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Help Others

L. D. SANTEE.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2.

I hold we are nearer to heaven,

When burdens for others we take,

For every fond love-token given,

When given for pure love's sake.

O the heartaches, they soothe and they soften;

The sadness, they cause to take flight;

'Tis the rainbow that gleameth so often,

On the dark, lurid cloud of the night.

Sometime, there'll be rest for the weary,

And our burdens for others laid down:

Then, the help we have given the dreary,

Will brighten the stars in our crown;

Then, the service of love we have given,

To those who were burdened with care

Will add to the sweetness of heaven,

In the life we shall live "over there."

Soon the pure, and the tried, and the gifted,

Will be borne by the angels above;

From the crosses of earth they'll be lifted,

To the bosom of Infinite Love;

And there will be love's happy voicings,

And rapture expressed not in word,

And 'twill add to their crown of rejoicings,

That they've walked in the law of the Lord.

Moline, Ill.

Elders

A writer asks the following questions: "When an elder has served his time and another man has been elected elder in his place, has first elder the right, when called upon, to speak to the church?"

Answer: Certainly. If he is a godly man, and is in good and regular standing in the church, any man has the right to conduct a Bible study and give an exhortation, or exercise his right to publicly encourage the brethren of the church. Because he ceases to be elder, he is not deprived of any right in a religious meeting.

Second question: "If the first elder should afterwards be reelected, is it necessary for him to be reordained?"

Answer: No, it is not necessary. Elders are ordained for life. If they commit immorality or give up the truth, and afterwards are reconverted and return to the church, and should then be selected to serve as elder, it would be advisable to reordain them; but so long as a man continues faith-

ful to God he need not be reordained, although he may be chosen to serve another church, or be released from eldership for a time and then to be reelected. He simply serves ever after, when elected, without reordination.

Another question is,—“What would you advise as to the matter of insuring churches?”

There is evidently quite a difference in principle between the question of life insurance and that of insuring the property of our churches. Companies are organized for the purpose of taking risks on such property, and they are willing for a small premium to guarantee the value of property in case of accidental fire and destruction of property. These companies receive in premiums a sufficient sum to enable them to take such risks, and there can certainly be no wrong in allowing them to take their risks at a small expense to the congregation. Adventist people sometimes have enemies who would destroy their property, and insurance results in the burned property not being a total loss; at least a portion of the value of the property is secured by the insurance. Our people have not been able to discover that there is anything wrong in thus taking advantage of the opportunity offered by insurance companies.

ALLEN MOON.

Meeting of Elders

It was my privilege, at the close of the week of prayer, to attend a meeting of elders and ministers at Springfield, Ill. The meeting continued three days. The interest on the part of those in attendance was excellent, and the promptness in attendance at every service was very noticeable. Nearly all the elders in the conference were present and took part in the services.

The daily program began at eight o'clock in the morning with a social meeting. The remainder of the forenoon was filled with Bible study and conference on various questions, with brief intervals for rest and recreation. Meeting was held in the afternoon from two to five o'clock with one recess of thirty minutes; also service in the evening.

All felt that the occasion was a profitable one, and on the whole, timely,—a fitting introduction to the anticipated revival effort in the churches. Elder Bristol and his committee are alive to the situation and the demands of the hour, and the work is onward in Southern Illinois. The Spirit of the Lord was present in the meeting of elders, and no doubt will attend the work in that conference.

ALLEN MOON.

Among the Teachers

The holiday vacation was well improved in some of the conferences by holding teachers' institutes. In Southern Illinois an institute was held December 21-23, all the teachers in the conference being present. The earnestness with which they seemed to be seeking help along educational lines was certainly an encouraging omen of improvement in the educational work of that conference for the future. This institute was opened a half-day before the close of the elders' meeting for the special purpose of affording an opportunity for these two classes of workers to give and receive mutual suggestions and help. These good brethren, who are carrying responsibilities in the various churches, seemed deeply

interested in the demonstrations of work which were given by some of the teachers and classes, and in exhibits which had been sent in from the schools. And, best of all, they gave a substantial proof of their interest by pledging liberally toward the regular support of the school in the Second Springfield church (colored), whose members have never been able to pay the expenses of the school.

The Indiana teachers' institute was held at Beechwood Academy, December 25-29. We were glad to meet there nearly all the teachers in the conference. The earnest enthusiasm of these teachers, and their sacrificing devotion to the work is enough to inspire us all to greater faithfulness in the corner to which the Lord has called us. We left these gatherings with an assurance that the teachers felt better prepared for their duties because of the help received, and with an earnest prayer that the year 1912 may be the best one in the history of our educational work.

MRS. CARRIE R. MOON.

An Opportunity for Young People

The Sabbath-school lessons for the first six months of 1912 are to be topical studies containing many of the doctrinal features of our faith.

The Sabbath-school lessons ought *always* to be so thoroughly learned that they will be woven into the character-building and never be forgotten. If this is done it will be an easy matter for any one to pass an examination upon the subjects covered by the lessons. Now is the time for our young people (and older ones, too, if they wish) to prepare to take the examination for the Standard of Attainment.

Many of our young people have desired to get the Standard of Attainment certificate, but they have not known how to find the time to study for it. They have had the Sabbath-school lesson to study, the Morning Watch texts, the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, etc., and thus felt that their time was full. But now it will be easier. Study the Sabbath-school lessons so carefully that you will be ready to pass an examination in Bible Doctrines, and thus *half* of the Standard of Attainment work will be accomplished. Then, some other time, you can study the book, "Great Second Advent Movement," and take an examination in Denominational History, and the Standard of Attainment certificate will be yours.

Will not every young man and woman in the Lake Union Conference begin now to work upon this plan?

MRS. CARRIE R. MOON.

What One "Bible Readings" Did

Last May, we mailed a copy of "Bible Readings" to a gentleman in Guaro, Cuba, and are just in receipt of the following letter from him:—

"I have received the beautiful and precious book that you sent me. I must needs confess to you that as I read on to the end of page seventy, I am a changed person. I am a Jamaican. I was a Sunday-school teacher for twenty-one years, also a manager of a church for twenty years. I have read my Bible through. I always consider why people do not worship on the seventh-day, but I never give myself any trouble to find out the reason, till I come to Cuba last year. A friend of mine who read some portions of this book, advised me to get one.

"One day in June past, I went to the post office, and I received my highly prized treasure. I am glad to tell you that I am no more a Sabbath breaker. As it comes to Friday night at 6 o'clock I keep my Sabbath until 6 o'clock on Saturday night. I am no more a Presbyterian member, for it is a shame to see that the ministers know the truth and hide it from the people. I expect to return to Jamaica shortly, to

teach my wife and children, if they will receive the teaching; not them alone but all who will obey the truth."

From a copy of "Looking Unto Jesus" sent by us to a gentleman located at Sierra Leone, west coast of Africa, we receive the following commendation: "As Providence would have it, your valuable book came to my hands last week, entitled "Looking Unto Jesus." Although I have not gone through its pages, yet I am thankful for the precious truth it teaches, and the light and comfort it gives. May the blessing of God rest upon such as association."

This gentleman is a worker in the Y. M. C. A., and no one can estimate what good the book may do.

The seed is truly being sown beside all waters.

REVIEW & HERALD.

South Bend, Ind.

East Michigan Conference

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Detroit Bible Training-School

Some of us enjoyed the precious privilege of attending the ministerial institute at Battle Creek.

Elder Burkholder was with us two days during the week of prayer. At this time one made a start in the Christian life and others were encouraged. Our annual offering taken the last Sabbath was \$124.70. Elders Moon and Wight were with us at this time. Elder Moon gave us a sermon on organization which was meat in due season. Election of officers was held in the evening. Elder Moon spoke on Sunday evening, also.

Our Sabbath-school offerings for last quarter was \$51.84; for the year, \$193.36. The tithe the past quarter was \$778.68, and for the year, \$2,788.32. The young peoples' society has been doing some aggressive work.

Four of our workers have just returned from the canvassers' institute held at Jackson. One of our new workers took \$98 dollars worth of orders in November. We now have thirteen workers, in all, in the city. A number are deeply interested and a few are taking an intelligent stand for the truth.

We start the new year with courage in the Lord. This promise is precious: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and women who will cooperate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on." *Volume VI, page 333.* This is truly an inspiration to all workers.

W. H. SAXBY.

Adrian

Quarterly services were held at the Adrian church Sabbath, December 23, with a large attendance. Elder Leach conducted the services and brought many good thoughts to our minds. We were also privileged to meet with Brother and Sister Naylor of Jackson, also Brother Brainard who has been canvassing. Pray for our little church that we may prove faithful until Jesus comes.

A SISTER.

Canvassers' Institute

One of the most successful and enthusiastic canvassers' institutes ever held in East Michigan closed Sunday evening, January 7. The twenty-four in attendance were divided into classes as follows: "Great Controversy" 4, "Coming King" 8, "Daniel and Revelation" 6, "Bible Footlights" 4, and "Bible Readings for the Home Circle" 2. All the can-

vassers expressed a determination to do faithful work during 1912, taking the light of present truth to every nook and corner of their respective territories.

The occasion was a season of practical instruction and spiritual feasting. The studies conducted by Brother J. B. Blosser and Elder Wood were very helpful.

We were especially favored during the early part of the meeting by visits from Elders Wight and Moon.

Because of the time consumed in going for meals, it was decided to have dinner and supper served in the basement of the new church. Brother Catlin made a large table; the church-members donated a liberal supply of fruits and vegetables, which were cooked and served under the direction of Sister West; so this proved to be one of the most pleasant and convenient features of the institute.

On Sabbath afternoon, January 6, a farewell service was held, at which time the canvassers passed a resolution of thanks to the Jackson church for their kind and cordial hospitality.

As a result of this institute, we expect to see the canvassing work in East Michigan develop and 1912 be the banner year thus far.

W. D. MOORE.

Tithe Receipts for December, 1911

Alaledon	\$	Fairgrove.....	101 48	Otter Lake	\$ 61 0
Alma.....		Greenbush	29 01	Oxford	78 54
Adrian	29 09	Holly	203 49	Pinconning	
Ann Arbor	60 94	Hanover		Port Huron.....	30 34
Arbela	5 88	Hillsdale.....	13 48	Prattville	45 00
Bancroft	41 17	Hazelton.....	45 57	Rapson	72 73
Belleville.....	9 59	Ithaca	79 07	Reese	
Bunker Hill		Jefferson.....	80 90	Rives	
Bay City	216 20	Jackson	128 06	Sumner	21 00
Birmingham.....	34 10	Lansing.....	119 11	Saginaw	55 25
Chapin	29 01	Luce		St. Charles.....	97 27
Chesaning	77 56	Lapeer	117 29	Sandusky.....	13 60
Coleman	2 69	Leslie	39 39	St. Johns	
Detroit	471 93	Midland.....	11 07	Spring Arbor..	24 87
Detroit No. 2..	9 60	Mason		St. Louis.....	
Dryden	3 00	Morrice	10 00	Vassar	107 12
Durand		Memphis	40 00	White Lake	
Elwell		Marine City.....		Watrousville..	20 00
Elmwood.....	11 51	Mt. Forest		Westphalia	
Edenville	128 78	North Branch..	7 50	Willis	
Exeter	12 11	Onsted		Individuals	38 60
Flint	559 95	Ola	5 35		
Freeland	10 00	Ovid	15 61		
Flushing	23 87	Owosso.....	28 81		
				Total.....	\$3477 65

News Notes

Brother Bert Miner of Parma is preparing to begin canvassing about the middle of January.

Clifford Naylor of Jackson, is expecting to canvass for "Bible Footlights" in the near future.

Brother F. S. Porter, 117 South Street, Jackson, Mich., offers a home to a lady canvasser who desires to carry the light of present truth to the people in his city.

W. H. Taylor of Watrousville attended the canvassers' institute at Jackson, getting a preparation to sell "Coming King." Brother Taylor will go to his territory this week to locate for the winter.

Any of our people who desire a canvasser to work their immediate vicinity, and are willing to aid in the work and obtain a share in its blessings by following Brother Porter's example in making a home for some canvasser, should write to our field agent, W. D. Moore, Holly, Mich. Now, brethren, here is a chance to do some practical missionary work.

Brother A. L. Van Fossen, during the year 1911, sold \$1,537.70 worth of books and has delivered \$1,408 worth. He canvassed 1,392 hours, and counting time helping others, Brother Van Fossen put in over one thousand six hundred hours. This entitles him to attend the Lake Union Confer-

ence and Bookmen's Convention as the guest of the East Michigan Conference.

Any brother or sister who has a burden to canvass should write to our field agent, W. D. Moore, Holly, Mich.; he can help you in the selection of your book and territory, and give you practical help in the field.

Northern Illinois Conference

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North Side, Chicago

I believe that the people should know what our workers are doing. I trust that they will forgive this belated piece of news. On July 30, the Ravenswood, North Side, and West Side churches joined in a tent effort at the corner of Hamilton Avenue and Montrose Boulevard, which lasted until October 15, and has continued every Sunday night since under the auspices of the Ravenswood church at Library Hall, near by. Large numbers attended, as high as 1,000 it was estimated one night, and 300 or 400 was a fair average many nights. This has continued in the hall.

Elders Everson and Burdick began this series of meetings, but the latter was called to camp-meeting, so I was requested to assist. Fifteen have been baptized as the result and we believe that many more will follow. One of those baptized was a Spiritualist, but is now rejoicing in the truth. Many became disturbed and very angry, but returned again and again until light came to them. One man was attracted by a notice of a temperance talk; then he and his whole family became interested, and are now studying to know the truth. The son-in-law of this family was called to Nebraska to the funeral of his mother and found that both his mother and his sister had just accepted the truth there. A dear old lady who could not attend the meetings heard the message through her relatives who had attended, and then Elder Everson and the writer called to water the seed, and God gave the increase. She was baptized in a Baptist baptistry near her home, through the kindness of the pastor.

These are only a few of the incidents connected with this tent effort. They show how God will give the increase if we will faithfully plant the seed. Pray, dear reader, for the precious ones still halting between two opinions, also that those who did step out may remain faithful.

JOHN E. HANSEN.

304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill.

Hinsdale Convention

In company with Brother and Sister Harvey V. Weaver of Carl, North Dakota, I attended the Hinsdale convention. I was gratified to hear the "truths new and old" from the lips of those who had experienced them. Plans for working as Jesus worked were set before us. Not new inventions, but truths and suggestions found in the Bible and Testimonies that have not been fully followed or understood by us in the past. One fact clearly brought out was that, as in the taking of Ai when the Lord wanted "all the people" to enter the work, and not "two or three thousand" (Joshua 7, 8), so now, all of us who know the times and have an understanding of what Israel ought to do, are called to come up to the help of the Lord. How comforting to know that God's plan for to-day includes all of us. Truly it can be said of every child of God, however humble, "The Lord has need of him."

Another fact clearly advocated was that the evangelistic and medical work ought to go hand in hand. "Ye are all brethren." Body, soul, and spirit are to be redeemed, restored, and enlisted. Kindred and friends are to be sought

out and brought to the knowledge of the soul-saving truth. The battle is not ours, but the Lord's. We are not to go unfilled, unfitted, and uninformed, but "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Until we have that anointing we are not prepared for the work. This last truth was emphasized by every one who addressed us.

As I tried to comprehend the vast scope of this closing work, as set forth by our ministers, teachers, and doctors, I recalled the words of one Captain Eldridge at the Springfield, Ill., camp-meeting over twenty years ago. He said that "the third angel's message is like a harp of a thousand strings, and I want to learn to play every string."

The food, also, which was served for our physical nature in the dining-rooms, was "simple, appetizing, nourishing, and wholesome." Simple, comforting, edifying, and scriptural, was the food the convention brought forth to the joy of waiting souls.

Dear brethren, watch for these conventions and institutes. We are years behind. Oh, let us pray that a new element of piety and cooperation with heavenly agencies may come in among us.

CHAS. E. STURDEVANT.

News Notes

Mrs. Carrie Moou visited the Hinsdale Sabbath-school, December 30.

Our tithe receipts for the year ending December 31, 1911, amounted to \$27,735.59. This was an increase of \$2,851.76 over the receipts of the previous year.

We received the sum of \$980.69 from October 1 to December 31, 1911 on the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* fund for missions. Funds are still coming in, and no doubt it will total more than \$1,000 before the work is through.

Miss Lela Graber of Emmanuel Missionary College, spent the holidays in Chicago selling our ten-cent magazines. On Sunday, December 31, she sold 135 copies. This demonstrates what can be done in this work in Chicago even on Sunday.

Blanks were sent to the church clerks last week for their use in making out the annual report for the year 1911. We hope they will give prompt attention to this work, and forward the reports immediately to this office after they have been filled out.

Elder Covert of Aurora orders another 100 copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. He says he is going to keep right at this work during the winter. The publishers still have on hand several thousand copies of these papers, and we hope that others will follow Elder Covert's example in disposing of these papers.

All who knew Brother J. M. Osborn, elder of the Galesburg church, will be made sad to learn of his sudden death. It occurred Wednesday evening, the 3d, while at prayer meeting. At present we have no further particulars. Brother Osborn has been a faithful member of the Galesburg church for a good many years, and he will be greatly missed by the members there. We extend to his sorrowing family and friends our sincere sympathy.

West Michigan Conference

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Elders' Meeting

At the time appointed for the first meeting, all the elders who attended, with the exception of three, were in their places. Tuesday and Wednesday the time was spent discussing such questions as were considered of vital importance to the work of church officers. Thursday forenoon

nearly the entire time was spent in considering the two-per-cent fund and the fifteen-cent-a-week fund for missions. There was no marked demonstration nor any move out of the ordinary that would suggest anything to the common observer, but when an expression was taken of the elders as to their willingness to work during the coming year for the two funds, the two-per-cent and foreign missions, every elder with the exception of one, responded.

The meeting closed on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. A few minutes were spent just previous in a social meeting, and an expression of gratitude to God was given by the brethren, and then Brother Bellows, the elder of the Eaton Rapids church, requested that we sing "Lifetime is Working Time." I had opportunity to talk with the brethren but little at the close of this meeting, but I can speak for myself that in all my experience I never was so wrought upon and felt so deeply respecting the demands upon us as I did when this hymn was being sung. I believe that nearly all in the congregation were deeply impressed, and I confidently look for great results in each church whose elder attended this meeting from beginning to end.

S. E. WIGHT.

Report of Work for December

December 1, I conducted a funeral service at Bauer. I spent the week of prayer visiting the churches at Hollaud, Grandville, and Byron Center and the Michigan Home for Girls. At Byron Center I met Brother James Minnisee who is in his eighty-ninth year. He has been a true Seventh-day Adventist for about sixty years. His health is good, and his faith is strong. At the "Home" I was pleased to see the good work being done by Brother and Sister McKee who are in charge; especially so when I was told that all the girls had given their hearts to Jesus, and were trying to serve Him. They have a church-school, with an evidently competent teacher. They live partly on the community plan. The week of prayer was characterized in each company by more than usual interest.

The 29th to the 31st I was at Allendale. Here I observed a marked change for the better, since, in company with Elder Hortou, I visited them more than a year ago. The outlook for the church is brightening. They are competently and harmoniously officered. Their deacon was ordained at this time.

Nine sermons, nine Bible readings, thirteen family visits, four subscriptions to periodicals, eight articles for publication, seven letters, and a small distribution of literature were included in my month's labor. Although in my seventy-seventh year of age, the Lord has given me strength to do the work, which has been a joy to me. All praise to His name.

Grandville, Mich.

ADOLPHUS SMITH.

Our Work at Trufant

I met with the company at Trufant and had five good meetings, the last one being on the Sabbath. Special attention was given to revival work at the evening meetings and some arose signifying their determination to live for Christ. This effort, if followed up, might do much for the Trufant church. I found this church ahead on the ten-cent-a-week plan, and also some who were paying two per cent to the conference. The elder, Brother Medler, took an active part in the services and is trying hard to make the work a success.

C. A. HANSEN.

Kinderhook

During the week of prayer I met with the little church of Kinderhook in the southeastern part of the West Michigan Conference. This little church has only five members and two of these have about given up and meet with the little

company no more, so their regular attendance on the Sabbath is only three. Still the Sabbath-school and meetings are kept up, some visiting is being done and some readings being given, and an interest is awakened on the part of some not of our faith.

On the last Sabbath of the week of prayer we had two meetings and the Spirit of the Lord was surely present. Earnest testimonies were borne and the offering was taken.

Surely this is no time for faltering; earnest, faithful work must be done by every one that sings the song of victory in the near future.

R. C. HORTON.

Report for December, 1911

CHURCH	Tithe	2 %	\$300,000	Miss'ns
Albion	49 83	83	10 00	12 95
Allegan	176 42	2 67	.....	77 36
Allendale	26 92	25	.....	14 37
Bangor	.....	.....	5 36	2 50
Battle Creek	560 80	23 35	128 00	640 49
Bauer	14 31	.....	4 00	41 12
Bedford	109 38	.....	3 04	31 22
Belding	9 29	.....	5 00	10 00
Benton Harbor	11 70	72	4 00	49 12
Berrien Springs	591 63	35 39	101 10	250 48
Bloomington	26 50	.....	.....	17 34
Brookfield	.....	.....	.....	.....
Buchanan	.....	.....	.....	3 08
Burlington	.....	.....	.....	2 90
Bushnell	25 22	.....	.....	15 53
Byron Center	9 62	.....	.....	10 00
Carlton Center	79 15	4 70	.....	56 25
Carson City	51 21	1 30	3 00	22 35
Cedar Lake	125 84	12 03	.....	156 53
Cedar Springs	6 35	.....	.....	9 17
Charlotte	167 30	40	7 50	50 79
Clifford Lake	36 55	.....	.....	11 68
Coldwater	.....	.....	.....	10 88
Covert	38 92	55	.....	7 20
Decatur	9 06	.....	.....	.....
Denver	24 36	.....	.....	3 30
Dimondale	65 14	2 78	.....	44 97
Douglas	126 50	.....	.....	17 30
Eaton Rapids	10 98	30	.....	20 40
Edmore	.....	.....	.....	17 60
Fremont	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frost	61 77	2 27	.....	34 56
Glenwood	42 53	30	1 00	36 20
Gowen	10 86	2 16	.....	2 40
Grand Haven	.....	.....	.....	1 23
Grand Ledge	36 73	.....	2 00	15 83
Grand Rapids	287 48	.....	15 92	101 26
Grandville	20 53	2 41	.....	28 32
Greenville	66 53	.....	12 00	60 57
Hastings	72 34	.....	.....	22 45
Holland	39 10	.....	13 77	29 13
Holton	.....	.....	.....	16 67
Homer	41 79	.....	2 20	23 34
Kalamazoo	319 59	8 06	73 00	203 78
Kent City	14 55	.....	.....	20 19
Kinderhook	10 00	.....	14	6 54
Lake View	162 19	.....	.....	65 94
Lowell	21 37	68	.....	13 50
Lyons	6 35	.....	.....	6 98
Maple Grove	16 89	1 10	.....	9 94
Mecosta	149 24	.....	20 00	19 56
Mendon	33 20	2 86	5 00	29 89
Monterey	39 53	4 31	9 15	29 23
Muskegon	101 57	4 97	20	107 82
Otsego	260 65	13 27	17 00	176 70
Palo	15 00	.....	.....	6 50
Paw Paw	107 38	.....	.....	32 49
Portland	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pottsville	119 65	3 04	.....	24 45
Quincy	338 53	48 97	97	35 52
Rothbury	79 40	.....	.....	26 10
Sand Lake	39 19	1 00	5 02	13 16
Shelby	125 29	1 30	5 00	28 16
Sturgis	17 79	.....	.....	9 94
Trufant	.....	.....	.....	.....
Urbandale	53 34	.....	.....	11 77
Union City	21 65	.....	.....	5 90
West Leroy	50 78	.....	.....	20 28
Wright	100 36	7 06	10 00	39 92
Individuals	30 15	.....	.....	46 75
Totals	\$5266 85	189 03	463 37	2969 90

News Notes

A teachers' institute will be held at Berrien Springs January 26-30. Plans are being laid to make the time especially profitable for the teachers.

Elder S. E. Wight attended the North Michigan elders' meeting held at Frankfort last week.

Clarendon H. Thompson reports that his time is well filled giving Bible readings to very much interested families. He is working at Quincy.

One brother who ordered ten copies of the January *Signs* Monthly wrote that he was more than pleased with the way the subjects were presented, and ordered fifty more.

Do not let the winter pass without reading that splendid book from the pen of Sister White, "Acts of the Apostles." Price \$1.50, postpaid, from the tract society office.

It is not too late to work with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. The Tract Society has a supply of these papers which they would be glad to send to those who can use them.

These long winter evenings the boys and girls will enjoy reading those good books, "Tiger and Tom" and "The King's Daughter." Two bindings, fifty and twenty-five cents, postpaid. Order from the West Michigan Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

We are glad to add a new canvasser, Brother Geo. Hallock, to our list this week. He, with Brother Timothy Hallock, is working in Mecosta County. Brother John Savage, who is located at Greenville, relates an experience in selling a book to an infidel. After talking with the man for half an hour, Brother Savage went away without taking an order, but upon turning back to leave a tract, he secured an order. Brother J. E. Herrington is planning to rent his farm so he can give his entire time to the work. Brother James Lafferty has begun canvassing in Ionia and reports that although the people are prejudiced, the Lord has helped wonderfully in breaking this down. Do not neglect to pray for the canvassers.

The Sabbath-school donations in West Michigan for the year 1911 amounted to \$4,330.28, this being an increase of \$1,305.59 over the previous year. Last quarter's donations were \$1,559.92. The following are some of the best records which have been reported for the last quarter:

School	Membership	Donations
Lowell	3	\$6 45
Pullman	2	4 00
Zeeland	10	16 35
Greenville	15	21 06
Kalamazoo	39	52 05
Sturgis	8	8 94
Mecosta	17	13 49
Holton	14	9 60
Bauer	34	21 34
Carlton Center	37	25 82
Otsego	99	53 97
Trufant	19	11 58

If you have not already done so, please send in the report of your school as soon as possible.

Wisconsin Conference

Office Address, Grand Rapids, Wis.

President, W. H. Thurston; Sec'y-Treas., J. C. McReynolds; S. S. Sec., Mrs. Mary Howell; Ed. and Y. P. Sec'y, Miss Frances L. Case; Field Agent, H. W. Johnson, Stevens Point, Wis.

Elders' Meeting

The church elders' meeting will be held February 13-18 for the south half of the conference. The Milton Junction church has invited us to hold this meeting there, and we have accepted the invitation. The church will provide rooms free and each one will pay a reasonable rate for board. The conference will pay the car fare for the elders and leaders of companies who attend.

This will be a very important meeting and it is hoped that every church in the south half of the conference will be rep-

resented. It is understood that the car fare will be paid for those who are present at the beginning of the meeting and remain until the close.

Next winter, the Lord willing, there will be an elders' meeting held for the north half of the conference. It is believed that this plan will be conducive of better results than to try to have all the church elders meet in one place. Please remember the date and place, February 13-18, at Milton Junction.

Elder Allen Moon and other good help will be in attendance. If you are a church elder or leader of a company in the south half of the conference, south of line from east to west on south boundary line of Wood County, you are invited, yes, urged, to attend this meeting.

W. H. THURSTON.

A Report

[We are in receipt of an interesting annual report from Brother John Hill, treasurer of the church at Eau Claire, Wis., from which we glean the following, which cannot fail to be an inspiration to other churches. Ed.]

The sixty-two members reporting, paid a tithe of \$656.39; sent \$6.95 as an offering to the Mission Board; raised \$104.60 for church expenses; paid \$43.50 on the \$300,000 Fund; two-per-cent fund \$35.44; Sabbath-school \$86.11; collected \$37.93 during the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This, with other offerings made, amounted to \$1,149.26. Besides this, enough money was raised in December to pay the church debt at the tract society office and have a surplus of \$2.36.

News Notes

Brother N. O. Kittleson's baby girl has been quite sick.

Sister Howell returned to her office duties New Year week, after a pleasant holiday vacation.

Mr. Fisher returned to the office January 5, after a pleasant holiday visit with his friends at St. Paul.

Last week H. W. Johnson visited New London, Neenah, and Oshkosh in the interests of the book work.

Miss Case spent several days last week with the church and church-school at Eau Claire. She spent New Year's day with friends at Birnamwood.

Brethren N. O. Kittleson and Louis Scholz will have their expenses paid to the Lake Union Conference because of delivering over one thousand dollars' worth of books during the past year.

Elder Thurston spent last Wednesday at Marshfield on church business. The Madison church is mourning the recent loss of two of its aged members, both of whom had passed four score years of life.

Miss Myrtle Judd, formerly conference stenographer, has returned to Wisconsin and is now attending school at Bethel. En route she visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McReynolds.

Elders P. M. Hanson, P. C. Hanson, and C. L. Stone were callers at this office since our last report. Other conference laborers who have favored us with brief visits are Brother A. Belding, Professor Fattie, and H. W. Johnson.

An aged sister of limited means sends in her tithe and writes, "I am isolated, have no church privileges, but Jesus is precious and I enjoy reading. I take the *Review* and *Watchman* and am sending them around, hoping they will do some good in the cause we love so well."

Brother Middlestedt writes, "I wish God would put about twenty good canvassers into this field." The tenor of his entire letter is encouraging and he seems to be looking forward to a better year's work than before.

The canvassers' institute for Wisconsin will be held the last ten days of February, and now is the time to lay plans for attending, and to write to the field agent about your plans. The place of the institute will be announced later.

Brother Kittleson writes that one person cried for joy when

he delivered her book as she realized what a help it would be in getting a better understanding of the Word. He rejoices because he has a part in this grand work and longs to see others engage in it.

Last year twenty canvassers secured orders to the amount of \$5,878.30 in Wisconsin. They averaged about thirty-four hours a week while in the field, while the average sales per day was \$6.52. Most of the workers were student canvassers, this shows what can be done when faithful efforts are made.

Elder P. C. Hanson spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Stevens Point and conducted the quarterly meeting and also a business meeting at which time officers were chosen for the coming year. As it had been some time since the ordinances were celebrated there his visit was much appreciated.

The Grand Rapids Sabbath-school is happy over the fact that they passed the financial mark they aimed at last quarter by \$3.40. The sum raised by this little school of twenty-six members was \$23.40. They have decided to try for \$25 the present quarter. Some other schools have sent in still better reports, and it is evident that efforts have been made by some to improve their average attendance. All can do this with the Lord's help.

Last February fifty-five cents in nickels was given to eleven children in the Grand Rapids Sabbath-school to invest for the Madison Sanitarium. A few weeks ago seven of the children brought in sums amounting in all to about three dollars and fifty cents. Four have not yet been heard from, having removed from the neighborhood. Children learn many lessons of thrift and unselfishness as they tend their missionary gardens, and the Lord blesses every loving effort they put forth for Him.

Bethel Items

Arthur Bush spent the holidays with his brother Edward, who is a student here.

John Galbraith visited friends in Bethel while on his way to his home at Endeavor.

Mrs. R. E. Brasier of Chippewa Falls is visiting her daughter Inez, who is employed in the office here.

The conference committee met at the school Jan. 3, 1912, to consider the needs and interests of the Wisconsin Conference.

The holidays were enjoyed by the students who did not go to their homes for the vacation. A very pleasant Christmas afternoon was spent coasting on Sand Hill.

School has opened after the holidays with nearly all who were here the first term in attendance. Three new students, Myrtle Judd, Myrtle Childs, and Anton Roberson, have enrolled, and several others are expected.

North Michigan Conference

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

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

News Notes

Miss Emily Crouch called at the office this week on her return to Onaway.

Wanted.—Two copies of "Gospel Workers." Write to this office stating prices.

Elder Irwin left Petoskey last Tuesday for Cleon, where he and Brother Peterson had an appointment.

Brother G. C. Collard sent a report this week in which he states over fifty dollars worth of orders received.

Miss Clara Stephens, after spending vacation at home, is again at her school at Harris, in the Upper Peninsula.

Miss Marie Baurain is back at her school at Cooks. We hope that each of these teachers will have successful terms.

Our educational secretary has received twenty-five test papers on the first book of the Reading Course. More are expected.

Brother A. H. Evans of Petoskey, S. E. Kellman, and Miss Florence Crouch went to Frankfort to attend the elders' meeting on Wednesday.

Brother Levi Evrard recently completed a very successful delivery. We regret that he is called to the East on business and has to relinquish his canvassing work for a time.

A recent letter from Sister Bracebridge tells of a very successful delivery of the home workers' books. She had to draw from her own library in order to fill the orders. She plans to continue this work. We would like to hear from others who can spare one or more days each week to engage in placing these books in the homes of the people.

Just the book for parents! The requests for "stories" from the little ones often puzzle us what to tell. The new book, "Easy Steps in the Bible Story," which takes up stories of the Bible in an interesting form will enable us to interest the children; \$3 cloth, \$4 half-morocco, \$5 full morocco. Special prices to churches when taken in quantities. Write this office.

Unusual opportunity for home workers. Churches please take note and act at once. One dollar buys 200 *Signs* weekly, a choice selection. All of the Message for To-day Series. One dollar buys 100 *Signs* magazines—all good, clean back numbers. Ten cents buys 50 *Little Friends*. For \$2 the entire assortment may be had, which cost at regular price \$9.50. They will go fast, so send order at once to this office.

December

CHURCH	Tithe	2%	10% a wk.	Annual Offering	\$300,000	Misc.
Alpena	\$ 17 16	\$	\$ 37 89	\$	\$	\$
Alden .....	.....	.....	5 96	4 47	.....	2 50
Cleon	25 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cedar Run	9 25	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....
Colfax	40 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clare	12 51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cadillac .....	.....	.....	.....	2 62	.....	.....
Conference	10 88	1 12	9 07	75	.....	.....
Dighton	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastport	21 46	32	9 71	.....	.....	2 50
Frankfort	29 72	2 75	11 04	8 04	.....	.....
Gaylord	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grant	84 83	1 68	10	.....	.....	.....
Hancock	31 7	1 93	12 63	8 00	.....	.....
Horr	2 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iron River	14 23	.....	10 60	22 72	.....	.....
Leetsville	8 18	1 59	2 87	2 60	.....	5 00
Mesick	69 25	4 98	32 40	.....	25 00	5 00
Marion .....	.....	.....	.....	1 80	.....	.....
Menominee	3 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant	30 02	3 55	12 00	.....	.....	.....
Omer .....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....
Onaway	97 18	3 24	10 14	.....	.....	.....
Petoskey	173 31	7 27	19 63	30 00	.....	2 00
Reed City	2 66	.....	7 08	2 00	10 00	.....
Riverside	40 66	89	7 98	.....	.....	.....
Stephenson	5 00	1 00	4 93	.....	.....	.....
Scottville	25 47	58	9 43	9 10	.....	.....
Traverse City	55 97	6 45	12 04	19 42	.....	.....
Whittemore	20 70	.....	4 56	7 50	.....	.....
Wildwood	22 22	.....	2 12	1 00	.....	.....
Wilson	89 14	.....	1 69	11 92	.....	.....
Cedar Lake	37 82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Total.....\$1031 83 \$37 85 \$229 82 \$137 88 \$40 00 \$27 00

Ten-cent-a-week Fund includes the following: Harvest Ingathering \$87.02, Missions \$91.76, Sabbath-school \$45.00, Weekly Offerings \$6.04, total \$229.82, to which must be added the \$137.88 Annual Offering, making a total of \$367.70 on the 10%-a-week Fund.

Miscellaneous includes T. & A. and General Funds 1909 and 1910. S. E. KELLMAN, Sec'y and Treas.

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.

Farmington

Thinking it would be of interest to the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD to see a report from the Farmington church, I send a few lines to tell what the Lord is doing for us. Last Monday I received a call from the country to visit a sick lady, one for whom the doctors hold out no hope of recovery. I visited and prayed with her, and arranged for a Bible reading at their home the next Wednesday evening. Accompanied by my wife, I went out to give the reading, and when we arrived we found twenty-five people waiting to hear the precious Word of God. We studied together the law of God. The Lord came near to us in the study, and they all expressed a desire to hear more about the blessed truth, so I made an appointment for next Wednesday evening, January 10. Brethren, pray for this work that some precious souls may accept of the last message of mercy and be saved with the redeemed.

JAMES F. MARSH.

A Canvasser's Experience

The Lord gave me many rich experiences last week. Thursday I worked until after four in the afternoon, and received only one order for "Daniel and Revelation." Then I canvassed a teacher, and took her order for a five dollar binding. I went to the next house, and just as I started in at the gate a man drove up and asked me if I wanted to see him. He told me he lived in the first house the other side of the school. I had stopped there, but found no one at home. I showed him the book and he ordered a four dollar binding, and seemed glad to get it. But what surprised me most was that he turned around and went back home. He had driven that distance just to see me. Surely the Lord had a hand in that.

E. L. GRAHAM.

Indiana Conference

Office Address, 521 E. 23d St., Indianapolis.

President, O. Montgomery, 2253 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis; Sec'y-Treas., A. N. Anderson, 521 E. 23d St., Indianapolis; Ed. and M. V. Sec'y, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, 805 Meridian St., Anderson; S. S. Sec'y, Mrs. Dora Montgomery, 2253 N. Alabama St., Indianapolis; Medical Sec'y, Dr. F. A. Loop, Wabash Valley Sanitarium, Lafayette; Religious Liberty Sec'y, A. L. Miller, 1012 Oxford St., Indianapolis; Field Missionary Agent, O. Morris, 1722 South E St., Elwood.

Carbon

The Battle Creek institute was a great help and encouragement to me. I very much appreciated the privilege of attending it. For awhile after the institute I was hindered from work by sickness.

I spent a few days at Lebanon and Zionsville, visiting and distributing the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. I found some of our people holding up the light of truth. Several dollars had already been collected for missions.

I am now located near a union church about three miles from Carbon. Brother Kelley held some meetings in this church last winter and one sister accepted the truth as the result and many others are interested. The Sunday night meetings have been well attended, and I have had many invitations to visit the people in their homes. I am expecting to begin a series of meetings soon. Will not the readers of the HERALD remember the work here in their prayers?

CHARLES E. ALLEN.

News Notes

Elder Montgomery spent several days last week at the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, in the interests of the institution.

In harmony with the advise of the conference committee, Elder U. S. Anderson is arranging to move to Odon at an early date.

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MRS. LOU KIRBY-CURTIS - - - - EDITOR

A good report appears in this issue from one of the mem-
bers of the Farmington (Ill.) church. "There are whole
families who might be missionaries, engaging in personal la-
bor." "Christ accepts, O so gladly! every human agency
that is surrendered to Him."

The Berrien Springs, Mich., Sabbath-school "set their
stakes" at one hundred dollars last quarter. Through the
faithful efforts of the superintendent, Prof. B. B. Smith,
\$105.11 was raised. The school have faith to believe they can
do better, so have voted to raise \$125 this quarter, all for
missions.

A check mark opposite this notice signifies that your sub-
scription has expired and will be discontinued with this
number. Do not neglect renewing immediately. The im-
provements being made are appreciated by our readers
which is attested by the slow but sure growth in the list. It
will not be long now before the next biennial session of the
Lake Union Conference and every person in the Lake Union
will surely want to read the proceedings. Do not send your
subscription to this office. Send it to your conference Tract
Society office.

(Indiana Continued)

The annual meeting of the auditing committee will prob-
ably be held in connection with the elders' meeting at Indian-
apolis the last of January.

Elder L. W. Browne reports that eight persons are keeping
the Sabbath as a result of the efforts put forth in the city of
Indianapolis since his arrival.

Brother G. W. Rader is still holding meetings three miles
from Sulphur Springs. A good interest is shown. Elder
Lauda assisted him last week.

Brother Thos. Hubbard called at the conference office last
Thursday, on his way to open a series of meetings at the
New Hope church. Elder Lauda expected to join him in the
effort there.

Brother Robert M. Grey conducted the first of a series of
meetings in the Indianapolis East Side church last Sunday
evening. He expects to hold two meetings each week.
Cards are being distributed announcing the meetings.

Elder E. R. Lauda and Brother Thomas Hubbard con-
ducted a series of revival meetings at the Rocklane church
the first week in January. They report encouragingly of the
effort. Officers were elected to serve during the coming year.

On January 10 the conference office received a visit from
Brother and Sister S. M. Cochran of the New Hope church,
who accepted the truth last spring. They are moving to
Bloomington, Ind. We wish them a large measure of the
Lord's blessing in their new home.

Emmanuel Missionary College

Elder Montgomery called at the College one day last week.

The West Michigan teachers' institute will be held at Ber-
rien Springs, January 26-30.

Former students will be interested in knowing that Walter
Meade and wife sailed January 13 for India.

Two new students have been enrolled lately, Glenn Hunt
of Indiana, and J. D. Reavis of Berrien Springs.

Miss Lucy M. Hunt is visiting her mother and brother.
She is on her way to Eau Claire, Wis., where she will have
charge of the church-school.

Saturday evening Mr. Kavanagh of Berrien Springs and
ex-senator Grant M. Hudson of Kalamazoo, spoke in the
College chapel on the subject of temperance.

A few of the birds from the College poultry yards were ex-
hibited at Benton Harbor the past week where they received
their share of the ribbons,— blue, red, yellow, and green.

Miss Kellogg and Mr. Ernest Ayars were called to Grand
Rapids, Mich., Sunday to the funeral of Brother Geo. M.
Ayars, step-father of Miss Ruth Peel. Miss Peel has been
detained at home since the holidays because of her father's ill-
ness. Our sympathies are extended to the sorrowing friends.

Morning Watch

Have you secured a copy of the Morning Watch Calen-
dar for 1912? Last year many waited till the supply was
exhausted, and then greatly regretted the fact that they
could not get them. Do not be one who shall have that
experience this year.

This year the Calendar follows the Sabbath-school lessons,
which are to be on Bible doctrines. We are admonished to
"be ready always to give an answer to every man that ask-
eth you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness
and fear." By committing these texts to memory each day,
we shall be giving some daily study to the Sabbath-school
lessons, and also be fitting ourselves to give a reason of our
hope whenever an opportunity comes to us.

Shall not the army observing the "Morning Watch"
during the year 1912 be equal to the number of young people
in our ranks? Will you be one to make it so?

MRS. CARRIE R. MOON.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending

January 5, 1912

Indiana							Helps	Total	Del
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value					
Robert Joyce	D.R.	27	3	10 00		3 85	13 85		
Northern Illinois							Helps	Total	Del
J. H. Hicks	P. G.	19½	10	28 00		1 50	29 50		1 50
Southern Illinois							Helps	Total	Del
Hugh Stearns	G. C.	33	27	80 00		3 25	83 25		
R. J. Watson	G. C.	19	1	3 00		3 45	6 45		75
W. E. Bailey	B. R.	23	8	16 00			16 00		
E. L. Graham	D.R.	14	1	3 00		50	3 50		
		89	37	102 00		7 20	109 20		75
West Michigan							Helps	Total	Del
Jas. P. Lafferty	H. M.	33	5	10 00		4 00	14 00		50
J. M. Savage	C. K.	17½	8	13 00		75	13 75		
Tim Hallock	D. R.	23	1	3 00		2 00	5 00		
Geo. Hallock	G. C.	20	6	19 00		1 50	20 50		
J. E. Herrington	G. C.	9	3	9 00			9 00		
		102½	23	54 00		8 25	62 25		50
*Wisconsin							Helps	Total	Del
N. O. Kittleson	B. R.	40							209 50
F. E. Middlested	B. R.	60	5	16 00		50	16 50		77 00
Louis Scholtz	B. R.	65	3	9 00			9 00		293 25
†E. S. Williams	D. R.	33	6	19 00			19 00		8 00
		198	14	44 00		50	44 50		587 75
15 Agents		436	87	238 00		21 30	259 30		590 50

†Week ending Dec. 22.

*Two weeks