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ATTEMPT GREAT THINGS FOR GOD.

Is this the time, O church of Christ, to sound
Retreat? to arm with weapons cheap and blunt
The men and women who have borne the blunt
Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?
No! rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords!
Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,
And to thy kingdom come for such a time!
The earth with all its fulness, is the Lord's;
Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,
Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime.

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A FAREWELL LETTER.

To the Brethren and Sisters of the North Michigan Conference,-

I take this occasion to announce to you that I have accepted the presidency of the Southern Illinois Conference. I did not do this because I wanted to leave North Michigan. I very much regret that I have to do so and it is a great struggle for me. The loyalty of the people in this conference and the faithfulness of my co-laborers have endeared me to this field and it was with great reluctance that I allowed my name to be considered in another conference. However, leaving out all particulars as to the whys and wherefores, it seemed best for me to go.

At a Committee meeting held February 7th, at Traverse City, in council with Elder Moon, Elder C. A. Hansen was chosen president of the North Michigan Conference in my place. I trust that everyone in this field will hold up his hands as you have mine. All should remember that loyalty to the cause of God, loyalty to the workers and those at the head of the work, is what moves the Third Angel's Message along. The Spirit of God goes with a loyal people.

I expect the future will bring great blessings to this field and that the efforts of the laborers will be crowned with success. Let nothing come in to mar the peace and progress of the work. Remember that the enemy is trying to do this. Now is the time to lift hard and long. Your prayers and your united efforts will be greatly appreciated by the new administration.

Yours in the hope of eternal life,

S. E. Wight.

"All who consecrate soul, body, and spirit to God will be constantly receiving a new endowment of physical and mental power. The inexhaustible supplies of heaven are at their command."

ORGANIZATION.

ALLEN MOON.

No doubt there were thousands of men in Israel, who were just as bright and intelligent, and apparently in every respect the equal of the men chosen to any of the positions among the people. Some might have been thought to be superior; but God, who is a discernor of hearts, can see in men a fitness not apparent to human eyes, and to rise up against one whom God has given a work, is to set up human judgment in opposition to God's judgment. Instances are on record, of persons holding one position, having aspired to the place of one in a higher position, and still others, of several individuals conspiring against those chosen to important places in the work of God, and the Lord has manifested His displeasure in the punishment of the guilty ones. The rebellion in heaven was primarily a violation of God's plan of organization. The adversary was dissatisfied with the Lord's selection of beings for places of great responsibility.

The people aided in the selection of the officers in Israel. Some might be tempted to say the Lord had not chosen them; but who is able to judge whether a man in official position is the choice of God or not, even though he is chosen by the people? There are two things by which we may safely judge. First, is the life of the man to be chosen in harmony with the law of God, whom he is to serve in office? Second, is God recognized in the methods by which men are chosen to positions? If these two questions can be answered in the affirmative, and the man is chosen to occupy a place which he has not sought, it is a dangerous thing to be found rendering his work difficult before the Lord releases him.

The first case on record, of direct violation of the principles set forth in the above, is that of Aaron and Miriam. It is written: "And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend." Ex. 33:11. But Aaron and Miriam spake against Moses, and said, "Hath the Lord indeed spoken only thy Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it." Num. 12:1,2.

Now, the Lord had prepared and called Moses to a great work in connection with his people; but Moses, who "was very meek above all the men which were upon the face of the earth," pleaded that he was not gifted in language, and at his earnest request to be released from responsibility, God gave him his brother Aaron as an assistant, to put his words in form. But Aaron became exalted in his own mind, because he had a better command of language, and apparently thought that since the word of the Lord passed through his hands, he was really speaking through him as well as through Moses; and that his office was just as important as that of Moses. But the Lord, in addition to the punishment administered, took occasion to set the matter right in the following words, "Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all my house. With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches. . . wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?" Num. 12:6-8.

God wants faithful men in positions of trust. The position of an amanuensis to Moses was a very important one. God was speaking to Israel, when he was speaking to Moses, and he that received the words from his mouth was held for the faithful transmission of the same, through the proper channels, to the people. There was great danger of the message losing its force, in the hands of selfish and ambitious men. The Lord often sends reproofs to His people, and these are not agreeable to the carnal heart. Only God, who knows the hearts of men can be a sure guide in the selection of those who will be true and faithful. God had given command, saying, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you." Deut. 4:2.

The Lord punished severely the offenders in this first case of trespass on the part of those that had been chosen to responsible places; and this, for the benefit of those of other generations, that might be placed in positions of trust in connection with the Lord's work. The effect of the lesson may be seen from time to time in the history following the days of Moses.

(To be continued.)

WHAT IS THE PULSE OF OUR MISSIONARY ZEAL ?

Every Seventh-day Adventist knows that he must grow in the cause, or backslide. There is positively no neutral ground for any man, woman, or child. We are in the battle and are pressing it to the gates. Said Patrick Henry at the opening of the Revolutionary War, "Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston. The war is inevitable and let it come." That is exactly the position of the 144,000. They are facing a struggle. The Scripture has predicted it, the Spirit of Prophecy corroborates it. Daily the evidence multiplies before us. The very atmosphere is full of intensity. It is pressing on- crowding on- hurrying on to the end. Those of the world are mistaking the whisper of death for the quiet awakening of a glad millenium.

Satan is deceiving all except the very elect. But is there not danger for every one of us? Constantly the heresy is advanced that we must join our forces with the enemy to succeed, while that would be the very step to inevitable ruin. Farmers' unions and alliances, are tempting Sabbath keepers to unite with them, but shall we? Shall we tie to our necks these millstones which will sink us into the depth of the sea? God forbid, but let us press together as never before. Let us join the union of Heaven, let us pay our duos (tithes) and separate ourselves, and in place of joining the enemy, let us stand with our face to the foe.

Our chains are being forged in the present pending Sunday law. Shall it pass? That is the question. It depends much on what stand you and I take on the question. Are you circulating the petitions against this law among your neighbors? Have you scattered our good tracts treating on the message like the autumn leaves? If not, how long will it be before you will begin? How long shall the angels stand holding the winds for us to get out and go to work?

Several years ago the message came from the servant of God that we should now have been in the Kingdom. How is it with us, brethren and sisters? Are our appetites growing hungry for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb? Are you getting tired of farming on Cain's farm of thistles, thorns, and weeds, and are you not anxious to harvest in the land of milk and honey? If so, get busy with our books and tracts and papers. Let everybody do something. Let no excuses be given. Keep the mails full of orders for books and tracts and let us revive ourselves, save our lost ones, and build up Christ's glorious Kingdom and hasten that glad day when sin and sorrow will be no more.

C. A. Hansen.

OUR FINNISH WORK .

January 20 - 23, Brother Evens, the Finnish interpreter, and myself made a trip among the Finns in and around Calumet, visiting in their homes, talking the truth, giving Bible readings, and distributing tracts. We had some rich experiences.

We spent the night with a farmer about four miles out in the country. This family had just finished reading Great Controversy which they had borrowed from a neighbor, and after reading the book began to pray daily that the Lord would send them the light, and that someone might come to teach them the truth. They had never seen a Seventh-day Adventist but when I went into the home the woman asked Brother Evens if I were a minister and then she asked if I were not an Adventist. They sat down and told me how they had prayed and hoped for years for light and now that their prayer was answered they wept for joy. After giving them Daniel 7 and the change of the Sabbath, the man said he would never work another Sabbath.

Brother Evens and Brother Langanen spent two days and a night at my home studying the truth.

A young man who is a clerk in a large store here is now studying the truth and we are praying for him.

Mrs and Mrs. Hermanson have given themselves to the Lord and are now rejoicing in this precious truth. One of Sister Campbell's readers has also given herself to the Lord.

Our hearts are full of praise to God for this great truth and His power to save. Pray for us.

A. Montgomery,
Hancock, Mich.

NOTES OF PROGRESS IN THE CANVASSING WORK .

January is usually considered a poor month for fishing and yet God is calling for fishermen at this time. The honest in heart are scattered in all parts of the earth and as we read in Jer. 16:16 God is calling for fishers and hunters to search for them and take to them the precious truth. We are glad that some here in the snow and ice of North Michigan are going fishing and having some success.

Brother T. T. Beeler writes that he is of good courage and having some rich experiences in the work. He has been working in Traverse City among the wealthy class, who are usually hard to reach, but he found them very friendly.

Sister Beeler writes that she is getting to like the work better and does not hear so much about the hard times since the snow came.

Brother James Lowry has been working in the _____ country in Clare County and took an order at every house where he stayed over night, excepting one place. He writes, "I feel to praise the Lord for the blessings of the week, for the orders taken, and for the way He has provided for me. When meal time came I always got something to eat, and at night there was always a bed ready for me."

Brother E. C. Collard has started work in the Copper Country and tho he has never canvassed in the city much, he is having good success, doing faithful work and putting in good time which is bringing results. Some of the seed sown in that field years ago is beginning to grow and the workers there who have watered it are beginning to reap the harvest.

Sister E. J. Maynard has started to work in Ewart and had good success the first week.

We learn that Brother K. V. Bjork has returned to the field and we hope to get reports from him soon. Others are planning on entering the work in the spring.

God has not gone out of business and His work is moving forward and will be finished in this generation whether we have a part in it or not, but our salvation depends upon the interest we take in this work.

It seemed necessary to postpone our Canvassers' Institute until the first ten days of May. We are praying that God will give some a burden to have a part in this closing work and to attend the Institute.

The canvassers in the Lake Union Conference have been called the "Gideon Band." Gideon's band was but a small army, yet, by their following the Lord's instruction, a great victory was gained. I think every canvasser will want to join this band. If you send in your name I will forward it to Brother Blosser, and you will receive a card with your name on it and the number of your application.

God can use the small company of workers now, who will consecrate themselves fully to the Lord, to gain great victories as well as in ancient times. Are there not some here in North Michigan who will hear the call to have a part in this grand work?

H. W. Johnson.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR MONTH OF JANUARY , 1908.

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
T. T. Beeler	Home & Health	134	30		\$99.59
Jas. Lowry	Great Controversy	129	33	\$3.50	88.75
E. C. Collard	Dan. & Rev.	77	26		70.00
Mrs. T. T. Beeler	Coming King	50½	28		30.00
Mrs. H. C. Rogers	Home & Health	17	4	1.75	19.75
H. W. Johnson	Miscellaneous				19.42
		<hr/> 377	<hr/> 121	<hr/> \$5.25	<hr/> \$327.40

"There is a place for every one in the work! Have you found yours?"

A VISIT TO THE UPPER PENINSULA .

From Jan. 29 until Feb. 14 I was in the Upper Peninsula visiting several church-schools that have recently been organized.

At Harris, where Sadie Hogan is in charge, they have no school building, so the school is held in a part of Brother Joseph Wery's house. There was an attendance of nineteen at that time and more are expected to come. And with the conscientious and faithful work of Miss Hogan, together with the co-operation of the parents, a good work may, I trust, be accomplished.

The brethren have the material bought and next summer they will erect a building which will be used both for a church and a school. They now hold their meetings in the public school-house. As I entered this building the first Sabbath and saw every seat filled, my mind went back to the time when Elder Bourdeau so faithfully labored for these people, and Rev. 14:13 was forcibly brought to my mind, "That they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

It was the day for the Religious Liberty program, and though I could not understand the words, as the meeting was conducted in the French language, yet, I did enjoy the earnestness and zeal which was manifested. The collection amounted to between five and six dollars.

The Sabbath-school has a membership of fifty-five and a good work is being done, some of the classes reciting in French and some in English.

The young people here have organized for service, too, and hold their meeting every Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock. As they are not taking the "Standard of Attainment" most of them will take the Reading Circle work and read five good books during the year 1908.

On Sabbath morning it was given out that there would be a meeting after the Sabbath for the purpose of electing school officers for the ensuing year, and it was encouraging to see how old and young turned out and also to note the spirit of harmony that prevailed.

I was at this place one week and two days, teaching a part of the time with Miss Hogan and enjoyed the work very much; and when the time came to go, and with Sister Baurain and Miss Hogan I was driven on the ice of Cedar River four miles to Heath's Mills, then across the country to Harris, another four miles, I felt that I had been drawn nearer to the Saviour by having met these people and thanked our Heavenly Father for the privileges I had enjoyed while among them.

February 11, I arrived at Brampton and from there was driven to Sister Clausen's where, on account of a downpouring rain, I remained until the weather cleared up. Thursday morning, the 13th, with Brother and Sister Bollows and their daughter, we drove through a dense woods a distance of four miles to Riverside School where Inis Morey is teaching. As we entered this forest, the hemlocks, cedars, balsams, and spruce intertwining above our heads, and the winter birds flitting among their branches; Rapid River at our right running over a swift rocky bed, I was enraptured with the wild, weird beauty of primitive nature and my heart went in praise to God for His great goodness in giving us so much of the beautiful to enjoy.

"This is the forest primeval. The murmuring pines and the hemlocks
Bearded in moss and in garments green, indistinct in the twilight
Stand like Druids of old, with voices sad and prophetic."

As we drove along, an occasional old lumber camp, now forsaken, would loom up to tell us of the times, when, the lumberman's ax broke the silence of these solitudes. Quite frequently a deer's track would cross our road, and in one of these trails the tracks showed that there were three of these animals in the drove.

On arriving at the school, we found a new, substantial building had been erected, and on entering, we found sixteen boys and girls working hard and their teacher, Miss Morey, happy in her work.

The church-schools have been organized of the Lord as one means of accomplishing His work in the earth. So let us all take hold and lift, that they may be brought to a still higher standard, that our children, with us, may be able to stand in

the crisis that is just before this people.

I did not stop at Manistique but hastened home to see Elzer Wight about plans for future work before he leaves for his new field of labor.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

MOORSTOWN CHURCH SCHOOL ..

Our school began in September, 1907 with a membership of nine which gradually increased to fourteen. The school was then held about three miles from Moorstown. We had had school only one month, however, when, on account of the people moving to town, we found it necessary to have a vacation. During vacation a school house in town was erected and Dec. 23d we again started the school. The first day there was an enrollment of twenty-nine. Since that we have increased our numbers until at present we have thirty-seven. Two more are expected.

One month of the school has gone and surely the Lord has blessed. We have been hindered somewhat on account of a scarcity of books. Now that we have received all of our books we expect to do better work the coming month.

Fifteen of the pupils are not of our faith and it is my earnest prayer that these children may learn lessons of truth that will bear fruit in their lives and also in the lives of their parents. Six grades are represented besides the kindergarten. The children seem to be enjoying their work very much. Nearly all of the pupils say that they enjoy studying the Bible the best of any book. That this is true is shown by the monthly standing in Bible. The standings in Bible averaged higher than in any other study.

We need the prayers of all the readers of the NEWS SHEET that God will make the school a success and that, as a result, souls may be saved in the Kingdom.

Mrs. Nona Richards.

TIME RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY, 1908.

Alden - - - - -	354.96	Escanaba - - - - -	10.00	Henominee - - - - -	19.93
Alpena - - - - -	25.79	Frankfort - - - - -	16.60	Onaway - - - - -	46.56
Chase - - - - -	3.61	Grant - - - - -	111.50	Petoskey - - - - -	48.99
Clegh - - - - -	59.35	Gaylord - - - - -	24.24	Rose City - - - - -	3.05
Cadillac - - - - -	5.23	Hancock - - - - -	10.28	Scotville - - - - -	10.50
Clarence - - - - -	3.20	Iron River - - - - -	43.70	Wildwood - - - - -	14.75
Dighton - - - - -	51.32	Miscellaneous - - - - -	21.75	Wilson - - - - -	38.85
Eastport - - - - -	25.27	Manising - - - - -	9.45		
Evart - - - - -	57.98	Manistee - - - - -	4.80	Total - - - - -	\$723.66

TRACT SOCIETY NOTES .

Hereafter Sabbath-school Quarterlies will be mailed from the Tract Society office the last Tuesday preceding the last Sabbath of the old quarter. All orders should be in a week before that time. Librarians and Sabbath-school Secretaries should bear this mind.

LIBERTY No. 1 for 1908 is now ready, and should not only be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist but should be so thoroughly studied that each member of the family will be able to present, to all they come in contact with, the true principles of liberty, so it cannot be said by our associates (when Rev. 13 is fulfilled) that if they had known these things they would have voted differently and cast their influence on the side of the truth. If we can intelligently introduce this journal many will be glad to subscribe for it and read further on these all important subjects.

Write the Tract Society and secure a free catalogue of all books and periodicals, with the price of each given postpaid. Then you will be able to send cash with order for all supplies, thereby benefitting yourself by receiving your order promptly and not having to wait to receive a letter of explanation quoting you prices, necessitating your writing another letter to enclose the money with the order.

Possibly some will remember that a resolution was passed at the last conference to encourage our churches and individuals who wished to run an account with the Tract Society to have a few dollars on deposit at the Tract Society office. I would say that some of the brethren, not only voted this resolution but have put it into practice by depositing with the Tract Society. They are much pleased with the result. Would you not like to try it also!

Several have been writing the Tract Society of late asking what commission the Tract Society will give on books to those who can devote but a part of their time to canvassing. In answer we would say we will give twenty-five per cent discount on regular subscription books to home workers when cash is sent with order. This, of course, is when several books are ordered at the same time.

The articles running through the SIGNS OF THE TIMES on Christian Science, by Elder Underwood, have been printed in pamphlet form. Price ten cents. You will find it not only interesting, but of great benefit to those who have to meet this doctrine.

The new tract, "Prohibition and Sunday Legislation" is now ready. All who are circulating petitions need this. Price 1¢ each.

E. A. Bristol.

NEWS & NOTES .

Brother W. H. Edwards, Lake Union Conference Auditor, was in Petoskey Feb. 10-13 auditing the Tract Society books.

Elder Moon met with the Conference Committee at Traverse City, Feb. 7th. On account of ill health, Elder Geo. C. Johnson has been obliged to give up conference work for a time, and at the last Committee meeting Brother E. A. Bristol was chosen to take his place on the Conference Committee.

Brother Bristol was called to Melita Feb. 17th to preach the funeral sermon of Sister Dennis.

As the NEWS SHEET is sent out it leaves Brother Wight and family busy packing preparatory to their going to their new field.

Lake Union Conference meets March 17-27 in Chicago.

Brother C. A. Hansen and wife arrived in Petoskey the 17th. They will live in the same house Brother Wight and family have been occupying.

On the 6th of Feb. the Committee and conference workers gathered at the home of Elder Wight and gave them a surprise. The following Monday the members of the Petoskey church served a dinner at their home. On both occasions remarks were made showing the appreciation felt by the church and conference for their labors. North Michigan's loss is Southern Illinois' gain. We wish them God-speed in their new field.

NOTICE: I have a gentleman's wheel and a lady's wheel which I would like to sell. I consider the gentleman's wheel worth fifteen dollars, the other, ten dollars. They are both in good repair. Anyone sending me fifteen dollars within three weeks will get the two wheels. S. E. Wight. Address Tract Society, Petoskey, Mich.