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J. J. Irwin.

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MISSION NOTES

A minister of experience and considerable talent recently accepted the truths of the message in Mexico. The brethren in charge of the work there feel that his labors will be of great value to the cause in that needy mission field. Let us pray this may be so; that he may remain humble and teachable, that God can use him in spreading the glad tidings.

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The South African Union Conference recommends that Brother J. T. Willson take the work of the International Tract Society, in connection with his duties as secretary and treasurer of the union, on his return. A Brother Billis is recommended to carry on the work at Kimberley baths, where Brother and Sister Willson have labored so long and faithfully.

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In Mexico a young man has recently joined the forces of book workers who has had fourteen years' experience as Bible colporteur. During this time he has had a good training in enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ, which will no doubt stand him in good hand as he labors on for his Master with the blessing of increased light upon his pathway. On one occasion he was stoned into unconsciousness, while his brother suffered martyrdom in the same manner as did Stephen of old, only this martyr was strapped to a tree. "The truth lives on, and does its work upon hearts. May God bless this dear brother, and give him abundant success in his labors.

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Doctor Replogle, who recently went to Argentina, S. A., to assist in the medical work, writes that the restrictions which had been placed upon the work in the closing of the doors of the sanitarium had now been removed, so that they could open their doors and continue their work. The government took the matter up, and issued a document overruling the action of the local authorities, thus permitting them to once more receive patients. This all occurred before Doctor Habonicht returned to South America. Our other doctors left there had not passed their medical examinations in Spanish, hence the action of the local authorities. This certainly was a great favor extended to the sanitarium by the government, which is highly appreciated by those having its work in charge. Doctor Habonicht attended the General Conference, and has but recently returned to Argentina.

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Brother Kotz, who is on a furlough to Europe from the German East Africa mission field, writes that in visiting his former professor at Berlin, he was surprised to learn that the German government had decided to publish the grammar he had gotten out in the Chassu language, he having reduced this native dialect to writing during his labors among this people. The professor, to whom the government has referred the matter of publishing the grammar, had visited our mission station in East Africa, and had noticed a nice tree that had been planted by our missionaries. Somehow the practical thrift of it, together with the general appearance of the place, so impressed him that when he heard of these same missionaries getting out a grammar in this strange tongue, he said, "A people that could do such things should also be favored by having their books gotten out." Brother Conradi, writing about this, adds: "Thus one thing helps another. We are thankful indeed for these omens of God's care over his work."

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"To be able to stand up and look God in the face is worth all the experience the world can give."

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

To Our Sabbath School Superintendents and Teachers

"WHEREAS, One of the greatest factors in the promotion of a successful Sabbath-school is the teacher, and since many who are called to teach have had very meager advantages for training in their work; therefore,-

WE RECOMMEND, That the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference prepare in permanent form a reading course for the benefit of our Sabbath-school teachers."

You will be glad to know that the Reading Course called for in the above recommendation, passed at the last General Conference, is to be ready the first of January. I have received the following information concerning it:

"An announcement will appear in the November WORKER concerning the Reading Course, and very definite information will be given in the December number. After considering from every standpoint and as carefully as possible, we have decided to use Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work for one book; The Art of Securing Attention by J. G. Fitch, a small pamphlet, price fifteen cents, for the second book; and accompanying these books will be a leaflet giving as full a history as seems practicable of the Sabbath-school work among us as a denomination. The outline of study,--that which gives the lessons, their extent, and a sort of guide to the study,--will be printed in the WORKER beginning with the January number."

And now just a word about the SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER. I am surprised in looking over the reports as they come in to find some schools without this valuable paper. We cannot afford to be without its help and instruction at any time, and doubly so now that the Reading Course Outline will be found in this magazine. Will not every superintendent in the conference see that his teachers are supplied with this paper at once. It costs but thirty-five cents a year, and only twenty-five cents when two or more copies are ordered to one address. One number alone is worth a year's subscription, and the paper grows better with each issue.

You will be encouraged to know that almost \$9,000 more has been contributed during the first six months of this year than was given to missions during the same time last year, and that one by one the conferences are falling into line in giving all Sabbath-school donations to missions. We are glad to pass on the word that one by one our North Michigan Sabbath-schools are joining the list of those sending all donations to "regions beyond".

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Church Schools

Twelve schools are being conducted at present in the conference. The location of teachers and schools is as follows: Ethol Cooper, Cedar Lake; Sadie Hogan, East Jordan; Genie Symonds, Grant; Florence Crouch, Mesick; Mrs. Myrtle Reed, Moorestown; Inis Morey, Onaway; Ella Rasmussen, Omor; Armilda Bogar, Petoskey; Ruby Hastings, Riverside; Jane Sweet, Traverse City; Elmer Ross, Wildwood; and Della Starkey, Wilson. We expect two home schools will also be conducted this year in the conference, one at Alden and one at Ludington. We hope to have several reports from the teachers for our next paper.

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Not One Left Out

Out of what? Out of the many opportunities now offered by which our children, youth, and all can be better fitted for the Master's service.

If your children are provided with a copy of Letters from the Holy Land, and are urged to join the Junior Reading Circle, they will not only become acquainted with the

country of Palestine, its customs and people, but will learn many spiritual lessons drawn by the author from the customs of the people and be inspired to read more about Him "who went about doing good".

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Let us urge our youth and older ones to take the Reading Course No. 3. I received the following concerning it and the first book to be read, "Quiet Talks on Service": "I do think the Reading Course is such a help. Each course is better; wouldn't miss it for anything." "The book came last Thursday evening and is certainly fine. I thought I would read a couple of pages but found it so intensely interesting that I read page after page, forgetting that I was sleepy. At eleven, I closed the book, not because I was tired, but because Mama turned the light out." Do you not want to enroll in this course at once? We have already a nice list of names of those who will take the course, many of whom took Course No. 2 last year.

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If you cannot go to school and finish your education, why not let your education come to you while you keep up your daily work, whatever it may be? You can do this by taking one or more subjects by correspondence from the Fireside Correspondence School of Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C. I will be glad to send you circulars regarding this.

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Have you seen a copy of the new CHRISTIAN EDUCATION? Not only will this magazine be a welcome visitor to our teachers, but to the mother with little ones at home perplexed to know how to teach them. Send in your subscription now. Fifty cents per year.

Edith McClellan

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Every young person who is anxious to become thoroughly prepared for service in the Master's work will be glad to learn of another opportunity for self-improvement. Early in October a series of Missionary Volunteer Society lessons on Bible Doctrine will begin. No young person can afford to pass through life without obtaining a personal knowledge of the truth, for Christ says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Unless we know the truth how shall we be able to detect the many false "isms" which Satan is rapidly pressing into circulation? Then will not every young person make a careful personal study of these lessons? This will make them more interesting to the society and more profitable to the individual. Seize this opportunity to anchor a little more securely to the sure Rock of Ages. Seize this opportunity to become better fitted to give this saving truth to others.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

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Did any of our readers miss that report in the REVIEW about a sister in Portland, Maine, seventy-three years of age selling 1000 copies of the September number of LIFE AND HEALTH in less than four weeks? This same sister has placed an order for 500 copies of the October issue to begin another month's work. Think of it,--seventy-three years old, selling 1000 copies a month, and earning \$70, and bringing blessing to thousands of homes besides. None are too old nor too young for our periodical work.

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"A tenth of a grain of helpful suggestion is worth many tons of destructive criticism."

MISSIONS NUMBER OF THE REVIEW.

Orders are coming in rapidly for the special number of the REVIEW and we conclude that our people are going to lift on this and do what they can for missions. At one of our churches this matter was talked up and a fair sized club of papers was ordered. One sister determined that she would not wait for the paper, but spoke to her grocer about it that evening. He told her that he gave \$1.00 last year, but that he would give \$4.00 this year. Thus we see that the Lord is going on ahead. A brother told me that he thought he could obtain more this year because he had faith to ask for more.

Last year we collected in round numbers \$400.00 in this conference. Can we not this year double this amount? I believe we can if we take hold with an earnest, determined purpose.

Not all have sent in their orders as yet and it is getting late, but not too late to do something. In our next issue we will undoubtedly be able to present some encouraging reports from those who have been out working on this special number.

J. J. Irwin,

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CANVASSERS' REPORTS

For 2 Weeks Ending Sept. 24, 1909.

Name	Territory	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
Rudolph Immonen	Calumet	Finnish Books	32	Delivered		
Grace Grouch	Petoskey	Home & Health		"		
K. F. Bjork	Laurium & Ishpeming	Finnish Books	83	15	\$6.35	\$44.35
R. W. Coon	Houghton			Delivered		
Irene Dingman	Mackinaw City			"		
Clara Stephens	Cedar Run			"		
F. M. Larsen	Friday Station			"		
H. K. Nelson	Buckley		29	"		
A. P. Friday	Friday Station			"		
E. S. Williams	" "			"		
Totals 10 Agents			144	15	\$6.35	\$44.35

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REPORT OF TITHES FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

Alpena	\$65.40	Iron Mountain	\$ 9.90
Baldwin	5.	Mesick	11.46
Cadillac	20.72	Miscellaneous	3.45
Cedar Run	11.50	Onaway	8.58
Colling	19.40	Omer	13.10
Ewart	10.27	Riverside	24.57
Harrison	5.06	Scottville	8.05
Eastport	2.75	Stephenson	7.00
Frankfort	86.59	Traverse City	25.22
Gaylord	8.00	Whittemore	9.54
Hancock	19.42	Wildwood	8.60
Iron River	10.	TOTAL	\$465.38

Here are a couple of extracts from the first book for the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course this fall, "Quiet Talks on Service" by S. D. Gordon. These are only samples. The entire book is filled with just such good things.

"I have been running across some new versions of this last word of Jesus. A sort of re-visions they are. I have not found them in the common print, but printed in lives, the lives of men. The print is large, chiefly capitals, easily read. These lives are so noisy as to quite shut out what the lips may be saying. There are variations in these translations.

"Sometime the message is made to read like this: 'All power hath been given unto Me, therefore go ye, and make-coins of gold- oh, belong to the church of course- that is proper and has many advantages-and give too. There are advantages about that- give freely, or make it seem freely-give to missions at home and abroad. That is regarded as a sure sign of a liberal spirit. But be careful about the proportion of your giving. For the real thing that counts at the year's end is how much you have added to the stock of dollars in your grasp. These other things are good, but-merely incidental. This thing of getting gold is the main drive'.

"Please understand me, I never heard of these folks talk in this blunt way with their tongues. So far as I can hear, they are saying something quite different. But what their tongues are saying is made indistinct and blurred by some noise near by.

"Other translations I have run across have this variation: 'make a place for yourself, in your profession, in society. make a comfortable living;- with a wide margin of meaning to that word comfortable -belong to the church, become a pillar, or at least move in the pillar's circle, give of course, even freely in appearance, but remember these are the dust in the scale, the other is the thing that weighs. All of one's energies must be centered on the main thing.'

"May I ask you to listen very quietly, while I repeat the Master's own words over very softly and clearly, so they they may get into the inner cockles of our hearts anew? 'All power hath been given unto Me; wherefor go ye, and make disciples of all nations.' These other translations are wrong. They are misleading. The one main thing is influencing men for Jesus.

"They tell me that on a farm the yoke means service. Cattle are yoked to serve better, and to serve more easily. This is a surrender for service, not for idleness. In military usage surrender often means being kept in enforced idleness and under close guard. But this is not like that. It is all up on a much higher plane. Jesus has every man's life planned. It always awes me to recall that simple tremendous fact. With loving strong thoughtfulness He has thought into each of our lives, and planned it out, in whole, and in detail. He comes to a man and says, 'I know you. I have been thinking about you.' Then very softly-'I-love-you. I need you, for a plan of mine. Please let Me have the control of your life and all your power, for My plan.' It is a surrender for service.

"It is yoked service. There are two bows or loops to a yoke. A yoke in action has both sides occupied, and as surely as I bow down My head and slip it into the bow on one side-I know there is Somebody else on the other side. It is yoked living now, yoked fellowship, yoked service. It is not working for God now. It is working with Him. Jesus never sends anybody ahead alone. He treads down the path-way through every thicket, pushes aside the thorn-bushes, and clears the way, and then says with that taking way of His, 'Come along with Me. Let's go together, you and I.'

We are now prepared to announce the completion of No. 9, of the Testimonies for the Church-the latest, the best, and the most important of all numbers of the Testimonies. This number will be uniform with all proceeding numbers of the Testimonies in size and bindings, with the exception of a thin edition printed on bible paper, and bound in limp leather, round corners. This thin edition is brought out on account of a sentiment expressed at the last General Conference, favoring the binding of all numbers of the Testimonies in this style of binding for the convenience of our workers who often desire to carry with them, several numbers of the Testimonies.

WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE CHURCHES

The November number of the WATCHMAN will take up this question from the viewpoint of Holy Scriptures, and consider the matter in the light of what God has placed upon record. The WATCHMAN articles will suggest the remedy which God has placed within the reach of all who are enquiring for truth and knowledge. Do not fail to secure a large number of this magazine for distribution among your friends and neighbors. It will certainly be a number affording great assistance to the agent who devotes his time to the selling of periodicals, for with such a subject made prominent in the magazine it will advertise the paper at once.

This is a reading age, it stands our people in hand to work mightily with the periodicals containing present truth. There is still opportunity to do a great work, and the WATCHMAN will keep abreast of the important movements which bear relation to God's prophetic word.

Send in your orders at once. Special rates to agents and clubs.

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NEWS NOTES

What is being done with the petition work in your church?

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We have received some of the church clerks reports for the third quarter, but the majority have not been sent in. Please attend to this soon, so that we may revise our lists here at the office.

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Up to the 13th of this month we received orders for 2614 copies of the Missions REVIEW.

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L. G. Nyman writes that he is nicely located at Marion and that the members of the company there are of good courage.

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Brethron Guild and Butterfield are visiting the churches in the eastern part of the conference.

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Brother N. H. Pool will visit the churches at Cedar Lake, Edmore, Mecosta, Howard City, and Lake View.

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Brother C. E. Sutton has again entered the canvassing work.

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Have all your young people taken up the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course?

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Brother N. H. Pool is now located at 409 Fancher Ave., South, Mount Pleasant. A church is being rented in town, and there is a good interest. Two are waiting baptism. They are planning on building a church there.

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Eld. M. C. Guild passed through Potoskey on his way to Onaway.

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Brother F. E. Fenner is laboring near Laketon, where a church is being built by our people.

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Brother Thos. De Moulpied gave us a call on his way through Potoskey this week.

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We have on hand here at the office a quantity of the September number of our magazines,--BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, LIFE AND HEALTH, PROTESTANT MAGAZINE, LIBERTY, SIGNS OF THE TIMES, and WATCHMAN,-- which we will be glad to sell at a low price.

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Remember the Junior Reading Course for the children.

Sister Inez Lay writes from Menominee:

"A few days since I was very happily surprised by a lady whose husband has been greatly prejudiced, giving five dollars for our work in the home field. This experience leads us to believe that we can at least distribute as many as fifty copies of the "Special" even in Menominee.

"We sincerely hope our people in the conference generally, and at headquarters especially will not forget to pray earnestly and frequently for God's Spirit to work mightily in Menominee."

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One was baptized at Onaway last Sunday by Elder Guild. The church there will use 450 copies of the special REVIEW, and are doing some work among the French at that place.

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Brother Johnson reports that at Harris over 500 copies of the special REVIEW were ordered.

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L. A. Jacobs, the business manager at Cedar Lake Academy, is the proud father of a son.

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We ship cooking oil in five gallon cans at seventy-five cents a gallon.

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Orders came in this morning for 500 more copies of the REVIEW, 400 from one church.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION is issued for the promotion of a broad, thorough, and rational education, based up on true Christian principles, expanding and enriching the present conception of education, to the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers.

Every individual in the denomination needs this magazine, for it is especially designed to assist all in the greatest message ever committed to man. While the magazine is new and sparkling with the essential fundamental principles forming the basis of true Christian education in its first issue, none can afford to be without it, especially when it can be secured at the following extremely low rate: 50 cents a year.

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Eld. and Mrs. Irwin leave this week for Copemah, and will visit some of the churches in that vicinity.

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Brethren Bristol and Johnson are in the Upper Peninsula, and report encouraging news from the different places.

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The NEWS SHEET and the LAKE UNION HERALD can be obtained for the sum of sixty cents a year. A number of NEWS SHEET subscriptions expired this month and last.