done.

F. M. Larsen.

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CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Several of our schools have expressed themselves as being well pleased with the work done last winter and have asked that the same teacher be sent them for next year. This is indeed gratifying and is an indication of healthy growth.

Now is the time to begin planning for next year's work and those who have not already secured teachers would do well to send in their application at once. There is no question now with us as to the value of the church school and so no argument is necessary to convince our people that we need church schools. What we need to do is to plan early for the next term.

If you have not already secured a teacher for the next form please write me at once so we may plan together.

J. J. Irwin.

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TITHE RECEIPTS FOR MAY, 1909.

Baldwin 3 3-70	3
Cadillac 3.50	
Cedar Run 23-12	
Clarence 8.34	
Golfax 224-60	
Dighton 7.14	
Ensign	
Eastport 13.62	
Frankfort 28.67	
Grant 36.22	
Hancock 29.81	
Iron River 41.53	
Iron Mountain 16.90	
Leetsville 42.00	
Miscellaneous 4.00	
Munising 33.80	
Onaway 38-39	
Omer 30.25	
Rose City 14-17	
Riverside 30.40	
Scottville 7-35	
Soo 4.00	
Traverse City 138-56	
Whittemore 17-00	
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ATTENTIONS

Many times individuals write to the office asking why the report of tithe from their church in the NEWS SHEET does not agree with the amount sent by the church during the month. A word of explanation will, I trust, make this plain-

There is published in the NEWS SHEET each month a report of all the tithe received here at the office between the first and last days of the preceding month; so that if a church sends tithe the latter part of May and it does not reach the office till June 1 the report of that tithe would have to go in the June report which would be published July 15th. If all would bear this in mind there would be no misunderstanding.

J. J. Irwin.

HELF WANTED

I would like to hire two or three Seventh-day Adventists to work at getting out timber this summer. All work is by the piece. \$1.00 per thousand for logs; 75% per cord for 18 inch wood; \$1.00 per cord for 32 inch wood, 9 and 10 f for ties and 3% for posts. Address 0. J. Osier, Friday Station, Brampton, Mich.

IMPORTANT

All mail intended for the Sabbath School, Young People's and Educational Departments should be sent to J. J. Irwin, 220 Michigan St., Potoskey, Mich., until further notice.

Will you be there? Where? At the Petoskey Camp-meeting to be held : Aug. 26 to Sept 5. Begin to plan now to come.

Prof. and Mrs. L. A. Jacobs of Cedar Lake Academy attended the General Conference at Washington, D. C.

The summer school at Berrien Springs begins June 16.

Elder J. J. Irwin and Brother and Sister Bristol returned last week from the General Conference at Washington.

Brother H. W. Johnson left Petoskey the 14th inst., for Gladstone to arrange for the camp-meeting at that place which begins the 21st.

A series of tent meetings will be held this summer at Mt. Pleasant by Brethren Fool and Butterfield and one at Marion by Brethren Guild and Nyman. Other companies will be located at the time of the Gladstone camp-meeting.

The Petoskey camp-meeting will be the most important meeting as the annual conference will be hald at that time and we hope for a full delegation from each church.

Sister Irwin of Copemish is visiting her son, Elder J. J. Irwin at Petoskey.

Sister Jennie M. Willaman and daug hter Nora left Petoskey the 14th enroute for the Upper Peninsula, where they will stay for some time.

The meeting for the Upper Peninsula begins at Gladstone the 21st. Besides the local workers, it is expected that Elder J. W. Westphal of South America, Elder Allen Moon will be present to help in the English work, Elder S. Mortensen in the Swedish, and Elder A. C. Bourdeau in the French.

Brother Bristol left Petoskey the 14th to visit Frankfort and other points in the southern part of the conference.

NOTICE: Now is the time to order S. S. Quarterlies for next quarter-Orders should be sent so we can send out the pamphlets the 22nd of this month so they will reach those ordering them in good season.

Just as we close this issue of the paper two encouraging reports reach us from Brethren A. P. Friday and L. A. Pettibone who are canwassing at Mt. Fleasant. Space will not permit us to copy them in full. Brother Fettibone writes: "I am of good courage in my new work. The Lord is blessing me both in success and experience and I feel grateful that I have most all of my scholarship earned." Brother Friday says, "I have my scholarship nearly earned and hope that all the rest are having success and that we may meet together at camp-meeting to tell how the Lord has blest us in our work."

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