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"To-day whatever may annoy,

The word for me is Joy, just simple Joy; The joy of life; The joy of children and of wife; The joy of bright blue skies; The joy of rain; the glad surprise Of twinkling stars that shine at night; The joy of winged things upon their flight; The joy of noonday, and the tried True joyousness of eventide; The joy of labor, and of mirth; The joy of air and sea and earth-The countless joys that ever flow from Him Whose vast beneficence doth dim The lustrous light of day, The lavish gifts divine upon our way. Whate'er there be of sorrow I'll put off till to-morrow,

And when to-morrow comes, why then 'Twill be to-day and joy again!''

-John Kendrick Bangs.

Shall We Pay Tribute?

Some have questioned the wisdom of the plan of giving two per cent of our income as an offering to the Lord to be used to pay expense when the tithe cannot be used. Let us look at it from a scriptural standpoint.

The Testimonies condemn the custom of making calls for large sums at our camp-meetings, and say, "We fear the result of a continued effort to thus replenish the treasury. We fear there will be a reaction. Greater effort should be put forth by responsible men in different churches to have all follow the plan of God's arrangement. If systematic benevolence is carried out, the urgent calls at the camp-meetings for various enterprises will not be necessary." Vol: III, pages 410, 411. Reference is made in the above to a plan of God's arrangement. He must have given some command concerning offerings to be made by His people. The Word of God will reveal this fact.

When Israel came to the border of the land of promise and had conquered some of the nations, it is said "the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself." Num. 31:53. The Lord then commanded Moses, saying, "Divide the prey into two parts: between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation." Num. 31:27. That is to say, the men of war were to have one-half of all that each man took in battle, whether much or little, and one-half was to be given to the congregation.

Then after this was done the Lord commanded Moses,

"Levy a tribute unto the Lord of the men of war which went out to battle. . . . Take it of their half and give it unto Eleazer the priest for an heave offering of the Lord." Num. 31:28, 29. Notice that tribute and offering is one and the same. From these verses also we are informed that this levy of the men of war was one in five hundred of everything taken in battle, and was paid in kind.

"And of the children of Israel's half thou shalt take one portion of fifty of the persons of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord. And Moses and Eleazer did as the Lord commanded Moses." Num. 31:30, 31.

Then mention is made of the gold and jewels of which they made an offering on the same basis. The Lord made a difference between those who had borne the burdens of the war and those who had not. They had obtained this prey by the blessing and help of God, and He had a right to say what proportion each one should pay.

The word "tribute," we are told by authority, means a measured thing, a specific portion. (See Young). This was not the tithe, but an offering for the maintenance of the tabernacle. The per cent required depended on the amount needed at various times.

The Lord in another place gave a general command as to offerings or tribute. He said, "And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God according as the Lord hath blessed thee." Deut. 16:10. And again, "Every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee." Deut. 16:16. Every Jew knew the meaning of this commmand of God. Whether he was blessed with much or little, after paying his tithe, he was still to give the Lord a tribute of a certain per cent of the remainder.

This command of the Lord was referred to in after years when the temple was to be repaired. "And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out cf Judea and out of Jerusalem the collection according to the command of Moses the servant of the Lord, and the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?" 2 Chron. 24:6. "And they made a proclamation throughout Judea and Jerusalem to bring in to the Lord the collection that Moses, the servant of the Lord laid on Israel in the wilderness." 2 Chron. 24:9. There can be no mistaking the fact that this refers to the command we found to levy a tribute from the spoil for the tabernacle of witness, and the further command for every man to pay as he was blessed. They must have understood that some specific portion was required, or how could they bring in the collection at the king's command.

The tribute or offerings was brought in with the tithe. "And they brought in the offerings, and the tithe and the dedicated things faithfully." 2 Chron. 3:12. "And at that time some were appointed over the chambers for the treasuries, for the offerings, for the first fruits, and for the tithes, to gather unto them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites." Neh. 12:44. Here again is mention of the portion required by the law, both as to tithes and offerings.

This tribute is mentioned in 2 Chron. 31:14, and 2 Sam. 20:

24, and elsewhere, referring to a fund for temple repair, etc. The failure on the part of Israel to apply this principle in paying tribute is characterized as robbery by the prophet Malachi, and no doubt the Lord now so regards it.

It was perfectly natural for Paul, being a Jew and familiar with the commands of God, to recognize this plan of God when he called on the early Christians to make an offering. He said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." 1 Cor. 16:2. "Every one of you," makes it universal—no one excused. Every one should recognize that all he has is a gift from God, and render a tribute of a certain per cent of it to Him; and then we are laborers together with God.

Can anyone doubt, in view of these scriptures, that the plan to give two per cent of our income is according to God's plan, and in harmony with the testimony which says, we ought to have a systematic plan?

Allen Moon.

Important Religious Liberty Notice

The Religious Liberty Department at Wasnington is pleased to report that the churches are sending in memorials and protests against unfavorable legislation now proposed in both the Senate and House of Representatives. In addition to this work, the Department has requested our churches to secure from the public in general signatures to petitions against these measures. Blanks have been sent out, and we trust a generous response to this line of work will be forthcoming.

In the petition work we have an opportunity of demonstrating that our work is of constructive character, and that we do not have in mind the defeating of Sunday laws only, but also the matter of inculcating the true principles of civil government and religion. That is to say, we should be prepared to tell the people of the principles involved in this character of legislation, and help them to come to a saving knowledge of the truth for these times.

In the accomplishment of this work, we can suggest no better plan than for our people to furnish themselves with tracts, periodicals, magazines, etc., bearing upon the question. Your tract society will have on hand literature bearing upon this subject of civil and religious liberty, and in addition to what has already been published in the catalogue of literature, leaflets on the Johnston Sunday Bill and the Sunday Closing of Post Offices Bill, tracts giving Baptist and other denominational views on the subject of religious legislation, are, or soon will be, available.

We trust that the matter of distribution of literature will find responsive attention on the part of our people generally. This office will be glad to answer any correspondence upon the subject which may be sent to it.

Religious Liberty Department.

Quarterly Meeting, the Election of Officers, and the Ordinances

We are nearing the time for another quarterly meeting, and this is the annual meeting, the time for electing church officers.

These are very important meetings and all should come up to them with an earnest desire to know the Lord and His will concerning us individually. There should be great care taken in the preparation for quarterly meeting. The ordinances of baptism, humility, and the Lord's supper were instituted by Christ, are memorial in their nature, hence date back to the cross and will continue until the end. Rom. 6:3-5; John 13:12-17; 1 Cor. 11:23-26.

The ordinance of humility was instituted and celebrated at the Passover supper, prior to, yet in connection with the Lord's supper. The purpose of this ordinance was, evidently, to correct the natural ambition of the heart for power and place, and if carried out would unite all hearts in Christian fellowship.

How fitting that this ordinance should be celebrated just prior to the Lord's supper, thus preparing the hearts of His followers to come properly up to the table of the Lord. There was strife among the apostles as to which of them should be the greatest. Luke 22: 24-27. The Saviour would have all of His followers understand that they are servants of Him and of one another.

There should be no leaven or fermentation connected with the Lord's supper. The pure juice of the grape is the best wine, and it can easily be prepared by boiling grapes a few minutes and then putting them through a colander. If grapes are not available raisins may be used.

Good palatable unleavened bread can be made by shortening flour with olive oil, or cream; salt it a little and roll out in thin cakes; cut deeply into half-inch squares and bake moderately.

The reason why only unfermented wine and unleavened bread should be used in celebrating the ordinances is this: Leaven causes fermentation. At the time of the Passover all leaven or fermented things were taken away from the homes. Ex. 12:15. The Lord's supper was instituted at the Passover supper and the wine used was unfermented because nothing fermented was allowed in their houses. Matt. 26:17, 26-28.

Sometimes children are allowed to eat and drink what is left over of the emblems, but after the emblems have been consecrated to God they should not be made common.

Before election of officers takes place, the instruction given in the third chapter of first Timothy should be carefully read and all should pray for wisdom and guidance in selecting men and women to fill the offices the ensuing year. A missionary business meeting should be held after every quarterly meeting—the evening after the Sabbath or the following Sunday—and the clerk, treasurer, and librarian should each submit a report to the church. Church officers are elected at the December business meeting.

Our people practice celebrating the ordinances of humility and the Lord's supper every three months,—the last Sabbath in March, June, September and December. All churchmembers should, if possible, attend the quarterly meetings and business meetings. In case any cannot attend they should report by letter. "In as much as ye know these things happy are ye if ye do them."

W. H. THURSTON.

The Week of Prayer at Emmanuel Missionary College

Now that the week of prayer is in the past, a retrospective view can be taken, and an inquiry made as to what it has meant to students and teachers assembled here at Emmanuel Missionary College. There is no doubt that it will be remembered as a season of definite blessings to all.

The meetings were well attended, and the spirit that prevailed was just what would be desired. It was hopeful, courageous, heart-searching and determined. Sham religion seemed to have no place. Time and time again would the statement be made that the controlling ambition was to serve God acceptably. Almost every student consecrated all to the Lord and to the finishing of His work. A number began for the first time to do the only sensible thing in this age of the world, or in any age of the world for that matter, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Many renewed their hold on heavenly resources. Genuine experimental religion, trusting faith in God and in His ability to direct the message, and entire consecration— these seemed to be the themes emphasized, not only as brought out in the regular readings and in the special meetings conducted, but in the hearts, minds, and lives of all those who attended the meetings at this place.

We are thankful for the week of prayer season, and are certain that it is an important advance toward the ushering in of God's kingdom in the earth.

A STUDENT.

The Hinsdale Holiday Convention

This convention will be held during the holiday week at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Ill., beginning Tuesday evening, December 26, and closing Sabbath, December 30. Elder O. A. Olsen will act as chairman.

Elder G. B. Star of Boston, Mass., who with his wife conducted a successful Bible training-school in Chicago some years ago, will be present. Elder G. E. Langdon of Chicago, Prof. P. T. Magan of Nashville, Tenn., Elder G. W. Shone from South Africa, and others, will be present and will take part in the meetings.

Such subjects as the following will be considered carefully: "City Missionary Work, both Old and New Methods," "Combination of the Health and Ministerial Work," "The Foreign Population of Our Large Cities and the Need of Workers and their Development," "Inoculating Communities with Health Principles," "Organizing the Laity for Definite Work," "Health and Evangelical Tours," "Self-supporting Mission Work," "How the Workers Should Care for Their Health," and "How Our Institutions Can Cooperate with Our City Mission Work."

It is hoped that this gathering will be of real spiritual help to the workers who participate. There will be no business to transact. The time will be given over exclusively to the study of God's Word and the discussion of such topics as have been mentioned. A forty-five minute devotional service will be held each morning. The forenoon session will continue from ten to twelve o'clock with ten minutes intermission. The afternoon session will continue from two thirty until four thirty. Service in the evening will be held at seven fifteen.

We extend to all our people who can do so a hearty invitation to come and join with us in seeking a deeper experience in spiritual things and wisdom from on high to advance the work the Lord has committed to our hands.

THE HINSDALE SANITARIUM.

NORTH MICHIGAN Among the Churches

Marion—Our appointment for this place was December 4, and we were glad to meet with this faithful company. The church here has lost a number of its members by removal, but the few who are left are still firm in the faith. The meeting in the hall was well attended, and all were encouraged and expressed their determination to uplift the banner of truth in this place.

[•] Cadillac—We had expected to meet with the company at-Dighton to-day, December 5, but circumstances prevented our doing so; we therefore came to Cadillac. As our visit was unexpected and it was not possible to get in touch with all of our people, only a few were out at the first meeting, but on the following evening all of the believers were present. We were also glad to meet with our isolated brother and family, Brother I. T. Babcock of Manton, who rode fourteen miles to meet with us.

Mesick—It seemed like coming home when we got off the train at Mesick; and we were pleased to see such a large gathering of our friends at the evening meeting, December 7. The Lord came very near to us. Brother Irwin presented the wonderful growth of this truth and compared it with the mustard seed and leaven of Luke 13. That the

time had come for us all to grasp the privileges and opportunities offered us by consecrating our lives and our means in the closing work, was felt by all.

Grant—Our first meeting was held on the evening of the Sabbath, December 8. The writer spoke from Joshua 5:15. The thought was presented that we are about to enter into the possession of our heavenly Canaan and like Joshua we must recognize the things that are holy. Sabbath-keeping, tithe-paying and our obligations in carrying the truth to others were emphasized.

On Sabbath, after Sabbath-school, we held the first reading for the week of prayer. As the message from the aged servant of God was read, a spirit of consecration came in and we seemed to sense our individual responsibility as never before. That we might, by our selfishness and indifference, be placing limitations on God's work intrusted to us, was the burden on our souls. Nearly all renewed their consecration to the work. At the close of this meeting the new elder of the church, Thomas Robertson, was ordained to the sacred work to which his brethren have called him.

Saturday night and Sunday afternoon we met again. At the close of the former meeting the writer was asked to present the two-per-ceut plan. All the members present expressed their approval of this plan and voted to adopt it. . We feel sure that as soon as our people see the possibilities and feasibility of this plan, it will be heartily endorsed by everyone. One brother expressed his opinion that the only thing that prevented its adoption before now, was the fail-'ure of many to ''get the habit.'' We hope that all will soon see it like this brother and ''get the habit.''

S. E. Kellman.

Mecosta

We thought it might be a source of good cheer to others to learn of the progress of our little company. The Lord has blessed us in many ways since our week of prayer one year ago. Five have been added by baptism, one reclaimed and rebaptized, two have joined on profession of faith, and two others are ready to be admitted. All this has been accomplished without the aid of a minister.

So far during the week of prayer we have had the help of Brother McEachern. All have prized his help.

Our tithes and offerings have a little more than doubled during the year. For these things we feel that we have much to thank the Lord. A MEMBER.

Cedar Lake Academy

The following students joined us at the beginning of the winter term: Miss Sallie and Anna Oberholtzer, Miss Blanch Hallock, Messers. Floyd Denslow, Rust, and Mr. and Mrs. Butter.

Mrs. Flora Williams visited our school two days this week. We are glad to have Elder S. E. Wight with us at the close of the week of prayer.

Mr. Garrett who has been quite ill for the past week is improving.

The academy grounds were completely restored to their former beauty this week when the grading was completed.

Friday morning at chapel, the academy orchestra played for the first time in public.

The members of the church and school met together each evening during the past week to listen to the readings prepared for the week of prayer. Surely the Lord has been with His people for His Spirit was manifested in the changes wrought in the hearts of many.

The Dorcas society, while only a small company of eleven, are doing much good. They are constantly ministering to the poor and unfortunate. The school has this society to thank for the new window shades that add so much to the comfort of the teachers and students.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Last week Elder Allen Moon met with the board of trustees of the Tri-City Sanitarium, our conference institution, at Moline. It is doing a good work, and we want all of our people to keep on the watch to send people that way. It can accommodate about eighty patients. We should do all we can to keep it filled; not alone for the physical blessings the patients will receive, but for the spiritual blessings that will come to them through the association of God-fearing doctors, nurses, and managers. Great opportunities, as well as responsibilities are in the path of these workers. Much is expected from them, and unless they are connected with the great Physician they will fail of their mission. We should hold up their hands by prayer, and assure them that we are deeply interested in their work. We want to see souls in the kingdom of heaven as the result of building and equipping these institutions at great expense.

This sanitarium is now in its eighth year of noble work. Its wholesome dietary regime, its orderly rooms with walls treated with a special sanitary coating; its broad porches, and terraced lawns make it a restful place. Located above the smoke and bustle of the city, resting on commanding bluffs that stand like sentinels guarding the great waterway of the Mississippi,—it is a delightful place, holding out a beacon light to the weary, worn, and suffering ones.

Brethren, you can do much good by writing for a few catalogues and sending them to your friends; they are a neat, well-written little brochure, nicely illustrated and contain just the knowledge to place in their hands. Just a card, and Brother W. C. Foreman, the business manager, will gladly mail them to you. G. E. LANGDON.

Ten Days of December

Sometimes we sing, "When I am happy in Him, December is pleasant as May," and my experience so far this month has proved this song to be true.

December 1, I met our workers in the Chicago office where I have spent much time for more than six years. In the afternoon of the same day, I presented the Ingathering *Signs* to a man and obtained one dollar for our missions.

On Sabbath, December 2, I attended meeting at Englewood, and after a twenty-five minute sermon on prayer, I conducted a thirty-minute social meeting with the church. I reached Aurora in the afternoon in time to conduct a testimony service with our people, following a thirty-minute sermon by Elder Magoon on the subject of Christian peace.

December 3, I studied the Bible and wrote an article for publication. Monday, December 4, I went to Moline, and Tuesday attended the sanitarium board meeting. The institution is doing a good business and physicans and helpers are of good courage.

On Wednesday morning I went to New Windsor to meet Dr. Hubly and solicit with the Harvest Ingathering Signs in New Windsor and Alpha. We only had twenty papers to use, but some of these we used twice; and after all were gone we kept on soliciting without them. In all about fifty offerings were received, aggregating \$34.20 for twelve hours work. We received money in homes, stores, banks, postoffices, shops, in offices, and on the streets. The whole amount listed on my card up to date is \$71.50. I have gathered in about ten dollars since my papers have all been used. I can make more calls in places of business and succeed just as well without the papers, but when visiting families I prefer to have the papers.

I came to Streator and began meetings December 8. I have studied the reading for Sabbath, December 9, with the church and have held two other services.

Just now we are agitating the question with the church of

making up the ten cents a week for the entire year. The outlook is good for a successful week of prayer in this church. WM. COVERT.

News Notes

Miss Ella Hancock, one of our Bible workers of Chicago, has gone to the Moline Sanitarium for needed rest and treatments.

Dr. David Paulson on account of ill health has gone to Mexico for rest during the winter, from his taxing labors. We trust the change will soon restore his usual strength and vitality.

Elder J. M. Burdick will locate his family at Momence This will be his address in the future. His household goods were shipped last week.

The meetings of the week of prayer are opening with a good attendance and interest so far as we have heard. We believe there will be much good accomplished and a large offering to missions received this year.

We would request that our church treasurers forward all funds for foreign missions to this office before January 1 in order that they may be credited to the account of the conference on this year's receipts. We hope all will respond to this request as far as possible.

The tract society closes its books for the year December 31, at which time a statement of the year's business is drawn up. If all who have unpaid accounts with us will pay them before the above date, we are sure it would be a mutual benefit, helping us to begin the new year with a clean record. We hope all will cooperate in this respect.

Elders Moon, president of the Lake Union Conference, O. A. Olsen, chairman of the Foreign Department of the General Conference, and the president of the Northern Illinois Conference were out last week looking for a suitable location for a city mission in Chicago. One sister has kindly offered the use of her piano and some furniture for the mission.

Brother J. W. Cummings of the Brookline Mission on the South Side of Chicago has opened Sunday night meetings again this fall with good interest. Resident ministers and others who are passing through the city have been pressed into service. Two or three persons have lately accepted the message. Elder A. W. Bartlett from Georgia spoke last Sunday night to a well-filled house. Elder O. A. Olsen speaks next Sunday night.

Tri-City Sanitarium News Notes

Misses Mae Burdick and Britanna Williamson are making rapid recovery from recent surgical operations.

Miss Lola G. French, our surgical nurse, is spending her Christmas vacation at the home of her mother in Iowa City, Ia.

Our workers succeeded in selling 500 copies of the November issue of *Life and Health*, in Moline, Rock Island, and Davenport.

Week of prayer was observed at the sanitarium, services being held each evening at 7:30. Good interest was shown on the part of all attending.

The young people's society of the sanitarium have sent yearly subscriptions of *Liberty* to all of the attorneys and clergymen of Moline, thirty-eight in number.

The Swedish Olive Male Chorus, a musical organization of about twenty-five members, recently gave a concert in the sanitarium gymnasium. A large number of friends and former patients were present to enjoy the program.

The sanitarium quarterly board meeting was held December 5. Members present were: Elders Wm. Covert, Wm. Lewsadder, L. D. Santee, Dr. F. J. Otis, Brethren Wm. A. Marsh Jr., H. E. Moon, and W. C. Foreman. Elders Allen Moon and Langdon were also present. Elder Langdon will serve as president of the board the coming year. We were much pleased to have these brethren with us on this occasion. Sister Carrie Moon also spent a few hours with us on the 6th. We enjoyed the visit very much.

EAST MICHIGAN Canvassers' Institute

All attending the institute to be held at Jackson, Michigan, for ten days, beginning December 28, are requested to go first to the church. Those arriving on the Michigan Central and interurban roads from the north, take the car marked "East Main," get off at Summit Street and go one block south to church. Arriving on the interurban from the east, get off at the church door.

All who would like to canvass this winter or in the near fuiure, are invited to attend. Your railroad fare to and from the institute will be refunded when you have sold and delivered \$175 worth of books.

Do not fail to take advantage of this opportunity to get a training needed by all who desire to have a part in giving this last message of warning and salvation. Write me; I shall be glad to hear from you.

Holly, Mich.

W. D. MOORE.

Saint Charles

Thinking it would be of interest to the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD to get a report from the Saint Charles church, I will write a few lines to tell what the Lord has done for us.

Elder Theumler met with us Sabbath and Sunday, December 9, 10, at the beginning of the week of prayer. The Lord worked for us in a remarkable manner by His Holy Spirit. On the Sabbath all present consecrated themselves to the Lord for service. The testimonies and tears witnessed to the deep moving of the Spirit of God upon the hearts of the people. Some who had been in a backslidden condition for some time confessed their sins with humbleness of heart and brokenness of spirit.

On Sunday the latter rain was more abundant. An offering was taken for foreign missions which was quite liberal for the number present. We hope and pray that this work may go forward until every one shall be willing to surrender all, that the mission treasury may be well supplied with funds, so that the coming of Jesus may be hastened and the church of God be taken to their eternal home.

EDWARD SCHAUPP.

Adelphian Notes

Brother Kittle recently paid the school a visit.

Elder Burkholder has taken a room at the academy.

The first school term has just drawn to a close. Now is an excellent time to enter the school.

An oratory class has been organized to meet once a week. The opening meeting of the class was much enjoyed.

Elder Shepard has had charge of the meetings of the week of prayer at the academy. We have enjoyed having him with us, and have been benefited by his practical talks together with the regular readings for the week.

WISCONSIN

Portage

I stopped off between trains at Portage and had a talk with Brother and Sister Drews about the work there. They find that the camp-meeting had a good influence in the city and aside from those who accepted the truth through the efforts following the camp-meeting, still others are interested.

Brother Drews is doing house-to-house work now and the Lord will bless such earnest efforts.

Sister Armitage is conducting a small school in her home and devoting the rest of her time to Bible work. She reports that some are interested and hopes for results. Those who go forth with a burden for souls, praying earnestly and working faithfully may expect fruits of their labors. So may it be. W. H. THURSTON.

WEST MICHIGAN

Butternut

The effort at this place was started the first of September, and continued until the first of November. Meetings were held in a tent until the weather became so bad that it was necessary to move into a schoolhouse. Shortly after doing so, we were asked to discontinue the services, owing to a feeling of opposition in the community, and especially among the church-members. From that time the work took the form of house-to-house visiting and Bible studies. Considerable interest was manifested, but none took their stand for the truth.

After the institute, a few days were spent there visiting and holding studies. A hall was rented and one Sundaynight meeting held. As a result of this binding-off work, the postmaster and his wife have decided to keep the Sabbath, and are arranging their work to that effect. Others are earnestly studying the question, and there is evidence of further results from this effort. H G. BAYLEY.

Kalamazoo

As the result of a little plea for our foreign missions last Sabbath at the opening exercises of the school, our Sabbathschool donations amounted to over \$22. I pass this on to other Sabbath-school superintendents as an encouragement to do likewise.

Our week of prayer has started in with a good interest and we have already seen evidences of the deep movings of the Spirit of God upon some of the young people.

To-day I had the best time I have had since coming to Kalamazoo. I started out to visit, not knowing just where I ought to go, but earnestly praying to be led to the right place. The result was a good visit with a woman and her daughter, who is a school teacher, and also the father who was sick. During my visit we were disturbed several times by people calling, and I could see that I had got into good territory and the enemy was on my tract to hinder the work if possible.

I finally turned my attention to the man and gave him a *Signs of the Times*. He looked at it and threw it to the foot of the couch, saying he had no use for religious reading. If ever I felt my need of knowing what to say, it was then; but thanks to the One who is an ever present help in time of need, He gave me words to speak. Before I left, I had gained the man's confidence so that he with the wife and daughter gave me a hearty invitation to come back and bring my husband with me, although I had told them my husband was a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

May every reader of these lines remember the work here in your prayers.

EMMA A. HEBNER.

Battle Creek Missionary Volunteer Society

Sabbath, December 9, a consecration service, in which most of the young people took part, was held. The Holy Spirit was present in a large measure, and several decided to take a stand for the Lord.

Four or five young people are sent to sing in the county jail and pray with the prisoners every week.

During the institute over one hundred eighty dollars in cash and pledges was received on the Nagel Cottage Fund. We have just adopted the two-cent-a-week plan for missions. The following, our report for last week, will show what we are doing: Letters written,1; missionary visits, 10; Bible readings, 1; papers sold, 170; papers given away, 139; books lent, 1; pages of tracts sold, 19; pages of tracts given away, 4; number of meals provided, 1; offerings for foreign missions, \$1.37; offerings for society work, \$2.05.

We ask your prayers that we may do more efficient work. CLINTON LEE, Leader.

Report for October, 1911

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Progress of the Canvassing Work

As I read the stirring appeals from the servants of God, who have given up home and friends to carry the gospel to those in heathen lands, also the difficulties and perplexities they encounter, which we know little of, my soul exclaims almost involuntarily, Why do not God's people arise to their privileges, and do this work which He is so patiently waiting to help them do here in the home land, where they do not have these embarrassing conditions to contend with?

Our canvassing work has been interrupted the last two or three weeks by sickness, but, notwithstanding the work is continuing to make headway.

Brother Hugh Stearns states in his last letter that the weather was fine when he delivered his books. The people met him at the door with the money or a check. Although his orders were far apart, he delivered them in a short time, making a total of \$900.30 worth of books, delivered since April 24. Surely the Lord has paid Brother Stearns well financially as well as spiritually.

Hugo Mitzelfelt writes as follows: "I must say that the Lord blessed me this week. My orders amounted to \$49.75 in twenty-five hours." The following quotation expresses Brother Mitzelfelt's sentiments: "It isn't any harder to make a great success, and do a big business than to make a little success, and do a small business."—*Knox*.

Brother P. J. Wham writes: "I have had a good delivery, and did a little canvassing also the same week. I am praying that the rest of the canvassers may have wonderful success even though I do not do so well, for the Lord knows what is best for me, and, if it is His will, I shall succeed, also."

Brother E. L. Graham expresses himself as follows: "It was almost noon Wednesday before I could get to my territory. I canvassed in Dalton City, and stayed over night with the same family I stayed with two nights last week. I received an order from the lady for a Bible, also a copy of "Paradise Home" for a Christmas present for her son.

ⁱ The superintendent of the United Brethren Sundayschool had seen the book, and told them the other Sunday, that he thought it the best book he had ever seen, and that every young person there should get it and read it.

"I also secured a good recommendation from a young minister from whom Brother Emerick received an order. The minister said he could hardly wait to get the book, and that the boys in his Bible class were all anxious for it to come.

"I also received an order from a prominent business man for a four dollar book, and he said that I ought to sell twenty-five or thirty of the books there in Dalton City. He referred me to the banker, and I received a four dollar order from him. This makes about sixty dollars for this city now."

In sixty-two hours, Brother Graham has secured orders amounting to \$164.

Brother Bailey writes: "I met a man Wednesday who is very much interested in the Sabbath question. I gave him a short study, and he invited me to call again." Brother Bailey has been very successful of late in finding a number who are very much interested in present truth.

Brother J. R. Watson has not been well, still he has not ceased to work. Although he could not get out to his territory, he felt that he could not remain idle when so many souls were calling for help, so he has been laboring in his home town with good results. Let us all remember Brother Watson in our prayers, that he may quickly recover from his illness.

Brother T. B. House has also been contending with sickness in his home, but we trust he will not be detained much longer by the enemy.

Brother Allen Wollard writes: "I have just received your letter, and it encourages me so much to hear of other people who are willing to lay aside the things of this world to work for the many souls who are groping in darkness.

Brother J. R. Howard writes: "You can see by the HER-ALD that I have not been doing any canvassing lately. I went over to Carbondale to do some painting, and another merchant there insisted that I paint his house, and Satan suggested that I would better do it, and you know the consequences. I yielded, and the weather has been so bad that I have not finished yet. I am going back to canvassing. Am sorry that I quit. Brother Fishell, remember me in your prayers, that I may be a more faithful worker in the cause.

This is the kind of a confession that Jesus longs to have many of our people make. There are many of us the same as the son whom Christ alluded to in His parable, who refused to work, but afterwards repented and obeyed. That is what the Lord requires of His people to-day.

E. M. FISHELL.

Tithe Report for October 1911

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News Notes

The Peoria pupils are making some pretty Bible note books.

Reports are being received of the good meetings held last week in the different churches.

Dr. A. R. Satterlee is located at Danville, Ill. He has accommodations for a few patients.

Our canvassers are looking forward to their institute, which will be held some time in January.

Brother E. M. Fishell spent last week assisting Brother J. S. Manring and wife in the canvassing work.

Only a few more days in I911. Let us remember our resolution to complete our appropriation on the \$300,000 Fund.

Week of prayer offerings and all donations for foreign missions should be forwarded this week to the conference office.

Elder Bristol visited Shelbyville Sabbath, December 9, and held quarterly meeting. A good representation was present, and all enjoyed the occasion.

Brother E. F. Ferris recently visited Elizabethtown, and found the little company of good courage. They have done considerable work in scattering literature.

There is a small Sabbath-school at Danville. All are very zealous. One member has secured fourteen dollars in the Harvest Ingathering *Sings* campaign.

One of our churches writes as follows: "We will send our quota on the \$300,000 Fund by December 25, and will be ready to start the fifteen-cent-a-week fund for missions in 1912.

Since it was recommended by the General and Union Conferences that our quarterly meetings be held the last Sabbath in the quarter, our churches should observe the quarterly meeting December 30. It would be well to appoint your committees and hold your election accordingly.

Report of the Work of the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, Constituency Meeting, Philadelphia, Pa., April 17, 1911

The history of the Foreign Mission Seminary, like all Seventh-day Adventist enterprises, has been one of evolution and advancement. The same Spirit that led us in the establishment of denominational headquarters at Washington directed that a school should be built here. When the biennial

council of the General Conference held in Switzerland four years ago, decided that the Washington Training College should be changed into an institution for the special training of missionaries, the action met the spontaneous and hearty response of our people everywhere, as well as the approval of the spirit of prophecy. The development of our foreign mission enterprise is really a marvelous story. The demands of the world-wide field upon us, our experience in the conduct of this work, and the urgency of an overdue message, all call for such an institution as this where the most thorough and spirit-filled preparation shall be given for effective work in the fields.

Building on the experience of the past, both in the management of foreign missions, and in the conduct of the school, your Board last summer took another step forward. The course of study was strengthened along missionary and practical training lines.

Regarding the additional mission study, my predecessor, Prof. J. L. Shaw wrote:-

"The aim of the Foreign Mission Seminary is to give the necessary training for the mission field. Missionaries who have spent a number of years in mission fields have very definite convictions regarding the preparation required by those who go to the regions beyond. They urge that volunteers for missions should obtain a good knowledge of the geography of the country to which they are going; should be familiar with the history of the people and their customs and habits; and should have a knowledge of the history of Christian missions, and the many problems that must be met and surmounted. Still more important is it that they should have a knowledge of the religions to be met, the specious, subtle errors they contain, and the wise and effective manner of displacing these by the Word of God. These alone, if no other reasons were presented, made necessary a place of special training for foreign missionaries."

Following the suggestion of the spirit of prophecy, that here the students "are to be tested and proved that it may be seen what their adaptability is," the Board laid broader plans for practical missionary effort in connection with the school training. Special classes for the training of ministers and Bible workers have been organized, and one day each week has been set apart for missionary work in the city of Washington. The results of these efforts have been very gratifying.

Another advance step was taken by the Mission Board in the decision to ask appointees to the field to spend the first few months of their service in the Foreign Mission Seminary. This action they believed perfectly justifiable from the twofold stand-point of economy and efficiency. The present year's experience has confirmed us that this decision was a right one. We believe that a great saving has been effected by the better equipment of those who go, and in the cases of the few who have proved unfit, we know that we have saved a great expense. The missionaries that have gone out have been sent with a much fuller assurance and confidence on the part δf the Board. We know them, and understand better for what work they are especially fitted.

Twenty-nine altogether have been under appointment of the Board, and eight of these have already been sent out, two to Singapore, four to South America, and two to West Africa. One has returned home, one was sent into the canvassing field in the South because of a failure to meet the physical requirements, two others will sail for South America in a few weeks, and others will doubtless be sent abroad soou. Some have been advised to spend another year in preparation. A few will spend a little time in the city work in the East before going on to their fields of labor.

Our total enrollment this year has been 110, the largest enrollment, I believe, the institution has ever enjoyed. About forty of these have been doing academic or music work, and more than half of these have been from Takoma Park.

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No HERALD next week.

It seems necessary for the school to conduct some academic work for the benefit of canvassers, nurses, and others preparing for the field who need work along this line.

Our range of subjects is necessarily quite large, owing to the varied classes of persons needed in the foreign fields.

During the past few months your Board has been earnestly studying the problems connected with the Seminary, and how to more fully meet the needs of our ever expanding work. There is a crying need to-day for medical missionaries. The truth of Moffatt's statement that a medical missionary is a missionary and a half is quite generally admitted. We have many consecrated nurses throughout the country who will develop into excellent medical missionaries if they are given a thorough course in Bible and Bible work, and some additional study in advanced nursing with practical hospital and dispensary experience. We believe that there is a great field among us for a real post-graduate nurses' course. Then, too, all our missionaries need some training along these lines.

It has therefore been planned that the Washington Sanitarium and the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary would more closely unite in their work, that all the educational work should be done under the Seminary, leaving the Sanitarium free to arrange for practical nursing in connection with the newly established hospital, and in work that may be opened in the city of Washington.

The legal name of the school has been changed from the Washington Training College to the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, in harmony with your action three years ago.

The hearty good will that prevailed toward the Seminary at the recent educational convention at Berrien Springs, Mich., in June 1910, where the whole plan of its work was freely discussed, and the hear'y support from all parts of the field, is a cause for much gratification. All seemed to regard our Foreign Mission Seminary as a most important factor in the educational system of Seventh-day Adventists, who should be, and are the most active missionary people in the world to-day. M. E. KERN, *President*.

Business Notices

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FOR SALE.—The best, pure, odorless cooking-oil: 5-gallon can, \$3.60; Two 5-gallon cans to one address, \$7. Barrel (50 gallon), 60 cents per gallon. Cash with order. Address L. J. Philo, R. F. D. 2., Berrien Springs, Mich. NOTICE.—Send your orders to the East Michigan Tract Society, Holly, Mich., if you want the best grade of vegetable cooking oil. Shipped in five-gallon cans at \$3.75 per can. If you will send cash with order for four cans or more at one shipment, will make the price \$3.60 per can. California ripe olives in five-gallon cans for \$4.25 per can.

For SALE.—The famous Sanitarium Cooking Oil, the standard for years, and the best food shortening made; will keep sweet indefinitely. 8 1-gallon cans \$7; 5-gallon can \$4.10; 2 5-gallon cans \$8; $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. (30 gallons), 72 cents a gallon; bbl. (50 gallons), 70 cents a gallon. Cash with order. Sanitarium Cooking Oil Co., Louisville, Ky.

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CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING Dec. 8, 1911

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