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LOVE

Love suffereth long, and is kind;
 Love envieth not;
 Love vaunteth not itself,
 Is not puffed up,
 Doth not behave itself unseemly,
 Seeketh not its own,
 Is not provoked,
 Taketh not account of evil;
 Rejoiceth not in unrighteousness,
 But rejoiceth with the truth;
 Beareth all things,
 Believeth all things,
 Hopeth all things,
 Endureth all things.
 Love never faileth.

—Paul.

President's Address at the Lake Union Conference

The fourth biennial period of the existence of the Lake Union Conference is in the past, and its record made up. We will never have an opportunity to change that which has gone before, but we may profit by the experiences of the past. We have truly been the recipients of Divine favor and compassion. The Lord has regarded the life and health of His people, and death has not been permitted to visit the ranks of laborers during the past two years. Elder Stone who was absent at the last biennial session on account of illness, has measurably recovered his former condition of health and activity. Prosperity has continued to smile upon our people and institutions, and the work has gone forward as uninterruptedly as heretofore.

The people of the Lake Union Conference have been blessed with means to contribute the remainder of their share of the \$150,000 Fund, and also to render extensive aid in supplying funds for the support of missionaries abroad. The

aged and orphans have received a measure of care and support, but there is still opportunity for the development of system and order in this line of work. The dependent should by no means be neglected. A permanent fund should be provided for the care of those who have no relatives upon whom to rely for support.

Educational

The educational system of the Lake Union Conference is perhaps as well developed as that of any other union, and progress is being made each year toward a higher standard of attainment for both teacher and pupil.

Ample provision has now been completed for the education of the children and youth, particularly in the higher grades, in the way of college and academy buildings. The academies under the management of local conferences, have for a constituency the people of the local field, and the funds for establishing and maintaining them have either already been provided by these conferences, or they have assumed the responsibility of the same. But for the College, which is the property of all, and serves to educate the youth of all in the Union, no provision has yet been made for a large part of the cost of establishing, or to meet the interest or principal of the accrued debt. Something more than one half the sum necessary for the completion of the College was secured from the sale of the Battle Creek property and the book "Christ's Object Lessons," and the remainder as loans from the people. The interest on this indebtedness and the necessary annual repairs, should be provided for by this Conference, and some financial plan for the gradual liquidation of the principal devised and put in operation.

The Conference Committee felt the necessity for some steps to be taken toward inaugurating a system for raising the necessary funds for the support of the College, and at a meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee held in conjunction with the members of the local conference committees of the Union, in January 1909, it was proposed to invite our people to contribute one per cent of their income to create a fund, one half of which to be retained for use in the local conferences, and one half to go to the Union for the benefit of the Central Educational Association, to be applied on its indebtedness; but

the suggestion has not been generally adopted, and little has resulted. The time of prosperity in the land ought not to be permitted to pass by without advantage being taken of it to secure means to greatly reduce or entirely liquidate the indebtedness of this general institution.

The Union Paper

At the fourth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference there was passed a recommendation instructing the committee of the Union to begin the publication of a Union Conference paper. The Committee therefore took the matter up, and after securing estimates and advice from various sources, the work was undertaken in connection with the printing department of Emmanuel Missionary College, and the first issue bore the date of November 4, 1908. All conferences in the Union received due notice of the opening of the enterprise, but up to the present time a majority of the conferences have not adopted the paper, and the support received from the minority has fallen far short of making the paper self-supporting, and a large deficit has resulted, as will appear from the report. If the LAKE UNION HERALD had a subscription list equal to its present list, combined with the lists of all local conference papers, the receipts would have met the entire cost of its publication; then if the conferences had decided to make use of the Union paper for their local work, the entire deficit would have been wiped out. I would recommend that careful consideration be given to the question of a medium of communication in the Union, by this Conference, and a plan devised that will be accepted by all. To conduct a union paper at a loss of \$1600, and several local papers at a loss of \$800, is a waste of means that ought not by any means to be continued.

Organization of Union Conferences

In the organization of Israel, after the formation of the courts composed of judges of tens, fifties, hundreds, and thousands had been completed, it was found to be necessary to still further distribute the burden of responsibility, and the Lord directed that a court of seventy be formed, composed of the elders of the people, to relieve Moses and the princes and to serve the people in a more effective way. So likewise, in 1901, it was found necessary to further distribute the responsibility of the work in the Christian Church, and although the General Conference had felt this want and had moved out and elected directors over districts, yet this did not meet the mind of the Lord fully, and He gave direction that union conferences be organized, to take the burden of the work within their respective borders, and to decide all questions arising in the admin-

istration of conference affairs, except in cases of appeal to the highest bodies. Local conferences had so long been accustomed to a situation growing out of the inability of the General Conference to supervise the work all over the world, including the many mission fields, and being comparatively independent, that it has been a slow process to become adjusted to the existence of union conferences.

The force of logic and reason, as well as Divine precept, is strongly in favor of the administration of the work in all the Union being under the direction of the Union Conference, composed of delegates from all the local conferences, and a Union Committee composed of men selected from the various conferences in the Union, thus unifying the work in all its parts in all the field. The union conferences thus formed, are in like manner under the supervision of the General Conference; and as all union conferences shape their policy of administration after the general policy of the higher body, so the conferences composing the Union will in all respects be constituent parts of that general body.

Conference Headquarters

Notwithstanding it was recommended at the last session of the Conference that the headquarters be located at Berrien Springs, the Conference Committee has been compelled, by force of circumstances, to continue the office of the Union at South Bend. Due consideration has been given the recommendation by our committee, and no doubt it would have been carried out but for the fact that the financial condition of the Conference has not been such as to enable the Committee to do so. It was apparent soon after the conference in 1908 that to provide properly for the patronage of the College at Berrien Springs, would require a considerable outlay of means, for creating additional dormitory room, putting in new heating plants, installing electric light and power, completing sewer system and laundry, etc. This consumed the money that we were able to obtain from our people at a moderate rate of interest, leaving nothing with which to provide office room and dwellings for officers; and besides, the work at the College is only just completed, although we have used all the force of helpers at hand. Doubtless the future committee will find time very soon to devote to the establishing of permanent headquarters, if a way should be opened whereby the means could be secured for the purpose, without creating any further indebtedness upon the Conference.

Sanitariums

It may be that I am expected to give some explanations as to the failure of your committee to provide the much needed means for medical

training in connection with our College at Berrien Springs.

There is truly a very great demand for a small sanitarium for the purpose of affording opportunity for the necessary training of youth in our advanced school, and the proper care of the health of the patrons. And besides, the Spirit of Prophecy has spoken definitely concerning it years ago. The Lake Union Conference has had under consideration the matter of providing this addition to the College. But your committee has not seen its way clear to undertake the enterprise until there is an indication that it would have something to rely upon other than borrowed capital, for its establishment and maintenance. Your committee has several times made efforts to interest the people in this work, and has instructed the officers to move out as the way opened; but up to this present time, for want of means at hand, and owing to the rate of interest demanded by those who have money to loan, a commencement has not been made.

At a meeting of the General Conference Committee held at College View, last October, recommendations were adopted to the effect that our people be invited to sell a stated number of "Ministry of Healing" and the magazine *Life and Health* annually per capita, for the relief of sanitariums and benefit of the health work. If these recommendations are approved by this Conference, and the work is entered upon with the zeal and earnestness which it deserves, it will no doubt bring relief to the conferences that have sanitariums that are not free from embarrassment; and may at the same time open the way for a beginning to be made toward the establishment of the indispensable treatment-rooms at the College.

ALLEN MOON.

Religious Liberty

Speaks Against Sunday Bill

K. C. Russell Speaks Johnston Measure is Religious Legislation

K. C. Russell, secretary of the Religious Liberty Association, at Memorial church, spoke last night on the Johnston Sunday bill.

"With all its exceptions, and even though it has been divested of some of its religious terms, it is, nevertheless, a species of religious legislation, and, therefore, dangerous," he said "A package of deadly poison may be labeled as harmless; the state may label a Sunday law a 'police regulation,' but still, it must be confessed that Sunday, which is religious, is a preferred day. The legislative sphere of the state is to protect its citizens, and not days. A thing that is civil on Monday, Tuesday, or any other day

in the week is equally civil on Sunday, and should, therefore, not be prohibited by the state. We have numerous civil holidays, but it is left to the discretion of the citizen how he shall employ his time on such days. So he should be permitted to do likewise on Sunday, and not compelled to give preference to it above other days."—*Washington (D. C.) Herald, Jan 31, 1910.*

Blue Laws Revived

In the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, several saloon-keepers were sentenced by the Mayor to attend church service on Sunday, and to bring a certificate of the fact from the pastor of some church to the sheriff of the county, as a penalty for having violated the Sunday-closing ordinance. The sentence was carried out on Sunday, January 30, the saloon-keepers applying to the minister at the close of the service for the required certificate.

It is a crime to sell to men to drink, that which will poison body and brain; but bigots see the criminality of the traffic only when it violates their religious sentiments regarding the sacredness of Sunday. And then they demand that the violators be sent to them by law to be instructed on the subject of Sunday sacredness rather than the crime of killing men with drink. This is blue laws with a vengeance.

ALLEN MOON.

Perpetuate Our Liberties

The United States of America is, without doubt, the grandest nation of the globe. It is known all over the world as "the land of the free and the home of the brave." The voice of "liberty to all men," has been heard around the earth, and because of it millions of liberty-loving people have swarmed to our shores, to the boasted land of liberties, both civil and religious.

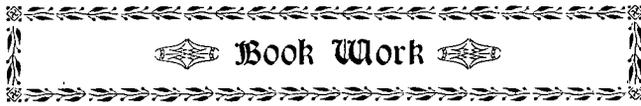
We should do all that we can to perpetuate our liberties that we now enjoy. The dangers that threaten liberty of conscience should be exposed and the preservation of it should be the earnest endeavor of every true American citizen.

Because this is an age of intense activities the glorious principles of religious liberty and civil freedom should be briefly stated in clear, distinct, and definite terms in order to be comprehended by a busy people,— by the man at the plow, the one behind the counter, the skilled laborer in the shop, the literary man, and the man of profession. These, together with all others should be won if possible to perpetuate the inherent rights of liberty.

One of the vital questions that agitate the public mind to-day is religious legislation. Let us work, and hope, and pray as we work, that thou-

sands of our citizens may be led to comprehend the dangers that threaten our liberties from the source of Sunday legislation. May we be inspired to noble and heroic efforts in the perpetuation of the two great and grand principles of our republic, "religious liberty" and "civil freedom."

ELDER H. W. REED.



*Our Literature as an Evangelizing Agency

ALLEN MOON

It may be of interest in this connection to know how good religious literature is regarded by the better class of religious workers in the world. By good religious literature is not meant the popular religious novel of the day, but that which is helpful in bringing out the cardinal truths of Christianity.

At the Ecumenical Missionary Conference held in the City New York, in 1900, at which I was a delegate, hours were devoted to the discussion of the importance of Christian literature for use in evangelical work. The successors of Carey from India, and the leading missionaries from all heathen countries united in an urgent call for pure helpful literature.

Miss Isabella Thoburn, of India, said: "There is a special good that literature can do. When it once goes out of our hands, it goes to bless, and it may be used when we have passed away—we who have begun the work." Rev. Timothy Richards, of China, said: "In all successful mission work, whether in barbarous or civilized countries, the Bible has had to be supplemented by other books. In order to capture the attention and regard of the best minds in non-Christian lands, we must offer to them the highest product of our best intellects. Nothing less than this is a sufficient Christian literature."

Rev. Richard, of London, in a paper read before the conference, said: "The two most potent factors in the life of the Christian Church have been the living voice and the printed page. We sometimes forget that this has been so from the first, and it is of Divine appointment. There is greater need to-day than ever for Christian literature. The achievements of the past in this respect are at the best, very imperfect, and hence the different boards of directors at home should give more attention to this work."

The burden of testimony of many missionaries was the great need of a literature in all lands, that would serve as helps to Bible study. The missionary, as no one else, appreciates the value of such helps; for he is face to face with the

fact that the Bible, and not modern civilization must be relied upon to Christianize the heathen world. It is likewise true that the Bible must be relied upon to Christianize the ungodly of civilized countries, and a literature that opens up the Word of God to the understanding of mankind is as greatly needed in these lands. This is provided as never before in the Christian literature, in connection with the giving of the last message to the world: and whether they recognize it or not, this literature is just what the missionaries of all denominations have felt the want of, and censured the home boards for their failure to produce. Never in the history of the world has a religious literature exerted such widespread influence.

At the very beginning of the preaching of the last-day message, when the believers were very few in number, the printing-press was utilized. Elder White and his few associates began publishing to open the way for personal work, and the little papers and tracts were the pioneers to blaze the way for the preaching of a whole gospel. From that time on, during the spread of the knowledge of the truth in this country, the preaching by word of mouth and by the printed page, went hand in hand. About the time that our missionaries began to go abroad it was estimated by those well informed, that for the work accomplished in this country, the credits were about equally divided. About as many people had accepted the truth as the result of reading our literature as through the effort of the living preacher.

Again, our literature has been the agency for opening up the way for the living missionary in the countries beyond. Our literature had reached Great Britain, Scandinavia, Germany, Switzerland, and other countries on the continent, in advance of the minister; and when our work had been established in these countries, the pioneer work still went on by means of our publications; and from Basle and Hamburg it penetrated Russia the Levant, Africa and the Orient.

Time would fail to speak of the vast work accomplished through this agency. But of the future we may say, We are still a small people and have a vast work before us. The Lord has taught us by our past experience, and through the Spirit of Prophecy, of the potency of this agency. The multiplication of books and periodicals, and the increased sales during the last few years, are the best evidences of the Lord's blessing upon this work as an evangelizing agency.

Those are the best Christians who are more careful to reform themselves than to censure others.—*Fuller*.

*Paper read at the Bookmen's Convention, Lake Union Conference

* Why Our Books Sell and How to Sell Them

J. B. BLOSSER.

Above all human reasons, there stands out the great fact that God's blessing is in the work. But God's blessings always are bestowed in a reasonable manner. When His work is to be accomplished by the sale of literature, then that literature will be of such a nature that it will sell. The people that should purchase it will see in it just what they want, and will be willing to pay for it. They will feel that they are getting their money's worth. The one who sells it will have things to present that will appeal to the customer as reasonable. The books will sell in spite of opposition and competition, because they have merits above all competitors. Like any commercial proposition of a successful nature, "they meet a long-felt want." People buy groceries, clothing, etc. because they see that they need them, hence, want them. Each person has his special needs, and seeks to find the article that will meet his wants. So with people who buy books, what would be an inducement to one person to purchase a book, might not appeal to another. But as the truth of God for this time is suited to reach a lost world, there is in the various phases of present truth something that will appeal to all in the best possible manner. One might be especially interested in the subject of the second coming of Christ, and matter of this kind would be what he would want. Another might be reached with the clear outlines of prophecy that open the mysteries of the past and future. Still others will see in the beautiful truth of the restoration of all things to their Edenic beauty in the new earth, something that they would like to investigate further. The solemn warnings concerning the worship of the beast and his image will appeal to others as something they should understand. So we might go on until every point of present truth is mentioned as especially adapted to individual cases as matter they would like to read about further.

These truths, many of them, have been hidden for ages, but now, like the many inventions of the times in which they were to be understood, prove wonderful articles of commerce. In these books is displayed heaven's merchandise, pure and unadulterated like its Divine Author.

The successful salesman of these wares is the one who has his own self tried them and proved their value. His is no second-hand words. His life is a demonstration of the value of his merchandise. He does not need the sharp, tricky methods of the world's salesmen; for the love of Christ beaming from his countenance, ringing in his words, and sparkling in every page of his

book, convinces the hearer that this is no ordinary salesman. He handles his book with such ease, and gracefully turns from page to page, pointing exactly to the very thing he wishes to find, so that customer has confidence in him that he knows his book, and, hence, knows what he is talking about. His love for souls restrains him from presenting subjects that will stir up controversy. He is working with Christ to draw souls into the unity of Christ, hence he does his work with tact.

After being with the disciples over three years, the Saviour said to them as He parted with them, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." So the canvasser will present only those things which the people are able to bear without offense. However, the most cutting truths may be presented in such a way as to win people to investigate, without stirring up controversy. The work of the canvasser is to create a desire for more information on a topic, rather than impart all the information the books contain. His is a work of fishing for men, and the successful angler never tries to give the fish so much bait that he is fed, but enough of the precious morsel to make it easily swallowed by the fish. His experience will teach him when it is time to land the fish. So the canvasser must learn in the school of experience when it is time to pass on to other topics, and leave the customer wishing to know more of all the topics presented. The landing of the order for the book then is a comparatively easy task.

*The Missionary Character of the Work of the Canvasser, and How to Preserve It

E. K. SLADE

I can hope to present but just a few thoughts under this heading and still adhere to the brevity appropriate for such an occasion.

It is proper to designate this important branch of the gospel work as canvassing work, for that is the name that it goes by and is known by in all the world. Notwithstanding the bane sometimes attached to this method of selling books, owing to sharp, dishonest, questionable and disagreeable practices on the part of many merely mercenary canvassers, in the providence of God the gospel canvasser has been and will be a strong factor in giving this last gospel message to the world. A person is not warranted to engage in the selling of our books as a mere means of support. There are books that can be sold in large numbers without special divine aid, from which the agent receives large profits. It is not so in the selling of our books. Without the mission-

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ary motive and the divine assistance a canvasser for our books may expect to go hungry. I wish to emphasize this particular point. This work is not to be taken up as a means of support, nor as a money-making business. Neither is it to be entered into in efforts to earn scholarships, *only as a financial proposition*. He who enters into this work as a true missionary canvasser, and not as a mere mercenary canvasser, will *find* it profitable as a means of earning scholarships, and as a means of earning a living as well.

The missionary phase of this work and the assurance of divine aid should ever be the foremost consideration, and it is to be remembered that special help from heaven cannot be hoped for by one who enters the work for what he may be able to earn or from purely mercenary motives. I think that it will be agreed to by all that I am not passing the bounds of my subject when I suggest that the success of the book work in connection with this cause will be defeated to the extent that we fail to have this one great object as the ruling motive all along the line, from the publishers to the purchasers.

A desire to *keep up the "business"* in publishing houses, depositories and tract societies, should be backed by an unyielding purpose to *have the book business* most effectively perform its appointed mission. Without this, faith and dependence upon divine help will soon be lacking, and it will be said, "We have passed the day for selling our books." "The ground is all burned over."

In passing from this phase of my topic I wish to strongly emphasize this point; that upon giving proper place to faith and a noble purpose to give the message depends the success of our book-work all along the line, and by doing that is the only way to overcome the poor season, bad weather and hard times difficulties, and to *drive out and keep out* the blues, homesickness, discouragement, and "can't."

In dealing with the missionary character of of this work we need to understand thoroughly its mission. This gospel of the kingdom is to be preached as a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This commission to tell the world about the gospel of the kingdom lays out for us a work, the one and only work for the accomplishment of which every institution and every branch and department of our work exists and is operated. To lose sight of this mission is to invite defeat. It matters not how well our medical work is organized, nor how thoroughly our doctors and nurses are educated and trained, nor how many or massive are our sanitariums, all of this is in-

effective in connection with this cause when our eyes becomes fixed upon the system and we become professionally proud and thus lose sight of the fact that the only object in applying such principles is to facilitate the giving of the message. It is designed of God that the principles involved in selling books by the subscription plan should be applied as an adjunct to the great work of teaching this gospel to all nations. A physician prosecuting his work with such an object in view may and should attain to the highest point of proficiency in his profession that he may more effectively open doors and reach hearts for the one great object of giving this message to the people. With such a mission at heart every gospel canvasser is called upon to prepare himself intellectually, physically and morally, that by tact, culture, and Christian diplomacy he may bring into exercise every right principle and practice in *his* line of work that he may become a powerful agency in the proclamation of the message.

The true mission of the book work is the sowing of gospel seed in the field, which is the world. The truth as contained in God's Word is the seed. The seed is to be sown beside all waters, or carried to all peoples of the earth. The Psalmist in speaking of this branch of the work, the canvassing work, made use of the following words: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him." There is no doubt about the results. The faithful seed-sower is assured that there need be no doubt about a *return* in *sheaves* and *rejoicing*. It is comforting to note that he is to bring *his* sheaves.

Becoming brevity will not permit of our giving statistics in this paper of the results of our canvassing work in bringing people to a knowledge of this message. Most interesting and encouraging figures and facts and thrilling incidents might be given demonstrating what a mighty factor our canvassing work is as a missionary agency. When the work is all done and the rewards are given, an investigation of how it was all accomplished will reveal the fact that faithful seed sowing on the part of our canvassers did very much indeed in warning the world and winning souls for the kingdom.

One of the best means of preserving the missionary character of our canvassing work is for those who are engaged in it to never lose sight of its mission. The utmost care should be observed in selecting workers. To disregard the instruction given us regarding selecting canvassers is to place many in the field whose work and influence will lower the standard and rob the work of its missionary character and effec-

tiveness. I think it detrimental to this work to make too much of its money-earning and scholarship-earning advantages. It is designed to be a money-earning or self-supporting enterprise, but its *strength in that* and in all respects depends upon our adhering to motives and principles so pure and unselfish as to warrant divine aid without which no one can succeed financially or otherwise in selling our books.

In order to maintain the missionary character of our book work each one engaged in it must have a constant and genuine Christian experience. While sowing seeds of truth for the salvation of others, he should partake of the same truths for his own good in harmony with the word of the prophet as recorded in Hosea 10:12. "Sow to yourselves in righteousness; reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till He come and reign righteousness upon you." If such preparation of soil and such sowing of the seed of righteousness is not neglected, the worker will ever carry with him an influence and power that will make the success of his efforts certain. Self-examination, earnest prayer, and faithful study of the Word should be the daily experience of those engaged in this great work of scattering the gospel seed to the world. One who fails to sow to himself though he may be earnestly laboring for others may be sure that he will become weak in his work. If he will daily sow to himself there is little danger of his work lapsing into commercialism, nor will he give up to failure or discouragement, but on the contrary the work and the worker will be and *remain* a powerful missionary factor in the finishing of the gospel work in our generation.

* The Spiritual Life of the Successful Canvasser

C. MCREYNOLDS

The prayer of David recorded in the 51st Psalm is a prayer for a spiritual fitting up for successful work as a soul-winner. He pleads, "wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Then follows a sincere confession of the sin which he seemed unable to forget. "Hide Thy face from my sins and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart O God; and renew a constant spirit within me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit."

Thus with all his sins pardoned, his record in the books in heaven made clear, his sins covered by the life of Christ from the face of the

Father, a clean *heart*, a constant spirit and the freedom and joy that comes with the possession of the Holy Spirit, he has confidence that God can use him to win souls. He says, "*then* will I teach transgressors thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

There is no other class of workers who comes so directly in touch with *so great* a number of people in the *common walks* of life as the canvassing evangelist. And one in the condition of heart for which David prayed will be an evangelist. He meets the farmer in the field, the workman in his shop, the home-keeper in her cozy parlor, the busy house-maid at the door. These are in their homes where more than any other place they feel independent, as master or mistress of the place. He comes, a stranger. What is his errand? What claim has he to the time and attention he asks for? The only audience visible, it may be, is the one person approached. A heavenly watcher accompanies the Lord's messenger, while the guardian of the other life is listening with interest to co-operate in the effort to call the attention of his charge to the consideration of his eternal welfare. The cheerful face of one in whom the Spirit of the divine Saviour dwells, with the gentle subdued voice made tender by a sense of his dependence upon the Holy Spirit,—all of these conditions make a favorable opportunity for God to work and Jesus to win. The thought of a commercial purpose is at once banished. A soul has come in touch with the messenger of heaven, and heavenly influences are at work to make impressions upon the mind that will result in placing in the hands of this subject of heaven's interest, truth that will mold the life and shape a character for heaven and eternal glory. The golden opportunity has come. O, that the messenger may now have faith that will recognize the presence of an angel to direct the effort!

Has he learned to trust in the Lord and to stay his mind upon God at the critical moment? "As God blesses the minister and the evangelist in their earnest efforts to place the truth before the people, *so* He will bless the faithful canvasser."

"Let the canvassing evangelist give himself up to be worked by the Holy Spirit. Let him by persevering prayer take hold of the power which comes from God, trusting in Him in living faith. His great and effectual influence will be with every true, faithful worker."

"We are to work and pray, putting our trust in Him who will never fail."

Let all who labor successfully in the canvassing field feel in their hearts that they are doing the work of the Lord in ministering to souls who know not the truth for this time. *

These encouraging assurances sent to us by the Lord concerning this branch of the work are sufficient to show that He regards those who engage in it as His co-workers as fully as the regular minister or any other worker. Of this there is no doubt in the mind of any true believer in the third angel's message.

But the special feature we are discussing is "the spiritual life" and experience of these workers. We notice all of the blessings and prosperity promised to these workers are on conditions. As with the minister and the Bible worker so with the canvasser. Success depends upon his relationship with God, his consecration of heart and life.

"The work of the canvassing evangelist, whose heart is imbued with the Holy Spirit, is fraught with wonderful possibilities for good. . . . By songs of praise, by humble, heartfelt prayers, many will be reached. The divine Worker will be present to send conviction to hearts. 'I am with you always,' is His promise. With the assurance of the abiding presence of such a helper, we may labor with faith and hope and courage." *"Testimonies for the Church," Volume IX, Page 34.*

Truly we are co-partners with Him who gave His dear life to save the perishing. Note again this word (p 46) "Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents to co-operate with them in this great work to be done. They are waiting for you."

"The strength of every worker will be found to lie in trustful dependence upon God, in earnest prayer to Him for help, much more prayer, much more Christ-likeness, much more conformity to God's will is to be brought into the Lord's work."

There can be no question left in your minds as to the conditions of success. It means a spirit-filled life. Co-operation with the very agencies of heaven. The kind, courteous, tender manner of the child of God who realizes the companionship of angels and the presence of the Holy Spirit will impress hearts even though they may be hardened in sin. Again the Spirit speaks upon this point., Vol. 9, page 189: "If we would humble ourselves before God and be kind and courteous and tender-hearted and pitiful, there would be one hundred conversions to the truth where now there is only one."

The result of the labor of the consecrated canvasser is not all seen in the number of books he sells. The Holy Spirit uses his life, his voice, his manner as a means of making an impression upon the minds of many to whom he does not sell his book—they have come in touch with a divine influence. A new train of thought has been awakened. The guardian angel of that life will follow up the work so well begun.

It behooves us who are called to stand at the head of conferences and those who are appointed to lead the canvassers to success in the work, to look well to the spiritual life and Christian experience of every one who is permitted to enter the work. When our churches select men for elders, when the conferences select men as prospective ministers, their spirituality is the first consideration. Have they learned to plead with God, to pour out the soul in earnest supplication, to desire the presence of the Spirit of God more than necessary food? These are the men and women whom God can use, with whom He can co-operate and make them His messengers in very deed to bring light to those who sit in darkness. Let David's experience become ours—to have a clean heart, a *right* (constant) spirit, the joy of the salvation of the Lord—and to be daily saved from the power and dominion of sin. "Then will we teach transgressors Thy ways and sinners shall be converted unto Thee."

Let us have this condition of heart and mind and the books will sell and the message will advance.

Canvassers' Experiences in Southern Illinois

Brother T. B. House writes: "Well, the Lord blessed me this week to my satisfaction. I enjoy the work better the longer I work. How sweet it is to work for Jesus. I have often thought how happy I should be if I could only see people coming into the truth through some of my efforts in the canvassing work. Now, praise the Lord, I can begin to see some good accomplished."

"I stayed over night in November with a family who were in the valley of decision. They had attended Elder Locken's meetings. I had a good visit with them and sold them a "Great Controversy." They read it, and one is keeping the Sabbath. The family loaned the book to a neighbor, a Catholic, who has since made inquiry for me. Three other families, I hear, are well pleased with "Great Controversy," and one lady has expressed herself as being in harmony with what the book teaches, and is glad that it is an Adventist book."

Elder Locken has been holding meetings in this territory, and this has demonstrated the value of bookselling in connection with the tent-meeting work.

While delivering books to-day, Brother Dent came to a lady who has been sick since ordering "Bible Readings" from him. She was out of money, being of the poorer class, but she wanted the book so much that she offered to let him have a dollar's worth of sugar which she had

just purchased at the store, and two pounds of butter, as well as 50 cents in money, if he would leave the book, promising to pay the rest when she gets well.

Is it not worth while to find such people and give them an opportunity to hear the last message of mercy? Such opportunities are many. Come and see.

C. J. TOLF.

Winter Canvassing in Wisconsin

January 10 we moved into the center of our field where we are very comfortably settled, and last week I commenced canvassing. I expected the work would be harder than last year on account of advanced prices and the severe winter, but it is the other way. The advanced prices are no drawback at all, and winter canvassing is a delight. People are at home more and have more time to talk and read, and I thank the Lord that He can use me at this time.

I find so many good people who are willing to read and search for light. Last week I took an order from a lady who had but little money, but she promised to bring in butter and eggs and other things she can spare and was exceedingly glad to get the book. There are people who want our books, brethren. The harvest is ripe and the workers are few, so let us do all we can to help finish up this great work.

I am sorry to have Brother Numbers leave us. We will miss his good letters and articles in the Reporter, but as our faithful Brother Halder-son takes his place in the work, may he receive many of God's blessings.

Middleton, Wis. N. O. KITTLESON.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING

FEBRUARY 4, 1910

***Southern Illinois**

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
Hugo Mutzelfelt .. G. C., C. K.	23	8	25	25 00	3 50	28 50
Albert Benson .. D. R., C. K.	20	13	14	14 75	.....	14 75
J. E. Dent (Del) .. B. R.	26	4	12	12 00	5 10	17 10
Mattie Dent .. D. R.	7	2	5	5 50	1 50	7 00
W. E. Bailey .. B. R.	14	8	21	21 00	2 25	23 25
J. L. Galbraith .. B. R.	53	9	23	23 25	9 40	32 65
E. Jackson .. B. R.	31	9	22	22 50	.....	22 50
	174	53	124	124 00	21 75	145 75

East Michigan

W. D. Moore .. D. R.	13	5	15	15 00	1 40	16 40
Harrison Face .. D. R.	31	6	18	18 00	3 55	21 55
Geo. Hainer .. D. R.	36	3	15	15 00	6 00	21 00
John Jacobs .. C. K.	12	1	1	1 00	.....	1 00
C. S. Countryman .. D. R.	12	2	6	6 00	2 70	8 70
Mrs. C. S. Countryman .. C. K.	17	13	15	15 00	4 80	19 80
	121	30	70	70 00	18 45	88 45

North Michigan

E. B. Munn .. P. P.	12	1	3	3 00	.....	3 00
W. W. Christian .. G. C.	23	3	9	9 00	7 50	16 50
K. V. Bjork .. Finn Rev.	52	13	33	33 00	9 77	42 77
E. C. Collard .. B. F. L.	27	12	12	12 00	6 75	18 75
Mrs. L. A. Newell .. Sm bk	16	17	6	6 00	.....	6 00
	130	46	63	63 00	24 02	87 02

Northern Illinois

*Lorenzo Clark .. B. R.	96	20	57	57 85	2 00	59 85
Jas. J. Callihan .. B. R.	27 1/2	17	60	60 00	50	60 50
Hiram Young .. B. R.	34	7	23	23 00	.....	23 00
	157 1/2	44	140	140 85	2 50	143 35
No. of agents, 21.	703 1/2	173	397	397 85	\$ 66 72	\$464 57

No. of agents, 21.

* Two weeks.



Something Interesting from Korea

The following extracts are taken from a letter addressed to Elder C. McReynolds by brother Rufus Wangerin in Seoul, China, whence he and his wife went a few months ago.

Some weeks ago part of his first letter was published. Many will remember reading of his experience with the old missionary aboard ship. These will be especially interested in what he writes of him here, under date of December 28, 1909.

"Korea is a promising mission field and our work is onward. Elder Smith opened a new mission station recently on the northeast coast. We are to be stationed somewhere in Southern Korea, perhaps in the spring or summer."

"One week ago Sabbath at our week of prayer reading we spoke our first short testimonies in Korean. We are trying to learn as rapidly as possible so as to be able to do something.

"During the entire month of January we shall have a Korean workers' meeting here in Seoul. Five or six of the native preachers are to be here. They will receive instruction half the day and visit in the homes of the people and carry out invitation cards from our press in the afternoon. I shall be glad to join them and work in a large city once more from door to door. But what a contrast! (Brother and Sister Wangerin were associated with the work in Milwaukee when tracts and papers were put into all the homes.)

"We have already made a Seventh-day Adventist of our language teacher. We practice reading the Korean Bible daily. As we understand some little Korean and he some English we have helpful, interesting truth talks.

"You will also be interested to know the outcome of a little seed sown by the wayside. The man,—an Independent preacher, formerly a Baptist, with whom it was my privilege to study the Word from morning till night for two weeks while crossing the Pacific, was indeed a searcher after truth. He spoke to me of this island where no other missionary of any church was stationed and asked me to suggest it to our Mission Board. His own words speak best in a letter I received only a few days ago."

The following is the letter from this man—now a brother.

"To-day I will write you from the youngest station of the Seventh-day Adventist missions in China, Haihow, on the island of Hainan, and it will make you joy to know that the connection of my work with Seventh-day Adventist missions is now, as far as we can see, a complete fact.

"When I came to Shanghai I was very glad to stay for some weeks in the house of Dr. Miller. I saw their lives, read books written by Sister White, and so on, and got more and more convinced, that it was of the Lord that I met you all on board the good old 'Minnesota.' My wife came up to stay some weeks together with us and we joined together, the Seventh-day Adventist denomination and church at Shanghai.

"After that I was sent here to the South to stand for the message of God's grace. I am very glad because I can now see that it was the Lord's doings, and not of man. I believe I was a Seventh-day Adventist even before I knew it. Pray for our work here because it is a difficult one and we shall pray for yours up there.

"Greet all the brethren and receive my hearty greetings.

"Yours till He comes,

"H. BACK."

In closing Brother Wangerin says: "To the Lord only be praise that He leads the sincere and honest in heart to the light of this precious truth and even seeks workers from other fields to help finish the closing work.

"He was an earnest man, burning with love for the unprepared and aglow with the message he had,—and now the new light. He will make a valuable worker for China. He has twelve years of experience and has mastered five dialects besides an education in Europe's highest schools. I believe before Jesus comes, many other workers will be identified with this message. Dr. Miller will doubtless rejoice, also, that his Christian life and influence and labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

"I have thought of our missions Ingathering campaign this year, and would gladly have had a part in it.

"Wisconsin was the banner State in last year's work. I have prayed it would at least do as well this year."

MARY C. McREYNOLDS.

When God afflicts thee, think He hews a rugged stone,
Which must be shaped, or else aside as useless thrown.

—Richard Chenevix Trench.

Kansas

I thought perhaps there might be some in the Lake Union Conference who would be interested to hear of my whereabouts, what I am doing, and with what success, hence my communication.

I was invited by the Kansas Conference Committee to come to Kansas and take the superintendency of the North West District, made vacant by the removal of Elder Peckover to Jamaica. I accepted the invitation and came to my field and entered my duties November 17. Since this time I have been among the churches. I was given a hearty welcome by the brethren and sisters of this district.

I am enjoying my work very much. Kansas is a great State, and the work is onward here. While I like Kansas as a field of labor, I wish to say that I have not lost any of my interest in the progress of the message in the Lake Union Conference. I feel very grateful for the many kind letters I have received from Michigan and Illinois, wishing me success in my new field, but most thankful because I am remembered in prayer by my brethren and sisters. This is all very encouraging, and inspires one to press on in the work of the Master.

I am enjoying good health and the Lord is blessing my efforts to the salvation of souls.

I pray that God's blessing may attend the work in the Lake Union.

M. G. HUFFMAN.
821 W. 5th St., Topeka, Kan.

Wisconsin

OSHKOSH.—Sabbath and Sunday, January 28, 29, I spent with the Oshkosh church. Assisted by Elder Shrock, I held quarterly meeting with them. This church is quite large and strong, as many heads of families belong.

Brother Drews, who was ordained deacon at this meeting, is doing a good work and the prospects are bright for additions to the church in the near future.

This church has also taken hold of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign with vigor. May all our churches rally to this work at once, is my prayer.

B. L. POST.

VICTORY, WATERLOO, LA FARGE, AND BARABOO.—Since my last report I have visited the above named places. At Victory but little could be done on account of bad roads and the scattered condition of the brethren. At Waterloo we had some excellent meetings. This was during the week of prayer. At La Farge we had quarterly meeting and the annual election of officers. Some changes were made and a good spirit prevailed.

I took cold and had a light attack of pneu-

monia, compelling me to cease working for awhile, but was able to hold quarterly meeting at Baraboo the 15th of the present month. I worked there a week in the interest of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign, and am now at Debello, where I begin meetings to-night, the 25th. Pray for the work here.

D. H. OBERHOLTZER.

January 25, 1910.

BELOIT.—Some weeks ago several nurses from the sanitarium came to this city to work in the interest of health reform principles. They stayed at our home while here, and Brother Osborne conducted evening studies which were much appreciated. One family missed but one evening during the series of two weeks.

Sister Nielson and Dr. Humphrey came from Madison and spent one Sabbath with us during the week of prayer.

Although these dear workers could not do all they had hoped to do on account of the cold weather and snow, yet we hope some results may be seen.

Later Brother Swinson spent two or three days here, holding two meetings on the Sabbath and giving a temperance lecture in the chapel on Sunday. Our midweek prayer-meeting is held on Tuesday evening at our home, and so far has been fairly well attended.

We are all of good courage and pray that the dear Lord will bless the good seed sown.

ANNA H. WOODBURY.

January 24, 1910.

Southern Illinois

HISSONG.—The Lord has blessed in presenting His message to the people here. Ten have decided to obey the truth, and they are among the best people of the community. A young man who is a school teacher, and his wife are among the number and I believe he will become a worker in God's cause. When the call was made I was greatly surprised to see him the first to respond, as he had attended the meetings only a few times, and for the first time in his life he makes a profession of religion. The interest continues.

There are several calls from near-by communities, and to one of these calls we should respond soon. It comes from an adjoining neighborhood, from people who attended some of our meetings at Hissong. A union church building with a seating capacity of five hundred is ready for us, and they say they will fill it if we will go and preach to them.

Brother House is canvassing with success in the community where I am holding meetings,

taking orders from those who are interested. So the preaching and the canvassing go together,—sowing, watering, and gathering in the golden grain.

The Disciple church is still opposing our work. Last week they sent for another minister who preached three sermons against the Sabbath, and left word that he would bring another man to meet us in a public debate. While they, with others, are fighting the Sabbath and making hard speeches against those who keep it, I am going about our Father's business, hunting for the jewels of the Lord and taking them God's saving message.

The coming Sabbath I plan to organize a Sabbath-school at Hissong, and I trust that our brethren will remember this Sabbath-school in their prayers.

J. B. LOCKEN.

MARTINSVILLE.—The Lord is opening the way for His truth to be presented here. A Baptist church eight miles from Martinsville was secured and a series of meetings begun January 16.

The attendance was small at first, but increased steadily until the fifth night of the meeting when over two hundred were present. Since that time the church has been full every night in spite of the mud and bad weather. Several nights there were over two hundred and fifty persons present. When we remember that this is in the country, we can see at once that the people are coming in from a large scope of territory. The truth that has been preached here has stirred the country for several miles around.

Some of the members of the Christian church four miles from here attended our meetings. They were so well pleased with the truth of the Word that now they are urging me to go to their church and begin a series of lectures. There is another opening a few miles away in another direction.

The people pay excellent attention. Many are saying "We never heard the Bible explained so plainly before." Praise the Lord for a message which makes the Bible plain. I am urged to visit the people and explain these things to them. I have more calls than I can attend to. Pray, brethren and sisters, that the third angel's message may win a glorious victory here, and that some may have their eyes opened to see this great message of truth and salvation.

J. L. SHULER.

Let us write on the very doorposts of our churches and homes, and on our gates, this grand motto, "The Whole World to be Evangelized in the Present Generation." It CAN be done, it OUGHT to be done, it MUST be done.—A. T. Pierson.

Summary of the Southern Illinois Sabbath-schools for 1909

Quarter	Membership	Attendance	Per Cent	Total Donations	Expense	Donations to Missions	Weekly Donation per Mem. to Missions
Mar. 31	553	379	68	\$167.77	\$8.04	\$159.73	\$.02
June 30	525	399	76	195.92	7.46	188.46	.03
Sept. 30	479	379	79	191.01		191.01	.03
Dec. 31	576	399	69	210.21		210.21	.03

Summary of the Southern Illinois Missionary Volunteer Work for the Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1909

Number of Societies, 7.
 Junior Societies, 7.
 Membership, 202.
 Letters, 241.
 Visits, 263.
 Papers, 2518.
 Books, 349.
 Tracts, 3381.
 Donations, \$68.98.

EDITH SHEPARD.

Conference Proceedings

First Meeting of the Fifth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference

The first business meeting of the Fifth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference was called at 9 o'clock A. M., Wednesday, February 9, 1910, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Elder Allen Moon presided.

The meeting opened with the singing of the hymn "Is My Name Written There?" No. 860 in "Christ in Song."

Prayer was offered by Elder Wm. Covert.

The Chair made appropriate remarks at the opening of the session.

The matter of the seating of delegates had been anticipated by the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference, and the members who had arrived were all in their places.

MOVED, By A. G. Haughey, that the reading of the minutes of the last meeting be waived. Carried.

The Chair called for the reading of the roll of delegates, which showed present at the first meeting the following members:

West Michigan:

A. G. Haughey, A. C. Bordeau, J. M. Wilbur, S. S. Gray, O. L. Denslow, S. D. Hartwell, E. L. Richmond, R. C. Horton, E. A. Merriam, C. A. Russell, O. S. Thompson, W. R. Mathews, J. W. Covert, Jennie DeYoung.

Alternates: H. Nicola, Ellen Oxley.

East Michigan:

E. K. Slade, E. I. Beebe, Frank Hiner, A. R. Sandborn,

C. N. Sanders, J. H. McEachern, Nellie Hiner, C. L. White, D. P. Wood, E. N. Hatt, H. A. Boylan, Tillie Barr.

North Michigan:

J. J. Irwin, M. C. Guild, R. J. Bellows, M. Stephens, Edith McClellen, E. F. Peterson, E. A. Bristol.

Indiana:

Morris Lukens, Victor Thompson, B. Hagle, A. N. Anderson, C. J. Buhalts, A. L. Miller, W. S. Anderson, W. A. Young, R. C. Spohr, Thos. Hubbard, Mrs. R. W. McMahan.
 Alternate: Mrs. Carrie Lukens:

Northern Illinois:

Wm. Covert, C. T. Weber, H. E. Moon, E. C. Collier, F. J. Harris, O. R. Morris, C. Meleen.

Southern Illinois:

S. E. Wight, Wm. Woodford, W. C. Dalbey, C. J. Tolf, Nettie Eaton.

Wisconsin:

C. McReynolds, P. C. Hanson, Frank Halderson, John Hoffman, Byron L. Post, M. H. Serns, Mabel Cutler, P. H. Hanson, D. H. Oberholtzer, J. C. McReynolds, H. W. Reed.

At Large:

Allen Moon, W. E. Straw, Thaddeus Legg, J. B. Blosser, W. H. Edwards, J. W. Mace.

General Conference:

A. G. Daniells, G. B. Thompson, W. W. Prescott, S. N. Curtiss, D. W. Reevis, I. A. Ford.

MOVED, By E. K. Slade, seconded by S. E. Wight, that the Chair appoint the standing committees. Carried.

The Chair wished time to consult with the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference before announcing the standing committees.

Bookmen's Convention

The Chairman then declared the way open for the introduction of the work of the bookmen according to program.

Under the list of topics, Elder A. Moon presented a paper covering No. 1, which will appear in full in the LAKE UNION HERALD, as "Our Literature as an Evangelizing Agency."

Elder A. G. Daniells followed Elder Moon, and asked what we would have been in this world as a denomination, without an efficient literature for the people? Suppose we should strike out our literature, such a powerful channel or agency for presenting the truth to the reading people, what would become of our power? Again, suppose we should publish these splendid works, and not have the remarkable and powerful agencies for their distribution, what a calamity that would be! He said that no other denomination ever had such a propaganda as has this people. Luther's movement was somewhat similar in character, but was a bagatelle in comparison to it in magnitude. He said many other good things.

Prof. W. W. Prescott said that the great strength of this people is in their united, persistent work.

Elder G. B. Thompson delivered an address on No. 2, in the absence of W. A. Spicer, on the subject "The Ministry as Organizers and Promoters of the Sale of Our Literature," urging all the conferences to keep on the watch for those of our people, young, middle-aged, and old, who are naturally fitted to sell or otherwise dispose of our good literature.

A. G. Haughey led out in the discussion, followed by C. McReynolds, A. C. Bourdeau, Wm. Covert, C. J. Buhalts, W. J. Stone, E. K. Slade and J. B. Blosser.

A recess was then taken, and Elder G. B. Thompson dismissed the meeting.

In resuming the Convention at 10:45, Hymn No. 576 was sung.

The Chair made the statement that Dr. George Runck, of the College faculty at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, is ill at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, and a special delivery letter this morning asks for the prayers of the meeting, as he is growing worse. Elders Videto and Amadon left to-day for Hinsdale to pray for and anoint him.

The Conference bowed and prayer for Dr. Runck was offered by Elders G. B. Thompson and Allen Moon.

No. 3 of the program was omitted on account of the absence of E. R. Palmer.

No. 4 was presented by E. K. Slade, who read a paper on the subject "The Missionary Character of the Work of the Canvasser, and How to Preserve It," followed by C. McReynolds with a paper on the same subject.

Discussed by J. B. Blosser, A. C. Bourdeau, and Elbert Fishell.

J. B. Blosser led out on No. 5 with a paper and extemporaneous remarks on the subject, "Why Our Books Sell, and How to Sell Them"

Oliver Morris followed with remarks based upon actual experience in the field.

C. J. Tolf discussed the question; also Wm. Covert, J. B. Blosser, I. A. Ford, W. W. Prescott and S. E. Wight.

Elder A. G. Daniells dismissed the meeting.

ALLEN MOON, *Chairman*.

W. H. EDWARDS, *Secretary*.

Southern Illinois Report for 1908 and 1909

One half of this conference embraces the rich corn belt, and the other half has soil about like Southern Michigan. It has 35,483 square miles, about the same as Indiana. It has three times the size and has three times the population of West Michigan.

I have no flattering report to give. Instead of

the membership increasing, it has decreased. At the close of the biennial period, ending December 31, 1909, there was a reported membership of 775. At the close of the last biennial period, December 31, 1909, the membership was 582. During the last two years, 132 have been baptized and united with the church.

There have been in the field an average of two ordained ministers, two licentiate ministers, and one Bible worker. Since the beginning of the present year, we have four ordained ministers, four licentiates, and two Bible workers.

With the falling off of the membership, there has been an increase in the tithe of \$2709.14 and in foreign missions offerings \$1707.53.

\$2820. 17 was raised to secure tents and other equipment for our camp-meeting. A church building for the colored people in Springfield was purchased at a cost of \$900, all of which has been paid except \$100.

Medical Work

We have no medical institutions. There are treatment rooms for ladies in Champaign, conducted by Misses Balding and Howell; also in Decatur, for both ladies and gentlemen, conducted by R. B. Craig and wife. These workers are all faithful Seventh-day Adventists, and their work is of inestimable value to the Southern Illinois Conference. Brother Harry Shepler at the present time is negotiating for treatment rooms in Springfield.

Tract Society

The Tract Society gain is \$582.83. The present worth is \$1687.52. Books and periodicals have been sold to the value of \$14081.90, a gain of \$4936.65. Each church tract society is required to pay accounts on the receipt of the statement at the close of the month. There has been an average of one periodical agent in the field and seven canvassers. At the present time we have one regular periodical agent and ten canvassers.

Sabbath-School Work

The membership of the Sabbath-schools, like the membership of the churches, has decreased. However, there has been an increase of \$416. 15 in donations to foreign fields. All the Sabbath-schools are now paying their entire contributions to foreign missions.

Educational and Young People's Work

There are seven church-schools with an enrollment of 87, and one intermediate school with an enrollment of eleven. One hundred twelve of the one hundred eighty six young people in our conference are in the denominational schools. There are seven young people's organizations with a membership of 115.

Plans are being laid to advance the work in all lines, and especially to warn the cities. The churches in the cities are encouraged to secure property, and put up church buildings suitable to represent the truth. The prospects seem favorable for the future prosperity of the work in this conference.

S. E. WIGHT.

Is It New Light or Heresy,—Which?

The Bible has considerable to say about "heresy" and "heretics." The Greek word for heresy occurs in the New Testament a number of times. It is translated *sect* in the following five passages: Acts 5:17; 15:5; 24:5; 26:5; and 28:22. And the word for *heresies* occurs three times in 1 Cor. 11:19; Gal. 5:20; and 2 Pet. 2:1. In Acts 24:14 the word *heresy* is found in the singular number. In Titus 3:10 the word *heretic* occurs. The complete use of these words in the common version is ten times, and three times the word is used in its most obvious and bad sense, meaning, as we say, a schismatic, a heretic, or one gone over to heretical teaching or belief,—one who is leading away with false doctrine.

With the Catholics, any one who dissents from their religious views is a heretic; with Protestants, such as do not hold to the cardinal doctrines believed by the churches are not regarded as orthodox; and with the Seventh-day Adventists, those among them who are not in harmony with God's work for the last generation of believers are regarded as not sound in the faith. The Seventh-day Adventist people believe that the three-fold message of Rev. 14:6-12 embraces *all the moral principles* peculiar to the gospel dispensation; and it would be an interesting study to show just how this is true.

In the days of the apostles there was more or less of heretical teaching. In 1 Tim. 1:20 Paul speaks of two prominent brethren (their names were Hymenæus and Alexander) who "concerning faith," says he, "have made shipwreck." In the Greek Testament the language is much stronger. There it reads, "concerning *the* faith." It seems that these false teachers held to some very radical error. But in 2 Tim. 2:18 the apostle speaks plainly concerning their heresy which quite likely they called "new light." He there says of them, "Who concerning the truth have erred (Greek, 'have missed the mark') saying that the resurrection is past already;" and Paul adds, "and overthrow the faith of some." This is always true of religious error,—some fall in with it. Now it is more than probable that these heretical persons whose teachings the apostle said "will eat as doth a canker," had got the notion into their

heads that the raising of certain saints at the crucifixion was the great resurrection spoken of in so many places in the Old Testament. And as nothing could be done with these impetuous spirits Paul "delivered them over to Satan." 1 Tim. 1:20. He seems to have been instrumental in having them excommunicated. In 2 Tim. 4:14 the apostle mournfully adds, "Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil." This coppersmith thought he had more light than God's apostle who had been caught up to the third heaven and had seen Jesus Christ. This is true of all enthusiasts with their flood of "new light." They are very sanguine that they are RIGHT—they are wiser than seven men that can render a reason.

In Titus 3:10 Paul tells what to do with heretics. He there says: "A man that is an heretic, after the first and second admonition reject." The Greek word for "reject" is *very strong*, and means to reject, refuse, avoid, shun; so the sense here is very plain. The apostle John in speaking of heresy has instruction very similar to the words of Paul. He says: "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine (note the word *doctrine*), receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed." And then he gives the reason for this statement: "For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds." See 2 John, verses 10, 11.

Another errorist, or factious person, was in the gospel church about the same time, A. D. 90. His name was Diotrephes. And this is what the beloved disciple says of him: "I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not." He was so bold and brazen with his new light that he even opposed the apostle who leaned on Jesus' breast. Hear what John says: "Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malacious words (the Greek word for "prating" means to babble, tattle, and prate): and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church." 3 John, verses 9, 10. Here was a headstrong spirit who had created a new party, and brought division into the church with his new light. And the Diotrephean family is not wholly extinct yet.

(To be concluded)

Cold prayers are like arrows without heads, swords without edges, birds without wings: they cut not, they fly not up to heaven. Those prayers that have no heavenly fire in them always freeze before they reach as high as heaven. —*Spurgeon*.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Emmanuel Missionary College

Continuing items concerning old students, we give this week all we have been able to learn of the students of 1906-7. We regret to have made at least one error last week; viz., in the item concerning Miss Parks: transpose "Hinkley" and "is in."

Carl Decker is in Ulster, Penn.

Hervey Phelps is in Madison, Wis.

Anna Jorgensen is at Mesick, Mich.

Ceylon Webber is in Berrien Springs.

Oren Applegate is in Fairland, Indiana.

Otho J. Dall is farming in Lancaster, Wis.

Claude Lutz is on a farm in Oregon, Wis.

Curtis Blosser is farming at Cooks, Mich.

Earl Forbes is farming at Mancelona, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Holmes are in Cuba.

Earl Millard is working in Battle Creek.

Wm. Dittmer is canvassing in Wisconsin.

Eugene Sykes is canvassing in Nebraska.

Frank Busz is preaching in South Dakota.

Harry I. Hall is teaching school in Canada.

Benjamin Hansen is in Leathbridge, Canada.

E. E. Smalley is working at the College.

Edna Cooper is teaching in Buchanan, Mich.

Harrison Face is canvassing in East Michigan.

Winfred Haughey is working in Battle Creek.

Frances Garton is teaching in Walton, Wyoming.

Mabel Haughey-Green lives in Otsego, Mich.

Cora Blosser-Lausten lives in Oswego, Kansas.

Hazel McDougall is canvassing in Cincinnati, O.

Claude White is conducting meetings in East Michigan.

Earl Piper is working in the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

Pearl Hoyt is taking the nurses' course in Moline, Ill.

Alma DuBois is a student at Cedar Lake Academy, Mich.

Wm. Creighton is a plumber and electrician in Chicago.

Etta Young is taking the Nurses' Course in Battle Creek.

Edna Merchant is doing commercial work in Paw Paw, Mich.

Foster and Duane Wheeler are in a bakery in San Jose, Cal.

Esther Hendleman is taking a Normal Course at Ypsilanti, Mich.

Beatrice Murphy is teaching a church-school at Bluffton, Indiana.

Mabel Curtis-Butterfield teaches the Berrien Springs church-school.

Chas. Waters is manager of the academy farm at Stuart, Iowa.

Lyla Kauble is teaching music in the Academy at Oswego, Kansas.

Mrs. Emma Newman and daughter, Lila, are living in Rock Island, Ill.

L. W. Browne is pastor of the Second S. D. A. church of Springfield, Ill.

Professor and Mrs. C. L. Stone are at the head of Bethel Academy, Wis.

Ethe Cooper is teaching the primary department at Cedar Lake Academy.

Frank E. Fenner, with a company, is holding meetings in North Michigan.

H. B. Westcott is engaged in ministerial work in the East Mich. Conference.

Wm. Kirstein is working for the Review and Herald Pub. Co., Washington, D. C.

Elnora Byers-Olds and little daughter live at "the grove" on the College farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Egbert are at Hinsdale, Ill., taking the nurses' course.

Calista Nelson is a missionary nurse working in Buenos Ayres, South America.

John Runck is taking work in civil engineering at the University of Nebraska.

Samuel Hannon is principal of the Clearwater Intermediate School in Wisconsin.

Marian Bisset is attending the Northern Michigan State Normal School at Marquette.

Will D. Curtis Jr. is working in the office of the Universal Rating Association, in Chicago.

May Williams is teaching in the Primary Department of the Battle Creek Industrial Academy.

Ella Rasmussen plans to begin the nurses' course at the Sanitarium in Washington, D. C., in March.

R. V. Corey and his wife, *nee* Geneva Carr, are connected with the Southern Training School, Graysville, Tennessee.

Duncan Purdon is taking the nurses' course at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, and is in charge of the Good Samaritan Inn.

Herschel Butka finished the commercial course at Keene Academy, Texas, last year, but is continuing his studies there.

B. Y. Tanimoto is working his way home to Japan by giving lectures on Japan, under the auspices of various churches.

Those attending the College and not previously mentioned are Lawrence and Leslie Butka, Georgia Strickler, Nellie Welker, Daisy Butka, Katherine Runck-Campbell, Herbert Campbell, Henry Elliott, Roger Paul, Myrtle Alsberge, and Byron Butterfield

Mr. Clarence Boyle of the village is the latest member of the commercial department.

Miss Etta Alsberg of Frankfort spent a few days last week visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Alsberg.

Prof. Haughey said, Monday morning in chapel that "Everything whether small or great is a great thing." Then he proved that the bee is a great thing, though very small. He discussed the anatomy and habits of the bee.

Prof. M. E. Kern has been visiting us since Thursday. He has given some important talks. He emphasized the necessity of practical workers and those prepared to show others how to work. He said: "Young people may make mistakes in trying to work for Christ, but they make a greater mistake in not trying to work for Him."

Prof. C. T. Everson of Chicago, who has spent several years in Rome, filled the fifth number of the lecture course last Monday evening by a most interesting stereopticon lecture on that metropolis. He remained the following day, speaking to the history of missions class and occupying the chapel hour. At this time he spoke of Jesus, and the mystery of Calvary, and the unreasonableness of infidelity, showing how truly, "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God."

Wisconsin

Those from the conference and tract society offices who are attending the Lake Union Conference at Battle Creek, are Elder and John C. McReynolds and Miss Mabel Cutler.

The first echo from the Union Conference now in session at Battle Creek, Mich., to reach us is a card received from brother Sylvan Hannon. He wrote of the first meeting which was held the evening of the 8th, and referred to it as a very strong and excellent address on "False Education."

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MRS. LOU K. CURTIS, - EDITOR

The first meeting of the Field Agents' Institute, at Battle Creek, at 3 P. M., February 7, was well attended. Nearly all the Field Agents of the Union were present; also a number of representatives from the Review and Herald, Washington, D. C. Several sessions have already been held, and topics of a practical nature have been freely discussed.

West Michigan Conference

The eighth annual session of the West Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, 22 Cass Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan, March 21-24, 1910. The first meeting will be called to order at 7 P. M., March 21. The election of officers and such other business as may properly come before the conference will be attended to at this session.

Article IV, Section 2, of the Constitution quoted in full explains the Membership.

"This conference shall be composed in its business assemblies of duly accredited delegates from the various churches composing it, chosen at the rate of one delegate for each church organization and one additional delegate from each church for *every full twenty-five active members belonging to the church*; of the members of the Executive Committee of the conference; and of all persons holding ministerial or missionary credentials or licenses from the conference."

A. G. HAUGHEY, *President*,
E. L. RICHMOND, *Secretary*.

West Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

The seventh annual meeting of the West Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventist will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Tuesday, March 22, 1910, at 10 A. M., for the election of trustees and such other business as may properly be transacted at that time. Article I of the By-Laws reads as follows:

"The members of this Association shall be accredited delegates to the reg-

ular annual session of the West Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, unincorporated, from the following counties in the State of Michigan, which constitute territorially said Conference, viz.:

"Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph, Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, VanBuren, Eaton, Barry, Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Ottawa, Muskegon, Oceana, Newaygo, Montcalm, Mecosta and Isabella."

ALLEN G. HAUGHEY, *President*,
ELLSWORTH L. RICHMOND, *Secretary*.

Otsego Academy (Incorporated)

The first annual meeting of the Otsego Academy (incorporated) will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Grand Rapids, Michigan at 11 A. M., Tuesday, March 22, 1910. A board of seven trustees will be elected and such other business transacted as may be found appropriate at that time. Article VI of the Articles of Association reads as follows:

"The constituent body of this Corporation, to be known as members, shall consist of the accredited delegates to the regular annual sessions of the West Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (unincorporated)."

ALLEN G. HAUGHEY, *President*
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Wisconsin

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The Librarian at Wausau sends \$28.-99 for the Harvest Ingathering fund, stating that some of their young girls and a boy were the means of raising the amount. One little girl whose parents have been in the truth only since last summer, received over \$8 for her own papers and those of one of the sisters in the church who was unable to get out. We praise God for the zeal and Christian spirit of this dear child, and trust that the blessings she received from this work may not only encourage her but many others to go on to greater activity for the cause of Christ.

Our 10-cent magazines seem to be growing better and better. It is a grand work to engage in the sale of any of these. Many of our dear people are longing to do something in God's great harvest field and yet other duties press so heavily that they have but little time to spare. We are anxious to have as many as possible who can devote their whole time to this work, but that does not by any means exclude the class just mentioned who have perhaps eight or ten hours a week to use in spreading the message by means of the printed page. Send us your order for five to forty copies at five cents a copy, or fifty at four cents a copy, and sell them to

your neighbors and others at ten cents each. If you wish a printed canvass to help you, state it and we will order you one.

An article entitled "The Open Glory" will throw significant light on certain statements of Mrs. E. G. White concerning "the open space in Orion." December 16, 1848, Mrs. E. G. White made the following statement: "The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then we could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The holy city will come down through that open space." Astronomers have laughed at this statement of an open space in Orion. To them all space is open. They have thrown discredit on the writer who penned the words. Now comes a marvelous astronomical discovery through the work of improved methods of photography. There is an open space in Orion. It is big enough for the holy city, or several of them. The *Signs of the Times Monthly* for March will tell you all about it. It is the first of a series on the Bible and astronomy to continue at least twelve months. You must read this article on Orion and all the rest.

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