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NEW YEAR'S THOUGHTS .

Let us walk softly, friend;
For strange paths lie before us, all untrod;
The New Year, spotless from the hand of God,
Is thine and mine, O friend!

Let us walk straightly, friend;
Forget the crooked paths behind us now,
Press on with steadier purpose on our brow,
To better deeds, O friend!

Let us walk kindly, friend;
We cannot tell how long this life shall last,
How soon these precious years be overpast,
Let love walk with us, friend.

Let us walk quickly, friend;
Work with our might while lasts our little
stay,
And help some halting comrade on the way:
And may God guide us, friend!

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GREETINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR .

At the beginning of each we are apt to review the past year and make an estimate on what the new year will bring forth. Usually at the end of year we are surprised that the message has made such advancement during the year that is past. This year is no exception.

Those who have been following the papers have seen that tremendous strides have been made in fulfilling prophecy. The papacy has now boldly announced its purpose for this nation. The Federation of Churches have taken upon themselves to interpret the fourth commandment as meaning the first day of the week and have placed themselves on record as being opposed to favoring any class of Christians who do not believe that Sunday is the Sabbath. This, to the student of prophecy, is full of significance. These statements from a convention representing thirty of the leading churches of America with a total membership of 18,000,000 are enough to enable us to see that soon the dragon voice will be heard in no unmistakable terms.

The events in the far East show that only a spark is needed to start a blaze that will draw in other nations.

While the forces of the world are getting ready for the final conflict, the Lord is causing His truth to be made known in greater power than ever before. Wherever we turn we see that the message is making rapid progress.

In our own conference we have much to encourage us. Up in the Copper Country where Brother Peterson and Sister Campbell are working several have decided to obey the Lord. Near Perkins, Elder Bellows reports six new Sabbath keepers. At Helmer Elder Hansen reports a splendid interest with about a dozen obedient to the faith. Plans are laid for the erection of a church building there in the spring. A few at Alpena have stepped out for the truth. At Traverse City Elder Guild reports additions to their company and at Baldwin Brother Butterfield has twelve new Sabbath keepers.

At Petoskey the help in the office is working overtime to keep up with the rush and the school is doing splendid work. The aim of most of the students is to fit themselves for usefulness in the Lord's cause.

We see so much to encourage us on every hand and as we take up the year 1909 shall it not be with an earnest desire to do our part in making this the most important of all the years we have known, the truth?

Brethren and sisters, only a few more years remain for us in which to do His work. Let us make this the best year of our existence as a people.

J. J. Irwin.

MISSION NOTES .

At the close of the New South Wales camp-meeting, Australia, thirty went forward in the ordinance of baptism.

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Immanuel has returned to the school at Singapore, bringing with him another young man from Battakland. Immanuel's wife also accompanied him this time to join in the work of preparation to take the message to their own countrymen.

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From West Africa the good work comes that the work is moving rapidly in that field. The new school building is nearing completion. At every point where the truth touches, Brother Babcock writes, success attends the effort. The Freetown church has put out a Bible worker, paying her way from their own contributions. The first week resulted in her bringing in a new Sabbath keeper with her to the Sabbath services.

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Sister Caldwell, writing from Manila, says that they have just been sending out 290 Spanish papers to Filipinos who have purchased the Spanish "Patriarchs and Prophets." She says that the Philippines are an interesting field, that they enjoy their work there, and that the Lord has been good to them. The recent Australasian Union Conference appointed Elder L. V. Finster and wife to enter the Philippines, and they will soon reach the islands to begin work.

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The first of October, J. F. Olmstead, in charge of Union College, South Africa, baptised seven of the students, ranging in age from sixteen to thirty-five. Ten or twelve more expected to soon go forward in this ordinance. This good experience came to them as a result of their week of prayer services, held there at a different season of the year than in this country.

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The new printing office at Colon, Canal Zone, is progressing nicely, and will soon be ready for the occupancy of the Caribbean Watchman published in English and for the West Indian Union Conference field, also El Centinela de la verdad, the Spanish paper for this same field. This latter periodical has been published in Porto Rico, but will soon be removed to Colon, and Elder B. F. Connerly and wife will continue to carry on the paper and connect with the work in Colon.

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Elder Joel C. Rogers writes that they so far completed their new school and church building as to be able to use it, holding their first service in it August 1. They were waiting for the glass for the windows to arrive from London, hoping thus to get the windows and doors in before the rains should set in. About twenty more were expected to be ready to go forward in baptism in December. God is greatly blessing the work of the last message in the region where the pioneer missionary Livingstone yielded up his life in behalf of the gospel.

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OBITUARIES .

McDonald.-- Miss Elsie Maud Deacon was born in Belville, Ont., April 20, 1877. She was married to Thomas D. McDonald the 17th of September, 1902 and died Dec. December 17, 1908.

Sister McDonald joined the Onaway Church about a year ago and has been a faithful member doing what she could. She will be greatly missed.

F. E. Fenner.

Marks.-- I was called to Boon Dec. 1, 1908, to attend the funeral of little Wilma Vivian Marks aged 20 months, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Marks.

Altho the day was cold and stormy a good number were assembled and listened to words of comfort from Jer. 31; 15-17.

M. C. Guild.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND Y. P. MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPT.

Five Book Reading Course.

Two young people from the Upper Peninsula have just sent in their names as having finished the Five Book Reading Course. Mary Baurain: Early Writings, Making Home Happy, Steps to Christ, Ministry of Healing, and Matthew Twenty-four. Lucy Baurain; Early Writings, Sketches of Bible Child Life, Easy Steps in Bible Story, Steps to Christ, and Matthew Twenty-four.

"Resolve to do a little reading every day, if it be but a single sentence. If you give fifteen minutes a day it will make itself felt at the end of a year."

Ribbon Book Mark.

Pretty, Dainty, Inexpensive,--these are a few of the compliments received for the ribbon book mark got out for our Sabbath-schools. They are printed on yellow ribbon nine inches long and have the memory verses and texts of Scripture for the year printed on them, also the Lord's prayer.

Sabbath-school teachers sometimes want to make a little present to their class. There is nothing more appropriate than the ribbon book mark. Boys and girls are delighted with them and it is an incentive to study the memory verses. The price is six cents for one or five cents when five or more are ordered. Order of your Sabbath-school Secretary.

TEST QUESTIONS.

The Sabbath-school report blanks have been sent out and each mail is bringing in reports from our Sabbath-schools. Some of them are accompanied by letters which speak of an interest and love for Sabbath-school work. An increasing number of our schools are adopting the Test Questions and according to reports they beget an interest wherever tried.

One of the best things about the review is the interest manifested in getting ready for it. In one school everyone was seen to be studiously review past lessons so as to be prepared for the written review. In the above named school it is needless to say few stood below 85 and most of them were above 90 and several received 100%. But the real good accomplished cannot be reckoned in figures and per cents. We read in "Education" that "For the mind and the soul, as well as for the body, it is God's law that strength is acquired by effort. It is exercise that develops." It is a knowledge of the Scriptures that is needed now.

The Waldenses used to memorize whole books of the Bible and we read that some of the Mohammedans commit the Koran from beginning to end. Let us at least know the principles of one book in the Bible this quarter. The Book of Phillipians contains but four chapters and then for a year and nine months all divisions will study the life of Christ.

Let us begin now, teachers, officers and parents, to devise methods for a better study of the Sabbath-school lessons and make our schools serve as a barrier against the wide-spreading corruption, and give strength of character to our youth that will enable them to stand amid the perils through which they are to pass.

Morning Watch Calendar for 1909.

"I expect to pass through this world but once. If therefore there be any kindness I can show, or any good that I can do a fellow traveller, let me do it now: Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."

"As a pebble dropped in water sends its waves out more and more,
In an ever-widening circle till they reach the very shore;
So a word, a deed, an action dropped upon the sea of life,
Sends a blessing or a cursing to this world of sin and strife."

The above are quotations from the new Morning Watch Calendar. Have you seen it? It is a beauty and filled full of good things for the Christian. It contains a scripture for every day in the year. "Great sums are paid for the most competent instructors, but who can estimate the value of such a teacher? The poorest may have the best."

The price of the Calendar is only six cents for one or five cents if five or

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more are taken.

Who is able to estimate results if every young person in our conference would study and learn one text of Scripture each day. It is not too late to begin and this would be a good resolution. Try the Morning Watch Calendar.

Missionary Volunteer Reading Course

"How shall we retain what we have read? Review it. What evidence can you give the Missionary Volunteer Secretary that you have done the assigned reading and profited by it? Write out your review. These are the purposes of the review of the first half of Great Controversy. Use the book if necessary. Write your answers briefly, numbering them just like the questions and send them to your Missionary Volunteer Secretary at once. Don't be discouraged by this little bump in the road, if you consider it such. Pray for the grace of continuance. The best is yet to come."

The following named persons have written the review of the first half of Great Controversy: L. A. Jacobs, Mrs. L. A. Jacobs, Edith McClellan, Mrs. F. M. Covert, Clara Stephens, Carlton Stephens, Nora Willaman, Mrs. Dora Hafford, Archie Friday, M. Armida Bogar, Garland Bogar, Hazel Bogar, Harold Bogar, Edward Sprague, H. W. Johnson, Mrs. H. W. Johnson, Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman, Mrs. J. J. Irwin, Ethel Peters, Hollis Nelson, Clyde Nelson, Isabella Campbell.

Mrs. Edith Montgomery, Beatrice Smalley, Orin Smalley, Ava Smalley, and Wave Angell, have just joined the Reading Course and begun the study of Great Controversy.

A good beginning has been made toward finishing a good work and it would be well if all who take the review send in their answers not later than the second week in January. But be sure and send them. If you can do your best work when alone then go to your room and with the use of the book if you need it write out the answers to the eight questions which cover the first half of the book. Some would rather work in company with others. If this be true in your case, then search out someone whom you can encourage and several can meet together and write out the review and by talking it over and writing it, a lasting impression will be made of what you have read.

A weak character can begin a great many things, but it takes a strong character to finish a few things. It is said of the Saviour in John 17:4 that He finished the work which was given Him to do. May the same spirit that actuated our Saviour also impel us to finish our work.

Equipment Fund.

The young people of the Lake Union Conference have taken upon themselves the responsibility of equipping the College at Berrien Springs and our academies with necessary maps, globes, encyclopedias, etc., with which to do their work. The plan is to raise \$2,000. One half of this amount will go to Berrien Springs and the other half to be divided among our academies. The fund is divided into shares each share representing fifty cents. The price of a share is so small that every young person will be glad to become responsible for one or more.

When the plan was presented at Berrien Springs the students responded by taking 155 shares. Cedar Lake also responded liberally. At Harris, in our own conference, the young people, after pledging to furnish their own new school house with seats, and necessary equipment, took also seventeen shares in the Equipment Fund.

The young people at Petoskey took twenty shares. One young lady said she did not know where the money was coming from but felt she must have a part in the work. Some of these very ones have since paid what they signed. Two little boys took a share between them and when the meeting closed there was one vacant square on the blackboard. During the intermission three boys went up and wrote their names in the square and yesterday with joyful faces paid their fifty cents.

There is no Young People's Society at Spruce but Brother Fred Balli and his brother are the first to send in the price of a share, as individuals.

The educational work has always been an important one in fitting God's people for the work they had to do, and this is especially so at the present time. The educational institutions of the world, in many cases, are endowed with large gifts, or receive appropriations from the government. Our schools have no such support and in consequence, have not the necessary facilities for their God-given work. "We want to see our

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schools so well equipped that the students who go out from them may be 'workmen that need not be ashamed' either of their education or the place where they obtained it."

Most of the young people in this conference are planning at some time to enter one of these schools, or are interested in some one who plans to enter them, so let us show our interest by responding quickly to this call and see our schools properly equipped.

Some are selling papers to obtain the money and at the same time gaining an experience that will make of them students indeed. O, a great work is being done. Our young people are fulfilling prophecy--actually living out that the ancient seers saw with the eye of prophecy. May the Lord help us to be as faithful, as energetic, and as courageous as the greatness of our cause demands.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING FOR 1909.

I suppose all our people are aware that the annual offering for the Religious Liberty Dept., is to be taken Sabbath, Feb. 6th. From now on this department is to occupy a very prominent place in the closing up of the work. People are being led to believe that Sunday legislation is all right while we know it is a deception of the enemy. This being so, we can readily see that it is our duty to help them to see the errors they are committing.

The funds for this work are supplied by donations from our people throughout the different conferences. We should remember that it takes a great deal of literature to carry on such a work. I hope all will bear this in mind and, when the time comes for the collection, make a liberal offering for this purpose. A reading has been prepared in the REVIEW which will be read the day the offering is to be taken.

J. J. Irwin.

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REPORTS FROM THE FIELD.

Mesick.

The "Harvest Ingathering" exercises were observed by the Mesick church on Nov. 29th. Brother Rathbun conducted the program. Appropriate songs were rendered by the large and small ones, while the little folks acted their parts well with recitations and dialogues. Many from the village were present, the church being filled with friends who seemed well pleased with the exercises.

One interesting feature of the program was just before the closing song when six little boys and girls, having boxes and cups in their hands, containing the missionary money they had earned during the summer, marched upon the rostrum. Each had a verse to recite, then one in common, about given to save those who know nothing about Jesus and His love. Then marching back they all passed through the audience taking up a general donation for foreign missionary work. The collection amounted to \$7.34.

As the service closed, we all felt our efforts had been successful and left the blessings to be derived from them for God, who is faithful in all things, to bestow.

Mrs. Clarice Thompson.

Harris Church School.

Our school at Harris began Nov. 16th with an attendance of twenty pupils and since then two have been added. They are very earnest and energetic in their work and their attendance has been very good.

On my way to Harris I stopped off at Petoskey one day to visit the Intermediate School. I met the Upper Peninsula young people who are attending the school and enjoyed my visit. Mrs. Willaman accompanied me the remainder of my journey. It was snowing the day we left the Lower Peninsula and some places the snow was about three inches deep and as we passed through the woods the evergreen trees were bearing their burdens of

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fleecy snow. When we reached Escanaba we were surprised to find the ground bare. I am nicely situated at Brother Bourrain's, less than a mile from the school. I am encouraged when I think of the opportunities to serve the Master and of receiving His blessing.

Della Starkey.

Baldwin.

Dec. 16 I began a series of meetings at Baldwin, Michigan in the opera house which lasted two weeks. Owing to the weather the attendance was good. On Sunday it would number 75 or 90 present while during the week the average number would be 40. Mrs. Butterfield and I spent a large part of our time in visiting the homes of the people. In this way we were getting personally acquainted with them and winning their hearts to the Lord at the same time. While it was a blessing to them, it was also to us to see them come to Christ.

At the close of the meetings twelve had taken their stand to keep the Sabbath for which we are thankful. Let all our brethren remember this little company in prayer that they may become strong in the Lord. At present I am able to meet with them on the Sabbath.

I will also add to this that we began a series of meetings Jan 3 in a school house three and a half miles north of Scottville with a good attendance. These meetings are conducted only on Sunday evenings. We hope by the Lord's help to be able to win some soul for Him out of these meetings. Pray for us in this field of labor.

M. B. Butterfield.

Copper Country.

We are glad to let you know that the work is still going in the Copper Country. Since Brother Peterson's report another one of my readers has commenced to keep the Sabbath. She kept the first Sabbath after she had had a Bible study on the subject. The dragon knows he has but a short time to work so he is stirring up the minds of the people against the truth, but the Scriptures "we can do nothing against the truth but for it," are being fulfilled.

While we hold studies with a few families in Calumet, they in turn give the same to many in the mines, and in several of the mines the Sabbath question is one of the topics. One of the ministers advised a member of his church not to have me come to his home to study the Bible. He also said things which were not true. One was that anything could be proved from the Bible.

We have a growing Sabbath school at Laurium and in our meetings the spirit of the Lord comes very near. We also have good meetings in Hancock and nearly all of the church are workers, even if not good reporters. We received \$53.23 for about 256 of the special REVIEWS distributed.

I have interested readers in Hancock. Some I found when out with the REVIEW, in fact, more appointments could be made than could possibly be filled. What we need is more Bible workers. Pray that the Lord may finish the work He has started in the Copper Country and that He will send more workers and means to carry forward His work.

Isabella B. Campbell.

Petoskey Academy.

We are enjoying our new school room very much and all seem to be progressing well in their studies. We have been finishing up some of our studies and will have examination soon. I am sure the Lord has been with us and I have gained some new experiences in our recent meetings.

Brother Elmo Kirby expects to start out canvassing soon and we wish him success. The Petoskey students are quite interested in the canvassing work and several expect to earn their scholarships next summer. Canvassing is a wonderful work and one of the most important ways of bringing the third angel's message to the world. The best

part of my life was spent last summer in the canvassing work. The Lord was with me continually.

We trust that all will remember us as students in their prayers that we may soon be prepared to help carry the third angel's message.

A. P. Friday.

NOTES FROM THE BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION.

Work for the salvation of souls.

Canvassers are to break down prejudice.

We need missionary workers instead of book agents.

Every canvasser is a part of the Great Advent Movement.

Do not be afraid to pray with the people when you have opportunity.

The Cause needs men of strong convictions, who are not on the fence to be its representatives.

A customer reads the canvasser before they do the book and are apt to judge the book by the agent handling it.

Exalt the character of the truth in the book rather than the material of which it is made.

The whole world is lined up against Seventh-day Adventists because of this truth.

Never believe what people say against a book or your work but they say in favor of it believe and then in most cases you will be right both ways.

The canvasser needs daily to study his book that he may have something fresh to feed the people. Two days was the longest the manna was fit to use.

Enthusiasm and earnestness must be a part of the successful canvasser. The person canvassed very likely never heard such things before and the worker's manner of presenting the truth may settle the destiny of a soul.

A trolley car cannot run unless it is connected with a power outside of itself and the canvasser must also be connected with a power beyond his own to be able successfully to interest people in this great message.

Canvasser's Report for Three Weeks Ending Jan. 8, 1909.

Name	Territory	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
K. V. Bjork	Hancock	Finn Ravelstren	131	13	\$14.60	\$61.70
E. C. Collard	Laurium	Bible Footlights	11	1	10.37	11.37
Jos. Lowry	Clare	Great Controversy	42	7	1.75	21.00
Mrs. L. A. Newell	Cadillac	Miscellaneous	9		.70	.70
Carl Mattison	Laurium	Bible Footlights	23	9	3.30	12.50

H. W. Johnson.

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REPORT OF CANVASSING WORK.

The following is a report of the canvassing work in the North Michigan Conference for the year 1908, including subscription books sold by home workers.

Name	Hours	Orders	Total Value	Average Sales Per Hour
E. C. Collard	875	213	\$510.00	0.92
K. V. Bjork	823	214	571.00	.69
A. F. Friday	681	106	306.30	.45
T. T. Beeler	652	74	246.50	.41
Jas. Lowry	374½	65	175.75	.47
Chas. H. Wallen	135	41	125.75	.93
Mrs. L. A. Newell	186½	53	100.95	.54
Mrs. T. T. Beeler	179	64	75.50	.41
E. A. Brown	30	9	46.70	1.56
Mrs. E. T. Goff	28	8	35.75	1.28
E. B. Hodgins	15	22	24.50	1.63
Mrs. S. L. Brucebridge	4	7	22.25	5.56
Mrs. H. C. Rogers	17	4	19.75	1.16
Alma Du Bois	72	6	19.00	.26
Mrs. E. A. Kirby	15	4	16.65	1.11
Mrs. H. Masick	36	15	15.00	.42
Flora Jorgensen	3	4	14.50	4.83
Mrs. E. J. Maynard	19	9	11.50	.60
Helvig Olson	30	12	9.00	.30
Mrs. G. F. Ernst	8	2	6.00	.75
Mrs. S. A. Brewer	38½	4	4.00	.11
Totals	4224½	963	\$2655.25	\$.604
21 Agents				

In looking over the record of the canvassing work for the past year I see that in many ways the Lord has had a fostering care for this branch of the message. Many people have had their attention called to the important truths for this time and some have had rich experiences in the work and the printed page is left to continue the work of preparing the people to meet the Saviour.

Eternity alone will reveal the results of the year's work which cannot be shown by figures. While we can be thankful for past blessings yet we should pledge ourselves to do more for the Lord during the present year than any year in the past. The calamities which are thickening around us show clearly that our working time is short.

God's work is not controlled by outward conditions but will prosper even under unfavorable conditions if the workers do not let the outside conditions get into their hearts. This was shown the past year during the panic for money when many firms were closing down. Our publishers were working night and day printing the message and the record shows the largest amount of literature sold of any year in our history. A million dollars seems quite a little but this could easily be doubled if everyone would do something to scatter the printed page.

It was a great privilege for me to attend the Bookmen's Convention at Washington and consider plans for enlarging our work. Nearly every field agent in the Review & Herald territory was present and entered heartily into the studies. The Lake Union delegates were located in the pleasant Sanitarium and all took meals at the Seminary. Here was a large number of devoted young people receiving a training for the regions beyond and the many calls for workers which have been supplied from this school shows the hand of the Lord in its establishment.

One morning of the convention was spent at the Review & Herald office hearing about the process of book making and in visiting the different departments to see the work done. Elder Daniells took us through the General Conference headquarters also and told us how the Lord worked for them in getting such a pleasant situation. We left with a greater sense of the magnitude of this work and a stronger desire to see it speedily finished.

At the close of the convention we were shown some of the interesting places in the city of Washington. This is a beautiful place and I left it with a greater desire to see the city of gold when the work is finished.

Since reaching home I learn of some who are planning on entering the field in the near future. Brother Lowry has returned and sent in a splendid report for the first week. I would be glad if every home in North Michigan could be visited this year and some of the printed pages of truth left with the people. Who will help to make this a fact?

H. W. Johnson.

Obituary.

Sister Anna Marks who had just begun the observance of the Sabbath at McMillan passed to rest Friday morning Jan. 8. She was most patient through all her sickness, and was a model christian woman. She leaves a husband and 4 small children to mourn their loss. We feel confident that she will meet us in the morning of the first resurrection.

C. A. Hansen.

News Notes.

The Sabbath School at Cadillac spent a pleasant social evening at the home of their Superintendent, Sr Spencer. We hear good reports from the Cadillac school.

January 5 the auditing committee met at Petoskey and audited the accounts for the past year. In the evening quite a large company gathered at the home of Elder Irwin and were pleasantly entertained by the students of the intermediate school. Elder Moon was present with us and gave an interesting talk to the students on the importance of searching for knowledge.

On New Years day Miss Elnora Byers, daughter of Bro, and Sr. A. M. Byers was married at Moorestown, Mich. at the home of the brides parents to Mr. Don F. Olds. Elder M. C. Guild officiated at the ceremony.

Brethren T. A. Bristol and J. J. Irwin left Monday for Berrien Springs to attend the session of the committees of the conferences composing the Lake Union. The rest of the committee left Tuesday morning. Mrs. J. M. Willaman started Wednesday to be at Berrien Springs to attend the convention of the Young Peoples Societies held there.

Two new students are expected at the school here soon.

At the school a class in botany has just been formed and a special class in select reading has been organized.

We have just received word of the death of brother J. D. Triplett of Manton, Mich. January 15. He was one of the oldest Sabbath keepers in the conference.

Elder A. G. Daniells sends a special request that all funds that are in the hands of our church treasurers be forwarded promptly to the office at Petoskey that the same may be forwarded to the proper place.

Brother Karl Stenberg of Chicago, a Swedish laborer expects to take up work in the conference at the beginning of next month.

Elder C. A. Hansen made the office a call yesterday. He reports a good interest where he has been laboring at Helmer.

Our readers will be pleased to learn that arrangements have now been made so that the Lake Union Herald and the News Sheet can be obtained for 60 cents when both papers are sent to one address. Send in your orders at once.