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GIVING.

"God's love hath in us wealth uphcaped;
Cnly by giving it is reaped.
The body withers, and the mind,
If pent in by a selfish nind.
Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give pelf,
Give love, give tears, and give thyself.
Give, give, be always giving;
Who gives not is not living.
The more we give,
The more we live.

CAMP-MEETING ECHOES.

The camp-meeting has come and gone. We were glad so many availed themselves of the precious opportunity of hearing of the great progress of the cause and to listen to sermons that made one feel like living better and doing more to hasten the message to earth's remotest bounds.

We were favored, a part or all of the time, with the labors of Elders Allen Moon, W. A. Spicer, C. P. Bollman, E. K. Slade, S. E. Wight, A. R. Sandborn, Professors Frederick Griggs and C. J. Graf, and Brethren Blosser and Straw.

Elder Spicer brought most cheering news from the foreign fields, showing how God used even the difficulties that were in the way to add to the number of Sabbath keepers. In every country of importance there eare today representatives of the closing message.

Our music was good. Brother Geo. Swaner of St. Johns played the cornet, Mrs. Byron Butterfield of Berrien Springs the violin, and Miss Hattie Hansen presided at the organ. Brother Clifford Russell was director.

The attendance from the city was good and some are investigating the truth further. A revival spirit characterized our young people's meetings throughout and on the last Sabbath in the big tent a large number went forward. As a result of the camp-meeting thirty-nine were baptised and many more renewed their consecration and will strive to gain a better experience.

Another year is now before us in which to put into practice the truths we have heard. Let us begin to plan now to come back next year, and until them, let us watch every opportunity to speak to our neighbors and friends about Jesus and let us be faithful in scattering books and tracts in every home, for soon the golden sum of probation will gild the western skies, to rise no more. Therefore, let us be vigilant—let us watch, work, and pray.

C. A. Hansen

"When men do anything for God, the very least thing, they never know where it will end, nor what amount of work it will do for him. Love's secret, therefore, is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are very little ones."

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

The sixth annual session of the North Michigan Conference was held at Petoskey, Mich., in connection with the camp-meeting, August 27 to September 6, 1908. Committees were appointed at follows: Committee on Nominations, Ernest Peterson, T. W. Bogar, R. J. Bellows, D. B. Voorheis, Thos. De Moulpied; Committee on Credentials and Licenses, M. C. Guild, S. E. Wight, M. Stephens, J. L. Mann, O. P. Smalley; Committee on Plans and Resolutions, H. W. Johnson, Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman, F. E. Fenner, Edith McClellan, Fred Cowles, E. A. Bristol, and T. W. Starkey. It was voted that we extend a vote of thanks and appreciation to the West

Michigan Conference for the labors of Elder W. C. Hehner and . Brother M. B. Butterfield in North Michigan-

The following resolutions and recommendations were adopted:

WHEREAS, God has greatly blest the efforts put forth in the conference during the past year in the conversion of souls and the raising of means for the spread of the third angel's message, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we pledge anew to God the full consecration of our lives and

means to this work.

WHEREAS, There are many isolated individuals in our conference who are

loyal Seventh-day Adventists, therefore,

2. WE RECOLLIEND, (1) That a conference church be organized. (2) That all loyal isolated Seventh-day Adventists living in our conference be urged to unite with the conference church. (3) That the president of the conference act as elder of this church; the treasurer of the conference as treasurer of the church and the secretary of the Sabbath-school Department as secretary and librarian of the church. (4) That a meeting of the church, where the ordinances shall be celebrated, shall be held at least once a year at such time and place, as may be agreed upon, at which meeting all members shall be expected to be represented either in person or by letter."

IN ORDER to revive and foster the home missionary work in the churches,

and in harmony with an action of the Lake Union Conference,

WE RECOMMEND, (1) That on the fourth Sabbath of each month a missionary meeting be held, at which time reports of work done can be gathered and matter considered for future work, this meeting not in any way to take the place of the regular weekly missionary meeting where such meetings are held (2) That the plan of selling our missionary papers be encouraged by securing agents to devote their whole time to it and individuals in each church to work the local territory. (3) That we, as a conference express our appreciation of the work of our faithful canvassers and encourage others to enter the ranks.

WHEREAS, Our foreign mission work has, through the providence of God assumed large proportions, and has become the leading work of the denomination, and,

WHEREAS, New fields are being rapidly opened for extended work, and necessary means beyond the power of our members to donate for this advance work are immediately required to meet the demands, and,

WHEREAS, This denomination has fully borne the expenses of its foreign work for the past fifty years without giving the general public an opportunity to assist, and, WHEREAS, Other denominations have been generously assisted in their foreign

work by an appreciative public, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we approve of, and pledge our hearty co-operation in, the plan recommended by the General Conference for An Ingathering for Foreign Mission Work, November 22-28 during Thanksgiving Week, 1908.

Recognizing the need of a preparation for the work in our Sabbath-schools, therefore,

WE URGE that every officerand teacher in our schools take the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER as an aid in the preparation for his work.

WHEREAS. There is great need of trained teachers in our Sabbath-schools,

therefore,

- 6. WE RECOIDEND, That this body reconsider Resolution 25 of last year which reads as follows: "RESOLVED, That we recommend that our conference arrange to hold frequent short normal institutes, gathering the workers from two or three schools to some central point for the sudy of methods in Sabbath-school work.
 - Realizing the need of a thorough understanding of the Sabbath-school lessons, 7. WE RECOLUEND, That written reviews be held at the end of each quarter.

WHIREAS, There are many isolated Sabbath keepers who cannot meet with the body and are not getting the benefit that comes from the study of the Sabbath-school lessons, therefore,

WE RECOMMEND, That all of our schools manifest greater diligence in the

Home Department work.

WE RECOILEND, That all Sabbath-school donations go to missions.

WHEREAS, It has not proved entirely satisfactory to send our students to other conferences, and,

WHEREAS, We have no school of our own, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we petition the Lake Union Conference to grant us the privilege of starting an intermediate school within the boundaries of the North Michigan Conference.

WHEREAS. The Lord is calling us to carry the third angel's message to every nation and tongue without delay, for the speedy finishing of the work, and,

WHEREAS, The present demands of the mission fields call for appropriations from the General Conference beyond the ability of the mission treasury to respond, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, of the North Michigan Conference labor earnestly and watchfully to raise for foreign missions a sum equal to ten cents per week per member and that we instruct our officers to keep the churches informed as to the progress in making up this amount.

WHEREAS, The agitation for Sunday legislation in the states and in Congress continues without abatement and the people of the country are largely in ignorance of the

true character of such laws, therefore,
12. RESOLVED, That we engage in a continual campaign for the enlightenment of the people of North Michigan in the principles of religious liberty by means of the platform and the circulation of suitable literature on the subject.

WHEREAS, The Conference is continually losing money on books stored in the basement, and,

WHIREAS, Great inconvenience is experienced because of a lack of proper

offices in which to work, therefore,

13. WE RECOILEND, That immediate steps be taken to procure material and erect suitable offices.

WHEREAS, An open door into our schools is an open door into wider, stronger, and more effective service, and,

WHEREAS, The fields both at home and abroad are calling loudly for trained

workers, therefore,

14. WE RECOIMEND, That Resolution 10 of last year be reconsidered, which reads as follows: "We further recommend that our young people be encouraged to avail themselves of the scholarship plan in securing an education in our schools."

WHEREAS, The Testimonies have said that our literature should be scattered as the leaves of autumn, therefore,

15. WE RECOLLEND, That all our people take up the work of scattering the HOME

BIBLE TEACHER Leaflets, and,

WE FURTHER RECOMMEND, That we encourage our young people's Societies to take a club of LTFE AND HEALTH that by selling them they may have money to carry on their work.

16. WE RECOMEND, That every young people's society be encouraged to establish a prayer circle.

Inasmuch as the REVIEW AND HERALD is the official organ of the denomination, therefore,

17. WE RECOMMEND, That all our people be urged to take this paper.

WHEREAS, The PETOSKEY R CORDER has shown great kindness in publishing reports of the camp-meeting, therefore,

18. RESOLVED, That we, in conference assembled, express our appreciation of

their courtesy.

WE ALSO, as a conference, extend our thanks to the Bay View Association for the privilege they so kindly granted of procuring water from their grounds, and, ALSO RESOLVED, That we, as a body, extend our thanks to Mr. Newberry for the use of the grounds.

Ministerial credentials were granted C. A. Hansen, J. J. Irwin, M. C. Guild; Brother R. J. Bellows was ordained to the ministry and given credentials. Ministerial licenses were granted E. A. Bristol, Ernest Feterson, Frank Fenner; missionary licenses were granted H. W. Johnson, Isabella Campbell, Inez Lay, Edith McClellan, Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman, Ethel Peters; canvassers' licenses were given to E. C. Collard, A. P. Friday, James Lowry, Mrs. E. E. Goff, K. V. Bjork, T. T. Beeler, Mrs. T. Beeler and Chas. H. Wallen.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, J. J. Irwin, Secretary, Edith McClellan; Treasurer, E. A. Bristol; Executive Committee, J. J. Irwin, M. C. Guild, E. A. Bristol, R. J. Bellows, M. Stephens; Secretary of Tract Society Dept., E. A. Bristol, Supt. of Educational Dept., Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman; Field Secretary, H. W. Johnson; Trustees of North Michigan Conference Association, J. J. Irwin, M. C. Guild, E. A. Bristol, M. Stephens, J. L. Manne

Edith McClellan, Sec'y.

"OUTLINE OF MISSION FIELDS ."

Great progress is being made in the mission fields where this truth is being proclaimed. No subject should receive more careful study than that of quickly finsihing the work out in these fields where really the "big end" of pour work lies.

Our churches should become intelligent as to what progress has already been made, and so be prepared to enter heartily into any plan for acvancing the message in the darkened corners of the earth. Nothing is better than giving study to the fields themselves, so that the fire of mission zeal upon the alters of our hearts shall not burn low.

Just recently a new edition of "Outline of Mission Fields" was published, bringing our mission story down to the close of 1907. This booklet gives the facts, interestingly told, going to make up the history of the mossage in the different fields like China, India, Japan, Africa, the islands of the sea, etc. Why not spend some time during the coming winter in becoming familiar with this mission history? If each church elder would spend a little time occasionally in study with the church upon this topic, it would be very profitable, indeed.

The elder, by writing to the State Conference office for a copy of "Outline of Mission Fields" will be supplied with one. These are furnished free by the Mission Board. No better use can be made of the booklet than for every church elder to procure one, and from it prepare live, interesting studies for the church, upon the subject of

missions. A missionary map of the world ought to be in every church, to use in connection with these studies. A large-sized one will be furnished at cost--only \$2.25.

Mission Board.

NOTICE!

All will please take notice that concerning business ratters you should write to Elder J. J. Irwin in place of myself. His address will be 220 Michigan St., Petoskey, Mich. We all unite in extending to Elder Irwin a hearty welcome to our field.

C. A. Hansen.

EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE NEWS NOTES.

We are just in the midst of our grape, pear, and tomato harvest.

Dr. Runk, of the College faculty, arrived a few days ago. Mrs. Runk will soon join him.

The College canning factory is now in active operation, under the careful management of Dr. Runk. 1200 quarts of fruit have already been canned.

We are pleased to note the return of Mrs. Lou K. Curtis, Normal Instructor, and Miss Almeda Haughey, head of the English Dept.

Prof. C. E. Perry, of North Ferrisburg, Vt., who is in charge of the Commercial Dept., is among the late arrivals at the College.

Prof. O. J. Graf, President of the College, has been in attendance at several of the camp-meetings of the Lake Union Conference. He speaks encouragingly of the prospect for the educational work in the Union.

Miss Alma Graf, sister of Prof. O. J. Graf, and Preceptress for the coming year, arrived Wed., Sept. 2, and will take up her duties in the ladies' dormitory the first of the week. Miss Graf was heartily welcomed by the College family.

Friends of the College will be pleased to know that our large buildings have had equite a thorough overhauling during the summer vacation. The recitation rooms and halls in the College building have been white-coated or retinted, as have also the rooms in the ladies dormitory. All the wooden beds in this building have been removed and have been replaced by new iron ones. North Hall, or the boys' dormitory, is receiving similar treatment, with the addition of a new floor.

OCTOBER COLLECTION FOR THE COLORED WORK

About ten millions of the colored people of the South are waiting for the message of the third angel. Their ancestors were stolen by the white men and sold into slavery. Many of those whom the civil war freed have gone to their graves. Another generation are here, a few of whom can intelligently read the word of God for themselves. We owe them the light of the third angel's message. We are co-workers with Him. When He gave us this blessed gospel we became debtors to the colored man aso that as much as lieth in us we must make it known to him. Young men and women are to be trained at Hunts-ville, and other places, to go with this gospel. That school needs further help, and different conferences to pay the laborers. The first Sabbath in October has been set as the time for this collection by the General Conference.

It was my privilege to be present with the Southern Union Conference at the Nashville meeting when the wants of the cause for the colored work in the South were presented, and I am sure that the demand is reasonable. The men who have had to lay

out this money are our tried and faithful ones. The money will not be squandered.

Bank of Heaven.

This is another opportunity to transfer from the earthly bank to the heavenly Little by little Jesus calls for us to add to the account in heaven. These opporrunties to further on the work of the Lord will soon be past. "I saw that some of God's professed people are like the man who hid his talent in the earth. They keep their possessions and means from doing good ito God's cause. They claim it is their own, and that they have a right to do what they please with thei own; and souls are not saved by a judicious effort they make with their Lord's money. As judgment passes upon the house of God, the angels keep a faithful record of every man's works, their sentence is recorded by their name, and the angel is commissioned to spare them not, but to cut them down at the time of slaughter. And that which was committed to their trust is taken from Their earthly treasure is then swept away and they have lost all. crowrs that they might have worn, had they been faithful, are put upon the heads of those saved by the faithful servants whose means were constantly in use for God. And every soul that they have been the means of saving adds stars to their crowns in glory, and increases their eternal reward. " Spiritual Gifts, Vol. 4. Test. 5, - 38, 39. Now is our time to do.

A. O. Burrill.

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSES.

Every earnest craving souls may advance continually in the pathway to intellectual attainment. God has ideals for the youth today that are "higher than the highest human thought can reach." And His ideals are enablings to those who are yield wholly to Him. Some are striving to attain. Are you pressing onward to the high goal?

"The heights by great men reached and kept, Were not attained by sudden flight; But they while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night."

In this upward toil, few companions render better service than good books. They make the poorest of us heirs to the wisdom of all time. With them we may penetrate the heavenly expanse; with them we may follow the explorer's course or the warrior's raid: we may look back through the avenues of ages or we may look into the future and behold what is yet to come. They comfort us in the hour of distress, and revive our courage when we are in the shadow of despair.

You have read of good books inspiring young men and women to be a blessing in the world. You recall how they influenced Moffat, Livingstone, and Wesley and a host of others. Years have robbed these books of no power. A few months ago the conversation of some students drifted into a discussion of the value of good books. Among the many who expressed gratitude one young man said, "Steps to Christ gave me hope when I was about to give up everything."

Clay remarked, "When I was a boy I was poor, and my mother was very poor, but she was never too poor to buy her boy a good book, and to this more than anything else, I a mye my success in life."

To aid the youth in good reading the Missionary Volunteer Department is offering Reading Caurses. The lessons assigned will assure systematic study, and the test questions in each lesson demand that the reading be done carefully.

Course No. 2,

The course this year consists of two books, "Great Controversy" will occupy nearly three-fourths of the time. In this wonderful book history and prophecy clasp hands and give a panoramic view of events relating to God's people from the dawn of the Christian era until the final consumation. Every youth should be familiar with the historical facts and the gospel truths with which this book is packed. Says the Master, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The other book is "Daybreak in the Dark Continent." The author has made a careful study of Africa and his book visualizes splendidly many great events, many unsolved problems, and many historic movements. It gives much information on numerous questions as to races, customs, politics and the missionary outlook.

The course will be conducted through the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR. It will begin the first week in October and continue for eight months. All who desire to take

it should send in their names for enrollment to their respective Conference Missionary Volunteer Society Secretaries. No tuition for the work is required. Three reviews will be given, and the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department will grant a certificate to each one who satisfactorily completes the course.

We hope many will join us this year. You are busy, so were Lincoln, Greely

We hope many will join us this year. You are busy, so were Lincoln, Greely and Garfield. Yet they sandwiched into the hardworking days a few minutes for study.

This is the way many of our most useful men and women are made.

Plan to take the course. Do not follow the path of least resistance. Progress is better than pleasure.

Missionary Volunteer Dept.

AIDS TO CHARACTER BUILDING.

We wish all our young people could have had the privilege of attending the inspiring meetings held at the recent ca p-meeting for the youth. These meetings were conducted by Elder W. C. Hebner and Brother W. A. Straw. The following quotations were committed to memory by the young people during the meetings and we are sure that those not privileges to attend will be glad to catch a little of the spirit of the meetings by learning them also:--

"The youth may have principles so firm that the most powerful temptations of Satan will not draw them from their allegiance." Testimonies Vol. 3, p. 472.

"Joseph bore alike the test of adversity and prosperity." Education p. 52.

"Though he slay me, yet will I trust him; but I will maintain mine own ways before him." Job 13:15.

"Novel and story-book reading are the grearest evils in which youth can engage." Testimonies, Vol. 3, p. 152.

"The tenor of the conversation reveals the treasure of the heart. The cheap, common talk, the words of flattery, the foolish vitticism, spoken to create a laugh, are the marchandise of Satan, and all who indulge in this talk are trading in his goods." Special Testimonies, p. 28.

"The proper cultivation of the mental powers makes man all that he is." Vol. 4, p. 438.

"Our religious experience is of exactly the same quality as the food we give our minds." True Education, July 8, 1897.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR AUGUST, 1908.

Name A. P. Friday E. C. Collard Chas. H. Wallen	Book. Great Controversy Bible Readings Great Controversy	Hours 144 61 28	Orders 15 17	Helps \$31.55	#43-75 78-55	\$49.50
Total 4 Agent	# II	83	32	3.00 \$34.55	\$125.30	\$149.50

FH. W. Johnson, Field Sec'y.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT.

Two beautiful certificates have been received at the office as samples of what will be given to those who complete the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course and Standard of Atvainment. But the value is not in the certificates but in the discipline and knowledge obtained in getting it.

Leetsville takes the lead and their church elder has sent in eight names of young people who wrote in March and successfully passed the examination in Bible doctrines. They will write again on the questions for September and hope to pass and receive a certificate of Attainment.

Farents, talk it to your children; church elders, talk it to those under your charge and get them interested; then hold an examination with them and see if they can pass. Surely every Seventh-day Adventist young person ought to be able to give intelligently the reasons for his faith. The Standard of Attainment will help him to do this.

Send me your name and as many others as you can, and let the list quickly swell into the hundreds for North Michigan. The following are the names of those who passed the doctrinal examination for March: Ethel Peters, Rose Peters, Armilda Bogar, Garland Bogar, Hareld Bogar, Hazel Bogar, Hollis Nolson and Anna Ferguson.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

WE will have eleven church schools this year. The following tare the lames of the schools and teachers: Mcorestown, Hattie Hansen; Traverse City, Jane Sweet; Petoskey, Nora Willaman; Onaway, John Nicola; Mesick, Florence Crouch; Perkins, Mina Rickerd; Harris, Mable Spencer; Iron River, Ethel Griffin; Nester, Della Starkey; Omer, Ella Rasmussen; Escanaba, not filled yet.

TO SABBATH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Are you planning to have all in your Sabbath-school take the written review at the close of this quarter? Our Sabbath-school is one of the greatest educational factors among us and nothing will tend so much to a thorough study of the lessons as these written reviews.

Have each teacher write the questions on a blackboard or a pieces of paper, see that each member is furnished with well-sharpened pencils and paper, and begin this quarter. The questions are in the September WORKER. Look for them, and begin now to plan to use them.

HISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE.

We hope no one will fail to read the article on the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course on pages. There will be two books used this year-"Great Controversy" and "Day-break on the Dark Continent." I am sure we all realize the great good that would come to our youth if thousands of them could be persuaded to carefully read "Great Controversy" and thus get a view of the great conflict between the forces of good and evil including the closing drama of earth's history. I doubt not that scores would be saved from back-sliding and would be led to throw themselves into the message with all their youthful strength and courage.

"Day-break on the Dark Continent" is a magnificent book and as interesting

as a romance.

The cost of the Reading Course will be small as most of our people already have Great Controversy" and "Day-break on the Dark Continent" can be obtained of your Tract Society for forty cents, paper, and fifty cents cloth.

Church elders, parents, church-school teachers, and leaders of our young people's socieities, all take hold of this important work and eend in names for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course that shall swell the list of North Michigan into the hundreds. Begin now. My address is the same as usual, 220 Michigan St., Fotoskey, Mich.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

TRACT SOCIETY ITEMS.

We have three copies of Great Controversy, morocco binding, gilt edge, These will be sold for \$2.50 postpaid. in stock.

Coming King will now be published in three bindings as follows: Plain, \$1,00 will be bound in a light gray cloth and stamped in blue. Earble, \$1.50, will be bound in blue cloth, stamped in two colors. Gilt, \$2.00, will be attractively bound in a combination of two styles of cloth, with full gilt edges.

The prices on the True Educational Readers have been reduced as follows:

Book No. 1, 200 pages, 60 cents, Book No. 2, 256 60 Book No. 3, 304 17 11 75 Book No. 5, 353 11 90 Book No. 7. 393 " \$1.00 Books Nos. 4 and 6 are not yet ready.

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As early as possible ascertain how many of your members will solicit for donations during Thanksgiving week, and how many papers each will desire to handle, and them make your entire church order for papers, sending it as quickly as you can to your Tract Society Secretary.

The publishers will have to have the orders in early so as to get the papers out in time to ship them to you by freight. Postal regulations prohibit our mailing so many copies at pound rates, hence we must send these Thanksgiving papers by freight, or pay a high express rate. If all will be prompt in getting their orders in, we will have the papers in the possession of the churches before the time they are needed.

The papers will be furnished free to all who will solicit for donations, but it is hoped that every paper given away will bring a donation ranging all the way from 10g to \$10.00, or even more. When you send in your order, send the Mame and address of the person to whom you desire the papers sent.

GENERAL CONFERENCE MISSIONARY DEPT.

NEWS AND NOTES

The conference laborers will be located for a time as follows: J. J. Irwin, E. A. Bristol, H. W. Johnson, Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman and Edith McClellan, Petoskey; C. A. Hansen, McMillan; M. C. Guild, Traverse City; W. C. Hebner, Gaylord; R. J. Bellows, Esca naba; Ernest Peterson, Isabella Campbell, Hancock; F. E. Fenner, Wolverine; M. B. Butterfield, Scottville; Inez Lay, Menominee; Mrs. M. Faulkner, Alpena.

Brother M. Stephens has located at Traverse City.

Archie P. Friday has gone to Mason County to canvass.

The Petoskey Church school has commenced the 14th with an enrollment of 11.

During the camp-meeting it was demonstrated that our periodicals such as LIFE AND HEALTH, LIBERTY; and WATCHIAN can be sold as several went out and had excellent success in disposing of them.

Have you a copy of the new "Christ in Song?" Limp binding, 10%, cloth, 60g and morocco \$1.00.

Sister Isabella Campbell spent a few days in Petoskey following the campme eting.