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

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The New Year

The New Year is all before me,
'Tis a blank page, clean and white.
Just what it holds in store for me,
Is hidden from my sight.
But this I know, I need not mar
Nor soil the God-given page;
For He will guide aright my hand
Who lives from age to age.
The past is gone beyond recall,
I cannot live it o'er;
And yet I may redeem the time,
And serve Him evermore.
O God, I will that Thou shalt guide
My wayward feet this year;
That Thou shalt choose my path for me,
My duty make quite clear.
I'd humbly walk with Thee, my God,
Thy counsel I would take;
I'd learn of Thee from day to day:
Thou makest no mistake.

—C. P. Bollman.

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From the Field

During the week of prayer I divided my time among the believers at Sparta, LaCrosse, and Victory. The readings were appreciated and the people were encouraged by the instructions given and the progress of the work.

All are responding to the call for help, and new courage is coming into the lives of the churches.

Some from the outside attended the meetings and manifested a deep interest in our work. Faithfulness on the part of the churches, all doing something in missionary lines, will bring others into the fold. The fruit of the Spirit may be seen in the life of every believer when he wholly follows the Lord.

When people come to our meetings and are convicted of the truth through the study of the Word, how important it is that we live before them what we profess. Truth lived out is what constrains the seeker after truth, as well as the careless and indifferent. It does us all good to see people turning to the Lord, and we shall see more accepting the Saviour's invitation as we receive His character, manifest His Spirit, and do His work.

I closed the week of prayer at Victory and during the following week visited Mount Sterling, Mount Hope, and Monroe, spending Sabbath at the latter place. At Mount Sterling there are five or six Sabbath-keepers, and while they have no public place of worship, they have their Sabbath-school and meetings and are doing missionary work. At Mount Hope they have a good meeting house and have regular services. It has been about twenty years since I visited this church and I was pleased to find all of good courage.

At Monroe they once had a house of worship and a large membership, but the members have moved away and some have fallen asleep until only a few are left, and the meeting house has been sold. The few remaining are of good courage and striving for the mastery.

In all these places they have begun a little late with the special issue of the *Signs*, but they will put out some papers yet. I sold some books during the week and supplied the churches with some to sell. If all will sell a few books the "Ministry of Healing" work will be a success.

I reached Madison the 24th and was at the sanitarium Christmas. In the forenoon we had a baptismal service. I baptized two children, one eighty years old and the other ninety years of age, both ladies. They said it was the happiest Christmas of their lives. In the afternoon we had a service in the parlor, illustrated with maps, taking up the place and birth of Christ. God gave His Son for us, the Gift of all gifts, and He invites all to give their hearts to Him. When this is done other gifts will be given for the Lord's work in the earth. So may it be until we shall see the Giver of every good and perfect gift. "Give Me thine heart."

W. H. THURSTON.

Milwaukee, Racine

The writer spent the week of prayer with the churches of Milwaukee and Racine, and can truly say that this has been the best week of prayer in his experience. There seems to be a revival coming in among God's people, a laying hold of the promises for personal victory, and a willingness to work. The people seem to enter heartily into the week given to the sale of "Ministry of Healing," and we expect to dispose of the books we have and perhaps more. In our training-school we are beginning to do something for the foreign element, and as the work enlarges we hope to be able to follow up this feature of the work.

A number of nurses from the Madison Sanitarium who were with us for a few weeks, have returned to the sanitarium. We wish they could have remained longer. Miss Hart of Springfield, Illinois, is the latest to join our class, having arrived last Thursday. The class in hydrotherapy will begin January 1, with Miss Hayes as teacher.

The school term is about half completed and all seem to enjoy the work. We ask your prayers, brethren and sisters, for this department of the work.

B. L. POST.

Beldenville

After the good ministerial institute, I remained in Battle Creek a few days visiting old friends and enjoying daily studies with the nurses at the sanitarium. On my way to Wisconsin I stopped in Illinois. I had a good visit with our Brother Post who is working hard in Milwaukee. I spoke to a good audience in the evening.

About midnight I left for home, finding interested people and many invitations to visit. A number not of our faith attended the meetings held there. The next week I left for Beldenville to labor. Many of our people there being sick, the prospects for holding meetings did not at first look promising, but we now have a good attendance and the people are studying.

Elders Hoffman and Hansen some time ago visited this place and baptized three, who, with two others, were taken into the church.

THEO. G. LEWIS.

Northern Wisconsin

Since the good ministerial institute closed, I have visited various places. On my way home I stopped one night at the sanitarium and spoke to the helpers and patients. At Eau Claire I spoke three times.

At Superior a sister died a few days ago. Sister Anderson has a number of interested readers in that city and the little company is of good courage.

I also visited the Walderly school. The teachers and students are of good courage and seem to be getting along nicely. They have twenty-one enrolled and could have many more had they room for them. Some money is needed to help them provide houses where these boys and girls may be sheltered.

Next I visited Washburn. Several have started to keep the Sabbath and five had been baptized a few days before my visit. The work is progressing nicely and we hope that a church can be organized there in a little while. At Ashland I stopped two days and we had good meetings. The week of prayer seems to have refreshed the members of the Ashland church.

At Park Falls we have a few sisters living in the country three miles from town. I spent four days with them, speaking four times in the schoolhouse.

At Prentice where I am now, we held two very interesting meetings yesterday. The brethren here seem to enjoy my visit very much.

Dec. 19, 1911.

JOHN HOFFMAN.

Church Elders' Meeting

Each conference in the Lake Union is planning to hold a church elders' meeting sometime during the winter. In view of the Wisconsin Conference being so large it has been thought advisable to hold an elders' meeting this winter for the south half of the conference, and next winter hold one in the north part of the conference for the north half. The meeting has been called for February 13-18.

Where we shall hold the meeting has not yet been decided, but it will probably be held somewhere in the south-central part of the conference. We will know in a few weeks where we can hold the meeting and will then give further notice. We would like to have all the church elders and leaders of companies in the two districts, southeastern and southwestern, attend this meeting.

W. H. THURSTON.

Spooner, Rice Lake, Cumberland

On my return trip from Battle Creek I spent several profitable days at Bethel Academy. Many new faces appeared in chapel and every one seemed happy.

I found every one of good courage in Spooner. The first two meetings of the week of prayer were seasons of strength and blessing to the company. On Monday my wife and I went to Rice Lake and stayed until Wednesday with Brother Bowers and his sister, Mrs. Hale. Although few in number the little company there are not discouraged, and are doing their best to spread the truth. Brother Engebretson left for Bethel Academy on Tuesday, which leaves just four members now in their Sabbath-school which is held faithfully every Sabbath.

We returned to Spooner on Wednesday, and met with the company in the evening. Thursday we went to Cumberland and spent the remainder of the week of prayer with them. They have rented a neat and attractive hall having two rooms, so their Sabbath-school may be conducted with but little confusion. Our people there are praising God for this place which came to them unexpectedly. After the reading on Sabbath and an earnest season of prayer, the offering was taken, amounting to over thirteen dollars. This was an excellent offering, considering conditions.

On Sunday night I spoke on "The Peace Movement," a number not of our faith were present. On our way back to Spooner, we stopped a few hours with Sister Ellingwood at Shell Lake. She is very anxious that a public effort may be made there soon. Shell Lake is the county seat of Washburn County, situated on a beautiful lake where a number of summer resorts are located. This would be a fine location for a tent during the summer season.

E. E. TROWBRIDGE.

An Appeal

In looking over the LAKE UNION HERALD of December 20, 1911, and some back numbers, I am glad to see so many reports from workers in other States, but am sorry to see such a lack of reports from Wisconsin. Our leader and president, W. H. Thurston, seems to try to make them hear and understand by example, but it seems to be in vain.

Wisconsin Workers, please read the LAKE UNION HERALD of December 20, and look under the heading, "Wisconsin." Do you feel guilty, or haven't you anything to report? Christ is soon coming. I do not wonder Wisconsin people at camp-meeting wanted the *Reporter* back. Who is to blame, the people or our workers?

Dec. 21, 1911.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Aurora ville

The week of prayer was truly a refreshing from the presence of the dear Lord. The contributions were not so large as I had hoped for, but I am very thankful for the \$23 given, with some more yet to come in.

The recommendation from the conference committee regarding "Ministry of Healing" was attended to. We will sell what we have on hand, or pay for them as soon as possible, and may the dear Lord help us all to keep pace with the whole message and prepare to meet our God.

S. D. SMITH.

A Good Delivery

Last week I was delivering right in the path of the great cyclone, but nearly every one took the book he had ordered. One man, the father of twelve children, suffered the loss of twenty-three good buildings and ten acres of fine oak timber, and is in debt. Still he took his book, seeming glad to get it. The Lord is surely with His canvassers, and it grieves my heart to see so many of our people who might be enjoying good experiences in this work, who are failing to respond to the call. The more I work the greater the courage I have. May the Lord send forth more workers, is my prayer.

N. O. KITTLESON.

Merrill

The week of prayer in Merrill will long be remembered. Services were held each evening in the church, and Miss Beryl Cummings, our church-school teacher, conducted the children's meeting at the chapel hour every morning. Old and young were touched by the Spirit of God.

Miss Case, our educational secretary, met with us Friday evening and Sabbath. Friday evening she spoke to the young people and her talk was much appreciated.

After the reading on Sabbath, a consecration service was held, the Lord coming very near. Some of our young people for whom we had been praying took their stand for the Master. The tender Spirit of Jesus touched the hearts of the children also, and some of these testified for Him. Jesus says, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Our prayer is, Let the little ones come.

SUE JONES.

Tithe Report for September and October

Ashland.....\$ 105 23	Hundred M. G.... 231 12	Orange..... 13 03
Albany	Hintz	New London..... 17 02
Albion	Iron River	Oakland
Almond	Janesville	N. Lake (Co.)... 4 00
Antigo	Knapp	Ogdensburg
Anson	Kickapoo	Plainfield..... 75 40
Appleton..... 36 65	LaCrosse..... 7 00	Pound
Bethel..... 214 80	Lena	Poyssippi(Eng).. 51 57
Beloit (Co.)... 226 18	Oshkosh	" (Dan)..... 43 09
Baraboo	Linwood	Plum City..... 43 56
Barron	LaGrange	Prentice..... 50 00
Beldenville... 27 00	Ladysmith..... 5 34	Portage
Bear Lake.....	Oneida	River Falls Co. 16 75
Berlin (Co.)... 13 39	Loyal	Racine
Bloomville... 11 10	Chippewa Falls	Raymond
Birnamwood... 56 70	(Scan)..... 161 35	Rhineland
Bruce	Lucas	Robinson
Bone Lake..... 56 96	Madison	Royalton..... 16 20
Cl'rwater Lake 42 01	Marshfield..... 1 00	Sand Prairie
Chippewa Falls 6 43	Maiden Rock	Stanly
(English)	Kenosha	Sextonville..... 13 00
Clear Lake..... 29 62	Mauston	Starr
Clintonville... 28 20	Milton Junction 139 51	Sparta
Crandon	Mill Creek	Stevens Point... 82 80
Cumberland... 71 96	Merrill	Sturgeon Bay... 62 42
DeBello..... 97 74	Milwaukee(Eng)211 21	Superior
Eau Claire..... 173 23	" (Ger) 284 09	Trade Lake..... 39:73
Elroy	" (Scan) 68 72	Victory
Eureka	Moon	Wausau
Fish Creek..... 69 94	Monroe	Waterloo
Grand Rapids... 42 18	Mt. Hope	Watertown
Granton	Oxford	Wautoma
Green Bay..... 27 27	Mt. Sterling... 9 00	Welcome
Hebron	Neenah..... 54 10	Tomahawk
Hines		Individual..... 121 85
		Total.....\$5831 78

JOHN C. McREYNOLDS, Treas.

News Notes

Mr. Fischer of the tract society, visited his parents and friends at St. Paul during the holidays.

Church-school business called the educational secretary to Eau Claire, December 19.

Miss Case was at Moon and Merrill during most of the week of prayer and told us of good meetings at both places. A more complete report from Merrill appears in another column.

We enjoyed a pleasant call from Brother Cutler of Bethel recently. He had just returned from a trip among several of the churches in the interests of our sanitarium, and reported having met with some success.

Mrs. Howell, who was with the believers at Wautoma for two days of the week of prayer, reports a good interest in the readings and in the cause in general. Nearly all testified to their joy and courage in the message. A liberal offering was made for missions.

From a business letter sent in from Sister Smith of Beldenville church we take the following interesting note: "Elder Lewis just finished a ten-days' meeting here and we all enjoyed it so much. The church was nearly filled to-night and the greatest interest manifested, both among our own people and outsiders, that we have had for years."

Are there not more of our brethren and sisters ready to send in reports of their part in the ingathering campaign? We are eagerly waiting to know how this work is going throughout the conference. It would be a pity for one of the excellent papers to be laid away unused. Some may first hear the truth through this means, and the cause needs every cent we can collect in this way.

Madison Sanitarium New Notes

Miss Jennings has gone home for a few weeks.

The nurses have returned from Portage and report a good time.

Mrs. J. E. Green has come to the sanitarium for a few weeks.

Dr. Haigh from the city took dinner at the sanitarium Christmas day.

Mr. Johnson, the State canvassing agent, stopped over night at the sanitarium.

Our patronage at the sanitarium is increasing. Some of the nurses were home for the holidays.

We have had a new coat of varnish put on the stairs in the front lobby, which adds to its appearance.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Boutelle and Mrs. N. C. Taylor of our family have gone to Florida to spend the winter.

Mr. Carr from Milton Junction, Wis. has brought his son to the sanitarium for treatment. He is improving.

Following the week of prayer, we sent all the nurses we could spare into the field with "Ministry of Healing."

Mr. Babcock and wife who have been visiting Mrs. Babcock's parents in Baraboo, Wis. have returned to Madison.

The board of trustees of the medical missionary and benevolent association of Wisconsin met at the sanitarium Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Elder H. W. Reed was a guest of the sanitarium this week. He gave a very encouraging talk to the helpers in morning worship.

We had a good attendance during the week of prayer. Some of the patients attended the meetings and gave donations to foreign missions. All received a blessing.

Our sanitarium family have been enjoying some fine skating on Lake Monona the past few weeks. A heavy snow-storm Tuesday put an end to this mode of exercise.

Mr. Van Horne, our head gentleman nurse, has accepted a position in California as private nurse. Mr. Cyphers, a trained nurse from Boulder, Colorado, has taken Mr. Van Horne's place.

Dr. Edwards of Reedsburg, visited the sanitarium. He was much interested in our methods of treating the sick. He said he had less and less faith in drug medications. He admired the beautiful location of the sanitarium.

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Progress of the Work

We are nearing the close of another year,—only a very few days and the new year will be upon us with its many opportunities, greater privileges, and increased responsibilities. As the year 1911 is closing, no doubt our minds are traveling back over the months that have passed and we note with joy and gladness the great rapidity with which the message has gone and the rich blessings that we have enjoyed. We remember with sadness our failures and mistakes.

Truly the Lord has blessed the work in Indiana during this year. Many precious souls have been brought to the truth, and our workers are all of good courage.

There are some items of news that I am sure will be of interest. The first one is that Brother N. H. Pool, with whom nearly all in the conference have become acquainted, has been called by the Foreign Mission Board to take up work in the West Indies. His appointment to the work there has been made; and while we regret to see Brother Pool leave the work in Indiana, yet the conference committee has voted

to release him, feeling that a call from a mission field should have the first place in our consideration. Brother Pool has accepted the call and will take up work in the island of Trinidad. He will no doubt sail sometime during the month of January or the first of February. Brother Pool goes to this island field with the confidence and esteem of his fellow-workers in this conference and with a sincere Godspeed as he takes up labor in that island.

Our workers have been visiting the different churches in the conference during the week of prayer, and the reports that have come in are all of a nature to encourage our hearts and cause us to rejoice. The Lord has certainly blessed during this season of seeking after Him. We cannot now report the annual week of prayer offering, but we confidently hope that it will be the largest annual offering ever made in Indiana.

We are planning to hold an elders' meeting during the month of January, in Indianapolis, which we want every church elder in the State to attend. This will not be an ordinary meeting. We expect to make this the best meeting that was ever held in Indiana. We expect to make this meeting all to the elders that the Battle Creek institute was to our ministers. We trust that every church will urge its elder to come to this meeting and that each elder will arrange his work so that he can attend.

We are very glad indeed to report an increase in the tithe for November over the month of November, 1910. Our tithe for November was \$2,204.27. This is \$413.98 more than it was last year for this month. The tithe for the eleven months of this year amounts to \$1,694.99 more than was received during the corresponding months of 1910. This is a good showing, and we are glad to know that our tithe is on the increase. I am anxious that the whole year shall show a much better gain than the first eleven months, and so we want to ask all our people to be sure to pay their tithe in good season so that the church treasurer can send it forward the last day of the year.

We have now entered upon our campaign among the churches. Elder Miller and Brother Beuchel are conducting a series of meetings with the Mount Zion church, and Elder Lauda and Brother Hubbard are holding meetings with the Waldron church. Brother Rader is conducting a series of meetings in the country near Sulphur Springs, and he reports a good interest—from thirty-five to fifty coming out each evening. Brother Grey is following up the interest in Indianapolis. Elder Ellis is following up the interest at Gifford. Brother Allen is looking after the work at Carbon. Elder Anderson is holding meetings at Odon, which he expects to close soon, then devote his time to the churches in the southwestern part of the conference. We want to ask our people everywhere to pray earnestly for the outpouring of the Spirit and blessing of God on the work during these winter months.

O. MONTGOMERY.

Sulphur Springs

Two weeks ago I found a schoolhouse not in use this winter. I cleaned it up, and announced that meetings would begin on the following Sunday night. The neighbors used their telephones in helping to announce the meetings, and about twenty were present the first night. The attendance has increased to thirty or thirty-five. The Cady high school students attended until the roads thawed out, making them almost impassable. Elder Lauda returned evening after the Sabbath, and spoke Sunday night. He will be with me this week. Brethren, remember the work here in your prayers.

G. W. RADER.

Odon

I returned to Odon after the good meeting at Battle Creek, but was disappointed in getting the place to hold meetings

in that I had desired. The ministers had worked to prejudice the people in my absence, but I secured a room in a dwelling where I held meetings until December 26. Six took their stand to obey God's commandments. Since there is no one we can appoint as leader, they will unite with the Elnora church.

I am glad to have a part in the closing work. Let us be faithful, brethren, in sending in all the tithes and offerings, not forgetting the two-per-cent fund and the \$300,000 Fund. You who have money laid away in the banks, can you not let the Lord have the use of it? He will pay you interest.

"Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem."

U. S. ANDERSON.

Church-School and M. V. Work in Indiana

Our church-school work has gone steadily forward during the first half of the year, and our teachers are of good courage. The mid-year examinations were conducted in all the schools the week before Christmas. Some of the teachers have gone home to spend their vacation, some are visiting friends, and some remain at their places of labor. Miss Agnes Smith is at her home in Cromwell, Indiana. Miss Ivah King is at her home in North Vernon. Miss Jennie Grey and Miss Beatrix Spohr are spending their vacation in Indianapolis. The Misses Nannie and Susie Blake and Miss Blanche Hicks will spend their vacation at Beechwood. Lowell T. Johnston of Tell City, is at home in Boggs town for his vacation. Miss Grace Redwine of Wabash, is at her home in Anderson.

Before this report is published we shall have held our first annual teachers' institute, at Beechwood Academy, December 26-29. We will give a report of this meeting next month. We are hoping for a profitable time.

In the early fall two of our Missionary Volunteer societies were disbanded because of nearly all their members going to school. Five of one society went to Beechwood, and two from another went to Berrien Springs.

Rochester society has seven members taking the Reading Course. Wolf Lake young people are all in school, except three. We hope these will take the course for Standard of Attainment. Eight members of Wabash Valley Sanitarium society have passed the examination and received certificates of Standard of Attainment.

Indianapolis young people held an interesting rally on the evening of December 10. A special program was rendered and greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

Beechwood students made a good record in collecting offerings for the Harvest Ingathering. Considerably over one hundred dollars was realized. The week of prayer was a season of refreshing for the school. Many consecrated themselves to God's service for the first time.

My earnest desire is for a deeper consecration and a closer walk with God, the coming year than ever before.

MRS. R. W. MCMAHAN.

News Notes

Last week Elder Montgomery spent some time attending the church-school teachers' institute which was held at Beechwood Academy, December 26-29.

Elder L. W. Browne has been doing some good work in Indianapolis recently, laboring among the colored people; and he reports several new Sabbath-keepers.

Brother H. C. Chapin from Wolf Lake, also Miss Agnes Smith of Richmond, Ind., stopped at the conference office a few minutes on their way to attend the teachers' institute.

Some large remittances have been received at the treasurer's office during the past week. On December 27 a check

for \$1,780 was sent to the Union Conference treasurer from Indiana. Most of this money was for foreign missions.

It is requested that the reports of church clerks be forwarded to the conference secretary as early as possible, in order that the statistical report for the General Conference may be made up promptly and forwarded to the office at Washington. Blanks for the reports are being sent to church clerks this week.

Notes from Beechwood Academy

The enrollment has reached seventy-two.

The new laundry room has been in use for some week.

For the convenience of our large family, some more study tables have recently been added to our equipment.

December 21, nearly all of the teachers and students left for their annual mid-winter vacation. School will begin January 1.

The new bake oven is doing excellent service. One of our students is being trained to do the baking, and the bread which is being turned out is much appreciated by all.

The music teacher has found some difficulty in finding hours enough for all the music students to practice, even though another piano was purchased soon after the opening of school.

Funds have continued to come in, through the efforts of different members of our school, until now the Harvest Ingathering offering has passed the one hundred dollar mark.

Recently the academy lost a valuable cow. The loss is a serious one to us, and if there are those who would esteem it a privilege to assist in making up this loss by sending in five dollars, or less, it would be greatly appreciated.

During vacation, work is being pushed on the new heating plant. The boiler is in place and it is expected that by January 1 it will be in readiness to furnish the necessary steam. The old boiler has been doing good work, and although there is no danger connected with its use, yet it is in such a leaky condition that it might any day give out entirely.

The week of prayer was a season of great refreshing to each member of the school. All expressed their desire to follow more closely in the footsteps of Christ. Four or five students desire to be baptised and to unite with the church. We were especially favored in having with us this year, Elder O. Montgomery, Prof. H. R. Salisbury, Elder A. L. Miller, and Brother R. C. Spohr. The assistance rendered was very helpful to all. During the week, prayer bands were formed by groups of students and the good they did is apparent to all the school. Several have expressed their determination to continue these bands after the vacation period.

The following is a list of those who have enrolled this year: Ada Achor, Ruth Allen, Sadie Altizer, Ethelyn Anderson, Myrtle Blaine, Walter Bergherm, Glen Bradford, Orra Bush, Leota Chew, Lillian Carmin, Wendell Carroll, Maude Castle, Marie Craig, Gladys Crandell, Ernest Clift, Clarence Crabtree, Clarice Cripe, Jeanette French, Fredrica Ford, Gladys Gray, Pauline Gray, Lillian Gibson, Russell Gipson, John Grounds, Naomi Grove, Eva Hall, Harold Harris, James Hunter, Vivian Halstead, Cecil Hancock, Grace Harrison, Russell Harrison, Bernice Harvey, Pearl Hendershot, Maggie Hicks, Fannie Hiday, Lillian Hinton, Stella Jacobs, Merton Johnston, Paul Johnston, Carson King, Thompson King, Earl Lawson, Cecile Landess, Letha LeFevre, Ruby Lecklider, Mary Long, Charlotte Maloney, Ruth Marshall, James Marshall, Edward Montgomery, Anna Mooy, Carl Oberholtzer, Evaline Pitcher, Gladys Pool, Hester Possman, Carrie Reese, Chester Restorick, Elizabeth Smeckert, Hazel Strickler, Bessie Swigart, Floy Stureman, Edna Stureman, Harry Swaynie, Ruth Turner, Scott Thomas, Hermann Vaughan, Frances Vaughan, Trula Wade, Mida Wiseman, Sadie Wise, Olive Woodard.

"Your character is made up of your choices and refusals."

Northern Illinois Conference

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Recent Visits

Holcomb—I spent the first Sabbath and Sunday of the week of prayer with the little company of Sabbath-keepers at Holcomb. There are a few in this place who are still deeply interested in this truth, but who have not yet decided to obey. I had some good visits with these and promised in the near future to visit them again and hold some more Bible readings with them.

Rockford—Monday and Tuesday, December 11 and 12, I was at Rockford. The week of prayer meetings were a special blessing to this church, bringing them closer together. A very liberal spirit was shown in the offerings given. I returned to Rockford on Sabbath, December 23, and conducted quarterly meeting. At this time church officers for the coming year were elected. Elder Lewsadder is now living at Rockford, and is trying to bring increased strength and numbers to the church. Rockford has long needed help. There are twenty thousand foreigners in this city. Surely those who have to take the lead in these cities in proclaiming this message need the prayers of God's people.

Freeport—Wednesday, December 13, by special invitation we held the week of prayer service in the home of an outsider. The Lord surely blessed us and this family showed much interest, and gave us an urgent invitation to come to their home any time and hold meetings.

Aledo—The last half of the week of prayer I spent with the Aledo church. The good Spirit of the Lord came into every meeting, and on the last Sabbath almost every one gave testimony of thankfulness for the blessings received during the week of prayer. The people showed a very deep interest in the meetings by their willingness to come out in large numbers both day and night through almost impassable roads, some having to drive several miles.

I hope to be able to do a little work in Freeport now for a few days, having been away from home most of the time since the first of November.

F. J. HARRIS.

November Receipts

	Tithe	*Foreign Missions		Tithe	*Foreign Missions
Aledo	\$186 25	\$45 60	Moline	5 57
Aurora	1574 40	17 83	Onarga	8 06	1 65
Broadview	Ottawa	24 14	4 86
Belvidere	45 57	3 99	Franklin Grove
Chicago Englewood	155 34	31 56	Personal	8 10	10 90
" Erie St.	Pittwood
" German	135 93	19 00	Princeton	13 01	27 27
" Humboldt Pk	95 94	21 25	Pontiac	44 16	12 15
" North Side	83 55	Princeville
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" South Side	239 85	37 40	Rockford	2 68	1 80
" Swedish	55 80	32 34	Sheridan
" Dearborn St.	46 39	8 16	St. Anne
" West Side	85 86	23 06	Stockton
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Experiences in Delivering

Even though it is sometimes hard work to place our truth-filled books in the homes of the people, I am thankful for the experiences that I have had in this delivery. In one place the people had one of our books in their home, and when I referred them to some articles, they were interested and read them. They could hardly wait until I came with

"Great Controversy." A lady thanked me for coming to her home and securing the order. When I delivered the books she thanked me for that. I thank the Lord for such experiences.

J. H. BANTY.

News Notes

Elder Langdon spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the churches at Waldron and Kankakee.

Elder G. B. Starr of Melrose, Mass., who attended the missionary convention at Hinsdale, spoke to the members of the South Side church last Sabbath.

At the ministerial institute in Battle Creek, it was decided by the Northern Illinois committee to hold an elders' meeting. January 18 to 21, 1912, is the date fixed upon and the probable location of the meeting, Chicago.

Dr. M. M. Martinson, superintendent of the Huntsville, (Ala.) Sanitarium is in Chicago for a few weeks taking clinics in the city hospitals. He reports a good beginning in the new sanitarium for the colored people.

According to a vote of the conference committee, an elders' meetings will be held at 213 Oak St., Chicago, Jan. 18-21 inclusive. All our church elders are invited. Full particulars concerning this meeting will appear in the next issue.

Our December receipts on foreign missions from churches and individuals amounted to about \$2,000, all of which was forwarded to headquarters before January 1. We are grateful indeed for the good offerings for the advancement of the work in foreign fields.

Elder M. H. Serns who has been doing aggressive work on the South Side, Chicago, and also acting as pastor of the South Side church for the past two years, has been asked to take up work on the North Side and also to act as pastor of the North Side church. Elder Serns and the members are laying plans for active work in new districts.

Many people of our conference have pledged to the Swedish Seminary. All their improvements are stopped now on account of shortage of funds. They need \$1,000 immediately. They owe \$400 on their furnace and the company will not set it up till they receive this. One family of four is living in a room 12x14 feet. Please look over your pledges, brethren, and if you have any on the school send in something to them; they are doing a good work and are in need.

Announcements are out telling us of the marriage of Miss Sophia Wahlberg to Mr. Vermelin, editor of *Tidens Tecken*, the Swedish paper, which took place in Chicago, the evening of Dec. 28. They will make their home in College View, Neb. As many know, Miss Wahlberg has been a faithful Bible worker in this conference for several years, and we regret very much to lose her services here. We wish them much happiness and the blessings of the Lord as they take up life's work together.

North Michigan Conference

Office Address, 510 Petoskey St., Petoskey, Mich.

President, J. J. Irwin; Secretary, Ina Baird; Treasurer, North Michigan Tract Society; Ed., S. S., and Y. P. Secretary, Miss Florence Crouch; Tract Society Secretary, S. E. Kellman.

Among the Churches

Cleon—Leaving the company at Grant on Monday, we arrived the same day at Cleon to keep our appointment with them. Three meetings were held at this place, two of which were devoted to the week of prayer readings. The Spirit of God came very near to us at these seasons. Attention was called to the "Ministry of Healing" campaign and all urged to engage in placing this wonderfully-helpful book in the homes of the people.

Bear Lake—There is no church building in this place, so we met according to appointment at the home of Brother Appleton, Wednesday evening. The faithful few who are living at this place have not been visited by a minister for a

number of years, and improved the opportunity by inviting their friends to meet with us. The time spent here, though necessarily brief, was felt by all to be profitable. It was a privilege to meet these isolated brethren, and we thought how much pleasure and profit the visits of the good old *Review* must be to those in like situation. May the time soon be when we will find this blessed paper in the home of every Sabbath-keeper.

Alden—Thursday found us at Alden where we met with this church. The week of prayer reading and a Bible study occupied the time. This church is alive to its responsibility and still busy in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Eastport—Our last appointment was with this church. Reaching Elk Rapids about noon on Friday, December 15, we were taken to the home of Brother J. C. Hull, at whose home a number of our brethren and a greater number of their neighbors and friends met with us. Brother Irwin conducted preaching services to which the best attention was given. On Sabbath we drove to the church at Eastport where the closing service of the week of prayer was conducted by the writer. The spirit of liberality was manifested at the close when the annual offering was taken.

It was a privilege to meet with the various officers of the churches visited, and talk over the work with them. I feel that this personal acquaintance will be of inestimable value in the work before us. We know that we shall have the co-operation of these brethren and sisters in the work of placing our literature in the homes of the people, and feel very much encouraged with our first visit among the churches.

S. E. KELLMAN.

News Notes

We can supply from this office a high grade of cooking oil: \$3.75 for five-gallon can, or \$7.25 for ten gallons.

Our office force are all back at their desks again. Elder Irwin and Brother Kellman returned Saturday night, and Miss Crouch, Sunday noon.

Miss Florence Crouch spent December 13, 14 visiting the Onaway church-school. She reports that the school is in a good condition and that the children manifest a deep interest in their work.

We received a report of the meetings held at Onaway during the week of prayer. A number of the brethren who live in town met at the home of one of their number, while those in the country found it more convenient to meet by themselves. The meetings were held every night and were very successful.

One of the members of the Petoskey church has announced his intention of making a donation during the coming year, of \$100 to the work in China. This was one of the results of the week of prayer readings. The Spirit of God is moving upon hearts and we believe many will be led to give gifts to the cause and thus hasten the completion of the work.

A very interesting leaflet has recently reached this office, entitled, "How the Third Angel's Message is Being Brought to the Attention of Persons of Influence." It will prove an invaluable fund of facts that will come as a revelation to many. It should be widely circulated. Price as follows: 25 cents per package of 25. A discount of 15 per cent if 100 or more are ordered.

"Topical Studies on the Message" will be the Sabbath-school lessons for next quarter. The following books will be used as lesson helps in conjunction with the *Worker*:—"Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," "Early Writings," "Coming King," and "Glorious Appearing." Orders for these books will be filled from this office as soon as received.

Petition blanks for signatures protesting against the passage of the Johnston Sunday Bill, and the Post Office Sunday Observance Bill, have been sent out from this office to

all our churches. The opponents of religious liberty are more active than ever, and we should all engage in this important work. While securing signatures, there will be splendid opportunities for soliciting subscriptions to *The Protestant* and *Liberty* magazines. The prices are only 25 cents per year each, or \$1.50 for ten or more subscriptions.

The following church-school students have not missed a day of school during the first three months of the present year:—Traverse City: Hazen Berry, Clyde Fuller, Willard Fuller, Cyrill Courtville, Warren Orr, Clifford Stephens, Jennie Boyd, Myrtle Grahl. Onaway: Dora O'Reilly, Violet Fenner, Dorcas Bartlett, Jimmie Burgess. L'Anse: Charlotte Blaker. Cooks: Mark Wehner, Dorothy Wehner, Ruth Wehner, Floyd Wehner, Lois Wehner. Petoskey: Ruey Lamb. Riverside: Hilda Friday, Earl Williams, Clark Williams. Harris: Ignas De Pas.

Miss Crouch met with the church at Alpena, Friday night, December 15. The seven sisters who live there were glad for the visit, and together a very profitable meeting was held. Sabbath was a stormy day and all could not attend the meeting. Sabbath-school was held in the afternoon, and was followed by the last reading for the week of prayer. All present took part in the social meeting that followed, and expressed the determination to get on higher ground. On returning home she stopped at Cheboygan and visited the two sisters who live at that place.

East Michigan Conference

Office Address, Holly, Mich.

President, H. H. Burkholder; Sec'y-Treas., Tillie E. Barr; Ed. and M. V. Sec'y, H. A. Boylan; S. S. Sec'y, Tillie E. Barr; Field Agent, W. D. Moore; Field Missionary Sec'y, E. I. Beebe, Ovid, Mich.

Work Among the Colored People of Detroit

We are still pressing on in our work here. Since I last reported, the work has developed in various ways. We can see the spirit of prejudice fleeing before the mighty-working power of God. Our work heretofore has been mostly among the common class of people, and not until a few weeks ago did we have the privilege of entering the professional circle. There are times in our readings when the wonderful fulfillment of prophecy, and the accuracy of the truth seems to convince these cultured men beyond the possibility of asking a single question to the contrary. All glory be to God. It is His power that does this, and not ours.

So dear brethren, we are sowing the precious seeds of truth through the spirit of patience, and leaving the results with God, not knowing which shall prosper, this or that, or they both shall be alike good.

The blessed spirit of reconsecration fell upon us during the week of prayer, and all seem to be filled with fresh courage to push the work.

We are endeavoring to establish a basis upon which the work can be carried on more aggressively in the future.

Pray for us, that God may bless our feeble efforts to His glory.

J. W. OWENS.

Jackson

Elder Leland came from Battle Creek at the time of the dedication of our church, and spoke to us of the great need of spiritual life among us. The law of God must be written upon our hearts and its principles become a part of our very lives. It was our privilege to enjoy some fragments from the institute held at Battle Creek. Elders Spicer and Thompson visited us during that time, and gave us a glimpse of the great missionary movement, showing how marvelously the closed doors are being opened for us to-day.

Through the faithful labors of Elder Wood, a score or more have been baptized here since camp-meeting a year ago, and several more are awaiting baptism. The week of prayer

was truly a time of refreshing. The testimonies borne by all showed a marked spiritual growth. The offering taken at this time was \$32.50, which, considering the new church building erected this year and the church-school which is being carried on, we consider very good.

Let us all, brethren, come up on higher ground. The end is near. We are able in God's strength to go through.

F. S. PORTER.

West Michigan Conference

Office Address, Otsego, Mich.

President, S. E. Wight; Sec'y-Treas., H. H. Todd; S. S. Sec'y, Nellie Nelson; Ed. and Y. P. Secretary, Flora H. Williams, 467 Hamblin Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

Report of Labor

I met with the Rothbury church December 7. There are but few at this place, yet their hearts are in the work. There were some from the outside in attendance each evening, and the last evening the number had more than doubled.

The brethren promised to make up the deficit in their ten-cents-a-week for missions.

From Rothbury I went to Shelby, where I remained until Thursday, holding meetings each afternoon. The attendance was not what we desired to see, yet those who came manifested a deep interest. There was quite a large deficit in their ten-cents-a-week fund, but those who attended the meetings promised to do all they could to make up their quota, and I am certain that those who were hindered from attending the meetings will do their part.

The last two days of the week of prayer were spent with our own church at Muskegon. Sabbath was a good day and one long to be remembered. Nearly all the church were in attendance and reconsecrated themselves to God for a deeper work of grace and a better preparation to do more work for Him during the coming year.

The church here will be able to raise between eighty and one hundred dollars more than its quota for foreign missions. To the Lord belongs all the praise.

We hope the brethren and sisters will remember the work and workers here in Mukegon.

C. N. SANDERS.

Allegan

It was my privilege to spend nearly all of the week of prayer with my home church at Allegan. This church, with the near-by churches of Monterey and Otsego, was raised up through the labors of Elder M. E. Cornell, and is among the oldest in Michigan. The stirring appeals in the readings, together with the recital of some of the opening providences of God in the forward march of the message, awakened and aroused the church and called forth a ready response. The Holy Spirit came in and hearts were touched and made tender before Him. A spirit of harmony and brotherly love is coming in, and the result is seen in an awakened interest from the outside to listen to the stirring truth of the message. "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, when ye have love one for another." I spoke three evenings to good congregations made up largely from those not of our faith. I believe there are better and brighter days before us in the Allegan church, and I hope to see a gathering in of precious souls to rejoice in the certainty of soon welcoming the King.

A spirit of liberality took hold of the people, and the offering for missions will amount to more than enough to swing over the line of ten cents a week per member.

One sister was received into full church fellowship on profession of faith, and it is expected that others will be taken into the church at the quarterly meeting. Truly the spirit of revival is taking hold of God's people as they seek Him

for it by earnest prayer and the putting away of sin. This will surely bring the refreshing showers of the latter rain.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

Grand Rapids.

The new church baptistry was initiated last Sabbath when six candidates were immersed at the morning service; thus began the grand work for which the edifice was reared. The Spirit of God seemed especially near while the ceremony was performed, a number of the audience being moved to tears. Some of the candidates had severe opposition, and it means so much to them now, and so much in the hereafter, yet they took a firm stand for the message. The Bible workers were especially happy to see the ones that they had labored for baptized. May God prosper His work in this fruitful field and seal us all for the kingdom.

C. A. HANSEN AND WORKERS.

Bauer

Our week of prayer meetings began Friday evening, December 8, with nearly every one present. Consecration meetings were held each afternoon in the church-school room. School was dismissed at 2:30, and nearly all the children attended and took part in the meetings. Monday we prayed earnestly for some whom we were burdened for. The splendid thoughts brought out in "Seer of Patmos," page 147, encouraged us to offer prayers of faith. Two of these souls gave their hearts to God before three days had passed. One had been away from God for a long time, and did not want any one to speak to her on the subject of religion. We asked God to do what we could not do. Tuesday night she was unable to sleep, and on Wednesday morning she knelt and gave her heart to God. Oh, how good the Lord is to those who seek Him in earnest!

The Wednesday evening prayer meeting will not soon be forgotten by the Bauer church. The sister previously referred to, wrote a letter to be read to the church that evening, telling of her experience. Men, women, and children wept as it was read. A wonderful meeting followed; confessions were made and some arose twice to speak. Truly God is good to Israel. He says, "Draw nigh unto Me and I will draw nigh unto you." He will never disappoint one of His children.

This church is ahead on its mission offerings, and several are going to take up the two-per-cent plan. They have an excellent church-school. The teacher has the cooperation of all the parents.

MRS. CLEORA GREEN.

A Farewell Letter to the Canvassers

MY DEAR FELLOW-WORKERS: I am writing you from Philadelphia, having responded to a very urgent call to labor in the East Pennsylvania Conference.

I regret that I did not get around to bid you all farewell before leaving, but a combination of circumstances made it advisable for me to come here at once. However, though I could not see you personally, I have not forgotten you, nor have I lost all interest in you. The association we have had together in this great work of God has formed a bond of union which is more than a casual acquaintance. I shall always have sweet recollections of West Michigan, and I trust God will always give me as faithful a band of workers as I had in that field.

And now, my dear fellow-soldiers, as ye have always been steadfast, not as in my presence only, but much more in my absence, continue faithful in the work to the end that ye may hasten that glad day when we can again meet and present our trophies before the throne of God. "Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: even as it is meet for me to think this of you all because I

have you in my heart . . . For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in the bowels of Jesus Christ." Phil. 1:6-8. The Lord will not leave you comfortless. He will surely provide you with another field agent who will be a more practical helper than I was. Confide in him as you have in me. Give him the same hearty cooperation and the book work in West Michigan will double the coming year.

As for me, I find myself in the midst of a great and needy field. The city of Philadelphia alone has over a million who perhaps have never heard of this blessed message. In addition to this, the East Pennsylvania Conference comprises thirty-four large counties, many of which, so far as the records reveal, have never been touched with our precious books.

I have already learned to love the Pennsylvania people. They are not nearly so conservative and hard to approach as I expected to find them. Their souls are precious to God, and their hearts long for His truth. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will raise up laborers in this needy field for this great work.

I am still a subscriber to the LAKE UNION HERALD, so your faithfulness, and good reports, as they appear from week to week, will continue to cheer me on my way.

With much appreciation for the rich blessings I enjoyed while with you, I remain,

Yours to hasten the coming of Jesus,

146 N. Farson St.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Allendale

I visited the Allendale church on Wednesday and had two meetings each day until Sunday. The afternoon meetings were held in the homes of our brethren and sisters. The Lord visited us in a marked manner on Sunday afternoon as we considered the conditions of receiving the Holy Spirit. We found that if we do not have love one for another, the only avenue through which God can help us is closed; that confessions should not be made in a careless way, but should be freely expressed without excusing ourselves in the least. It was very evident that the Spirit was present, for it convicted of sin. We all felt that if we did not put away sin, we would drop out by the way.

A lady seventy-seven years old gave her heart to God for the first time. This brought great joy to her sister who had prayed for her so long.

Evening meetings were held in the schoolhouse, and some outsiders attended.

MRS. CLEORA GREEN.

News Notes

Brother H. H. Todd has moved his household goods from Battle Creek to Otsego.

It is expected that we will have a man at the head of the book work in a few days.

At the time of sending these notes, the tithe for 1911 has exceeded the tithe for 1910 about \$5,000.

Up to date, Battle Creek has the largest annual offering of any church in the conference, and Otsego is next.

The tract society has had a good holiday trade. It is hoped that books will continue to be used throughout the year 1912.

The Morning Watch Calendars for 1912 are ready for distribution, and you should have one to begin the year with. Five cents each.

The two-per-fund for the month of December at the present time is \$180, with several days yet in the month to get reports. This is encouraging.

The tract society is prepared to fill orders for those excellent books: "Tiger and Tom" and "The King's Daughter," cloth binding, 50 cents and paper binding, 25 cents.

At the time of writing these notes Brother E. A. Merriam is dangerously sick in his home at Battle Creek. We are

sure his many friends in West Michigan will be interested in his welfare.

Wednesday evening, December 20, very much to the regret of the West Michigan Conference, Brother McEachern left this field for his new place of labor in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. His headquarters will be in the city of Philadelphia.

Southern Illinois Conference

Office Address, 304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill.

President, E. A. Bristol; Secretary, Edith McClellan; Tract Society Secretary-Treasurer, Nettie Eaton; Ed. Sec'y, Edith Shepard; R. L. Sec'y, E. A. Bristol; Field Agent, E. M. Fishell; Medical Sec'y, R. B. Craig.

A Report

After the ministerial institute, I spent about two weeks at Grand Rapids, Mich., taking part in the dedication of the church, also assisting Elder K. C. Russell in holding some revival meetings. While there, my mind reverted to the time, about twenty years ago, when I assisted Elders Van Horn and Wales in two tent meetings. I returned to Illinois, and after two days spent at home I was called to Noble to attend a funeral. I remained there over Sabbath, and was much pleased to find all the members of good courage. The last Friday and Sabbath of the week of prayer I was with the Champaign church, and here the Lord came very near by His Spirit. The following Monday I went to Springfield to attend the elders' meeting and was asked to stay for the teachers' institute. On the Sabbath I preached at the Second Springfield church in the forenoon. The Lord came very near and hearts were made to rejoice. Two who had never kept the Sabbath, decided that day to take their stand for the truth. In the afternoon I spoke to the young people of the First Springfield church. B. F. STUREMAN.

From the Field

After the institute, I came to Bluford, where I am located for the winter. We had some blessed experiences which prepared our hearts for the precious spiritual feast which we enjoyed during the week of prayer.

On December 7, I went to Elizabethtown, and remained with the little company until the 11th. We held meetings in the courthouse Sabbath and Sunday nights, and the brethren and sisters seemed much encouraged by the sure promises brought out in these studies. But the best experiences were in the homes of the isolated believers.

I spent the day and night of the 12th with the church at Carterville where Brother Kelly was holding meetings. We had a precious experience there.

From the 13th to the 16th, I was with the church at DuQuoin, and here also the same touching presence appealed to our hearts night after night. May God grant that this week of prayer may be the beginning of the latter rain.

E. F. FERRIS.

Tithe Report for November, 1911

Brownstown	\$.....	Lovington	4 73	Stewardson	20 70
Cottage Home.....		Martinsville.....		Twin City	20 91
Charleston	12 90	Noble	19 37	Shelbyville	6 53
Du Quoin	64 30	Oakland		West Salem	70
Decatur	78 40	Pontoosuc	9 50	Woodburn	5 00
Farmington.....	30 61	Peoria.....	66 85	Miscellaneous	31 13
Foosland	21 82	Pana		Conference	97 74
Herrin	6 75	1st Springfield	51 37	St. Elmo.....	25 92
Kingman.....	2 92	2d Springfield	84 48	Carterville	97 18
				Total.....	\$750 94

Bloomington and Peoria

It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer with the brethren and sisters at the above mentioned places. One person present at one of the meetings decided to keep the

Sabbath. I am confident that much good will result from this week of prayer. My prayer is that the work begun may go on in the hearts and lives of all until the work shall triumph, and the Lord shall receive us at His blessed appearing. Shall we not hasten this day by doing all in our power to warn those who are unprepared?

WM. WOODFORD.

Teachers' Institute

The teachers' institute was held at Springfield, December 21-22, 1911. As the elders' meeting had not closed, we appreciated the privilege of having them with us, also their timely suggestions and instruction. Every teacher was present and entered heartily into the plans which were laid for more effective service in the school work.

Miss Edith Shepard acted as chairman of the meetings, and each day's program was opened with devotional exercises. The first topic presented was, "Object of Church-schools." It showed that the gospel message to all the world in this generation is the work which the Lord has given us to accomplish, and that it is the children who receive a Christian education whom the Lord will use as His agents.

One very interesting feature of the institute was the model classes in music, Bible, reading, and word drill given by our Springfield teachers, Misses Minnie Wells and Marie Asey. The work was very practical. It gave the elders and others who were present an idea of what is being accomplished in our schools. The manual-training exhibit in sewing, drawing, picture-framing, wood-carving, paper-folding, etc., displayed the neatness and accuracy of the children in their work. The sand table was especially noticeable. It illustrated the Eskimo in his icy home. The little evergreen tree which stood near his igloo showed the interest which the children had taken in their northern neighbors, for the branches were weighed down by their silver and coppers to the amount of over two dollars. A "slang box" also attracted our attention. It showed how quickly such habits can be broken. A penny was to be given for each offense, but only three cents found their way there after the first week.

Elder Bristol then presented the needs of the Second Springfield school, and many responded heartily by contributing to this noble work. We sincerely hope that the patrons in Southern Illinois will visit the schools and see what the teachers and children are doing.

A talk on "The Teacher in the Home and at Church" was given by Miss Ayars. We count "Echoes from the Educational Council" by Mrs. Carrie R. Moon, one of the good things of the institute.

Hints on opening exercises and daily programs with intermissions were given by several, also a profitable and interesting hour was spent each day with the question box.

Thursday evening Elder Bristol gave some of the "Benefits of Church-schools to the Conference," and Elder Moon, "Why the Cause Needs Church-schools."

The all-important subject of "How Can We Lead Our Pupils to Jesus" was dwelt upon by Professor Straw. The practical lesson in physiology by Miss Williamson was greatly enjoyed. Professor Straw pointed out the duty of teachers to inspire in their pupils a desire to receive some academic training before entering the field to gain an experience. The value of a Christian education was presented by Mrs. Carrie Moon. Miss Ford then gave us her reasons for being a church-school teacher.

The afternoon session closed with a special consecration service. The evening hour was also given to Professor Straw who dwelt on the importance of the little things of to-day which help to decide what our future will be.

A musical program was rendered Sabbath afternoon, Elder Stureman taking an active part.

As the teachers prepared to go back to their field of labor, each felt that she had gained much during the short stay together, and with divine assistance would endeavor to awaken a desire in each pupil to reach God's ideal.

EDITH SHEPARD, *Educational Sec'y*,
LUELLA WELLS, *Secretary*.

Canvassers' Institute

This institute will be held in the church building at 304 W. Allen Street, Springfield, Ill., January 11-17. Those unacquainted with the location may easily reach the place by taking the car from the depot, transferring to the South Second Street car, and getting off at College Street.

All of the regular canvassers' car fare will be advanced. Those contemplating entering the work, and who attend this institute will have their car fare refunded after having delivered \$125 worth of books.

Considering the times in which we are living and the touching appeals that are constantly coming from all parts of the great harvest field for more laborers, let none say "there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest," but rather shall we not say, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work." God's work demands haste.

E. M. FISHELL.

From the Canvassers

Brother Bailly has just sent in a report from Danville. He has been having a severe cold but he writes: "I have been able to do some work this week, for which I praise the Lord. I am laboring in a small mining town at the edge of Danville. I called at a home yesterday where the lady did not manifest any interest. I hastened through my canvass, hoping to find something to create an interest. On reaching the subject of the state of the dead, she stopped me and began to cry. The week before they had buried their child, and she and her husband had been wondering if the child was in heaven, and whether they would know each other there. I gave her a short reading on the state of the dead in which she was deeply interested. She gave me an order for the half-morocco binding of 'Bible Readings.' She was very thankful for the truth she had received from the Word of God, and invited me to call again."

Brother Wham sends the following encouraging report: "I have delivered a few more books. The people were glad to get them. My aim is to do more for the Master than I have in the past."

Brother Jerry Suda says: "I was successful in all the efforts that I put forth in the Master's vineyard last week, and the Lord blessed me."

I am sure you will be glad to learn that two of our canvassers, Hugo Mitzelfelt and Hugh Stearns, have reached the goal set by the Lake Union Conference. All who sell and deliver \$1,000 worth of books will be granted the privilege of attending the next Lake Union Conference without any financial loss, except time. Brother Stearns has taken and delivered orders amounting to about \$1,060 in approximately eight months. We praise the Lord for so wonderfully blessing him the first year of his experience in the canvassing work. These two brethren have placed, at the lowest estimate, 300,000 pages of present truth in the homes of the people, during the year which has just passed. Eternity alone will tell the result of their efforts.

Brother and Sister Manning, who embraced the truth last spring, recently wrote: "We are so anxious to get out and canvass around home. If only two or three families would get interested and attend Sabbath-school, it would be encouraging."

Brother Watson reports some good experiences: "I am glad I can be a coworker with the angels in giving this truth to

others. I know the Lord has been with me to impress hearts this week. I have not taken many orders, but more than most people thought could be taken here in Saint Elmo."

Brother Allen Wollard writes: "This is some better than my last report, and I am determined by the help of the Lord to make the next still better. I have been greatly benefited by the week of prayer, and the experiences I had canvassing last week."

Brother Emerick secured \$23 worth of orders in only fourteen hours.

So you can see, dear brethren and sisters, that the faithful soldiers of the Lord are continually pushing their way onward from door to door, enlightening souls with this last message of mercy. This is very encouraging indeed, but the one thing which should appeal to us, perhaps above all others is, What am I doing to hasten the consummation of the greatest of all events?

E. M. FISHELL.

News Notes

Elder Bristol made a business trip to Decatur last week.

Elder W. Woodford spent a few days at Decatur last week.

The office force are very busy closing up the work for the year.

Brother H. M. Kelley will labor in Herrin and vicinity for a time.

Brother Martin Grim has located at Peoria and will do colporteur work at that place.

Brother H. Mitzelfelt has delivered about eleven hundred dollars' worth of books this year.

Brother S. E. Anderson of Hudson, will attend the canvassers' institute and take up canvassing work.

Brother E. M. Fishell started Brother E. F. Orendorph of Bloomington, in the canvassing work last week.

The churches at Champaign, Lovington, and Mattoon will be visited by Elder B. F. Stureman in the near future.

Brethren J. B. Blosser and J. E. Hanson will assist at the canvassers' institute which opens at Springfield, January 1.

The conference committee met at Springfield during the elders' meeting. A meeting of the auditors was also held at the same time.

Elder L. W. Browne was called to Springfield the 21st to conduct the funeral services of Sister Anna Reed of the Second Springfield church.

Sister D. C. Ryan died at her home at Vevay Park, Dec. 6, after a long illness. She was a faithful Christian and a firm believer in the message.

All who are planning to attend the canvassers' institute should be in Springfield, January 10. The first meeting will be held the evening of the 11th.

Brother J. E. Hanson has been asked to act as field missionary secretary of this conference and will visit the churches in the interests of this work.

Brother W. E. Swartz visited the Kingman and Stewardson churches during the week of prayer and is at present holding some meetings at Kingman.

During the institute the local elders, in response to an appeal from our colored church-school, subscribed liberally in behalf of their churches for the support of this school.

The teachers' institute was held at Springfield, Dec. 21-23, with all the teachers in attendance. Elder and Mrs. Moon and Prof. W. E. Straw were present. A full report will be given later.

Elder L. W. Browne who has been laboring in Indianapolis, Ind., for a short time in the interest of the work among the colored people reports a good interest. Two or three new ones have begun to keep the Sabbath.

Petition blanks have been sent to each church and company regarding the recent Sunday bills presented to Congress. It is important that these petitions be filled out and forwarded at once to the Senator and the Representative from your district.

The local elders' meeting of the Southern Illinois Conference was held at the First Springfield church, Dec. 18 to 21 inclusive. Elder Allen Moon and Mrs. Carrie Moon were present from the Lake Union Conference. Nearly all of the conference workers and a goodly number of local elders and leaders attended. A good feeling prevailed throughout the entire institute. The Holy Spirit was present in a large measure and all returned to their several fields determined to do better work in the future. The instruction given by Elder Moon was helpful and timely. We look for a general advance as the result of this meeting.

The Old-Fashioned Bonnet

GEORGE E. LANGDON

How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood—
The old-fashioned bonnets our girls used to wear;
No spears, fierce and warlike, nor birds from the wildwood,
No murd'rous reflections those bonnets did bear.
The wide-spreading hat-rims that thrust you aphelion,
The peach-basket headgear with ratty, puffed hair,
May be "all the rage," *a la mode*, not plebeian;
But give me the hats that the girls used to wear,—
The neat, modest bonnets, the ribbon-tied bonnets,
The plain, spearless bonnets that girls used to wear.
Chicago, Ill.

Unleavened Bread

Into cold water, salted to taste (Lev. 2:13), stir in all the graham, or whole wheat flour possible; then knead as other bread, working in all the flour possible. Form into loaf to fill pint basin, and bake in very hot oven for an hour, or until crust slightly browns. When ready for use remove crust and cut crumb into slices, or strips convenient for breaking. If properly made it will be of even texture, not soggy, wholesome, and can be easily masticated even by very old people. Use no shortening.

AN ELDER OF LONG EXPERIENCE.

To Sabbath-School Teachers

The memory verse cards suggested in the *Sabbath School Worker* for the lessons to be studied during the year 1912 will be one of the most interesting features of the lesson study. Every teacher of children should have them. The designs are original, and the cards can be colored by the children or used without coloring, as the teacher may choose. All who desire to get these cards on cardboard may obtain them from Mrs. Edith Cummings, College View, Nebraska. The price is seven cents per set. Order one set for each child. Remember, children learn more by seeing than by hearing.

Obituaries

HUNT.—Eugene Hunt was born July 18, 1867, and died November 21, 1911, at Frankfort Kansas, at the age of 44 years, 4 months, and 3 days. He was brought up in this message and was greatly loved by all friends and relatives. He had a kind disposition. Funeral services were held at Brother Van Alstine's at Valley Junction. Three sisters survive. Words of comfort based upon 1 Thess. 4:16-18 were spoken by the writer.

LOUIS DREWS.

MEGGISON.—Miss Catherine A. Meggison was born in Montreal, Can., May 7, 1833, and died in Kalamazoo, Mich., Oct. 21, 1911, aged 78 years, 5 months, and 14 days. The writer became acquainted with the family sixty-two years ago while receiving a French education in the Grande Signe Mission, P. Q. Forty years ago, while the writer made a flying trip in Canada, she was one who, with ten others, gladly accepted the present truth. In 1879 she came to Battle Creek, Mich., with three of her nieces, that they might have further educational privileges. She lived much of the time since then in Michigan. Our sister loved the Lord, and the truth. Her last words were, "Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly," when she calmly fell asleep, and entered into her rest. Funeral services were held in Battle Creek, conducted by the writer.

A. C. BOURDEAU.

SMITH.—Janet Allen was born in Scotland, July 18, 1835, and died in Sibewa, Mich., Dec. 3, 1911, aged 76 years, 4 months, and 15 days. When she was six years old, her parents came to America, and settled in Ontario. Later they moved to Michigan where she was united in marriage to Luman Smith, and settled on the farm at Sibewa where she

lived till her death. To them were born four children, three of whom survive their parents. Thirty years ago she accepted the doctrines held by the Seventh-day Adventists. She was beloved by all who knew her, and she will be especially missed by many who had been blessed by her deeds of charity, and partaken of her kind-hearted hospitality. Services were conducted by the writer, a large assembly of friends and neighbors being present.

C. N. SANDERS.

NUDING.—Elizabeth Gochenour was born in Lancaster County, Pa., November 24, 1837 and fell asleep in Jesus, at Elwood, Indiana, Dec. 7, 1911, aged 74 years and 13 days. January 27, 1857, she was united in marriage to Jacob Nuding. Nine children were born to them, five sons and four daughters. In March 1865, they moved to Madison County, Indiana and located three miles south of Elwood. In 1902 they located at Berrien Springs, Mich., where they lived until the death of Mr. Nuding, which occurred two years later. Sister Nuding is survived by seven children, grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, besides many other relatives. In all her ways she acknowledged her Saviour and her faith was unwavering that He would provide for and direct her steps. The funeral was conducted by the writer assisted by the pastor of the M. P. Church of Elwood, in which place the services were held. We laid her away in the cemetery close by to await the call of the Life-giver. Words of comfort were spoken to a large congregation of relatives and friends, from 2 Sam. 14:14.

O. MONTGOMERY.

NIELSEN.—James R. Nielson was born in Denmark, Dec. 20, 1832, and died at Grand Junction, Colo., November 12, 1911, being seventy-eight years old. With his wife, he came to America in 1863 and settled at Neenah, Wis. In 1871 they moved to Poysippi, Wis., where they accepted the third angel's message and united with the church at that place. For many years Brother Nielson was elder of the Danish church at Poysippi. He was known as a man of firm character and was an earnest Christian. His companion died ten years ago. Brother Nielson leaves five children, all of whom are in the truth and in the work. His oldest daughter, who was a Bible worker and later a teacher in Union College is now the wife of Elder A. G. Christenson, San Diego, Calif. His second daughter, Laura, is preceptress at the seminary at Hutchinson. One son, Elder N. P. Nielson, is laboring in Brooklyn, New York. One daughter is a nurse, and the other son is in the employ of the Colorado Conference. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the church at Poysippi. Text, Deut. 34:5.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

LETSON.—Sarah Louisa Young was born in the State of New York, January 6, 1837. Shortly after, the family removed to Michigan, settling in Jackson County. A little later they went to Wisconsin, where they lived until the fall of 1844, when they again came to Michigan, locating in Van Buren County. August 11, 1860, she was united in marriage to Osmer Letson, who was removed by the hand of death two months ago. One child was born to them, Mrs. Rose Struble, whose loving hands tenderly ministered to both father and mother in their last illness. About eighteen years ago Sister Letson united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Covert, Mich., of which both she and her husband remained true and faithful members until death. She quietly fell asleep at the home of her daughter, Dec. 21, 1911, aged 74 years, 11 months, and 15 days. She leaves to mourn, one sister, two brothers, and three grandchildren. She sleeps, as it were but for a moment, until the opening heavens reveal the coming of the Life-giver. Job 14:14 and 19:25-27 was used by the writer in speaking words of comfort to the bereaved friends and relatives.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

