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N E W S S H E E T

"I Will Publish the Name of the Lord."

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Lake Union Conference.

This meeting, held at Battle Creek Feb. 8-18, was one of special benefit to the conferences represented. Nearly all of the delegates were present at the first meeting and remained until the close of the conference. The first part of the time was taken up with the Bookmen's Convention. Many interesting papers were read and the discussions that followed showed that the delegates were interested in this line of work.

Elder Moon was unanimously reelected president of the conference and but few changes were made. Elder C. J. Buhalts of Indiana was elected to the office of missionary secretary. Brother J. B. Blosser will continue to push the book work and we look for a good strong work to be accomplished in the circulation of our literature in the next two years.

The resolutions were of a very practical nature and will, if followed out, mean much to the work. One related to the book "Ministry of Healing." This asks each one of our people to sell at least two copies of the book each year for three years, and five copies of LIFE & HEALTH.

This is a book of great value and the placing of so many books in the homes of the people will be the means of removing much prejudice. The money received will be used for the relief of the sanitariums in the Lake Union Conference. I hope that all of our people will take hold of this work earnestly and make it a success.

Another resolution dealt with the LAKE UNION HERALD. It was felt by all that this paper was needed in the Union and that the interests of the cause could best be served by each conference using the columns of the paper for their work and thus avoid the extra expense of maintaining two papers. In order to carry this into effect it will be necessary for us to drop the NEWS SHEET and transfer the list of subscribers to the LAKE UNION HERALD. In a number of ways this will be an advantage to the work in this field.

If any of our subscribers object to this plan we would be glad to hear from them. If we do not hear from you, it will be an evidence to us that the change is satisfactory.

The meeting closed Thursday night, the 17th. Elder Daniells led out with a testimony meeting and quite a number gave their experience when they first became acquainted with the message. Sister Anderson, a missionary who has spent some time in China, told of some of the sacrifices the workers for God have to make. Altogether the meeting was felt to be one of profit to all.

J. J. Irwin.

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Love not Force.--"True and intelligent Christians will never seek to control the religious or non-religious opinions of even a single man, save by the law of love and the method of persuasion and reason. They know in their own experience that Christ did not compel their allegiance by force; He won it by love. As did Christ toward them, so will they act toward others. And this is the Golden Rule."

ALPENA.

The work in Alpena is looking very encouraging. Brother Butterfield has now continued the meetings three evenings each week for two months and still the interest is increasing. Last evening (Sunday) there were more present than at any previous service. I have my time completely filled with work for interested ones. It seems the people are more interested in these truths than I ever saw them in all my experience. I think there are about ten or twelve of my readers, beside some new ones, who are now keeping the Sabbath, and others whom we hope to see make the decision soon.

Mrs. M. M. Faulkner.

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From a private letter from Mrs. Brownell, the treasurer of the Traverse City church, we glean the following items.--"The girls of our church formed a society last November. It is composed of six girls from eight to fifteen years old. They have a president, secretary and treasurer. They meet once a week and do any kind of work they can for the mothers, like mending, darning or plain sewing, and at Christmas time they made a few small articles and sold them. They each bring any money they can earn during the week and leave it with their treasurer. Last week they handed me \$1.00 for January. This they donate to foreign missions. The name of this society is 'The Busy Bees.' They are also laying plans for the circulation of Family Bible Teacher and other lines of work."

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Alden	\$ 54.37	Iron River	54.02
Alpena	21.53	Leeteville	14.75
Chase	6.50	Mesick	85.82
Cadillac	4.95	Marion	13.37
Cedar Run	2.50	Miscellaneous	9.11
Cedar Lake	24.	Mt. Pleasant	50.
Cleon	21.84	Onaway	14.86
Clarence	7.57	Omer	27.56
Colfax	4.70	Petoskey	62.37
Clare	3.90	Rose City	11.62
Dighton	31.78	Riverside	16.64
Evart	110.51	Scottville	5.69
Ensign	4.38	Traverse City	176.12
Escanaba	28.20	Whittemore	6.18
Edmore	85.32	Wildwood	4.53
Gaylord	10.13	Wilson	94.25
Hancock	22.50	TOTAL	\$1091.57

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Dr. H. F. Rand, superintendent of St. Helena Sanitarium, says: "We have a Chinese boy who is almost ready to graduate. His name is Chin. I have never seen a more consistent Christian in any nationality. He has been with us three years. Brother Anderson reached us yesterday, and gave us a good talk last evening on China. He is very anxious that treatment rooms shall be opened in Hongkong. We have some people here that are studying for different fields. We have three Koreans, and one of our good nurses, ready to graduate, is studying the language for that field, and we have two that have been preparing for China, besides the Chinese boy."

Our sanitariums are doing this cause splendid service in training our young men and women for missionaries. They make the very best to meet the situation out in the trying fields. Our brethren and sisters at home should stand by every loyal sanitarium, assisting them in their work in every way possible. God will bless every effort in this direction.

OBITUARIES

Sweet,--Alva Sweet was born near A shtabula, Ohio, Sept. 22, 1849. In the early sixties he came with his parents to Genesee County, Mich. where he became a successful farmer. Nov. 12, 1871 he united in marriage with Mary Copelin. To them were born five children, of whom two sons, Harlon and George, and one daughter, Mrs. Taylor, are still living. The older sons, Henry and Clarence, died Jan. 5, 1879.

Eleven years ago he moved to Wolverine, Cheboygan County, Mich. where he has since resided. His companion, father, three children, three sisters, Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. Andrew Cowles and Mrs. George Cowles, are left to mourn their loss. Thinking to better his condition he was taken to Grace Hospital, Detroit, where he underwent a severe operation and died Feb. 8, 1910. About thirty-one years ago he united with the Seventh-day Adventist church and has since been a firm believer in the soon coming of the Saviour in the clouds of heaven. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

F. E. Fenner.

Pyke,--Mrs. Catherine Pyke was born in Scotland Apr. 11, 1845. After a long and painful illness she quietly passed away at the Petoskey Hospital Feb. 8, 1910, age at death 64 years, 9 months, 27 days.

A few years ago at Le Roy she accepted the Third Angel's Message and united with the Seventh-day Adventists and remained a faithful member. We believe she died with a bright hope of meeting her Saviour at the first resurrection. A short service was held in Petoskey and the remains were taken to Delton for burial.

H. W. Johnson.

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The average monthly circulation of LIFE AND HEALTH during the year 1909 was 45,476 copies, making 545,712 copies in all, and representing a retail value of \$54,571.20. The whole number of periodicals of all kinds circulated by the Review and Herald Publishing Association during the year 1909 was 1,681,893 copies, representing a total value of \$174,597.00. Estimating that five persons read each paper circulated, or some parts of it, there were 8,409,465 people who were reached with some phase of our message during the past year by the Review and Herald periodicals alone.

The above is a fair showing, but it does not represent one quarter of what ought to be done each year with these effective, message-filled periodicals. Who will help us to extend the circulation of these papers during 1910? Every individual believer cannot escape the personal responsibility of doing something toward the circulation of our literature.

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The PROTESTANT MAGAZINE is not conducting a campaign of abuse of individuals. While it is sincerely and unalterably opposed to the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church, it opposes in a strong, dignified, convincing manner the principles and doctrines of the church without attacking any member of that communion.

The Fourth Number of the PROTESTANT MAGAZINE contains a tabulated report of the growth of the Catholic church in the United States from the year 1776 up to 1909, revealing the phenomenal increase from 1 in 120 of the population in 1776, to 1 in 6 of the population in 1909, or a net increase of 15,575,000 communicants.

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"Life is a service-- the only question is, Whom will we serve?"

THE ACRE PLAN.

Since the last issue of the NEWS SHEET material progress has been made in the working out of the plan. A letter outlining it has been sent to the people in the Conference and the responses have been very gratifying. All who have written express their desire to aid in this enterprise and are well pleased with the idea. I am sure we can make it a success if all take hold energetically.

J. J. Irwin.

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Several times in the experience of ancient Israel they came to a crisis, but one was especially trying when the whole host of the Philistines came to fight against them. As Saul's small army gathered on one hill, looked across the valley and saw the mighty army gathered against them, it was no wonder that many thought the best place for Israel was in hiding, and most of them followed this plan, but Jonathan was made of different material and did not believe any obstacle should stand in the way of God's plan, so with only his armor bearer and a strong faith in God that a victory could be gained, he began a work that resulted in a grand triumph for God's people.

As we think what it means for North Michigan to raise its share of the \$300,000 fund for missions and also to pay for our Academy many may think, as did Saul's army, that it cannot be done. The ACRE PLAN has been started and now all that is needed is for this people to have the same faith, courage, and determined effort possessed by Jonathan and as great a victory can now be gained. Are you a Jonathan?

H. W. Johnson.

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At the recent Elders' meeting held at Cedar Lake a few weeks ago, among the many important topics discussed pertaining to the cause and the best methods of labor was the best way to raise means to meet the \$300,000 call. After various plans were suggested, the ACRE PLAN was introduced and spoken to by different ones and was finally decided upon as being the most rational plan we could get for the farming brethren to raise money, so we wish to call attention to this very important project we have under consideration.

There is certainly nothing in this world that should be as of great importance to us as the cause of the Third Angel's Message, and the raising of the \$300,000 for foreign missions is the greatest of our present demands. The question now is how many of our good brethren old and young will set apart the above specified piece of ground and faithfully dedicate it to God to be given to meet this very urgent demand. In consideration of the fact that the purchase of the Cedar Lake property incurred a debt of about \$6,000, it was finally decided by all that the proceeds of the ACRE PLAN be equally given to meet these urgent calls.

May the Lord help us each to realize as never before that we are our brother's keeper and that we will soon have to render an account to God for how we have spent our time and means. I hope that all our brethren will favorably consider this plan and begin early to prepare for it.

R. J. Bellows.

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I do not suppose it will be necessary for me to go into detail in explaining to you regarding the ACRE PLAN, as I presume that you are familiar with this plan and I feel sure that as you are acquainted with it, you are also fully taken up with the idea. There is one feature that I am glad to note about this, and that is that all are heartily endorsing this way of raising the much needed funds for foreign fields and the fitting of workers in our own conference.

After this was adopted at the Elders' meeting, the office force at once began talking this matter and the enthusiasm ran so high that all have agreed to do their part. There has been some land secured and we expect more.

Much depends on the officers and leaders regarding the success of this enterprise. To illustrate: I will relate an occurrence which took place not long ago when there was an urgent call made for a very worthy purpose. A certain elder advanced with considerable enthusiasm the need, and began at once to admonish the flock to put into effect a plan which was inaugurated for raising money for foreign missions.

There were those who adopted the plan in theory but waited for the elder before putting it in practice, and as he failed to do anything, the plan was a failure. I trust that, not only the elders, but every individual in the Conference will earnestly seek the Lord for wisdom to know just what He would have them to do in this matter and then lift nobly in raising the crop that will educate our young people and carry the message to the Orient.

E. A. Bristol.

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CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR SIX WEEKS ENDING FEB. 11, 1910.

Name	Territory	Book	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total Value.
E. B. Munn	Perkins	Patriarchs & Prophets		92	21	\$ 6.65	\$ 75.65
W. W. Christian	Sterling	Great Controversy		168	30	57.80	145.30
E. C. Collard	Ishpeming	Bible Footlights		101	72	18.20	91.70
K. V. Bjork	Ishpeming	Finnish Books		173	41	28.97	126.97
C. E. Sutton	Coleman	Bible Footlights		1	1		1.00
Mrs. L. A. Newell	Cadillac	Small Books		30	17		114.11
				565	182	\$110.62	\$454.73

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED.

As I think of the great work of Seventh-day Adventists and the conflict before us, I frequently compare our organization to a well trained army engaged in warfare against a mighty foe.

What is it that causes a soldier to leave home and friends to endure the hardships of life at the front? Simply a love for his country and a sense of its need. Only a love for our Savior and a desire to prepare others for His coming will enable one to enlist in the battle against the powers of darkness. Experience has taught that a small army well trained is more sure of success than a large army without this training.

We read that among the tribe of Benjamin there were seven hundred chosen men left-handed that could sling stones at a hair's breadth and not miss. Are we to think that this excellent result was due to their being left-handed? NO. It must have been due to training and practice and such an army in the field could be reasonably sure of victory.

If soldiers need a training for carnal warfare, surely it is needed in the great conflict against evil. Our Advance Guard, the canvassing force, is greatly in need of recruits and now is the time to volunteer for soon the battle will be over. Our first Institute will be held at the Riverside church, near Perkins in the Upper Peninsula, the first ten days of April and the church has kindly consented to entertain free those who attend and enter the work.

On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the North Western train leaves Escanaba for Friday Station, which is only a few rods from the church, and a branch train on the Soo line leaves Gladstone each day but Sunday. Odett Spur is the nearest stop for this train, which is about half a mile from the home of Brother James Osier. The conductor will tell you which way to go if you ask him, and Brother Osier will show you where the church is.

We expect Brother Blosser to be with us, also Elders Irwin and Bristol and believe the Lord will greatly bless those who come to spend a few days together in studying the books and methods of work. I trust the NEWS SHEET Readers will unite in praying for the success of this institute. It is planned to hold another one the last of April at Cedar Lake, and every one who expects to canvass should attend one of these. I would like to hear at once from every one who thinks of coming, so arrangements can be made for your entertainment.

H. W. Johnson.

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"Truth is the property of no individual, but is the treasure of all men."

THE CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

This will be held for the Upper Peninsula at Friday's Station April 1--10, 1910. It hardly seems necessary to speak of the importance of these meetings, as the results are so readily seen. The question may be asked, Who should attend? All who expect to canvass in the Upper Peninsula, both old and new workers. The new workers need to be taught the first principles of canvassing and the older workers need the help that comes from associating with others who have been in the field. Brother Blosser's long experience in the field enables him to help both classes.

Come praying that the blessing of the Lord will rest upon the work this summer.

J. J. Irwin.

FINANCIAL POLICY

Among the resolutions passed at the Lake Union Conference were two relating to the financial policy that will be of interest to all our readers. No. 14 reads as follows:

WE RECOMMEND the following financial policy for the handling of our denominational literature:--

(a) That we accept the recommendation of the Review and Herald Publishing Ass'n for tract societies to pay interest on accounts that run over sixty days.

(b) That State Tract Societies settle monthly for supplies secured from the publishing house.

(c) That canvassers for books settle monthly with State Tract Societies for all goods, including helps, due allowance being made for time required in shipping books to distant points.

(d) That agents for periodicals accompany their orders with cash.

(e) That church tract societies and companies settle monthly for all supplies.

(f) That conference laborers either pay cash for supplies, or give order on conference treasury for monthly settlement from wage account.

(g) That lay members pay cash for supplies.

(h) That all these recommendations be interpreted with proper recognition of exceptional conditions.

15. WE RECOMMEND, That the scale of discounts on books and tracts to individuals and churches adopted at the General Conference Council at College View, Neb., be adopted by our State Tract Societies. The scale is as follows:

	Regular agents and conference employes	Churches	Individuals
Subscription Books	50%	40%	30%
Home Workers Books	40%	40%	25%
Trade Books	15%	15%	15%
(It will be necessary to order six or more copies of trade books in order to get the discount.)			
Tracts	15%	15%	15%
(Discounts on tracts are given only on unbroken packages.)			
Text-books and Song Books	Net	Net	Net

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We have on hand at this office a number of our large subscription books which have been damaged in handling, some only slightly. These we will be glad to furnish at the following prices, postpaid. Cash must accompany order.

"Great Controversy", morocco, \$3.00; library, \$2.40; cloth, \$1.80.

"Daniel and Revelation", cloth, \$1.80; library, \$2.40.

"Home and Health, cloth, \$1.80.

"Bible Readings", half morocco, \$2.40.

"Practical Guide to Health", cloth, \$1.80.

WANTED.

Workers with our periodicals in the cities of North Michigan. These cities must be warned, but we cannot support a worker in each one. Are there not some of our people who wish to do active missionary work and at the same time be self supporting? Many are earning good wages and doing a good work selling our ten cent magazines. In our schools this year are some young people who would never have been there had they not started out and earned a scholarship with our periodicals. Young and old can engage in this work. It offers an opportunity for all. The capital required is small.

Fifty cents will bring you ten papers- LIFE & HEALTH, LIBERTY, PROTESTANT MAGAZINE, WATCHMAN, or SIGNS OF THE TIMES MONTHLY-and when these are sold, the proceeds will buy twice as many and soon a good quantity may be taken. When the trade is gradually worked up in this way, there is no chance of having a large quantity of unsold papers on hand. For the use of those living where there is a large foreign population, new quarterly magazines are issued along the same line as the MONTHLY SIGNS in German, Swedish and Danish Norwegian.

The following are the club prices of the above mentioned papers: Single copy, 10¢; 5 to 40 copies, 5¢; 50 or more copies, 4¢. All orders should come through this office.

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NEWS NOTES

In order to keep the school at Riverside in operation, Miss M. A. Bogar resigned her school at Petoskey taking the one in the northern field. Mrs. E. W. Sprague will finish the term at Petoskey.

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The Harris school is progressing nicely. The children are making raffia baskets for busy work.

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Under date of Feb. 12, Sister Sadie Hogan writes concerning her school at East Jordan,- "School progresses nicely. There is not much of a change in such a small school you know. Third grade has completed the tables and we have started on short division. Second grade is starting on the eight times and we are on multiplication. We all have Bible together and have gone through Christ's life and are going on the study of the Reformers next week."

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Brother Sidney Kellman sends us the following encouraging report of the Mesick Missionary Volunteer Society,- "Two prayer bands have been organized, and about four meetings of each have been held. The effect of these is already being felt by the spiritual uplift experienced by us all. I pray that this good influence may extend to the Church itself, and help us all to do our part in the work more faithfully. We hope soon to report the formation of more of these Bands. We are now planning to do some systematic work with the Family Bible Teacher. I have already secured the 'volunteers' and only await the leaflets to assign territory."

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We still have on hand at this office a quantity of clean copies of our periodicals, which we are sending out at one cent a pound, merely the cost of postage. Cannot your church use some of these?

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Miss Inez Lay reports one new Sabbath-keeper in Menominee.

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Brother M. B. Butterfield reports eight new Sabbath-keepers in Alpena and a growing interest. He has been holding meetings for twelve weeks and expects to hold his closing service the 27th. They have ordered some of the Family Bible Teacher and expect to carry on the work with that.

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Every day brings letters from individuals who are promising to help in making the ACRE PLAN a success.