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"I Will Publish the Name of the Lord."

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PRAYER

"Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as a friend. Not that it is necessary, in order to make known to God what we are, but in order to enable us to receive Him. Prayer does not bring God down to us, but brings us up to Him."

---Steps to Christ, page 97.

"Our heavenly Father wants to bestow upon us the fulness of His blessing. It is our privilege to drink largely at the fountain of boundless love. What a wonder it is that we pray so little.....What can the angels of heaven think of poor helpless human beings who are subject to temptation, when God's heart of infinite love yearns towards them, ready to give them more than they can ask or think, and yet they pray so little and have so little faith!....."

"The darkness of the evil one encloses those who neglect to pray. The whispered temptations of the enemy entice them to sin; and it is all because they do not make use of the privileges that God has given them in the divine appointment of prayer. Why should the sons and daughters of God be reluctant to pray, when prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of Omnipotence? Without unceasing prayer and diligent watching, we are in danger of growing careless and of deviating from the right path. The adversary seeks continually to obstruct the way to the mercy seat, that we may not by earnest supplication and faith obtain grace and power to resist temptation....."

"Through sincere prayer we are brought into connection with the mind of the Infinite. We may have no remarkable evidence at the time that the face of our Redeemer is bending over us in compassion and love; but this is even so. We may not feel His visible touch, but His hand is upon us in love and pitying tenderness..... There is necessity for diligence in prayer; let nothing hinder you. Make every effort to keep open the communion between Jesus and your own soul.

.....We should pray in the family circle; and above all we must not neglect secret prayer; for this is the life of the soul. It is impossible for the soul to flourish while prayer is neglected. Family or public prayer alone is not sufficient. In solitude let the soul be laid open to the inspecting eye of God."

---Steps to Christ, pages 98-102.

"I have frequently seen that the children of the Lord neglect prayer, especially secret prayer, altogether too much; that many do not exercise that faith which it is their privilege and duty to exercise, often waiting for that feeling which faith alone can bring. Feeling is not faith; the two are distinct. Faith is ours to exercise, but joyful feeling and the blessing are God's to give....."

"We should be much in secret prayer. Christ is the vine, we are the branches. And if we would grow and flourish, we must continually draw sap and nourishment from the Living Vine; for separated from the Vine we have no strength.

"I asked the angel why there was no more faith and power in Israel. He said 'Ye let go of the arm of the Lord too soon. Press your petitions to the throne, and hold on by strong faith. The promises are sure. Believe ye receive the things ye ask for and ye shall have them.' I was then pointed to Elijah. He was subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly. His faith endured the trial. Seven times he prayed before the Lord, and at last the cloud was seen. I saw that we had doubted the sure promises and wounded the Saviour by our lack of faith."

---Early Writings, pages 72,75.

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### THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

We are sending out the NEWS SHEET early this month so that if possible all in the conference may get it before the Week of Prayer begins. Arrangements have been made so that a number of our ministers can visit churches during that period. Some of the workers are not situated so that they can leave their work at that time.

The plan for the week is as follows: in the Upper Peninsula Elder Bellows will visit Laketon, Marquette, and Ishpeming; Brother Peterson will look after the companies in the vicinity of the Hancock church; in the lower peninsula Brother Johnson will visit Leetsville, Alden, and Eastport; Brother Nyman will visit Clarence, Clare, and Marion; Brother Pool will visit Mt. Pleasant, Edmore, and Mecosta; Elder Guild will visit Traverse City and Frankfort; Elder Bristol will visit Gaylord, West Branch, and Omer; and the writer will visit Grant, Cleon, and Lanistee.

I am sorry that we cannot furnish workers for each of the churches and companies, but we are doing the best we can.

---J. J. Irwin.

### ELDERS' MEETING

At the meeting of the Conference Committee held Nov. 24, it was decided to hold an Elders' Meeting at Cedar Lake. This meeting is for all the church elders in the North Michigan Conference. The first meeting will be held at 7 P.M. Wednesday evening, January 5, 1910, and the meetings will continue until Sunday night, January 9.

In the past these meetings have proved to be of value in unifying the work in the conference, and have enabled the elders to work more in harmony with each other than they otherwise could. Elder Moon has promised to be with us, and his long experience in church work will enable him to give good counsel to those who have burdens to bear in looking after the work of the church.

All the ministers in the conference will be present, and it is expected that broad plans will be laid for the advancement of the work in our conference.

-- J. J. Irwin.

### MESICK

From the twelfth to the fourteenth of November the writer had the pleasure of being with the Mesick Church and Sabbath School during their Ingathering Service. Last spring a collection was taken and divided among the children, which they were to invest so as to obtain more, and they surely did well as they gathered together the good sum of \$12.24 which all goes to Missions. On Sunday afternoon the school gave an appropriate program which was well rendered, showing the interest of the children and the pains taken by their teacher, Miss Crouch. I know the Lord would be pleased if each Sabbath School would follow this example.

---L. G. Nyman.

The Eastern Question has been so satisfactorily treated in the WATCHMAN by Prof. P. T. Magan, that we feel convinced that its readers would like to have the entire series of articles on the subject. We are making this offer: We will furnish 800 sets of the Eastern Question articles appearing in the WATCHMAN including the months of May, July, August, September, October, November, December, and January, for 50 cents a set. We can not include the June number as we have none on hand. The January number will contain the last of the series of the Eastern Question in its "Near East" aspect, and beginning with the February number the "Far East" phase of the question will be given by the same author. Order now.

IMPORTANT TO SABBATH SCHOOLS

On account of the ever increase on the raw materials which enter into the production of our publications, the publishers upon the advice of the recent General Conference Council, held in College View, Nebraska, have arranged for an advance on the club rates of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR and the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER after January 1, 1910. Previous to that time, however, new subscriptions may be given for any part of, or for the entire year. Old subscriptions may be extended, or renewals ordered at the old rates, provided the orders are received by the publishers before January 1, 1910.

The new rate on the INSTRUCTOR clubs of five or more copies to one address is 75 cents a copy for one year; 40 cents for six months; 20 cents for three months.

The new rate on the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER in clubs of two or more copies to one address is 30 cents for a full year. Only yearly subscriptions on the WORKER are received.

Old prices on single subscriptions for each of these papers remain unchanged.

Let all Sabbath Schools take notice of these changes in the prices of these important periodicals, and if possible extend present subscriptions for the entire year of 1910.

ATTENTION OF PERIODICAL AGENTS

Our publishing houses having thoroughly demonstrated after several years of experience that it is not possible for them to produce the ten-cent magazines at the old rates without sustaining destructive losses on each year's business, are forced to advance agents' prices as follows:

- 5 to 40 copies-----5 cents each
- 50 or more copies,---4 cents each

These prices will go into effect on the January business. All January ten-cent magazines will be furnished to agents at the new prices.

NEW REVIEW PRICES

For a long time the Review and Herald Publishing Association has been struggling against the necessity for an increase in the subscription price of the REVIEW. But on account of the great increase in the cost of producing the paper, they have finally been forced to submit to the inevitable and raise the prices of the REVIEW as follows:

- One year-----\$1.75
- Six months----- .90
- Three months----- .50

These prices go into effect January 1, 1910, but all of our people are given the opportunity to subscribe, to renew, or to extend their subscriptions for any part of, or for all of the year 1910 at the old prices provided their orders are received by the publishers before January 1, 1910.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES WEEKLY

- One year-----\$1.75
- Six months----- .90
- Three months----- .50

OUR LITTLE FRIEND

- One year-----\$.60
- Clubs of five or more, 1 yr., ea. .50

HAVE YOU A COPY?

If any individual or Tract Society has a copy of "Sketches from the Life of Paul" which they would like to dispose of, please notify this office.

#### OBITUARIES.

Tinker.-Mrs. Jane Tinker died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Hull in Mecosta Co., Nov. 7, 1909 aged 75 yrs. 1 mo. 16 da.

Jane Kent was born in New York State Sept. 21, 1834 and in early childhood moved to Allegan Co., Mich., where she was married to John B. Tinker Sept. 21, 1855. Later they moved to Isabella Co., and all her life was spent as a pioneer. For more than forty years she had been a devoted, earnest christian and it was the remark of many that she had learned patience through suffering.

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not for me only, but unto all them that love His appearing." 2 Tim. 4: 7-8 was the very fitting text that she chose as the subject of the discourse.

The funeral was held at the Herr church Nov. 9, and the large company of friends that followed her to the grave bore testimony to the high esteem in which she was held.

N. H. Poel.

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Coon.-Lyda Coon was born at Mendon, St. Joe Co., Michigan Jan. 27, 1890 and died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edelbert Mesick of Mesick, Mich., Nov. 26, 1909

During the year following her birth, they moved to Mesick which has been her home most of the time until her death. She was brought up to know the saving grace of God from sin and before the operation which caused her death, she confessed her sins and felt at peace with God.

The funeral was held in the Adventist church which was filled with her many friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Luke 19:10. She was laid at rest in the Mesick cemetery to await the call of the Life-Giver.

L. G. Nynan.

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#### IT WOULD BE WELL.

"It would be well for us to spend a thoughtful hour each day in contemplation of the life of Christ. We should take it point by point, and let the imagination grasp each scene, especially the closing ones. As we thus dwell upon His great sacrifice for us, our confidence in Him will be more constant, our hope will be quickened, and we shall be more deeply imbued with His spirit. If we would be saved at last, we must learn the lesson of penitence and humiliation at the foot of the cross."

Do you know that the texts in the Morning Watch Calendar for 1910 were selected with reference to our Sabbath School lessons on the life of Christ? In studying the text for each day you will be drawing spiritual life from the Sabbath School lesson for that week. Can you afford not to form the habit of spending a quiet hour with Jesus each day?

Order at once from Miss Edith Mc Clellan, 606 Howard St., Petoskey, Mich. Price five cents. To those who want several for their friends, envelopes will be furnished for remailing on request.

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#### CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

At this season of the year many are making presents to their friends. While doing this would it not be well to consider the advisability of giving your friend a Bible. This will be of lasting benefit to them. We have a fine line of Bibles at this place and would be pleased to quote your prices. Send for catalogue today.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND TEACHERS

"The object of the Sabbath-school is the ingathering of souls." Has this object been reached in your school? As a teacher have you a firm hold upon your class? Can you keep the attention of the restless one? Do you know what to do with the unruly one? Then why not take the Teachers' Reading Course which has been planned to help train our Sabbath-school teachers for their work. This course begins the first of January and the books to be studied are "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work", price twenty-five cents in the cloth, thirty-five cents, leather; "The Art of Securing Attention", price fifteen cents; and the "History of the Sabbath-school Work", price five cents. The outline for the course will be given in the WORKER. Shall not every Sabbath-school teacher and superintendent in North Michigan be found taking this course this winter. I am sure it is an advance step in this branch of our work and will be the means of bringing our work for the children and youth to a higher standard.

How I wish that every teacher who is trying to present our Sabbath-school lessons without the help of the WORKER could see the December number of this valuable paper. I am sure the month would not close before your name would be received at the Tract Society for a year's subscription. The articles to be found in one number are alone worth the price for the whole year.

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HERE AND THERE

The Harris Missionary Volunteer Society are taking the Reading Course. They meet every Saturday night from house to house, and they find "Quiet Talks on Service" very interesting and helpful.

The new Morning Watch Calendar for 1910 is ready. There are so many ways in which these dainty booklets can be used. Several of the teachers have used them for their morning exercises in the school; they make excellent gift booklets; and the Sabbath-school teacher can find nothing better as remembrances for the pupils.

A new Missionary Volunteer Society was organized at Cedar Lake the 15th of November, with Miss Ethel Cooper as leader and Geo. Brassington, Sec'y and Treas.

The Onaway church school are rejoicing over improvements in their school building. It has been re-sided and an entry built. Paint, a new stove, desks, and blackboards have made a welcome change in the interior.

The little children in the East Jordan school, taught by Miss Sadie Hogan, have committed to memory the ninety-first psalm, twenty-third psalm, books of the Old Testament, and miscellaneous texts.

---Edith McClellan

RIVERSIDE

Brother Johnson and I visited the Riverside church and found the brethren of good courage, and the school progressing nicely with about twenty pupils in attendance. We held meetings there Sabbath and Sunday, December 4 and 5, though Sunday and Sunday night our meetings were pretty well broken up on account of the heavy storm. Monday night we spent at Escanaba and had a good visit with Brother Harton's people, but as our train was late no meeting was held.

---E. A. Bristol

ALONG THE CHURCHES.

On Nov. 4 I left Potoskey to visit some of the churches in the interests of the canvassing and other lines of missionary work. Brother Blosser met me at Cedar Lake and spent several days with me. We were glad to notice the improvements that had been made in the academy buildings; a little paper and paint gives to the place a more cheerful appearance, and I believe the students will be able to do better work as a result. I was glad to find several in the school who had spent last summer in the canvassing field, and believe they will be able to appreciate the school all the more after this experience.

At Edmore we found that Brother Kelsey's son was on the way to India to work for the Tamils and so that field will have a new interest for us. We were sorry to learn upon our arrival at the Honor church of the death of Sister Tinker, one of the oldest Sabbath-keepers in the church, but as she died true to the message, we can look forward to the time when the Life-Giver will call her forth. At Lakeview and Lecosta we found a few faithful ones endeavoring to hold up the light.

Brother Pool is endeavoring to carry on aggressive work at Mt. Pleasant and is finding plenty of opportunities for work. We were glad to become acquainted with the people in the churches and hope to visit them again. From Mt. Pleasant I went to Clarence and found two there who are planning on entering the canvassing work.

One day was spent with Brother Sutton and I rejoiced to see how the Lord is blessing him in his efforts to carry the truth with the printed page in his neighborhood. The Omer and Whittemore churches meet together once a month and I was glad for the privilege of meeting with them. But few are left at Rose City, but I met Brother Guilford there and it gives one an inspiration to see the faith he has that the work will soon be finished.

Brother Butterfield met me at Alpena and we went direct to the church. He is preparing to hold a series of meetings there and had been repairing the church. It is marvelous what a change a little paint and paper and a carpet will make in the looks of a church, and they can now feel free to ask any one to the meetings without feeling ashamed of the building.

The Onaway brethren are also planning on some extensive repairs on their church. The spirit of loyalty to the message found among the churches is an encouraging sign that a great work can be done in this field to prepare the people for that glad time when the Savior will come for His people.

Last Sabbath and Sunday I spent at Riverside in company with Brother Bristol. Several here are interested in the canvassing work so we decided to hold our spring institute at this church and hope every one in the northern part of the conference, at least, will plan to attend. The date will be announced later.

The Lord is impressing men and women in different parts of the field to devote their lives in spreading the printed page and I believe a great work can yet be done in this field. Let us continue to pray for the work and workers.

H. W. Johnson.

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CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING NOV. 25, 1909.

Name	Territory	Book	Mrs.	Orders	Helps	Total Value
K. V. Bjork	Tahpening	Finnish Books	157	21	\$40.95	\$92.95
E. C. Collard	Tahpening	Bible Footlights	58	53	14.80	49.80
C. T. Collard	Colman	" "	15	10	7.50	22.80
Mrs. L. A. Newell	Cadillac	Small Books	70	74	2.50	42.60
Totals			280	138	\$65.55	\$207.55

H. W. Johnson.

THE IRON RIVER CHURCH

Last month my wife and I visited the Iron River church and held some meetings there with both old and young, and God was among us when we met together to worship Him, bless His holy name. He came very near to us by His Spirit in the quarterly meeting. For this we thank the Lord, for He is always good to His people. I also had the privilege of meeting my dear brethren, Eld. J. J. Irwin and Eld. Bellows there, and they spoke to the church about Christ being the head of the church and the members the body. And he, God, hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. Eph. 1:22,23.

The Iron River (Bates) by the help of God will have a church school next year, and they tried to get some money for the school now. May God bless them all, is my prayer.

I had the privilege of speaking in the Swedish Baptist church in Iron River, and all were interested to listen to the Second Coming of the Lord. May we all be ready to meet Him when He comes in the clouds of heaven. May the blessing of the Lord rest upon all His people in this conference, may we all receive much of His blessing during the Week of Prayer. Pray for me and the work in Ishpeming.

---Karl Stenberg

REPORT OF TITHES FOR MONTH ENDING NOV. 30, 1909.

Alpen-----	33.09	Moorestown-----	3.
Chase-----	4.10	Onaway-----	124.49
Cadillac-----	15.	Omer-----	15.05
Clarence-----	18.07	Petoskey-----	72.65
Ensign-----	11.43	Riverside-----	12.97
Eastport-----	15.08	Scottville-----	20.40
Frankfort-----	3.	Soc---	10.45
Gaylord-----	15.05	Traverse City-----	49.46
Hancock-----	59.87	Whittemore-----	23.
Iron River-----	107.10	Wildwood-----	17.17
Lectsville-----	5.46	Wilson-----	65.59
Miscellaneous-----	24.90		
		Total	\$734.38

THE WINTER TERM OF UNION COLLEGE

Notice is hereby given that the time of registration for the winter term of Union College, which was announced in the Annual Calendar for December 22,23, has been postponed to Wednesday, December 29, on account of the Holiday recess which closes that day. New students should report in the College Chapel at nine o'clock of that day, when registration will be free. A registration fee of \$1.00 will be charged those who enter later. Recitations for the winter term will begin Thursday, December 30.

Two-term classes beginning with the winter term are Elementary Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, College Algebra, English Epistles, Danish Epistles, Roman History, Commercial Law, Surveying, and Elementary Rhetoric. One-term studies beginning at the same time are Elementary Bookkeeping, Civil Government, Logic, Pedagogy, and Business Correspondence. New classes in other subjects will be formed if necessary.

For free copies of the regular College Calendar, the Industrial Manual, and the Winter Term Announcement, address the President, C. C. Lewis, College View, Neb.

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"If the spring put forth no blossom, summer will have no beauty, and autumn no fruit; so, if youth be trifled away without improvement, manhood will be contemptible, and old age miserable."

NEWS NOTES

Brother Nyman reports five new Sabbath keepers at Marion since camp-meeting.

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Brother Butterfield has begun meetings at Alpena, and reports a fair attendance at the first meeting.

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The church members at Onaway have sold the lot upon which the church building stands and are moving the building to another lot that will be in a better location.

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The Conference Committee and Cedar Lake Academy Board met at Cedar Lake November 24.

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Elder R. J. Bellows is visiting his mother at Eaton Rapids.

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Before another issue of the NEWS SHEET annual report blanks will be sent to the church clerks, and we trust that all will be filled out promptly and returned to this office.

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About fourteen dollars was brought in at the Harvest Ingathering exercises at Potoskey.

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Brother Cobblestick of the Riverside church wishes to employ two Seventh-day Adventist men to work in the lumber woods. His address is Truman Cobblestick, Friday Station, via Brampton.

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Read this encouraging extract from a letter recently received: "We are anxious to begin the Teachers' Reading Course. We don't want to leave anything undone that will benefit our little school." What is your Sabbath-school planning to do?

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In order to save the Tract Society from loss in handling cooking oil, it has been found necessary to advance the price slightly, making five gallons \$4.00 instead of \$3.75, the purchaser to pay the freight. However as this is an extra fine grade of oil we feel that our people are justified in continuing to use it. Orders will be filled promptly. Cash with order.

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We have a good supply of the Week of Prayer readings at this office in Swedish, German, and English, and will be glad to send copies to anyone wishing them.

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The Sabbath-school Quarterlies are now on hand at this office, and all orders should reach us before the 22d.

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Owing to the high prices the publishers are obliged to pay for everything that goes to make up the books, they are obliged to advance the prices on all of our large books as follows: cloth, \$3.00; library, \$4.00; morocco \$5.00. These prices take effect the first of January.

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Arrangements have been made with the Riverside church for holding a canvassers' institute there some time this spring. The definite time will be announced later. We hope that all in the Upper Peninsula who are planning on entering the canvassing work will arrange to be there, and that plans will be laid at that meeting that will advance the work in that part of the field.