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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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"Who are our neighbors? Look up, and behold,
Pressing on every hand,
Little ones, lonely ones, sad ones, and old;
Everywhere see them stand.
He is our neighbor whom we can befriend,
He to whom comfort or aid we can lend,
Or he whose footsteps we may cause to wend
Toward the heavenly land."

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ECHOES FROM THE LAKE UNION CONFERENCE .

Our literature is the only means that all can have to spread the truth.

The Third Angel's Message has gone as far North as people live and as near the south Pole as there is an inhabitant.

The first printing was done on the Bible. The printing press is the greatest invention to increase knowledge.

If there be any among us just shivering over the precipice fearing everything is going to pieces, let him read of the progress the work is making.

Luther's greatest work was in training canvassers who went out like blazing torches.

Can young men be trusted? God designed that they should be so trained in our colleges and by association that they can be trusted.

When Luther was assailed by Satan he throw an ink bottle at him and we can do the same by scattering the printed page.

King Uranda of Abyssinia positively and persistently refuses to let missionaries into his realm to preach the gospel; so we find a company of Seventh-day Adventists camping on the border of his kingdom, already to enter and give the message as soon as the king dies.

The papacy stopped preaching but could not stop the progress of the Reformation because of the printed page.

Give the girl and the boy wise direction, not overdirection, that would crush out individuality.

The church schools report an increase in number, work systematized and better efficiency.

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ORGANIZATION.

ELDER MOON.

During the long sojourn in the wilderness, Israel had opportunity to become acquainted with the Creator, and they either fell in love with his laws and government, or their bodies fell in the desert. So when they came the second time to the border of the land they sought, they were not only ready, but anxious, to walk in the precepts of Jehovah, and to be in harmony with the plan of organization and the leadership he had established. It is recorded that they answered Joshua, saying, "All that thou commandest us we will do; and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go. According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee; only the Lord thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses." Josh. 1:16,17.

The people had come to realize that it was truly God that was leading the hosts, and all that they now demanded was that he be with the leaders, and they would be ready to follow. They had not long to wait after the death of Moses, whom they had learned to love and respect as the mouth-piece of God, until they had undoubted evidence of the Lord's presence with Joshua. "Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan, and go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it." Josh. 1:10,11.

Here also we find evidence that goes to show that the people were not only willing to hear Joshua and to follow his leading, but the officers that had been given a share of the responsibility, as well. And now, as never before, the Lord, through constituted organization, could lead His people into their inheritance. And at the end of three days, Joshua again sent the officers through the host, "And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure, come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go; for ye have not passed this way heretofore. And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee." Josh. 3:2-4, 7.

The above goes to show that when the people of God are truly willing to be led, He will be a sure guide, even in unknown paths; and he will truly magnify the humble man that he has chosen, in the sight of all the people. But the prophet Habakkuk has told us that the souls that lifts himself up, is not upright; therefore, the Lord cannot magnify him without encouraging the spirit that caused the rebellion in heaven.

When Israel rendered complete submission to the Lord in all things, He could then lead them through the Jordan in the grand order described in the Book of Joshua; and when they were safe on the other side, "The Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hands Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor." Josh. 6:2. That which the people feared forty years before, because of the false report of the spies now becomes a "man of straw"; that which they regarded as impossible forty years before, because they viewed it from a military standpoint, and, looking at their own numbers, they said, We are not able, they now regard as an established fact, even before it came to pass, because they are viewing it from the standpoint of the Lord's leadership, instead of military order and strength. The people had come to know that Jehovah did not work by numbers, and that He was not dependent upon the multitude, but that He could accomplish His purpose with the few, as compared with the many, if the few were only willing.

God's people passed through the experience of being separated from the world and worldly practises, and of being joined to the Lord, to learn His ways, His law, and His plan of government, to fit them for the entrance into, and a place in, the land of promise, which was the antitype of the true inheritance. It is only logical to conclude that the people of God will pass through similar experiences, only more pronounced in some particulars, perhaps, to prepare them for the eternal inheritance.

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ECHOES FROM THE LAKE UNION CONFERENCE .

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The men now bearing the greatest burdens in the work have been successful canvassers. No one can rise so high as to get above canvassing.

A story is told of a village in India, where a missionary was called to baptize some natives who wanted to join the church. Seventy souls gave themselves to the Lord and then a boy of fifteen came and desired the ordinance. The officiating minister advised him to wait, at which all the people rose up and said, "This boy taught us all we know about religion. Will you refuse to baptize him?"

Publishing houses were created by the people as a means of getting the truth to the world and the denomination should scatter the printed page to keep them busy on our own work.

Much time was spent in planning for the Young People's Work and with an army of 20,000 youth and open doors into all the world, how soon can this message be carried to the whole world? All can help to answer the Macedonian call.

While canvassing is a stepping stone to the ministry, yet the minister should continue to canvass.

Some new report blanks for the Young People's Societies will soon be out.

One of White's seven principles of Education is that "Knowledge must be adapted to the capability of the taught." Some do not realize this, for we hear of one fond father who said he had just bought his thirteen year old boy a "brand new copy of 'The Two Republics' and he's such a blockhead that he won't read it." Fathers and mothers, arise and help us to keep pernicious reading from our boys and girls. Give them good books adapted to their age and they will like to read.

There are three things that ought to be accomplished in our Sabbath-school work this year. First, the WORKER in the hands of every officer and teacher. Second, The best question plan fully established. Third, every isolated member connected with the Home Department division.

An organization which will take in every individual and set them to work is needed to-day.

Encouraging reports show that the message is making rapid headway even in the remote corners of the earth. The Lord is impressing hearts to go to these remote fields and carry the message. Sister Hallery had had a burden for Alaska for three years, and finally started and has gone the whole length of the Yukon River distributing literature. When she runs out of money the Captains take her along just the same. As a result some Indians and Esquimaux have accepted the message. Among these is one by the name of "Happy Jack", so called because of the optimistic view he always takes of things. He is an engraver of curios and sometimes it happens that travelers are going to leave town and would like this work finished on the Sabbath so they can take it with them; but no bribes are large enough to tempt Jack to break God's commandment.

The world is dependent upon Seventh-day Adventists for pure reading which is not found in the world.

From all lands comes the call for more literature to mold the minds of the people.

\$150,000 FUND.

My dear Brethren:-

Less than two years ago our general brethren at Washington found it necessary to come forward and ask this people to \$150,000 with which to meet some of their most urgent demands. At first, our people thought that such a task could not be done, but yet all were agreed in view of the fact that Jesus was soon coming and that we should begin to give more freely of our means, it would be well to try this Herculean feat.

What has been the result? Why, many whole conferences have already paid their whole quota as seen by the star opposite their name in the REVIEW & HERALD. Almost all the conferences have paid most of their share, and among these is North Michigan. We have reached \$1705.00. That is doing real well, but there has been a little time now that the funds have come in very slowly. Perhaps there have been reasons for this, and we hope that soon everyone will make one determined effort and rise up and finish the amount. Let everyone enquire of himself, Have I done my share? Am I going to do my part? Let the answer be, "Of course, I will." Then the next important question is, When?

There are many in North Michigan who have not paid the required amount; it is \$2.55. It is not very much. It is about the price we pay for a pair of shoes or a hat. I believe that when the matter is fully explained to all our faithful people that we will soon be able to finish this fund. This means that all who give will receive a blessing. No one does anything for nought in God's cause. The Lord always pays us in some way where we most need it. Best of all, by this fund the coming of Jesus will be greatly hastened. Let all take a new hold and lift.

C. A. Hansen.

THE LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE.

As I undertake to give you a description of my telephone I find language inadequate to describe it, however, will do the best I can. In the first place I think it far superior to those generally in use. No money is required to buy it. It can only be bought with faith. It lasts a lifetime and never gets out of order when kept in constant use. When leaving home it is very essential that you take it with you. It is very light and there is such a pleasure in having it near you, always ready for a message.

It is a long distance with no central, and goes straight through to the sanctuary in heaven. Heb. 8:12. Jesus is the president, the angels are the distributors and anyone who has faith in God and believes in prayer are the receivers. Faith will always bring an answer to the message. Perhaps not as soon as with your telephone, and it may not be just when and how we expect it, but the Lord knows best and sometimes the answer is much better than we could hope. I use it from two to four times a day, but no one ever comes in and says, "Can I use your telephone please?" I only wish they would. I am often impressed that they need to use it so I frequently take the liberty to send a message for them.

You might object to this telephone because you would sometimes have to wait for an answer, but I am sure there is more joy when it does come, and then it teaches us patience, and tries our faith, and as it will not work without faith, we have to have our trials. But do not think for a moment that the answer is always delayed, for this is only when our All-wise Father sees it is best for us. So we are sure if we use this telephone in accordance with God's will there will be no worrying, fretting or scholding, and it will be a benefit in this world and in the world to come (Rev. 21:1) because it brings such joy and peace to the heart of the user. I do so hope you will all get one.

Mrs. M. E. Trotman.

CEDAR LAKE NOTES.

The North Michigan Students regretted very much to hear of Elder Wight leaving our conference and we will miss his kind talks when he came to see us, but it is hoped that our new president will visit us from time to time.

A number of students have left this spring and a few more expect to go before the school is out. The graduation of class of ten members are beginning to prepare for the commencement exercises.

The spring work has begun. Mr. Martin Halverson has been hired to work on the farm this coming summer. Mr. Green went to a sale at Remus, twenty miles distant, and while there purchased a wagon and one hundred bushel of oats.

I do not think there are many here who have the Western fever but a disease commonly known as the Spring Fever seems to find its way here. Perhaps some good suggestions could be given for that.

The 25th of March ended the winter term. The students were given two day's vacation. The 26th four horses were hitched to the wagon and a crowd of twenty six students with two teachers went for a ride, a distance of thirteen miles. The roads were very muddy, so much so that another team was hired to take part of the load. There were fourteen that came back on the train and when all were home they were very tired; but one expressed it as a "happy tired".

We have been blest the past two weeks with having a number of conference workers with us, among which were Elders Hansen, Montgomery, and Brother H. W. Johnson from North Michigan. We were more than glad to have these come, and to have a good visit with them, also to know there are some that have an interest in us.

We realize to an extent that we have a foreign field very near at home, in fact how many there are right at our own doors that know very little of the different points of our faith. How do our lives correspond with what we profess? "And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

Dr. Ingersoll, who has been to India as a missionary gave a lecture on the different parts of the country, manners, and customs, illustrating it with magic lantern views which were very interesting.

School will be out May 27th instead of June 5th. This gives those who care to attend the summer school or go to Washington, D. C. a little better privilege. There are two who expect to go to Washington.

Some very encouraging letters have been received from Brother Tolf in behalf of the canvassing work.

Prof. Lanson gave a very interesting talk Sunday night, Apr. 5th. The chapel room was filled almost to the limit, a number of outsiders being present.

Ralph G. Lewis.

NO, DON'T.

Dear fathers, don't scold. The shoes will grow old, and the clothing wear out. 'Tis by no means at all worth scolding about. Your burdens will be like the sands of the sea, and nothing is what you might wish it to be; you'll be jostled and pressed, and perplexed and distressed; you'll wish for a place and a period of rest. The children won't do as you might wish them to; all things will run wrong and the prospect look blue.

But, fathers, don't scold. O don't scold.

Dear mothers, don't scold.

There'll be dust on the carpet from John's dirty feet, and Mary and Polly will fail to be neat. They'll make a great racket; for quiet you'll plead; and after you've spoken, they'll fail to take heed. All over the garden the chickens will scratch. The seeds will not sprout; the eggs will not hatch; the doors will blow open; the house plants will freeze; John's suit will wear out at the elbows and knees.

But, mothers, don't scold. O don't scold.

Dear brethren, don't scold.

Brother A. is too slow; Brother B. is too fast; Brother C. nevers sees till

the ~~change~~ has gone past; Brother D. is contrary, F. and G. are perverted; H., I., J., and K. are not soundly converted; while all of the rest, whether child, man, or woman, are all full of faults, decidedly human.

In short, to come quickly and right to the point,--the world and all in it are quite out of joint.

But, brethren, don't scold, O don't scold!

T. H. Jeys.

AN EXPLANATION.

I have been requested to write some plain directions on how to divide our money among the many calls that come to us all. There are four general departments as follows: Tithe, Sabbath-school, Offerings, and Church-school.

The first duty is the tithe. That should be paid first, otherwise we will be robbing God. If a man earns thirty dollars his tithe is three dollars. This money is the Lord's and should be turned over to the church treasurer just the same as you would turn it over to the bank if you had borrowed it there.

Then comes the Sabbath-school and other offerings, but remember, it is wrong to pay our tithe in at the Sabbath-school. This puts the money in a wrong channel. It is likewise wrong to use the tithe for church-school or the \$150,000 Fund or for church expenses. If we are faithful in paying tithe we will have plenty to pay in on an occasional call like the \$150,000 Fund, etc., but if we simply give all to some collection the Lord's work will suffer. God does all His work systematically. Every penny has its own proper place.

Some have thought that because they have so little to give that therefore they would simply give a good amount in Sabbath-school, but that is wrong. It robs Peter to pay Paul. It gives an honor to the giver which does not belong to him. If I pay my tithe in Sabbath-school I am using the Lord's own money and making the people believe I'm doing it myself. We might as well take money from our neighbor to give in offerings as to use the tithe.

Finally, first pay the tithe to the church treasurer, then pay what you can to the Sabbath-school, then pay offerings and support church-schools, and remember God has promised to supply all our needs.

C. A. Hansen.

SABBATH-SCHOOL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK.

Some of our Sabbath-schools report an attendance of 100 % again.

The Testimonies say that the temperance work should be made prominent among us. Cannot each of our Missionary Volunteer Societies plan to give a temperance program in the near future?

How many of our Sabbath-schools would like to have a Sabbath-school Institute this spring? Look at the program in the February WORKER and decide. This program is different from the former Sabbath-school convention programs in that instead of telling how to work, the actual work is done. Object teaching is always effective and great good will come to our schools by following this program. If you desire an institute held in your school, write me and we'll invite the other schools and arouse an interest in Sabbath-school work and plan for work in the Missionary Volunteer Society at the same time.

Let the Young People's Societies remember that it is a duty to send in their reports promptly, not to boast of what they have done, but to declare all things that

God has done with them. Acts 25:4. This will apply also to individual members and to our Sabbath-schools.

Of the fifty-four Sabbath-schools in our conference, about half have reported. Please send the reports to 220 Michigan St., and the donations to the Tract Society, 222 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich.

Mrs. Jennie L. Willaman.

CANVASSING REPORT FOR MARCH .

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value	Value of Books Delivered
E. C. Collard	Dan. & Rev.	118	25	41.00	\$107.00	\$ 8.00
K. V. Bjork	Finnish Books	133	46	6.50	86.60	52.70
Jas. Lowry	Great Controversy	125½	18	2.25	47.50	29.50
T. T. B. Jeler	Home and Health	101	14	2.75	45.75	
Mrs. T. T. Deeler	Coming King	45	22		25.50	
Mrs. E. A. Kirby	Great Controversy	11	3	6.05	13.55	2.80
Mrs. E. J. Maynard	Bible Footlights	1	1		1.00	
H. W. Johnson	Miscellaneous				8.15	
		534½	129	58.55	\$355.05	\$94.00

L A S T C A L L .

God's work is moving forward so rapidly in the earth that we know it must be finished quickly. Soon the last sermon will be preached, soon the last book will be sold by our faithful canvassers, the last paper and tract distributed, and the last institute held to assist in training workers to enter the field.

The object of a Canvassers' Institute is that we may counsel together and study the best ways of reaching people and placing the literature in their homes and the results of such gatherings are spoken of in Prov. 15:22, Prov. 27:17 and Eccl. 10:10.

This is our last opportunity of calling attention to the fact that we will have a Canvassers' Institute at Mesick the first ten days of May. I have already heard from several who expect to attend and would like to hear at once from all others who plan on being present or intend to enter the field this spring.

Will not all in the conference pray for the success of this meeting.

H. W. Johnson.

ROSE CITY CHURCH .

I thought I would give a report of the Rose City Church. Our quarterly meeting held the fourth of April was one of the best we have had. The testimonies showed hope and courage. Four new ones were taken into the church subject to baptism. Brother Montgomery arrived at the close of the Sabbath and the following day baptised these four new ones making them full members.

This church was organized six years ago last month by Elders M. G. Guild and Chancy Wood with a membership of eight, the exact number that was saved in the ark in the time of the flood. Since this church was organized nine have been dismissed by letter, and its present membership is twenty-one, a net gain of twenty-two in six years. Of the original eight Brother Montgomery is in the ministry with his wife a valuable helper, and Brother W. C. Mathewson of the Cedar Lake Academy contemplates entering the ministry this summer, thus leaving four of the original eight.

There are several in this vicinity keeping the Sabbath that do not belong to our church who may unite later on. There are two families, not of our faith, who say they are going to attend our Sabbath-school and meeting this summer. We thank God

for what has been accomplished and pray that He will continue to bless us with His presence.

J. E. Mathewson.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR MARCH, 1908.

Alpena - - - - -	\$19.16	Evart - - - - -	6.41	Miscellaneous - - - - -	\$13.55
Aldon - - - - -	15.00	Frankfort - - - - -	2.15	Manistee - - - - -	2.05
Baldwin - - - - -	7.26	Gaylord - - - - -	10.10	Petoskey - - - - -	1.21
Cadillac - - - - -	25.89	Hancock - - - - -	21.86	Rose City - - - - -	1.75
Clarence - - - - -	1.89	Iron Mountain - - - - -	1.55	Scottville - - - - -	5.00
Chase - - - - -	15.29	Iron River - - - - -	7.60	Sault Ste. Marie - - - - -	3.50
Colfax - - - - -	45.00	Leetsville - - - - -	23.30	Traverse City - - - - -	21.50
Clare - - - - -	9.50	Menominee - - - - -	22.50	Wildwood - - - - -	8.35
Dighton - - - - -	15.90	Mesick - - - - -	15.77	Total - - - - -	\$539.86
Emsign - - - - -	8.50	Munising - - - - -	7.52		

NEWS & NOTES.

The first boat of the season reached Petoskey April 18th.

Last Sabbath Elder C. A. Hansen and Brother E. A. Bristol visited the Gaylord church.

Canvassers' Institute will be held at Mesick May 1 - 10.

A Temperance meeting will be held in the Petoskey church April 25 by the Missionary Volunteer Society.

Brother H. W. Johnson spent last Sabbath with the Eastport church.

Until further notice, vegetable cooking oil will be sold by the Tract Society in ten gallon cans for 75¢ per gallon.

Sister E. A. Kirby who has been canvassing at Ely visited friends in Petoskey a few days last week on her way to Eastport.

Brother C. J. Tolf has taken charge of the canvassing work in Southern Illinois.

The Northern camp-meeting will be held at Gladstone beginning the last week in June.

Mrs. L. M. Richards of Moorstown and Miss Zona Carr of Muskegon have been visiting their parents at Petoskey.

The church school at Eastport has closed.

The Canvassers' Institute at Cedar Lake is now in progress.

The annual sermon on the soon coming of the Saviour is now being preached. Matt. 24: 32,33.

We call the attention of our readers to the May number of LIFE AND HEALTH now ready to mail. It is not only attractive in appearance, but highly important in contents. It touches many phases of the diet question, establishing the foundation principles of health through a proper diet, and demonstrating that, "as we eat, so we live."