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"In due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

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LIFE'S MELODY.

They tell me that in Pisa's old cathedral,

All noises, and loud

Grating of ponderous doors, shrill tones, the tramping

And murmur of the crowd,

Are caught up, softened, harmonized, and blended, Within the lofty dome.

Then echoed back in one great wave of music, Sweet as a dream of home.

So all the harsh notes in life's mingled music,

The burden and the woe.

The stroke that almost snaps the quivering heart-strings, The loss that grieves us so,

In heaven's o'er-arching dome of perfect wisdom,

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Power, and love, shall be

Gathered and blended in divinest marvel

Of matchless melody.

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Ø EXTRACT FROM AN UNPUBLISHED TESTIMONY WRIT-TEN MARCH 13, 1897.

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The word of God must be our authority in all things. The testimony of David in this respect was, "Thou art my portion, O Lord: I have said that I would keep Thy words. I entreated Thy favor with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to Thy word. I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies. I made haste and delayed not to keep Thy commandments. The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten Thy law. At midnight I will arise to give thanks unto Thee because of Thy righteous judgments."

How is the Lord the portion of His people? He can be such to them only when they choose Him above everything earthly and temporal. But there are very many who prefer every other portion rather than the heavenly treasure. This is not appreciated. They prize more highly the selfish pleasures that minister only to the gratification of self. They consider the possession of lands, of houses, and of money, the most desirable prize they can gain: for they know that when once these are in their hands, they will receive the esteem and favor of the world. The standard of the world estimates a man according to his money value. This certainly can raise him to position and honor as far as the world is concerned, but it can never give him true value of character.

Those who exercise true faith in Jesus Christ will be blessed with sharp discernment. Everything connected with truth and righteousness will be precious in His sight. The knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ whom He has sent, will lead man to place a high value on every faculty given him of God. He will have a keen sense of his obligation to keep these intrusted treasures in the most wholesome condition, that he may ever discern the value of God, and choose Him as his portion forever.

The privilege bestowed upon us in doing service for Christ is the highest exaltation that can be given to the human agent. And God desires that man shall choose Him as the portion of his soul. Without this decided acceptance of the heavenly gift, in preference to any other that the world can give, Christ's followers can never be one with Him, as He is one with the Father.

Consider the wondrous power of our God, and then call to mind His love for fallen man. He "so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." How can man, for whom God has done so much, for whom Christ has given His life, continue in his perversity? Can we wonder that at the close of the thousand years, all who have refused to accept Him shall be destroyed with fire from heaven outside the city of God? God declares that this shall be so. He says, "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. . . . And I will punish the world for their evil; and the wicked for their iniquity, and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and I will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible."

I love Jesus. I tremble at the word of God. I am seeking to hide myself in the cleft of the rock, that I may behold His holiness of character. God has a people, and I want to be among them. I want, too, that you shall be among them. And if you will, without any reservation, give up your way and will to God, you may. The Spirit calls to-day. There is hope still.

The church of God, enfeebled and defective though it is through yielding to temptation, is the only object upon earth on which He bestows His supreme regard. His interest, with all the interest of the heavenly host, is all with His people, who, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, are to shine as lights in the world. His Holy Spirit is giving rich and constant supplies of grace for every emergency. Not one needs to stumble, for Christ has said, "He that followeth Me, shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

Satan has a church upon the earth, which outnumbers the church of Christ. Christ calls it the "Synagogue of Satan," because its members are the children of sin and transgression. They have ceased to honor God; they have cast His divine law aside; they have confounded the distinction between good and evil. But the world's Redeemer will have a church in which these essential differences will be made apparent, where the character of God will be represented. In marked contrast to the character of Satan, the beauty of holiness will be exemplified, the loveliness of truth shine forth in life and practice. Its members will love, honor, and glorify God, whom the world has despised. These are the fruits by which they are known to the world; these will have the superscription of heaven, by which all men may know that they are Christ's disciples.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.*

(Concluded).

Another question is the matter of education. These mental activities must be directed with reference to Christian education. That is an obligation that rests upon us, and our Young People's Department can do this. It can supplement the work of our schools to a large extent. It is not enough to have a school here and there devoted to the question of education. There is a great mass of young people who are not within the range of the influence of the school or schoolmen. We must have minds working for them. We have begun that work, and that is why our schools to-day are filled more than they have ever been in our history.

It is also true that our children and youth must be directed in their physical activities. Children will be doing something. How many of the older people, when weary with the toil of the day, have seen the children hopping and skipping about, and have been made weary to look at it, wondering why the children do not sit down and fold their arms, as they would wish them to do; but they do not. Neither is it right that they should. The physician knows that the development of their physical organs depends upon their activities. They must be going or doing something. That is what develops them properly; and if they did not do anything, they would be worth nothing. What we want in this denomination is a movement that will help them to direct these endeavors and center them upon those things that are useful. And if we teach them along right working lines, that will become a joy in their lives, and the games and theatre and places of amusement will have no attraction for them.

Children and youth also need direction in the expenditure of money. If this young people's work is carried on as it should be, we are going to see tremendous resources coming in, in the way of funds from them. When I was urging that this department be organized, somebody said to me, "That will add another expense to our administration." I said, "The income will far exceed the expense. It is the sort of expense that one has in sowing seed of any kind. He puts out a bushel, and gets back ten." Our young people can be directed in the expenditure of their money so that it will be given to God. For example, we had a "China" day in Takoma Park for the children. The whole service was given up to them; and when we came to the climax of it, every child in that church came forward with his box, some of the boxes so filled that they had to tie strings around them. There was four dollars and fifty-one cents in one of them. If something had not been done to direct these children, every cent of that money probably would have been spent for candy and other things. But we can make an impression in the child's mind that will cause him to prefer to put his money into a box for missionary purposes. It will require some systematic effort to accomplish this. It cannot be done by warning, or "don't," or caution, but by direction and education.

We have made wonderful progress in the young people's work during the last three or four years. I remember, when I first took it up, the young people's interests appealed to me very strongly, and I looked everywhere to see whom I could get, to do something for them. Finally, I secured Elder Luther Warren, and took him out of the regular line, and put him into this work. Criticisms came in from all directions as to the character of the work; but we have kept on and have made great progress; and if we continue a few years more, we shall see marvellous changes. We will have literature for the young people, and an organized movement for the direction of their energies. We will fill our schools to overflowing with the best of our young people; we will have a missionary

^{*} Extract from a talk given by Elder A. G. Daniells, at the fourth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference last March.

movement that will astonish us; and a stream of money flowing in from the activities of these young people. Let us press onward with this work in the fear of God.

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# INDIANA.

I spent November 27-29 with the church at Middletown, in company with Elder W. A. Young. Middletown is about forty miles east of Indianapolas, and ten miles from Anderson, in a beautiful locality. There are forty or more members in the town and surrounding country. Some of the original members now belong in the city of Indianapolis; but many who have grown gray in the truth, still remain. Our people at Middletown have a commodious house of worship located in the central part of town. There were evidences of spiritual growth among the people.

Allen Moon.

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#### EAST MICHIGAN.

ANN ARBOR AND MASON .- Sabbath and Sunday, November 14 and 15, I met with the church at Ann Arbor. On Sunday, six young people were buried with their Lord in baptism. The Baptist pastor kindly gave us the use of his church and baptistry for the occasion.

In the forenoon of November 21, I preached in my home church, and in the afternoon met with a few believers at Mason. These visits are much appreciated by them. They are holding up the standard of truth in that city. A Methodist lady, who was present, gave me a donation for foreign missions. L. G. MOORE.

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GREENDALE.-We are still continuing our meetings in this place, and the interest is about the same as usual; even though the Methodists are holding revivals to draw the people away.

Brother Hoxie has been away a few days, moving his family to Ithaca. Now that he is back, we are ready to press the battle with renewed vigor.

The parable of Matt. 13: 3-8 has been fulfilled. Some have become cold and indifferent, others are standing firm for the truth.

Three more have taken their stand for the truth since our last report, and many others are deeply interested.

Continue to pray for the work here that every honest in heart may be gathered out.

CLAUDE WHITE.

## WEST MICHIGAN.

KALAMAZOO.- We are glad to report that the work of the Third Angel's Message is onward in this city. Since taking the pastorate of the church here, the Lord has greatly blessed us in our work, and a number of souls have been added to the church, both by baptism and by letter. Our congregation has been increased, back-sliders reclaimed, and sinners converted to God.

For years our congregation here has been in great need of a more suitable place of worship, to which they could invite those not of our faith. In taking up the work here, the Lord laid it upon our hearts to repair the old, dilapidated house of worship, and transform it into an inviting sanctuary, a fitting memorial for the truth in this place. Between five and six hundred dollars have been spent in the repairing of the church, all of which has been given by our congregation, except a few dollars.

In addition to this, a loan which the congregation has been carrying for years upon the church, has been paid off, and the church as it now stands, is free from all incumbrance and is now ready for dedication.

Our dedicatory services will take place December 19, at 10:30, Sabbath morning, the last day of the week of prayer. Elder A. G. Haughey, with other ministers of the conference, will be present and participate in the exercises. An interesting program has been prepared, and all our isolated and scattered members are invited to be present; also, we should be glad to have those of like precious faith in near-by churches to attend, and enjoy the services with us.

P. G. STANLEY.

# a THE SOUTH AND ITS NEEDS.

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The following is an abstract of a chapel talk given recently:-

Having spent the greater part of my life in West Virginia, and having labored there for fifteen years in the Lord's work, I shall speak more particularly of that part of the great mission field of the South which is waiting our response to their call for help.

In the North, generally speaking, the conditions everywhere are similar. The worker that can labor in one state is prepared to labor in another; but it is not so with the South. The conditions are so different, that one needs a special preparation to labor there; otherwise he will make sad mistakes and will finally learn by experience what he should have known before he entered the field.

On going to the South to labor, one should bear in mind that the people are not all poor, uneducated, and ignorant, as is sometimes represented. While there are many such, there are also many rich, educated, and cultured.

West Virginia is not much of a farming country compared with the West, but it has its natural resources. It has been noted for its great forests of timber and minerals; and now the great coal fields are being operated, and a large per cent of the coal that is consumed in the North is taken from under the hills of West Virginia. It is now one of the greatest oil fields in the United States.

The people of this state are a mixed multitude. Those of one locality will be quite different from those of another only a few miles away. The worker must study the field, and learn how to meet the various conditions in the different localities. There are thousands of colored people in the South, calling for the message that will set them free from sin and give them a right to the tree of life.

I have been wondering how many young men and women now in the Emmanuel Missionary College will, at the close of their training here, give themselves to be missionaries in this needy field.

In "Early Writings," page 136, we read: "The last call was carried even to the poor slaves, and the pious among them poured forth their songs of rapturous joy at the prospect of their happy deliverance. Their masters could not check them; fear and astonishment kept them silent."

P. W. PROVINCE.

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#### IN THE SOUTH.

The educational and religious needs of the South are very great. The people are ignorant and do not seem to realize it; many are debased and do not know it. I called at a home the other day near our school, and while waiting for a response to my knock, I noticed great blotches of tobacco spit on the door-step, and thought to myself, "The man must be in;" but no, he was not; the housewife, evidently, was responsible for it.

A young woman was asked how much she received for doing housework. "Dollar'n half a week," she drawdled, "'n hafto furnish my own tobacker." Poor thing! She was bright-faced, and might have been a real woman.

At our county seat a few weeks ago, one of the great denominations was holding its annual meeting, with more than three hundred ministers present. Almost all of them had cigars or pipes in their mouths when on the streets.

One of our dear native women converts, testifying in the church the other Sabbath, told of giving up tea, coffee, pork, and tobacco, to be in line with this blessed gospel. Did you ever hear a woman mention giving up tobacco in the North?

Among such people we are located, trying not only to demonstrate the Christian way, but endeavoring also to train some of the Southern young people themselves to be teachers and leaders in holy things. Some have already gone forth from the school, bearing into these homes the good tidings of a better way. We also have in the school some from the North who feel the Lord's call to give themselves to the uplifting of the South, and they are here in order to get their training in the midst of the surroundings which will be theirs in their future missionary work.

I am wondering if the Lord has laid on your hearts, or on the hearts of any in your church, a desire to have some part in the solution of the tremendous Southern problem. It is not yet quite fifty years since the North arose from east to west and, shouldering its guns, marched into this very region of country, and, wading through blood, saved it to the Union; now they of the North are feeling a mighty and a divine impulse to save it to the earth made new. Some there are, of course, who do not seem yet to have felt the heavenly call. I felt it years ago. And when Professor Howell came to our campmeeting last summer and told the story of his call from on high to the Southern work and related some of his experiences in sacrificing to establish this school, I said, "yes" the moment he asked me to join him in the work. He was compelled to tell me plainly that he could offer me no salary, as the work is self-supporting. Human pledges of support were not among the things my soul was demanding, but I longed to hear only the Macedonian cry. So, laying aside some of the sweetest human hopes, I did not even stop to bid farewell to some who were very dear to me, but hastened to the field of need. And now, seeing the needs as I never could from a distance, I feel like exhorting every church, yea, every individual lover of the Lord, to have at least some small part in this glorious work.

Take our own enterprise here as an illustration of need. Our school home is a building of nine rooms, and in it we are trying to house all the way from sixteen to twenty who make up our school family. More are wishing to come. Within a few days we received a most appealing letter, the second from the same woman, begging to be allowed to come with her thirteen-year-old boy and one little girl, that she might be with Adventists and learn the Message. She is not yet an Adventist but feals she can never be content elsewhere. Seeing our situation, you can imagine our feelings. None should be refused.

We are also pressed for school room, and our school-house is at the same time our church. The Sunday evening meetings altogether overcrowd it. Often there are from twenty to fifty outside, looking in at the windows. Our school work is hampered by our being compelled to have two and three classes recite at the same time in

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one room. We are in great need of more school and church room. Also in the dining-room of the home, we use benches for want of chairs. As a matter of fact, there is scarcely anything in the house-keeping line from cellar to garret but what our northern friends could send us with assurance that it would be a blessing. Almost all homes have some things still serviceable that can be spared, and if all in a church would gather such together and send South, such institutions as ours would soon be supplied. And, too, all can spare a little cash, sharing with the sacrificing workers in fields like this. I have heard Professor Howell say that for his first term of school here, he received but sixty cents in cash, and his pay up to the present time would not average F. FREDERICK BLISS. five dollars a month.

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### ONLY FOR A DAY.

There's but the meager crust, love, There's but the measured cup; On scanty fare we breakfast, On scanty fare we sup. Yet be not thou discouraged, Nor falter by the way, Since wealth is for a life, love, And want is for a day.

Our shelter oft is rude, love, We feel the chilling dew, And shiver in the darkness, Though steadfast stars shine through. Yet shall we reach our palace, And there in gladness stay, Since home is for a life, love, And travel, for a day.

The heart may sometimes ache, love, The eyes grow dim with tears; Slow glide the hours of sorrow Slow beat the pulse of fears. Yet patience with the evil, For though the good delay, Still joy is for a life, love, And pain is for a day.

Margaret E. Sangster.

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# WORK WITH OUR PERIODICALS.

When you are asked to sell some of our papers, a feeling may come over you which causes you to say, "I can't." Moses, when the Lord told him to go to Egypt, had the same experience. When we feel afraid and discouraged, the Lord is ready with promises to encourage us. To Moses He said, "Certainly I will be with thee." To Joshua He said, "Go in this thy might; have not I sent thee." These promises give us courage enough to take an arm-load of papers.and start. When we are in the street ready to commence work, these thoughts flood our minds: "An agent! A beggar!! How can I do it? What would I do should I meet some of my friends?" And you go from house to house trembling, and not even expecting people to buy. How can you feel otherwise when down deep in your heart, you are ashamed of what you are doing? Almost all have similar experiences. At least, I have them to contend with continually.

This is the way I overcome and succeed. I convince myself that I am in a business that the Lord approves of,—honest, honorable, and of value to the people. You must convince yourself of what you intend to convince your customers. If a man who did not realize his condition, was famishing for a glass of water, would you be ashamed and timid about offering him a drink?

When selling our papers we are taking living water to the people. When we really believe this, we shall be able to go to the people with confidence written on our faces, and our voice will be convincing. It isn't so much *what* we say, as the *way* we say it.

Now do not think that you can acquire this confidence in a few minutes, and that you will never get frightened or discouraged again. The Lord does not work a miracle; but we grow. I have been selling books and papers for several years, and the battle is ever going on with me. Sometimes I will be selling papers at nearly every house, and then some one will give me a really cold shoulder; then if I am not very careful, I shall have a long face to present to my next customer. Many little things may happen which will spoil the day or discourage us altogether if we are not careful. But there is another view of the question. The Spirit of God is by our side as well as the powers of darkness. We must smile and forget the rebuffs. Just continue to look for success, and, by God's help you are sure to find it .- Oliver Morris, in N. Ill. Recorder.

# C C C C THANKSGIVING INGATHERING NOTES.

Two weeks more have been added to the time for soliciting for missions. Those who desire to continue the work even after December 12, can do so. Papers will be supplied as long as they are wanted.

The extension of the time for soliciting donations for missions for two weeks beyond Thanksgiving week, seems to have been generally appreciated; for many of those who received their papers early and had finished their work during the appointed time, have ordered again and will continue to solicit during the added two weeks as they have an opportunity. Those who did not get their papers in time, also those who did not arrange for a part in the work, are now planning to use a portion of the added time. This extension of time will therefore give all the people an opportunity to have a part in this important work.

The Review and Herald has printed 700,000 copies of the special Thanksgiving number of the *Review*. On November 27, orders had been received for 666,000 copies, and still the orders were coming in at the rate of about 5,000 copies a day.

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The churches in Washington, D. C., held a union Thanksgiving meeting on Sabbath, November 28. A Sabbath-school donation of \$52.77 was made for missions, and many of those who had been soliciting during Thanksgiving week gave their experiences, with the amount they had collected. It was a very inspiring service. Those who had not had an opportunity to go out on account of being obliged to work night and day preparing the papers for others, expressed appreciation for the extension of the time in which to solicit, as it would make it possible for them to share in the blessings and privileges of this work.

Central New England sends a report of the work of two sisters. One placed forty-three papers and collected forty-three dollars. The other placed forty-seven papers and collected forty-seven dollars. A report has just been received from one brother who had written letters and sent copies of the paper to business associates, and solicited donations. From eight of the people to whom he had written, he received eighty-eight dollars. The reports which are coming in at the present time from all parts of the country, indicate excellent results. We trust that our missions will receive, through this effort, sufficient means to advance greatly our work in all parts of the world during the coming General Conference Missionary Dept. year.

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# **OBITUARY.**

BAIRD.— Died at his home in Bedford, Michigan, Nov. 7, 1908, of heart difficulty, Matthew Baird, aged 70 years and 21 days. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, and removed with his parents to Mt. Gilead, Ohio; later, when he was nine years of age, he came with them to Barry County, Michigan, where he has since resided until within the last two years, when he moved to Bedford. His religious experience began with the Methodist Church, but afterwards he joined with the United Brethren at Cedar Creek. Later he united with the Seventh-day Adventists, with whom he was connected at the time of his death. Brother Baird was highly esteemed by all who knew him, and the influence of his life will live on while he "rests from his labors." He leaves a wife, two sons, one daughter, a brother, numerous step-children and grand-children to mourn. A discourse was given by the writer to a large and interesting audience in the church at Cedar Creek, near his old home, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 1908.

S. D. HARTWELL.

# INDIANA CHURCH SCHOOLS.

We now have eighteen schools, including four family schools. We have visited all but two, and find their progress very encouraging. Our school work is attracting more attention from the public than ever before. In one place in the southern part of the State, where a new school was opened sometime ago, some people in the community were quite stirred up over the thought of the Adventists' withdrawing their children from the public school, and having a school of their own. Some thought we had no right to open our school. I visited the township trustee and explained to him the principles of our work. He was very much susprised and pleased, and said he was glad to have such a school conducted in the community. He said he would visit the school and would see that we were not disturbed.

While visiting another school a few days since, I was invited to speak in the M. E. church one evening. Two public school teachers were present, and expressed themselves as being in hearty accord with the principles of education set forth. They examined some of our "True Education Readers," and were greatly pleased with them. One teacher ordered a copy of our "Bible Nature Series, Number One." She invited me to visither school, which I did, and at her urgent request, talked for a few minutes to the children.

I believe we should seek to interest more public school teachers in the principles of true education. They are a class of people that can be most quickly prepared to enter some branch of the Lord's work.

Indiana church schools are taking part in the Thanksgiving week missionary campaign. One school ordered three hundred papers.

I have just received the new Lake Union pa-

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per, and am glad to welcome it as a much needed help in every department of work in the Union. Mrs. R. W. MCMAHAN.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Not many years ago, the first instruction along the line of Christian education was given us by the chosen servant of the Lord, and since that time we have been admonished again and again to follow out the instruction given; for, "One reason why it was necessary to establish institutions of our own, was the fact that parents were not able to counteract the influence of the teaching their children were receiving in the public schools, and the error taught was leading the youth into false paths. No stronger influence could be brought to bear upon the minds of the youth and children than that of those who are educating them in the principles of science."

Word has been given to us that we are not to follow the worldly system of education, not because it is not good enough for the world, but rather that "The object of our schools is to provide places where the younger members of the Lord's family may be trained according to His plan of growth and development." Naturally, we enquire what is His plan of growth and development, and the answer comes from the same source. "Children who are receiving a Christian education will be witnesses for Christ. ... As the children sang in the temple courts, 'Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord,' so in these last days, children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world." What children does God use in this work? It is those who are given a Christian education, those who have had the privilege of being taught in our schools, the great truths for the world in these last days. Are your children being given that Christian education, that training which will qualify them for a part in that great work? If not, be assured they will have no part in it.

God proposes to take our children and give them such a training that when the time comes that those of mature years are not permitted to present the truth, He may put His Spirit upon them and they will go forth and proclaim the truth with great power. Do you want to have your children prepared for a part in this work in that time? If you do, there is a work of preparation to be entered upon now in our humble church schools, for it is those who are thus educated that are to stand as the exponents of this truth then.

True it is that this education has not met our mind in the past, but the Lord is calling for a reform in this work, a raising of the standard.

"Now as never before we need to understand the true science of education." "Our ideas of education take too low a range. There is need of a broader scope, a higher aim. True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. . . It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world, and for the higher joy of wider service in the world to come." H. A. BOYLAN.

# NOTICE.

The Northern Illinois annual conference will be held Febuary 9-14, 1909, at a place yet to be selected.

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At the time of the last meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee, a proposition was made to hold a general meeting in the Lake Union, to be attended by the members of all local conference committees. The purpose of such a meeting is to consider questions of interest to all local conferences. The date that seems to meet the mind of a majority of the Lake Union Conference Committee is January 12-15.

Allen Moon.

### TO THE CHURCHES OF WEST MICHIGAN.

Dear Brethern and Sisters: — We have been promising you for some time that you would be notified when and where to send the petitions on which you have been procuring signatures. The representatives for our part of the state are as follows: —

Counties of Branch, Calhoun, Eaton, and Kalamazoo,- Hon. Washington Gardner.

Counties of Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, and Van Buren,—Hon. Edward L. Hamilton.

Counties of Kent, Ionia, and Ottawa,—Hon. Garritt J. Diekema.

Counties of Muskegan, Newago, and Oceana,---Hon. James C. McLaughlin.

Counties of Gratiot, Isabelle, Mecosta, and Montcalm, — Hon. Archibald B. Darragh.

The petitions should be accompanied by a brief, courteous letter of explanation, and sent to the proper Congressman, in care of Capitol Building, Washington, D. C. In order to ascertain who your Representative is, look through the list of counties until you find the one in which your petition was circulated, and the name of your Representative in Congress will follow it. Please let all carefully take note of this instruction, and remember that the petitions may be sent in any time after December 7, which is the date of the opening of Congress. It would be well to send these petitions in at an early date.

E. L. RICHMOND.

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#### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

#### East Michigan.

Elder Slade spent a part of Thanksgiving week in Detroit.

Miss Tillie E. Barr is spending a few days visiting her sister at Edenville.

The ministers and Bible workers of the conference entered heartily into the Ingathering work of Thanksgiving week.

Elder Slade met with the Adrian church Sabbath, November 21, at which time special meetings were held. In the afternoon, baptismal services were held in the Baptist church. At this time, eleven were baptized by Elder Wood. The church at Adrian is of good courage. Still others will be baptized later.

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#### Northern Illinois.

The Sanitarium at Hinsdale is now laying the foundation for a new addition to their main building.

Elder J. F. Harris has been spending several weeks visiting friends and relatives in North Michigan.

The Hinsdale Sanitarium recently ordered a sufficient supply of Bibles and "Steps to Christ" to place a copy of each in every patient's room.

Brethren E. F. Collier and J. M. Burdick spent Sabbath and Sunday, November 14 and 15 with the churches at Kankakee and Waldron, and held six meetings with the friends there.

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#### West Michigan.

Nearly everyone was busy last week at the work with the special *Review*.

A temperance convention was held at Charlotte, Michigan, last Sunday.

Clifford Russell spent a few days visiting the church and school at Monterey.

The Sabbath-school Lesson Books for the first quarter of 1909 are now ready for mailing. Place your order early with the tract society.

Elders Covert and Horton closed their meetings near Cedar Springs last week. Seven adults declared their intention of keeping the Sabbath. Another series of meetings has been started four miles south of the previous location.

# Indiana.

A church of twenty-three members was organized at North Vernon on the first Sabbath of this month by Elders A. L. Miller, and U. S. Anderson. Elder G. G. Rupert of Oklahoma, is holding a series of meetings with the Twenty-third Street church, Indianapolis.

One of our most faithful canvassers, Brother Martin Grim, has gone to Georgia in response to an invitation to assist in circulating our literature in that needy field.

Dr. Worster has gone South on a little vacation to regain his health. He expects to visit Brunswick, Georgia, where Elder Bartlett has started treatment rooms; also some places in Florida.

On November 14, Brother Spohr visited the Northfield church, and found the members fully awakened to a sense of their Thanksgiving week privileges. Five hundred *Reviews* had been ordered by this church.

# Emmanuel Missionary College.

Dr. Runck is giving a series of chapel talks lately on healthful living, and the causes and treatment of the more common diseases.

The science of agriculture, its importance to all, and especially to the people of God, was the subject presented by Mr. King to the students Tuesday.

One of the students, Mr. Gaskin, who has been an eye-witness of some of the scenes of Panama, gave an interesting account of his work on the canal to the students.

The latest arrivals at the College are: Harry Hansen, Minnie Hansen, and Fred Nelson of Wisconsin; Edward DeKoker of Indiana; and Abel Klooster of Illinois.

Examinations were held Monday and Tuesday, November 30 and December 1, in nearly all the College departments. This marked the completion of the fall term's work, and the opening of the winter term.

The members of the fifth-year Bible class are studying the different phases of the Religious Liberty question. The class recitations are conducted in a very practical way, the students giving the results of the study as class talks.

Professor Haughey introduced the subject of Science to the students at the Friday morning chapel hour, showing even from a scientific viewpoint, that only "the fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Who can tell what life is, what electricity is? Follow any line of scientific investigation, and the finite mind must give as the first cause, "God."

Professor Gerritsen occupied the chapel hour Thursday, speaking on the subject of music. He spoke of its blessing to humanity if used in the right way and its curses, if not so used. He dealt especially upon the kind of music that should be heard in our homes and schools. The question has often been expressed, does it pay for our young people to spend their time in the study of music, when it tends so often to lead them from the truth? Professor Gerritsen answered this query by saying, "The fault lies not in the study of music, but in the pupil, the kind of music studied, and the teacher; for nothing is more soul-uplifting than true music." He read some instructions along this line from pages 39, and 168 of Education, page 497 of Testimony Vol. 1. Read this; it is worth while.