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Looking Forward

L. D. SANTEE

Though sometimes my hands become weary,
 And I long for a season of rest,
 And the road stretches thorny and dreary,
 Still, Jesus will lead where 'tis best.
 He loves me too well to forsake me,
 And ever with Him would I stay.
 To His heavenly home He will take me,
 When I get to the end of the way.

'Tis blessed to work for the Saviour,
 To seek and to succor the lost,
 To enjoy His sweet Spirit and favor,
 To tell what salvation has cost;
 To tell to the world the glad story,
 Of the home of the soul far away,
 Of the tender, the infinite glory
 That shines at the end of the way.

He loves me too well to forsake me,
 My all, I can trust in His care,
 And in His own time He will take me,
 To regions of love, over there.
 And the friends I have lost, I shall greet them,
 That here on the earth could not stay,
 In the city of God, I shall meet them,
 When I get to the end of the way.

Not long will the clouds overshadow,
 For Jesus the tempest controls,
 And soon in the joy of life's meadows,
 I shall rest in that home of the soul.
 And joy spreads her rainbow about me,
 While in hope, and with faith I can pray
 That I with the dear ones that love me,
 May meet at the end of the way.

Moline, Ill.

The Graces of the Spirit

We are plainly told what are the fruits of the Spirit; and I ask, Who will be excused in the day of God? If the word of inspiration has told us the fruits of the Spirit, and made plain to us the very work to be done in order to cherish and cultivate the fruits of the Spirit, then, I say, who can be excused for cherishing evils that will hinder us from entering into the kingdom of God?

Any one can be just what he chooses to be. Character is not obtained by receiving an education. Character is not obtained by amassing wealth, or by gaining worldly honor.

Character is not obtained by trying to have others fight the battle of life for us. It must be sought, worked for, fought for; and it requires a purpose, a will, a determination. To form a character which God will approve, requires persevering effort. It will take a continual resisting of the powers of darkness to stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Immanuel, to be approved in the day of judgment, and have our names retained in the book of life. Is it not worth more to have our names registered in that book, have them immortalized among the heavenly angels, than to have them sounded in praise throughout the whole earth? Let me know that Jesus smiles upon me; let me know that He approves my actions and my course, and then let come what may, let afflictions be ever so great, I will be resigned to my lot and rejoice in the Lord.

The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, long-suffering. Are you in a position where you do not possess these graces? Just as soon as any one crosses you, or offends you, does there arise in your heart a feeling of bitterness, a spirit of rebellion? If this is the spirit you have, bear in mind that you have not the spirit of Christ. It is another spirit. It is the Satan side of your character that is ruling rather than the spirit of Christ. We want a spirit of gentleness. We cannot live right in the family circle without it. In order to have the proper control of our children, we must manifest a spirit of gentleness, and of meekness, and of long-suffering. We do not want to have a fault-finding, fretful, scolding spirit. If we teach them to have a spirit of gentleness, we must have a spirit of gentleness ourselves; if we teach them to be long-suffering, we must be long-suffering ourselves; and if we would have them manifest a spirit of love toward us, we must manifest a gentle, loving spirit toward them. But at the same time there need be no weakness or unwise indulgence on the part of parents. The mother must have firmness and decision. She must be as firm as a rock, and not swerve from the right. Her laws and rules should be carried out at all times and under all hazards; but she can do this with all gentleness and meekness. She should not be bitter and accusing, that only causes a spirit of opposition. She should be gentle, kind, meek, and long-suffering; but with this there should be firmness of principle. In a family disciplined and trained after this plan, there is a power in favor of Christianity. The children will grow up God-fearing men and women. But in a family where the opposite course is taken, even though the parents profess to be followers of Jesus, you will find the children going in the ways of the world. The powers of darkness are gaining a hold upon them, and they are passing right over into the hands of the enemy. And what influence does this have upon the outside world? Does it testify in favor of Christianity?—No, indeed.

Then we are to have godliness and faith. We are to believe in God and His promises, and in His power to help and save us. We must believe Him; for He is well able and more than willing to help us in time of trouble, to comfort us in times of affliction and distress, and to deliver us out of all our trials and difficulties. Troubles and difficulties will come, and we must confide in God. If our children do not do as we wish them, what course are we going to take in the matter? give them up because we see that they do not have the Spirit of God?—Never! It should only make them

dearer to our hearts. We must come before God with them in our prayers. We must present them before the throne of God, and say, "Lord, here are the children Thon hast given me, and I cannot rest day nor night till thou hast brought them into the ark. I cannot enjoy it to be in the ark unless my children are there also."

When the children of Israel rebelled so that the Lord threatened to destroy them, did Moses give them up?—No, no; he pleaded for them. And when the Lord said, "Let me . . . destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a great nation," etc., Moses wished the Lord to blot his name out of the book also, if He could not forgive their sin. Thus he was willing to sacrifice his own eternal interests if God would spare the children of Israel.

How is it with you, fathers and mothers? Are you drinking in the things of this life, and forgetting the eternal interests of your children? or are you coming to the throne of grace, pleading and agonizing with God for His mercy and blessing upon your households? Do you plead with your children to come to Christ, and then go where there is no eye to see and no ear to hear, and there pour out your petitions before God for them? Why do you have your homes filled with unconsecrated children?—It is because there is no sense of the claims of God. It is because there is no sense that Christ has bought them, and they are His children. Christ says, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." How?—By the cultivation of the graces of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, faith. We want the living faith that will grasp the strong arm of Jehovah. Christ said: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Here is the promise. Where is the faith to grasp the promise of God, and never give up until every child is gathered into the ark?

Every man, and every woman, and every child must be in earnest. It is no time to be discouraged now, for the evil one is pressing upon us harder than ever before, and we cannot afford to lose ground by going backward. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, we must rally for the right; and we must strive not to have our children taken right out of our arms, and out of our homes, to pass into the ranks of the enemy. We cannot afford it. We must work for God, and we must work for heaven, with all the might and faith there is in us.

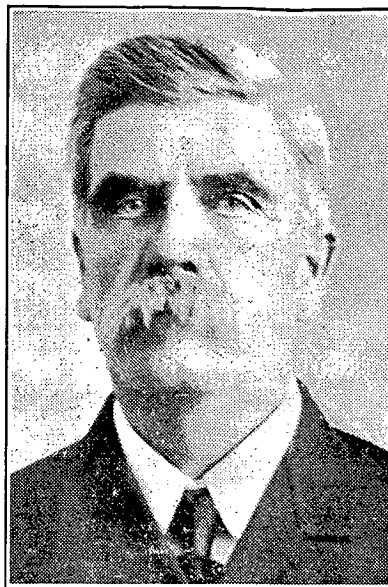
MRS. E. G. WHITE.

President's Address

Another biennial period has gone. How short the time seems since we last met in this place in Union Conference. Only eternity will reveal the achievements attained through divine aid, or the defeats incident to trusting in the arm of flesh. Perhaps it may appear that the latter, through human weakness, has preponderated, and yet how many are the evidences of God's care for His cause and people. The progress of truth is very marked even in the midst of human weakness. No doubt it would be much more so could all learn the lesson that our attitude, whether of complete submission and trust, or of apathy and doubt, has an influence for or against the advancement of truth in our midst.

The divine hand has been manifest in the preservation of the life and health of the laborers in all the field. There are many aged ministers remaining in our midst; notably: Elder Isaac Sanborn, Elder E. Van Deusen, Elder Nicola, Elder Burnham, Elder Bourdeau, Elder Horton, Elder Scott, and others who are the recipients of divine favor in an especial manner, which is a cause for gratitude.

However, it is true that the destroyer has visited our ranks since we last met, in the case of Elder I. D. Van Horn, laid away in August, 1910, and Dr. George Runck, of the faculty of Emmanuel Missionary College, who died in the same year. Dr. Maria Edwards, who, though not a laborer in this Union at the time of her death, will be remembered for her faithful service in connection with the Moline Sanitarium, died Feb. 28,



ALLEN MOON

1911. Brother Tabor, a licentiate of Northern Illinois, fell asleep during the past winter. These all died in faith, and we bow in submission to the decree until the Life-giver shall come. May His coming be soon.

The general prosperity that has attended the institutions of the Union is a source of encouragement. None of these, I believe, has met with any serious reverses or losses during the biennial period. Presidents of conferences will report for the institutions in their territory, so they need not be mentioned in this connection.

The College, the only Union institution, has enjoyed a good degree of prosperity during the period just closed. The steady increase of patronage may be taken as an evidence of a growing interest among our people in the education of the youth for service in the Master's vineyard. However, from the report to be presented by the educational secretary, it will appear that there is still a great work to be done before all the young people of this Union are brought under the influence of our schools. The president of the College will report in detail for that institution.

The effort to put in operation a systematic plan for raising means for purposes for which the tithe may not be used,—such as the poor fund, the tent and camp-meeting fund, interest, etc., in order to avoid so many collections at our camp-meetings,—is progressing, and promises ultimate success. Shall we pledge ourselves anew at this time to a faithful support of this plan that there may be means to meet necessary obligations by both the local and Union conferences?

It may not be out of place to mention the fact that during the past two years the Lake Union Conference has completed the payment of its proportionate share of the old G. C. A. debt. Eight years ago this present spring, the Union gave its note to the General Conference for 34,000 and odd dollars of the debt above referred to. Ohio's share of this note was transferred to the Columbia Union. Payments on this note have been made from time to time, but there remained at the beginning of this biennial period some \$18,220 due and

unpaid. This has all been met and our note returned. The General Conference generously remitted much of the interest on the same.

Time will not permit of speaking in detail of the departments of the Union. I shall content myself with some general observations.

Union conferences were organized for the purpose of relieving the general body of a part of the responsibility involved in carrying forward a world-wide work. This division of responsibility related, not alone to the executive department, but also to all departments of the work. Accordingly, in the organization of the Union, there were created departments corresponding to all the departments of the General Conference. These were clothed with all the functions in their sphere that pertained to the General departments, thus relieving the General of the details in the realm of the Union, and confining the work of the General to the instruction of heads of departments of the Union. When the Union therefore fails to provide heads for any of these departments, to direct the work, just to that extent the responsibility reverts to the general body, and that body fails to obtain the relief which was designed in creating the Union. The organization of the Union is not complete until the work of all the departments is properly provided for. The church in its work requires the supervision and assistance of those in charge of the departments of the conference. Likewise the conference looks to the Union. All the departments of the Union look to those of the general body for the help that experience can give. This, in brief, is the plan of organization under which we are operating. Would it not then be appropriate for this conference to give consideration to the matter of making due provision for all lines of work to be carried forward that it may perform its complete functions? The question of increased contributions for foreign work is of paramount importance. Since the \$300,000 is to be dropped out, and all funds for foreign work raised by the one plan, or method, it is evident that, in order to furnish the Mission Board with funds for extending the work, providing homes for missionaries, or any facilities beyond what are provided from the \$300,000 Fund, it will be necessary to increase the weekly contribution at least to the amount named in the recommendation of the General Conference committee passed at Friedensau. Ways and means should be considered at this time.

The education of our children and youth, while mentioned last, is not by any means least in point of importance. Difficulties are met, no doubt, by many who endeavor to provide a thorough Christian education for their children. But difficulties beset us in every line of work and everywhere, and God's people have triumphed over very great obstacles. Often this has been done only by united effort. Can anything call more loudly for strong, united effort than that of saving the children?

The educational system which is in the formative period may require unifying and strengthening. Some uniform system of remuneration for primary teachers is by no means an unattainable thing, and ought to receive attention; also better equipment of these schools, uniformity in length of school periods, as well as in the dates of opening and closing the same, and in grades and studies, the latter to apply to all grades of schools. These problems ought not to be left to the board of education to try to solve; all are interested in these questions and may properly consider them. And, finally, it is to be hoped that encouragement may be given to the improvement of the teaching force in our schools that we may come behind in no good work nor be satisfied with second-rate work in any line.

ALLEN MOON.

"Whatever comes in the way of a plain duty ought to be set aside."

Delegates to the Sixth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference at Battle Creek, Mich., April 24 to May 5, 1912

WEST MICHIGAN: S. E. Wight, S. E. Jackson, Jacob Despelder, Geo. Woodruff, J. M. Hoyt, O. S. Thompson, C. N. Sanders, C. A. Hansen, H. G. Bailey, H. H. Todd, W. C. Heberner, Eugene Leland, Mrs. Flora H. Williams, Miss Ella Carman, A. L. Curtis, J. E. Root, J. J. Evans, C. A. Russell. (F. R. Eastman, Jennie DeYoung, Cleora Green, alternates.)

EAST MICHIGAN: H. H. Burkholder, W. H. Saxby, D. P. Wood, J. M. Wilbur, Frank Hiner, E. I. Beebe, O. D. Kittle, H. A. Weaver, H. A. Boylan, W. D. Moore, T. L. Theumler, Miss T. E. Barr.

NORTH MICHIGAN: J. J. Irwin, E. F. Peterson, M. Stephens, U. S. Struble, S. E. Kellman, Miss Florence Crouch, B. F. Williams.

INDIANA: O. Montgomery, A. L. Miller, W. A. Young, U. S. Anderson, J. M. Ellis, O. Morris, T. A. Goodwin, A. N. Anderson, W. L. Avery, F. A. Loop, E. B. Beuchel, R. M. Grey. (G. W. Rader, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, Mrs. Dora Montgomery, alternates.)

NORTHERN ILLINOIS: C. E. Langdon, C. W. Weber, H. E. Moon, Wm. Covert, F. J. Harris, P. E. Broderson, J. A. Applegate, W. E. Straw, Miss Edith Shepard, F. J. Otis. (W. C. Foreman, alternate.)

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS: E. A. Bristol, Wm. Woodford, R. B. Craig, W. C. Dalbey, E. F. Ferris.

WISCONSIN: W. H. Thurston, John Hoffman, B. L. Post, C. L. Stone, A. Belding, P. C. Hanson, H. W. Johnston, J. C. McReynolds, P. L. Larson, A. W. Hallock, C. Edwardson, M. Stueckrath, Mrs. Mary Howell, Mrs. George Runck, Miss Frances Case, Miss Mabel Cutler, Miss Mabel Bliss, S. C. Hannon, W. W. Stebbins.

LAKE UNION—At Large: Allen Moon, O. J. Graf, J. B. Blosser, J. W. Mace, G. E. Nord, Martin Pearson, J. H. Haughey, Mrs. C. R. Moon, Mrs. Lou K. Curtis, W. H. Edwards.

GENERAL CONFERENCE—At Large: A. G. Daniels, W. T. Knox, H. R. Salisbury, C. M. Snow, I. A. Ford, D. W. Reavis, S. Mortenson.

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

The first business meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference was called at 9 o'clock A. M., Thursday, April 25, 1912, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Michigan, according to a notice in the LAKE UNION HERALD, No. 11, of 1912, and in subsequent numbers; the opening meeting of the session being a symposium service of Christian experience by a number of the Union Conference Committee, Wednesday evening, April 24, 1912.

Elder Allen Moon, the president of the Union, occupied the chair. The delegates united in singing hymn No. 335, "O Worship the King." Elder William Covert offered prayer.

The Chairman made a few remarks appropriate to the occasion, and stated that the first period was for organization only, at the close of which, the time would be devoted to the Bookmen's Convention until they finished the program, which would be not merely entertaining, but very instructive and important, as the book work has made such progress that it is one of the large factors in the promulgation of this message.

The Chair called upon the secretary to read the roll of delegates to see who were present at the first meeting. The following responded to their names:—

West Michigan: Geo. Woodruff, C. N. Sanders, H. G. Bayley, W. C. Hebner, Eugene Leland, Mrs. Flora Williams, Miss Ella Carmen. (F. R. Eastman, Jennie De Young, Cleora Green, alternates.)

East Michigan: H. H. Burkholder, D. P. Wood, J. M. Wilbur, Frank Hiner, E. I. Beebe, H. A. Weaver, H. A. Boylan, W. D. Moore, Miss T. E. Barr.

North Michigan: J. J. Irwin, S. E. Kellman, Miss Florence Crouch, B. F. Williams.

Indiana: O. Montgomery, A. L. Miller, W. A. Young, U. S. Anderson, J. M. Ellis, O. Morris, A. N. Anderson, Mrs. Dora Montgomery, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, E. B. Beuchel, R. M. Grey.

Northern Illinois: G. E. Langdon, H. E. Moon, Wm. Covert, J. A. Applegate, Miss Edith Shepard.

Southern Illinois: E. A. Bristol, Wm. Woodford, E. F. Ferris.

Wisconsin: W. H. Thurston, John Hoffman, B. L. Post, P. C. Hanson, H. W. Johnson, P. L. Larson, A. W. Hallock, M. Stueckrath, Mrs. Mary Howell, Miss Frances Case, Miss Mabel Cutler, Miss Mabel Bliss, W. W. Stebbins.

Lake Union Conference at Large: Allen Moon, O. J. Graf, J. W. Mace, J. B. Blosser, Mrs. C. R. Moon, Mrs. Lou K. Curtis, W. H. Edwards.

General Conference at Large: I. A. Ford, D. W. Reavis, S. Mortensen.

Moved by J. J. Irwin, seconded by O. Montgomery, that the chair appoint the standing committees. The Chairman asked for time to confer with the Executive Committee before naming such committees, as he did not wish to take the responsibility alone. The question was carried.

By separate vote the following members were chosen from the floor as a committee on seating delegates: O. Montgomery, J. W. Mace, W. H. Thurston. The meeting then adjourned at 9:30 A. M. to make way for the Bookmen's Convention.

Elder A. C. Bourdeau dismissed the meeting.

ALLEN MOON, *Chairman*,
W. H. EDWARDS, *Secretary*.

Second Meeting

The second meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference was called for a few minutes at 9 o'clock A. M., Friday, April 26, 1912.

O. Montgomery occupied the chair. Hymn 164 was sung. The Conference united with Elder A. L. Miller in prayer.

The secretary read the list of delegates who were not at the first meeting and the following responded to their names:— West Michigan: J. M. Hoyt, O. S. Thompson, J. J. Evans. East Michigan: W. H. Saxby, T. L. Theumler. North Michigan: E. F. Peterson. Indiana: F. A. Loop. Northern Illinois: C. W. Weber, F. J. Harris, (W. C. Foreman, alternate). Southern Illinois: R. B. Craig, W. C. Dalbey. Wisconsin: A. Belding, S. C. Hannon. General Conference at Large: A. G. Daniells, G. B. Thompson.

Moved, by Allen Moon, That Elder C. F. McVeigh and W. L. Burgan be given seats in the Conference. Carried.

Moved, That F. R. Eastman, who is an alternate for the West Michigan Conference, be seated as a delegate in the place of C. A. Hansen, who will not be present. Carried.

Elder Allen Moon, the president, who was elected to name the standing committees for the session, then rendered the following report:—

Committee on Nomination: G. E. Langdon, Chairman,— E. F. Peterson, John Hoffman, A. L. Curtis, H. H. Burkholder, E. A. Bristol, W. A. Young.

Committee on Plans: O. Montgomery, Chairman,— O. J. Graf, J. B. Blosser, Mrs. C. R. Moon, S. Mortinson, F. A. Loop, D. W. Reavis, A. W. Hallock, W. C. Dalbey, H. E.

Moon, C. N. Sanders, Mrs. Flora Williams, S. E. Kellman, H. A. Weaver.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses: J. J. Irwin, Chairman, Wm. Covert, W. C. Hebner, A. L. Miller, W. H. Saxby.

Committee on Distribution of Labor: W. H. Thurston, Chairman,— T. A. Goodwin, R. B. Craig, D. P. Wood, J. F. Harris, H. H. Todd, M. Stevens.

Pastoral Committee: A. G. Daniells, Allen Moon, Eugene Leland, W. H. Thurston, W. T. Knox.

The meeting then merged into a meeting of the Bookmen.

O. MONTGOMERY, *Chairman*,
W. H. LANGDON, *Secretary*.

Daily Program

8:00— 8:45 A. M.	Devotional Meeting.
9:00—10:30	Business Session.
10:30—11:00	Intermission.
11:00—12:00	Open.
1:00— 2:00 P. M.	Dinner.
2:30— 4:00	Business Session.
4:30— 5:30	Press Work.
7:30	Evening Service.

Items from the Conference

The sixth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference opened Wednesday evening, April 24. After appropriate remarks by Elder Allen Moon, Elder Eugene Leland, pastor of Battle Creek church, welcomed the delegates. He spoke of the numerous conference sessions which have been held in the Tabernacle since its erection thirty-four years ago. In responding, Elder Moon gave a brief history of the rise and growth of the denomination. He told of the time when Seventh-day Adventists sent out their first foreign missionaries from the Battle Creek church, and stated that the missionaries of this denomination are today carrying the last gospel message of warning to nearly every nation of the world. Six of the local conference presidents followed Elder Moon with brief remarks.

The bookmen's convention opened Thursday morning. The first on the program was a paper read by Brother J. B. Blosser on "The Progress and the Needs of the Home Field." Other papers were read during the day by Brethren I. A. Ford and D. W. Reavis, of the Review and Herald, Washington, D. C., on the sale of our magazines and home missionary work. Interesting discussions followed the reading of these papers. It is evident that our magazine work is not only enlarging, but is being placed upon a more systematic and thoroughly organized basis. One hour in the afternoon was given to the brethren who have been successful in putting in sixteen hundred hours at canvassing or in delivering one thousand dollars worth of books during the past year. The testimonies of these brethren were an inspiration to all. On Friday a talk will be given by Elder A. G. Daniells on "The History and Future of the Publishing Work as a Facility in Giving the Message." Other interesting topics will be discussed by the convention.

Elders A. G. Daniells, G. B. Thompson, and Thaddeus Legg arrived Thursday evening. Elder Daniells occupied the pulpit at the evening hour; and Elder Thompson led in the devotional service Friday morning, emphasizing especially, "All my influence shall be for the Lord."

Elder C. F. McVeigh of the Southern Union Conference is attending the Conference.

Walter L. Burgan, Secretary of the Press Bureau of the General Conference, is giving instruction in newspaper reporting, in connection with the conference meetings. This is the sixth Union Conference session that Brother Burgan has attended this year, having given similar instruction to the delegates of the Atlantic Union Conference in Brooklyn N. Y., the Central and Northern Union Conferences in Col-

lege View, Nebr., the Southwestern Union Conference in Keene, Texas, the Pacific Union Conference in Los Angeles, Calif., and the Columbia Union Conference in Pittsburg, Pa.

His efforts to have reports of these meetings published in the newspapers have been successful, and much good has been accomplished in this newest department of the General Conference. Brother Burgan's lessons on newspaper reporting are very instructive. He brings to the attention of the brethren the possibilities of spreading the message, the sources of news in the denomination, points on how to approach an editor, and points that are essential in order to prepare an article acceptably for the newspapers.

Brother Burgan spent twelve years as an editor and reporter on two of the morning dailies in Baltimore, Md., before connecting himself with the General Conference.

Elder Daniell's Sermon Thursday Evening

Elder Daniell's based his remarks on Matthew 11:2-6. He told of the work of John the Baptist, who came into the world as the forerunner of Christ. He said that the message sent by Christ to John while the latter was in prison has a great lesson in it for all those who read it aright. He further said:—

We ought to understand that lesson given to John. We ought to understand its value. If men in the world only knew it, if every one here only realized that the great thing about a claim, a religious claim, or a message or a movement is that it meets the word of God. Let us take the lesson and apply it here. I tell you, if there is anything in this world that men need to be certain about, it is this great question of redemption, the great question of gospel truth. And yet we look around, we see the world terribly uncertain and in confusion. Everywhere standards of all sorts and colors are being lifted. Contrary winds are blowing; the people do not know what to do. It is pitiful. You travel on the steamships, in the railway trains, and you meet people here and there. There is a query in everybody's mind in regard to the certainty of these things. Is Christian Science the thing? Is Dowiesism the thing? Is mental suggestion the thing? Is New Thought the thing? Is Roman Catholicism the thing after all? Or is Protestantism the thing? And they do not know. They have not certainty, but they might know. The fact is they have no standard by which to test.

We who are gathered here in this conference stand out separate from all other religious bodies. We are distinct. The day that we observe separates us in a very special manner. Our belief regarding the time in which we live and what is to take place separates us. The message we give is a message never given before by the church of God. It is a new message.

They give us the entire field on that message and in this movement. There is not any competition. We stand alone in all the Christian world and the heathen world, when it comes to this message, don't we? Yes; but I will tell you, friends, the church has never in any age put up a greater claim than we are putting up today. And a church has never had a greater task thrust upon its shoulders than the church of God has today in this message. Now, the church has had messages of a similar character, but not a movement ever was carried so world-wide, so tremendous in its scope and its meaning, as the message and the movement of today.

In character and in principle, the movement of the exodus was like this second advent movement, but, dear friends, when it comes to scope, when it comes to its tremendous meaning, and what must be done to carry it out, that was very small by the side of this movement. We have as distinct a movement as Moses had and with the same evidence of its divine origin that Moses had and gave to the people and the same that John had when he said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness," as said the prophet Isaiah.

We have had for this message and this work and this movement precisely what all those men of Bible times had. But, dear friends, the same arch-enemy who opposed Moses and the children of Israel and John the Baptist and Christ, is on the war-path still. He is standing right in the way to defeat, weaken, and destroy our confidence. And he will use various means in attacking each individual where he is the weakest and wreck him if possible. But, brethren, we want to plant our feet upon this eternal truth of God.

Now let us look at this movement. First, what is the message, and what is it to be, what is to be told to men? Here is one thing: "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment is come." When the church gives this message, it will tell the world that the judgment hour is come, will it not? Another, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." There is another feature, and whoever gives this message must announce the fall of Babylon and do it not merely by saying "Babylon is fallen," but defining Babylon according to the Scriptures and showing clearly what the wine is and showing clearly how it is to come about and why it is necessary to give such a message at that particular time. Then again, "If any man worship the beast and his image and receive his mark, he shall receive the wine of the wrath of God." The church that gives this message must be warning the world against the worship of the beast and the image and receiving his mark. And how? By defining in very clear terms what that beast is and what the image of the beast is and what the mark of the beast is. What will be the result of the church giving that message? The result will be that a people by the mighty force of that message will be separated from the world and from the churches and be gathered together, keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. And then in connection with that will be proclaimed the truth that Jesus is coming to end the history of this world. That must go with it, and there must appear everywhere in the world all those evidences of the Bible, all that God has given us, that the end of the world is at hand. And when the message is preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, then the end will come,—Christ will come to reap the harvest of the earth. Now, every one of these details must be seen and they must be fulfilled to meet the specifications of the prophecy, while the church is giving the message, with the exception of the last one, the coming of Christ on the white cloud. Now, dear friends, those are very definite facts that must be set forth. They must be believed by the church who gives the message. They must be set forth in no uncertain terms. They must be made simple and plain.

Report of the North Michigan Conference to the Lake Union for the Years 1910-11

Among our 857 members we have representatives of ten different languages and in the territory there are many more that we have not yet reached. We have a large number of people from Finland, there being more in this conference than in any other in the United States. We have no regular worker among them but have made a beginning and some are already keeping the Sabbath. These are located in what is called the Copper Country. Many of the people in the Lake Union had the privilege of contributing to the work in the Copper Country and this is the fruit of their efforts.

Financial

For the years 1910 and 1911 the amount of tithe received was \$19,853.58; amount to missions, \$4,547.36, making a total of \$24,400.94. The conference in addition to sending one tenth of our tithe to the Lake Union Conference, has for the last year, given 5 per cent to missions and 5 per cent to the sustentation fund. This with the offerings to missions

amounts to \$7,885.12, or, in other words, nearly one-third of the total receipts are being sent outside our territory.

Book Work

This department has not made the progress we had hoped for. Last fall owing to repeated and urgent requests from Wisconsin we let our agent go to that territory and since then very little has been accomplished in the work. The outlook, however, for the canvassing work is brighter now than it has been for some time. In a recent trip among the churches I succeeded in finding a number of young men who are planning on devoting their time to scattering the printed page.



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Educational

Since our last report the North and West Michigan Conferences have united in the management of the Cedar Lake Academy. This adds very much to the strength of the institution. The enrollment for the present school year is ninety-seven and the prospects are bright for a good attendance next year. During the last two years twelve have been graduated. Nov. 21, 1910 the academy building burned to the ground. We at once rebuilt and now have a very good building in its place. The total resources of the institution are \$18,249.28; the total liabilities \$2,902.06; and the present worth \$15,347.22.

The number of church-schools remains practically the same as it has been, some new schools having been organized, and others disbanded. At the present time we have eleven schools with 148 students and are sending recruits from them on to the school at Cedar Lake.

Our forty-five Sabbath-schools are endeavoring to do what they can in carrying forward the work and have been placed on the honor roll since all donations in the Sabbath-school go to missions.

In the Missionary Volunteer Department there are nine societies with a membership of seventy-four.

Evangelistic

At the present time we have not as many workers as we had two years ago, but arrangements have been made for more, so our number will be about complete at the close of this meeting. In looking over the records for the past two years, we find that 144 persons have been baptized by our workers. Among this number is a company of Chippewa Indians that accepted the message during the summer of 1910. I visited them a short time ago and find they are doing well and some give promise of becoming good workers for the Lord. The number baptized does not seem to in-

crease our membership, owing to the fact that many of our members are constantly moving away from our territory and few moving in. We have the assurance that although our membership does not increase, other fields are receiving the benefit of our efforts and, as the whole, wide world is the field, we press on, knowing that every soul gained for the Master hastens His coming.

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Biennial Report of the Wisconsin Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists from April 1, 1910 to April 1, 1912

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS, AND COWORKERS IN THE VINEYARD, GREETINGS: I deem it a great privilege to meet with you in this session of the Lake Union Conference, and to unite with you in study and in formulating plans for the advancement of the gospel work we all so much love. I am placed at a disadvantage in making this report, a portion of the period having passed before I took up work in this conference. However, wherever the place, it is one grand and glorious work the world over, a work of saving souls. The recurring annual and biennial opportunities of God's people to meet together to worship Him, and to plan for the extension of the gospel work calls for acknowledgments of gratitude, and for the renewal of our consecration and zeal in the cause of our blessed Lord. We record with pleasure our gratitude for the prospering hand of our God which has been over the work in Wisconsin during this biennial period and for the privilege of once more assembling in His name.

The Wisconsin Conference was organized in 1871, is bounded by State lines, and has a population of 2,333,860. This population is made up of twenty-eight nationalities having customs and habits characteristic of themselves, and more than half the population is foreign. However, when this gospel of the kingdom reaches their hearts it makes them one people—one body in Christ.

Evangelical Work

Since the last session of the Lake Union Conference there have been five churches organized. But, undoubtedly, at the next session of our conference five churches organized in an early day of the conference will be disbanded on account of removals of the members by death or otherwise. This will leave us 98 organized churches. Last year our churches went over their list of names and revised their records. When the annual report was made it showed a church-membership of 2,486. During the biennial period 160 have been added to our membership. Deducting from this those who have been dropped and who have moved elsewhere gives us a present membership of about 2,600.

There are 60 houses of worship owned by the conference. The remainder of the believers meet in rented buildings. There are in conference employ at the present time, 33 laborers as follows: 12 ordained ministers, 4 licentiates, 17 holding missionary license, 7 of the latter are Bible workers and the others represent heads of departments and office help. There are also 4 ministers holding honorary credentials, not engaged in active work.

Our conference was redistricted at the last camp-meeting, changing from 7 to 4 districts. Twelve tent efforts have been made in different parts of the conference, several general meetings and two elders' meetings have been held. Regular work is being carried on by ministers and Bible workers in various parts of the conference and others are being added to the church such as shall be saved.

Educational Work

We have three intermediate schools; one at Bethel, one at Hawthorne, and one at Clearwater Lake, employing in all 12 teachers. There 90 students in attendance in the Bethel school this year, 20 in the Hawthorne school, and 20

in the Clearwater Lake school. There is prospect of a good attendance at Bethel next year, and the other two schools are making provision for 30 or more students each the coming year. All are doing good work and the outlook is hopeful. We have 22 church-schools with the same number of teachers and an enrollment of 228. Miss Frances Case, our educational secretary, is endeavoring to bring the work up to a higher standard and there is prospect of several more schools being organized next fall.

Sabbath-School Work

There are 132 schools, 20 family schools with a total membership of 2,529. Eighteen schools have been organized, three were re-organizations, and four were formed of Home Department schools. Six schools have been discontinued, 7 Home Department schools organized, and 5 discontinued. The total contributions for 1910 were \$2,874.55. Amount used for school expenses, \$91.93; amount sent to missions, \$2,782.62. The offerings for 1911 were \$3,385.80, used for school expenses \$10.44; sent to missions \$3,375.36. This shows a gain in offerings for 1911 over 1910 of \$511.25 and a decrease in expenses of \$81.49. For the biennial period the offerings were \$6,260.35. Amount used for school expenses, \$102.37 and amount sent to foreign missions \$6,157.98. These figures show \$1,498.98 more in offerings than was received during the former biennial period and \$1,802.03 more sent to foreign missions. Mrs. Mary Howell, our Sabbath-school secretary, informs me that since July 1, 1911 all the offerings have been sent to foreign missions. This places Wisconsin on the honor roll. Best of all, 49 have been converted during the past year. Several Sabbath-school conventions have been held with good results. Sister Howell is giving careful attention to this department of our work, and the outlook is very encouraging.

Publishing Work

The publishing work is ordained of God to reach all people and to save some who would not otherwise hear the message of salvation. The exhortation is, "Declare ye in Judah and publish it in Jerusalem. . . . declare it in the house of Jacob and publish it in Judah. . . . declare it in Egypt and publish it in Migdol and publish it in Noph. . . . declare it among the nations and publish it and set up a standard. . . . it shall not be removed into a corner any more, for great is the company that publish it."

Our aim and ambition is not only to publish the message that the world needs, in Wisconsin, but to assist in giving it to other people in other lands. We have had in all 24 colporters in the field, some working full time, while others only part time.

Our subscription book sales for the two years were \$12,135.19, adding to this trade books, papers, tracts, etc, \$11,681.01, makes the total sales \$23,816.20 for the biennial period..

Brother Frank Halderson desiring to go to school, was released last year and H. W. Johnson was invited to take charge of the book work. Brother Johnson is waking up the people, and is declaring among them the possibilities of this department of the work and urging upon them the importance of active service. His exhortation is not simply "Go ye," but "Arise, let us go hence." Three or four canvassers' institutes have been held with profit. The prospect is that we shall have a larger number of canvassers in the field this year, than for several years. Miss Mabel Cuttler has done faithful work in the tract society office and the work is in a prosperous condition. Two years ago the indebtedness was \$3,045.01. During the biennial period there has been paid \$1,088.39, leaving the present indebtedness \$1,956.62. Current business is settled month by month and this old debt will gradually vanish away.

Missionary Volunteer Department

Progress is being made in this department of our work.

Miss Case has not had time to visit more than half the churches since taking charge of the young people's work but she reports 15 societies with a total enrollment of 225. The Reading Course is being taken up by a goodly number of the young people. Many are doing effective missionary



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work. Other societies will be organized this year and more aggressive work planned for all.

Medical Work

The importance of health and temperance and medical work can never be over estimated. The Madison Sanitarium is enjoying a very good patronage and the work done is very satisfactory. Our report rendered April 1, 1911 showed a gain of about \$2,000. Our report this year rendered April 1, 1912 shows a gain of a little over \$3,000. For several months last year we were without a gentleman physician, and the medical work was carried on by Mrs. Doctor Geo. Runck, occasionally assisted by a surgeon from the city. Early in January we arranged with Dr. W. T. Lindsay to connect with the sanitarium, and in February he came as medical director and surgeon, and is doing acceptable service. A class of 10 nurses were graduated last year, and there is an excellent class of young people there now in training. Elder H. W. Reed is there as chaplain and finds much to do. Brother P. L. Larson, the business manager, is looking after the finance properly and the work is moving on harmoniously. It is the blending of physical and spiritual healing, and some are surrendering all to the Lord while sojourning there for physical restoration. At our last camp-meeting plans were formulated to relieve the institution of its indebtedness by all selling "Ministry of Healing," and by cash donations. This work is progressing very well and we begin to see the end of this common misfortune.

Religious Liberty Work

Nothing uncommonly irreligious has taken the attention of this department very recently. Elder H. W. Reed has kept in touch with the "powers that be," and supplied reading matter quite freely. He is at present placing "State Papers" in the hands of Senators and Assemblymen.

Finance

Tithe received for year 1910, \$30,552.14; for year 1911, \$33,151.43; total for biennial period, \$63,704.14. This shows a

gain over the former biennial period of \$6,528.74. Offerings to foreign missions for the two years was \$51,287.62. This shows a gain over the former biennial period of \$3,421.87. Offerings for home work for the two years were \$4,617.90. Adding all these amounts—tithe, \$63,704.14; foreign offerings, 21,287.14; home offerings, 4,617.90; Tract Society, 23, 816.20—gives a total of 113,425.86 for the biennial period.

Some of our people have been induced to invest money in speculative enterprises, with the promise of high interest and large dividends, and about \$10,000 has gone out of our conference in this way, lost to the individuals, and to the cause. A man who is so anxious to do business on other people's money is dangerous, and we should counsel him, in the sweat of his own face to eat his own bread. We are messengers with a message, and with our prayers, our lives, and our means we are to proclaim the everlasting gospel to all the world in this generation.

In behalf of the Wisconsin children of this Union family, we pledge ourselves to loyalty and service in preparing a people to meet the coming King.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Wisconsin Conference.
W. H. THURSTON, *President*.

Biennial Report of Southern Illinois

Although many changes have taken place in Southern Illinois since the last biennial session of the Lake Union Conference in this place, general prosperity has attended the work in the different departments and God in His mercy has spared and blessed the laborers.

Our present membership of 608 is in twenty-five churches, three of which have been organized during the biennial period. There are three organizations to be disbanded as nearly all the members have moved away, and there are two companies yet unorganized. Our conference church, composed of isolated Sabbath-keepers is our largest organization, having a membership of one hundred three.

At present we have five ordained ministers, four licentiates, one Bible worker and four departmental workers. Some time has been spent by laborers the past year in building up and strengthening the churches already organized. Good results have followed this work.

There is a marked contrast between what has been accomplished in this field and what is yet to be done, for twenty-four of the sixty-eight counties in this conference have no representative of the truth in them, to our knowledge. There are thirty-three cities ranging in population from five thousand to sixty-six thousand, and thirteen of these are without Sabbath-keepers. But a small fraction of the five hundred towns of three hundred to five thousand inhabitants have a Seventh-day Adventist in them.

Although our tithe for the past two years has amounted to \$19,087.22, an increase of \$2,531.94 over that of the previous biennial period, it has not been sufficient to meet the many calls continually coming for labor in these places.

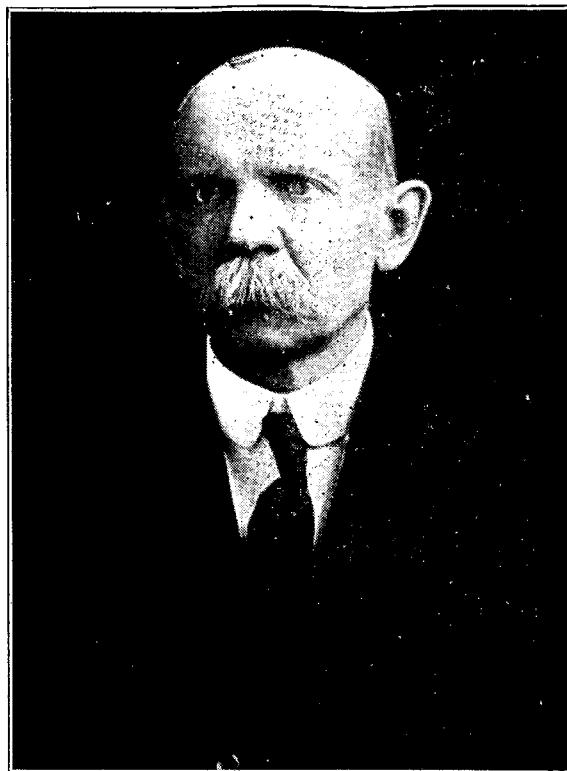
Our foreign mission offerings for the past two years amounted to \$7,362.22. We raised \$2,176.34 on the \$300,000 Fund, and I am glad to say that Southern Illinois was one of the conferences in the Lake Union to pay its quota on the Ten-cent-a-week Fund for the year 1911.

The tract society gain was \$975.76, and our present worth Dec. 31, 1911 was \$2663.28. The book and periodical sales for the two years amounted to \$26,178.39. For over a year the wages of one laborer has been paid from the tract society fund, thus relieving the tithe account. Since the last Union Conference a much needed conference and tract society office building has been erected in Springfield.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the canvassing work in Southern Illinois. The book sales for the past two years have amounted to \$23,931.55, a gain of \$12,431.85 over the

previous two years. These figures do not express all that these faithful workers have accomplished, for many are rejoicing in the truth through their personal efforts. Two of our canvassers sold and delivered over one thousand dollars worth of books during 1911, and are with us at this meeting.

We have no medical institutions operated by the conference. Brother R. B. Craig and wife are meeting with suc-



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cess in their treatment-room work in Decatur, and the sanitarium conducted by the Misses Balding and Howell at Champaign has a good patronage.

During the past year Dr. A. R. Satterlee and wife have opened up work in Danville, and Brother H. F. Shepler treatment-rooms in Springfield.

The membership of our Sabbath-schools has averaged 576. The donations for the two years amounted to \$2653.80, a gain of \$1204.42 over the donations for 1908 and 1909.

There are seven church-schools with an enrollment of 87. We have had about forty students enrolled in Fox River Academy and Emmanuel Missionary College.

Our Missionary Volunteer Societies number 12, with an average enrollment of 150. I believe this branch of the work has been a great inspiration to our young people and is an important factor in preparing them for the work.

We appreciate very much the interest taken in our conference, and our prayer is that work may be conducted in such a manner as to glorify God and make you all feel well repaid for the support given Southern Illinois.

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The best of us are far too much like the nine lepers. We are more ready to pray than to praise, and more disposed to ask God for what we have not than to thank Him for what we have. Murmuring, complaint, and discontent abound on every side. Few, indeed, are to be found who are not hiding their mercies under a bushel, and setting their wants and trials on a hill. Let us pray daily for a thankful heart. It is a spirit which God loves and delights to honor.—
A. Nevins.

Biennial Report of the East Michigan Conference to the Lake Union Conference, Battle Creek, Mich., April 24 to May 4, 1912

The East Michigan Conference occupies territory in the southeastern section of the State, embraces twenty-two counties with a population of 1,396,713, has sixty-five organized churches and companies, and a membership of seventeen hundred sixty-five.

While this conference is but ten years of age, it was in 1848 that Elder Joseph Bates visited the city of Jackson and raised up a company of believers in the third angel's message. Many changes have taken place during the sixty-five years that have intervened, but the work thus begun has survived the attacks of the enemy and still lives. During the past year, the old church building that stood on the corner of Ten Eycke and Summit Streets, was replaced by a larger and much better structure to accommodate a growing church under the leadership of Elder D. P. Wood.

Conference Laborers

At present we have a list of twenty-six conference laborers, drawing in salaries, when full time is reported, an amount equal to \$350 a week. Where faithful service has been performed, a fair degree of success has followed.

Treasury Department

If God's love for a lost world is measured by the amount that He was willing to give to redeem it, then from the showing of this department more than any other, perhaps, the loyalty of the people to the cause which they profess to love is indicated.

While much of an encouraging nature might be reported from this source, I shall confine myself to but few figures.

Comparative Statement

TITHE

1908-9	\$44,518.64
1910-11	\$52,082.51

Increase of present term over the one previous
\$ 7,563.87

S. S. OFFERINGS

1908-9	\$ 3,612.66
1910-11	\$ 4,886.17

A gain of \$1,273.51 in favor of the present term

300,000 FUND

1910	\$ 2,699.00
1911	\$ 2,476.41

Total for the term \$ 5,175.41

Total Funds Raised

1908-9	\$70,307.83
1910-11	\$77,621.41

Total gain on all funds \$ 7,313.58

G. C. A. DEBT

The \$4,503.42, East Michigan's apportionment of this inheritance has all been paid during the past two years.

Educational Department

As we review the work in this department for the past two years, there is much that is encouraging to be found. Among our Sabbath-schools the interest is steadily growing. We now have sixty-eight schools, with a membership of sixteen hundred twenty-four. Many of the teachers and officers are taking the reading course as provided in the *Worker*, and thus preparing themselves for better service. When the cry, "All for Missions," was made, our schools soon fell into line with this sentiment and the conference was listed with others of like faith on the honor roll.

Our church-school work is also gaining in character and

stability as time goes on. Study and experience have been rewarded by the mastering of difficulties that have hindered its progress. The attendance of our teachers at the summer normal has proved a great benefit. The Standard of Attainment kept before the teachers is an inspiration to them to press on in their work; and the benefits to be obtained by an exchange of thought and experience is also helpful in the development of this work.

Adelphian Academy

This institution is located on a farm of seventy-seven acres



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near the geographical center of the conference.

The promoters of this enterprise had in mind the establishment of a school for the education and training of our youth. This work has always received a generous support from the people, and the outlook is good for a successful future.

The total enrollment for the last school year was ninety-one. Total enrollment thus far this year is ninety-eight.

The moral standard maintained in the school is in keeping with the requirements of the third angel's message, and a good spiritual atmosphere prevails.

Financial Aspect

RESOURCES

Real Estate	\$21,987.17
Personal Property	5,821.61
Accounts Rec.	4,573.46
In Bank & Cash	253.47

\$32,635.71

LIABILITIES

E. M. Conf. Ass'n	\$11,475.69
Other Accounts	1,531.22

\$13,006.91

PRESENT WORTH

\$19,628.80

Missionary Department

This department presents a record for the term that exceeds all previous reports. A statement from the Western Branch office gives as their actual sales of subscription books to the East Michigan Conference the following: 1908, \$4,-

751.05; 1909, \$4,403.65; 1910, \$3,844.35; 1911, \$10,375.71. By combining these figures we find a difference in amount of sale between the two biennial periods of \$5,065.36 in favor of the latter term.

To show this improvement in our canvassing work, much credit is due our field agent, whose faithful service and tireless efforts in the field with his men has made it possible for me to present this report.

In reviewing the past we do not feel satisfied with what has been accomplished. God has richly blessed us in all our efforts to cooperate with Him in the advancement of His cause, but we have been so slow to heed His command to "go forward."

In view of the rapidly approaching end and the destruction of all things earthly, we reconsecrate ourselves to the finishing of the work to which God has called us at this time.

In preparing this report, I have endeavored to be brief and select such facts only from material accessible as would most likely interest this body of delegates. Just how well I have succeeded is a question that now remains with each one to decide for himself.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Sabbath Sermon of Elder Daniells

Elder Daniells occupied the Tabernacle pulpit Sabbath morning, April 27, choosing for his text John 17: 18, 19: "As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." and said in part:—

"These words were spoken by our Lord and Master on the night of His betrayal. He was in the garden alone in communion with His Father. The language shows that He was deeply concerned for men. His burden was not concerning the cruel betrayal to come; He was not complaining of the terrible death by crucifixion which he was facing; He was communing with God about men—about a lost, helpless, and needy world. So he said, 'As Thou hast sent Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.' In this He established relationships and pointed them out. As He had been sent from heaven to this world, so He was sending His disciples into the world. The purpose for which He was sent, was the purpose for which they were being sent; the mission that was thrust upon Him, was placed upon them; the glorious triumphs that had been His, and were to continue to be His, were to be the triumphs of those He was sending.

"Having pointed out this relationship between His disciples, Himself, and the Father, He pointed out another requirement—the life that He had lived and the life that His disciples should live. He who was sent by His Father to men, sacrificed Himself for their sakes. The lesson to be drawn is that those whom Jesus was sending into the world as His representatives, must sanctify themselves for the sake of the world. Jesus had come to seek and to save that which was lost. That was the only purpose for which Christ was sent into this world of revolt among men who had raised their hands against God. It was not to condemn the world and to cast it down to destruction, but to lift it up. Jesus saw a lost world without hope; He saw men in helpless ruin; He saw them going down to eternal death; and as He looked upon this great, lost world of humanity, He longed to lift it up and to redeem it, and He saw the way by which He could do it. It involved a tremendous sacrifice on His part, but He was willing to make it. He saw that His sacrifice would regenerate men, make them immortal, and bring to them joy and happiness through all the ages of eternity; and having done all that was necessary on His part, as He was about to ascend to the Father He said: 'As Thou hast sent

Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.'

"The mission of every Christian, then, is to live for the redemption of the lost, to devote his life to the salvation of those who are perishing. It is to continue the work which Christ began. I would that every professing Christian might realize as keenly as it should be realized, this high purpose of God. I wish we might have rolled upon our hearts the burden of the world's redemption as it rested upon the heart of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. It must if we ever fulfill the high purpose of God concerning us. We must separate from the world, we must renounce its allurements, its pleasures, and its honors; we must be willing to tread the path of self-denial and sacrifice for others. That was the way Jesus chose, and He has sent His disciples for that purpose. If all professing Christians in this land would accept this mission and address themselves to this work of saving the lost as Christ intended they should, the influence upon this perishing world would be tremendous. It would be beyond all calculation; it would be beyond all our imagination; and we would see men and women who are going down over the precipice, extending their hands to be rescued. But the church does not sense this; it does not realize its mission. But many people reach out the hand for their own personal salvation, and then become satisfied, and go on endeavoring to enjoy what they themselves have received, without any anxiety for those who are still lost.

"We are Christ's messengers even as He was the messenger of His Father in heaven; we are to live to save men even as He lived to save men; we are to accept the sacrifice it involves as He accepted it. In order to lay hold of men here in the world, under sentence of death, Jesus came, went to the cross, and died, that He might thereby draw all men to Himself, and at last share the glory that will be His. Jesus Himself was all that He wanted men to be. He saw men here in sin; He saw their hearts vitiated and corrupted by the virus of evil; He saw the imaginations of the heart evil only; He saw the results of all those things. He wanted to make them clean in heart, pure in life, and noble in their ambitions and desires. He wanted to give them characters like unto God's character. In order to accomplish this, He lived the life that He wanted men to live; He came up to His own ideals; He was all that He exhorted and admonished the world to become. If Christ's life means anything at all, it is an appeal to you and to me to walk in His footsteps, to see that we personally are all that we recommend other people to be. What a man does, what he is, and how he lives, has a thousandfold more influence upon others than what he says. Jesus was not a mute sign-board standing by the way, pointing out and saying to humanity, 'That is the way.' He *was* the way, and beckoned men to follow Him. It is this that distinguishes Jesus as a teacher and as a man from all other teachers and all other men who have lived; it is this that makes Him immortal in the minds of men today. Other great teachers, leaders, and factors in human society have lived, died, and gone down, and would be utterly forgotten were it not for the musty volumes that tell us about them. But Jesus Christ lives in the hearts of men today; He lives the world over; not only His devout followers believe in Him, but all other men believe in Him.

"The example that Christ set for His followers should appeal specially to parents and ministers. Fathers should long to see their boys grow up with pure hearts. Mothers should look upon their innocent pure-hearted girls, and earnestly hope they never will become untrue, but will remain as pure as the lily. We ought to be every day what we want our children to be. When parents take that stand and live that way, they will have a tremendous influence upon their children.

"I would appeal for a sacred ministry; for a body of men who will follow in the footsteps of Christ, and live that sanctified life for him that others may be sanctified."

Report Read at Bookmen's Convention

So far as figures can show, the following gives the progress of the work in the conferences of the Lake Union in dollars and cents for the last six years:

Conf.	1906	1907	1908
Ind.	\$2055.30	\$3575.55	\$3783.55
S. Ill.	1134.95	3693.10	3079.80
N. Ill.	4425.50	3849.55	5333.15
Wis.	4200.65	3577.10	6299.65
N. Mich.	2386.10	1147.65	2503.90
W. Mich.	626.40	1660.40	1240.00
E. Mich.	1597.20	759.65	4024.60
	<u>16426.10</u>	<u>18263.00</u>	<u>28265.55</u>
Conf.	1909	1910	1911
Ind.	\$3374.85	\$ 2165.25	\$ 4574.85
S. Ill.	7193.60	10909.50	13228.85
N. Ill.	7177.35	8402.15	10739.20
Wis.	5599.65	5945.65	5948.75
N. Mich.	6006.45	3033.55	3046.30
W. Mich.	1347.40	1123.80	5756.85
E. Mich.	5073.20	4337.45	10932.05
	<u>35772.50</u>	<u>35505.15</u>	<u>54226.35</u>

There has been a gradual growth in the book work. At times one conference will drop back for a year, or perhaps all will show a temporary decrease for a month over a previous month or another year, then quickly rally and go forward with even greater strength than before. The past three months of the present year has been an example of this. We have just about held our own. But an army is mustering in our schools that will place the coming summer far ahead of all previous records. Never before have we seen so many promising young people ready to go forth into the field as we will see when the doors of the schools close behind these students in the spring.

The secret of the progress in the various conferences is the same in principle, and varies little in detail. All, a few years ago, were in a discouraged, neglected condition. Lack of that vital faith in the work as a practical success was the cause. Like the great truths God has given to us to proclaim, He gave us also the facilities and methods for giving them to the world. There came a time when we largely lost sight of these heaven-born methods, and in their place came every conceivable scheme that ingenious minds could invent, only to be abandoned for some other that promised to revive and give success again to this work. This was our wilderness experience for over ten years. Again when seemingly everything had been tried and failed, and most people, even the leading men, had well nigh lost heart, the Lord again set His hand to revive the work, and He is accomplishing it by the same methods He gave to build it up at the first. I briefly mention them for they are still the greatest need in the home field.

The first essential for the revival and building up of the the canvassing work is vital faith in what God has said about it. Conference presidents and committees should be imbued with its importance—should have faith to believe that God is in it and that it may be made a success. It would be hard indeed for a field agent to revive and build up the work without the help these men are in a position to render. I am glad to say that as far as I know these officials are taking hold nobly to help in this work. This has been one of the chief secrets of the revival during the past few years. Beginning with the convention held in California, in 1905 I think it was, there have been held similar conventions all over the United States in which leading conference men have taken part. Ministers, too, have attended these conventions and discussed with the book men the best methods of work, thus lending their influence to the building

up again of the work that is to fulfill in a large measure "the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*Volume VII, page 140.*

When these leading men, conference presidents, committees, and ministers had their faith revived in the work, their understanding enlightened as to God's way of doing it, and their energies enlisted to secure the best talent in the conferences for canvassers, and placed in charge as field agent, the most capable man to be found, and saw that if he were to succeed he must be left untrammelled to devote his energies undividedly to it, then we saw the work rise rapidly in every conference where these conditions existed. When every leading man, from the conference president to the church elder, is positively imbued with the work, it will not be hard to get substantial men and women to enter it, and make a decided success of the work. By their words of faith and wise council these men can make it possible for a great work to be done by the least experienced field agent.

The same principles that have thus far brought up the work, must still be employed to foster it, and to cause it to grow until the words of the Lord are fulfilled which say that the literature "will be scattered like the leaves of autumn," and the end will then come.

J. B. BLOSSER.

To Our Canvassers

Some are already in the field going from house to house with the printed page, and others are preparing to go.

We should make a thorough preparation and then go forth with confidence. Canvassers are sent men and women, with a message to give which none but they can give.

We must be back of the truth which we present. We must live the truth if our speech is to have any worth. Our lives must ring true to the Word. "What you do, speaks so loud that I cannot hear what you say," is the oft-quoted wisdom of Emerson. We must be beaten out of all self-conceit before we can be largely used of God.

Let our failures be the scars of growth; our old successes steps of progress. We may have the assurance that we are God's chosen servants and that He is using us in reaching the waiting multitudes. The times need strong, earnest men and women who believe. We must abide in Him if we are to do anything for Him. Moral earnestness applies the truth to our own lives and makes us missionaries of truth. Possessed and controlled by the truth, going forth with a great message and a great purpose will make even common men and women instruments of power.

The heart is stirred at the sight of the world given over to the worship of error, and cannot keep silent. Truth is conquering and is inseparable from life, and it is expressed in service for men. Truth is not a mere fact of knowledge, a conclusion of reason, but something that must be done; a principle and a practice of the life, it becomes a conviction and a practice, it is a living, renewing, freeing power. It makes men and women witnesses, living epistles, missionaries. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto Me."

The preparation is made, the armor is put on, and the canvasser goes forth grateful for all gifts and training, free from morbid introspection and envious murmurings, never settling down into a low content, but trusting the good hand of the Father; never feeling, however, that he has done his best, but forgetting the adversities behind and pressing toward the mark, always believing that his best work is that which he is going to do next, through the outflow of a tireless energy and faith in God.

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the

Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Ps. 1:1-3.

Prosperity is promised to the canvasser, but he will not be found sitting in theaters, shows and questionable places where the rabble gather. He will not be tossed to and fro by the counsel of the ungodly, he will not stand in the way of sinners coming to Christ, but he will constrain and persuade them to come.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:9. May this be even so with all of our canvassers everywhere.

W. H. THURSTON.

Indiana Conference

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Among the Churches

Closing our work at Hartford City, Brother Beuchel and I began a series of meetings at Middletown, March 11. I remained at Middletown but six days, being called to another work among the churches. Brother R. M. Grey was sent to assist Brother Beuchel in the Middletown meetings.

At Terre Haute I found a small faithful company holding up the banner of truth. Sister Bush, the leader, is doing a good work and has a number of interested ones. During the communion service two came forward to connect with the church, and were examined for baptism.

On Sunday, March 24, I visited Brother Allen at Carbon. I found a good interest here to hear the word, and Brother Allen hopes to build up a church here this summer.

The following Sabbath and Sunday I was at Peru. The church here greatly appreciated the visit. All are of good courage. At the celebration of the ordinances the Lord came near and hearts were touched. Two at this place were examined for baptism, and will unite with the church soon.

April 6 and 7 was spent with the Anderson church. Owing to sickness the attendance was not as large as we hoped to see it for a quarterly meeting service. One was added to the church. I was pleased to see this church resuming the prayer meetings and increasing their missionary efforts.

April 11 to 13 I was with the Sulphur Springs company and the Middletown church. Last fall Elder Lauda, Brother Rader, and I held tent-meetings at Sulphur Springs where nine accepted the faith. Sabbath, April 13, three of these united with the Middletown church. Elder Lauda baptized two of them the same day. Others will be baptized and unite with the Middletown church as soon as arrangements can be made.

A. L. MILLER.

Southwestern Indiana

Since my last report I have visited Oolitic, Unionville, and Muncie. I held a two-weeks' meeting at Oolitic, with a good outside interest. We have no house in which to hold meetings at Oolitic, and the brethren thought it best to hold our services at a small town about a mile and a half from Oolitic called Needmore. We held meetings at the home of Brother Joseph Anderson. We could seat about one hundred persons here, and the house was full almost every evening. Quite a good interest was awakened.

From here I went to Unionville and held a two-weeks' meeting. The interest grew from the first and the house was well filled at each service. The church was greatly revived. Those who had let their subscriptions to our papers expire, renewed them. I sent in a club of subscriptions from Linton, one from El Nora, and one from Needmore. Our papers each week bring news of the advancement of our work, so if any have not renewed their subscriptions, do so at once and keep up with the work.

Let all remember the spring work is near at hand, and we are in need of tents in which to hold meetings. Liberal contributions should be made for this purpose, with a heart full of gratitude to our heavenly Father for His boundless love toward us. Remember the Two-per-cent Fund, also, when you send in your tithe. The Lord has said that "the liberal soul shall be made fat." So if we wish to prosper in this respect, always abounding in the good things of the Lord, let us be liberal in our gifts and offerings. Then when Jesus shall return from the wedding He will say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a few things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

U. S. ANDERSON.

Pleasant View

In answer to a very urgent request, the writer began meetings at the above named place February 23. Although this village is without sidewalks, the people came out through snow, rain, and mud night after night. One night I thought it best to ask Brother Rogers not to ring the bell, but the people came before time for it to ring. Judging from what people say, the place was never so stirred before, and as a result of the meetings six took their stand to obey the truth, and I am very hopeful for others. I plan to return sometime in July to baptize those who will be ready.

I am glad not only for the work done for outsiders, but for the work done in the church. The members were revived and are endeavoring to walk in harmony with the message. Pray for me and the work at this place that it may be done as God would have it done.

F. M. ROBERTS.

Sanitarium, Soldiers' Home and Other Places

The work at these places is moving forward steadily. There is always an attendance from the outside at the Home that is encouraging. That company is made up of aged people only. These are, for the most part, ardent lovers of the message and are laboring earnestly to get it before others.

On the 13th it was my privilege to conduct the quarterly meeting with the South Bend and the Elkhart churches. The good spirit of God came into each of these meetings and all who were present were greatly refreshed.

W. A. YOUNG.

Wabash Valley Sanitarium News Notes

The house is still full of patients.

Mrs. Creel of Angola is a patient here now.

Mrs. Webster is still improving. Elder Webster is yet here with her.

The junior training class entertained the seniors on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Curlin of Delphi, who was terribly injured in an acetylene explosion, is improving.

Mr. W. A. Bell of Lebanon came last Sunday and stayed to attend the commencement exercises.

Mr. Alcott of Delphi attended the commencement. He was formerly a patient here and loves to visit the place that has done so much for him.

The senior class of eight were graduated on Monday evening. They were the Misses Elsie Beck, Alma Cooke, Cecile Downing, Mary Kelley, Delia Wiswell, and Brethren A. L. Ellis, M. S. King, and L. M. Sturdevant. Elder A. G. Daniels made the class address. His subject was, "Have a Purpose," and was appreciated by the workers and also by the large number of visitors present. Doctor Loop, after a short address, presented the diplomas. A splendid musical program was rendered by the Misses Beatrix and Genevieve Spohr, Lucille Goodwin, and Mrs. Byers.

East Michigan Conference

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Detroit Convention

According to appointment, I met with the church at Detroit, April 20-21, in a young people's convention. The weather was all that could be desired, the attendance was good, and a good spirit prevailed. Several interesting papers were presented and freely discussed by all.

On Sabbath morning the subject of "Our Young People and Their Place in the Message," was presented. The hearty "amens" from the different parts of the house convinced me that some of the "fathers and mothers in Israel" were awake to the times "to know what Israel ought to do."

When the matter of Christian education was presented and the parents had an opportunity to discuss the subject, they desired to have a school established, and plans were laid which I trust will lead to the organization in the near future.

The Young People's Society is active in missionary work, and I trust that many souls will be brought to a knowledge of the truth through their efforts. H. A. BOYLAN.

A Good Experience

[Three weeks ago the brick block in which Brother McClenathan and family roomed was burned to the ground and they barely escaped with their lives, losing everything, furniture, clothes, and books. Yet this brother and his wife are pressing forward in the book work with renewed energy. We long for many such faithful workers.—W. D. Moore.]

I am again in the work determined to win. The enemy gave me a hard blow but I am not defeated, neither am I discouraged.

This week I canvassed a man at a neighbor's house. He said he could not afford even one of the helps but later in the day when I called at his place and canvassed his wife she gave me an order for my book in the best binding and bought fifty cents worth of helps. I know the Lord wanted the truth in that home. I thank Him for His guidance.

GEORGE MCCLENATHAN.

Inspiring Words

Recently the students of Adelpian Academy were given an opportunity to express in their own words what benefit they had derived from attending the school. The response brought many inspiring words which I am sure will be of interest to the parents who have made sacrifices to keep their children here this year. Some of these are given below:—

Mary Sandborn—The Adelpian Academy has made an entirely different girl of me. When I came here, my only desire seemed to be to have a good time; but my only desire now is to work in the Lord's vineyard. I gladly say to

the young people that they will receive great benefit by coming to the school, if they do their part.

Emma Martin—By coming to the Adelpian Academy, I became a Christian. Now instead of being a pupil of the public school, I am under a better influence. Thanks to a calendar's being sent to me by some kind-hearted person.

Anna Kerton—Since I started here last September, I am more interested in Christ, and I feel that this school has done a great deal for me in this way. I hope I will be able to come back next year.

Alvin Goff—I recommend the school to any ambitious youth, for I know that Adelpian Academy has done for me what I think no other school could do.

Mabel B. Richardson—My experience here has been a blessed one. I have been taught the wondrous truth that the Master died to save me, and I am learning to act from principle, not from impulse. From my studies I am learning the lessons of consecration, and forbearance in everyday trials. The daily contact with the Christian students and teachers has proved a great blessing to me. We are joyous and happy here in our work of preparation for a more active part in service for God.

Dear friend, if you want to grow in simple Christ-likeness, if you want to build for eternity, come to school, for here you may receive the three-fold education,—that of the head, the heart, and the hand, that will fit you for a part in the last message, and bring to you the sure reward in Christ Jesus.

Ernest Weaver—Three years ago I entered the Adelpian Academy, not with the desire to fit myself to be a worker for Christ, but to enjoy a little diversion from the farm work. I remained in school about three months. When I returned home, I had lost all desire for pleasure parties, and worldly amusements. I returned to school, and am now nearing the close of my second year here. My only ambition is to prepare myself, with God's help, to be an active worker in His cause. If you would lose your attachments for worldly pleasures and unchristian friends, who are drawing you away from Jesus, enter a Christian school. Even if you do not engage directly in the work of spreading the message, you will be helped to build an upright character and will be better fitted to meet the world. C. L. TAYLOR.

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.

Denver and Cole Creek

Early in the winter, meetings were started at Cole Creek and continued for about three weeks, at the end of which time it became necessary to close on account of stormy weather. About March 10 another effort was started in our church at Denver, which is almost five miles from Cole Creek, and continued until the 14th of April. These meetings drew a number of those who had attended the meetings at Cole Creek, and so served as a continuation of that effort, although a few meetings were held at the latter place during this series.

Near the close of the meetings Brother C. A. Russell was with us for a week. At this time four took their stand to observe all of God's commandments. In addition to these, three others who had become discouraged and given up the truth, re-consecrated themselves to God and began anew the Christian life. Also two young girls—daughters of an Adventist family—signified their desire to follow the Master, and have asked for baptism. Many others are convinced of the truth, but lack the strength to step out and obey. We feel that God has greatly blessed the effort at this place.

H. G. BAYLEY.

Northern Illinois Conference

Office Address, 3645 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill.

President, G. E. Langdon; Sec'y-Treas., H. E. Moon, Y. P., S. S., and Ed. Sec'y, Edith Shepard; Field Agent, J. A. Applegate, 184 Woodland Ave., Aurora, Ill.

From the Field

J. H. Banty—My courage is good and the Lord is blessing my efforts. One young lady said she would rather buy a book than to purchase some new lace curtains. Meeting with such individuals is encouraging to the canvasser.

Everett Rideout—Although I passed through some rather discouraging experiences last week, I am of good courage, trusting in the Lord for help. In a few days I expect to begin canvassing in Lake County.

We hear with pleasure that Sister Jean Phillips is improving in health.

Sister G. E. Langdon is spending a few days at the academy visiting her son, Harold.

The next Chicago workers' meeting will be held at the conference office Tuesday morning, May 7, at 10 A. M.

Sister F. R. Thornton, who spent the winter with her mother in Wisconsin, has joined her husband in Chicago.

Miss Lela Graber of Emmanuel Missionary College spent last week in Chicago selling magazines. Her sales have averaged about 125 copies a day.

Our delegates to the Lake Union Conference are the members of the Executive Committee, Miss Edith Shepard, Elder Wm. Covert, and Dr. F. J. Otis.

Those of our workers who are attending the conference are Elder J. C. Harris and wife, Ella Hancock, Elder M. H. Serns, John Hicks, Lorenzo Clarke, and E. A. Rideout.

Brother J. A. Applegate reports a very profitable and interesting institute recently held at Berrien Springs. We are assured that our territory will be well filled with canvassers following the close of the schools.

Wisconsin Conference

Office Address, Grand Rapids, Wis.

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

The Sanitarium Relief Work

Since my last report I have visited the sanitarium at Madison and found all of good courage in the work of the Master. The building was well filled with patients and all seemed to be enjoying the blessings of God. I next visited a few churches in the southern part of the State in the interests of the sanitarium and found the greater part of them willing to sell "Ministry of Healing." I also found a great many ready and willing to help raise the thirty thousand dollars in pledges. God is surely blessing this branch of the work.

Our camp-meeting will be June 20-30 and we would like to dispose of all the books possible before that time, so I hope all will feel the responsibility of selling as many as they can at once. God has promised to be with us in this work, so let us read Isaiah fifty-two and go forward. God also tells us in Isa. 55:11 that His word will not return unto Him void, but will accomplish that whereunto He has sent it. With this promise in mind let us go to work for God.

ARTHUR BELDING.

Canvassers

Go on brave canvasser and true,
Bear forth the burden laid on you,
And send the sacred heralds forth
To east and west, to south and north.

Emboldened by the truth you love,
Empowered by all heaven above,
To every human dwelling bear
The burden of the word "Prepare."

A little while—O! saints rejoice,
For we shall hear the trumpet voice
Of God's own well-beloved Son
Proclaim: "Thou faithful child, well done!"

—Selected.

Emmanuel Missionary College Institute

Those students who were out last summer earning scholarships returned at the beginning of the present school year, full of courage and enthusiasm which so inspired others, that a large company will go out this coming vacation. During the school year they have been meeting regularly, and making preparation by a thorough study of their respective books. The field agents of the Lake Union have been holding an institute with them during the past week, and the following have definitely decided to go:

West Michigan: Myra Hodges, John Klose, H. J. Halverson, G. E. Clark, "Great Controversy;" F. J. Segar, R. E. Root, "Daniel and Revelation;" Mrs. F. L. Segar, "Coming King."

Indiana: C. O. Peterson, W. C. Fisher, L. G. Miner, H. Shrock, "Great Controversy;" Dan Burgeson, C. B. Kepler, "Daniel and Revelation."

Wisconsin: June Austin, Adele Drager, Gladys McDill, Bertha Rathbun, "Great Controversy."

Northern Illinois: Ora Randall, Ruth Meleen, "Great Controversy;" E. E. Franklin, A. J. Thiele, L. J. Kegebein, Herald Waldo, "Daniel and Revelation;" C. T. Shepler, "Practical Guide."

East Michigan: I. J. Piper, "Great Controversy;" Howard Wilcox, Claud Keiser, "Daniel and Revelation;" Gurnie Young, "Practical Guide."

Southern Illinois: Lee Paddock, Milo Dalbey, J. O. Ferris, D. Williams, "Daniel and Revelation."

Iowa: Wm. Wohlers, "Great Controversy;" J. S. Marshall, Ben Marshall, "Daniel and Revelation."

The following persons expect to engage in selling our magazines during the summer: Inis Morey, Lela Graber, Inez Holmes, Winnifred Tefft, Hattie Hamer, Bernice Hammond, Augusta Blosser, Beulah Blosser.

Some others will doubtless join their ranks.

J. B. BLOSSER, *Gen'l Agent.*

The Night Cometh

We are fast drawing near the end of time, and the night cometh when no man can work. Let us therefore improve the time and do all we can for lost humanity, for "the days are evil." The oft repeated saying of the world is, "Time is money"; but with the Christian, "time" means far more than this. Time carelessly lost can never be regained; only eternity will reveal what a moment may cost.

Time is fleeting, life is only a vapor as it were, and the enemy—knowing that his time is short—is doing his utmost to deceive, hinder, and finally destroy eternity-bound souls. Let the children of light be up and doing, rescuing perishing souls before it is too late. Unsheath the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, and fight the good fight of faith.

D. MEYER.

A Smile

Nothing on earth can smile but man! Gems may flash reflected light; but what is a diamond-flash compared to an eye-flash and a mirth-flash! Flowers can not smile; this is a charm that even they can not claim. It is the prerogative of man; it is the color which love wears, and cheerfulness, and joy—these three. It is a light in the windows of the face, by which the heart signifies it is at home and waiting. A face that can not smile is like a bud that can not blossom, and dries up on the stalk. Laughter is day, sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both—more bewitching than either.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

Emmanuel Missionary College

Mr. Ray Mikkelsen is visiting friends at the College.

Mr. Durward Williams went home last week to attend the funeral of a relative.

Miss Peel has been called home on account of the serious illness of her mother.

Dr. Morey of Edmore, Mich., is visiting his daughter Inis who is a student at the College.

Enos Parish, who has been teaching in Illinois, has returned and resumed his school-work.

Elder M. B. Butterfield and family spent a few days last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Butterfield.

A number of students are attending the Lake Union Conference which is in session in Battle Creek.

Brother E. F. Ferris and family of Southern Illinois spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr. Orla Ferris.

Brother E. A. Piper and family have gone to Alpena where he will be pastor of a church. We wish them success in their new field of labor.

The manager of the Southern Publishing Association, R. Hook, Jr., spoke in chapel one morning during the canvassers' institute on, "The Importance of the Paper Work."

Professor Joel C. Rogers, who is on a furlough from Nyassaland, Africa, is spending a few days at the College. He gave two stereoptican lectures on Africa, its people, customs, and habits, and several talks on Africa's missions, its needs, the progress of the work, etc. In spite of the many privations and hardships they must meet, Professor Rogers says that we in the homeland are to be pitied because we can not go to the foreign field. The loyalty and courage of these faithful workers cheers and inspires our hearts.

Obituaries

BAKER.—Elizabeth N. Baker *nee* Longley was born in Morgan County, Ohio, October 12, 1845 and died at Fort Wayne, Ind., April 15, 1912. Feb. 22, 1866 she was united in marriage to H. L. Baker, to which union eight children were born. About the year 1880, she became interested in the messages of Rev. 14:6-12 and embraced the Sabbath of Jehovah under the labors of Elder S. H. Lane. Alone in her family she stood loyal to the Sabbath truth. A husband and three children survive her.

J. S. SHROCK.

SEVEY.—Henry J. Sevey died March 31, 1912, in the U. of M. Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Brother Sevey was born into the message in 1864. At an early age he gave his heart to God, and ever remained a faithful, consecrated worker of the church. His life, while one of affliction, was consecrated to this message. He was a man of strict integrity, and sound judgment. He was buried at Greenbush, Michigan. An aged father, two daughters, and two sisters mourn for him, but not without hope.

W. M. OSTRANDER.

TOWN.—Richard Town was born in the State of Vermont, January 7, 1822. He was married to Harriet Goodnow in the year 1862. He came to Wisconsin about thirty years ago, and has lived at Irma, the last ten years. He accepted the third angel's message in 1844. He died April 6, at the age of ninety years and three months. Brother Town had been a member of the Bloomville church for about twelve years. His wife and eight children survive. He died in the blessed hope of coming forth in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

LOUIS DREWS.

HALL.—Geo. Clinton Hall was born at Aurora, Ill., Dec. 13, 1855. When one year old his parents moved to the present homestead in Volinia, Mich., where he resided until his death at the age of 56 years and 4 months. On February 26, 1885 he was married to Miss Ida E. Gard. To them were born three children. Of his life we need say little. The funeral services were held at the home, where a large number of people testified by their presence of their love and esteem. He was a true and faithful husband, and a kind father. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, from 1 Cor. 15: 26. He awaits the coming of the Life-giver, who shall reward every man according to his works.

W. C. HEBNER.

BROWN.—Tony O. Brown, son of John and Dicy Brown, was born in Perry County, Ind., Jan. 4, 1893 and died April 14, 1912, aged 18 years, 3 months, and 10 days. He met death bravely, and his last hours were spent in speaking of our future home. His cheery face and hopeful way of speaking won for him a host of friends. A father, mother, three brothers, four sisters, and other relatives are left to mourn, but they sorrow not as those who have no hope. The funeral service was conducted by Tobias Hicks, assisted by J. E. Collins. The sermon was based principally on Job 14:14, 15 and 1 Thess. 4:16, 17. He was then laid to rest to await the voice of the Life-giver on the morning of the resurrection.

BLANCHE E. HICKS.

(Review and Herald please copy)

MERRIAM.—Eugene A. Merriam was born in Bowling Green, Wood County, Ohio, Nov. 21, 1858, and died at his home in Battle Creek, Mich., after an illness of five months, April 16, 1912, aged 53 years, 4 months, and 25 days. A few years of his boyhood were spent in Battle Creek where his father Doctor Merriam was a well known physician. The family later moved to the state of Ohio where he was united in marriage to Emma May Mynderse. To this union were born five children. He was a firm believer in the faith of Seventh-day Adventists, serving with faithfulness and efficiency as secretary and treasurer of the Ohio and the West Michigan conferences for a period of fourteen years. At the time that failing health caused him to retire from his ever active life he was serving the Battle Creek church as clerk and treasurer. Wherever he served his whole-hearted cordiality won for him life long friendships. Always accommodating and unselfish his life was made up of little, helpful things, for he truly followed his Master who "went about doing good." His wife, four daughters, and one sister, together with a large circle of friends mourn the loss of one whom to know was to love. His work is done and he awaits the Master's call. The funeral was held from the home, and he was laid to rest in the beautiful Battle Creek Cemetery. The services were conducted by the writer assisted by Elder H. Nicola and Pastor E. Leland, the text being 2 Tim. 4: 7, 8.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

"Many a time a cheerful home and smiling face do more to make good men and woman, than all the learning and eloquence that can be used."

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Mrs. Lou Kirby-Curtis - - - Editor.

As the editor is at Battle Creek attending the conference, the work on this issue and the next of the HERALD is being done by the proof-reading class.

Just Ahead

L. D. SANTEE

I think of the friends that shall greet me,
Just ahead on the Evergreen shore,
Where the woes, and the trials that meet me,
Will cease, and be felt nevermore.
There's a robe and a crown over yonder,
Where resting is tranquil and sweet,
And no more shall the wayfarer wander
Through the desert, with journey-worn feet.

The reunions—each year will bring them
Forever and ever more near.
The songs of the saved, we shall sing them
With those who on earth we hold dear.
Round the throne, with its heavenly splendor,
We shall clasp the warm hands that we love,
And our anthems with joy will be tender,
As we worship the Saviour above.

There are songs that are purer and sweeter,
Than birds bear about on their wings;
There is music diviner, completer,
'Tis the saints, and the angels that sing.
And when the great years in their turning
Shall bring us the end of the race,
We'll rejoice when our hearts cease their yearnings
And we gaze in the Saviour's dear face.

Moline, Ill.

A Letter from Pikeville, Tenn.

[We take the following from a personal letter received from Brother Burt White, formerly a student of Emmanuel Missionary College and now a self-supporting worker in the South.—ED.]

"At present we are very busy planting our crops. Our prospects for fruit are very good this year.

"Fifty-two students were enrolled this year but since spring has come a number of the older students have been obliged to go home to assist in the farm work.

"I received a letter to day from a place seven miles down the valley asking me to come and speak to a company of Baptists and Campbellites each Sunday evening.

"We are of good courage working for the Master in this Southland. There is a good interest and many have expressed their belief in the message. We have some faithful Sabbath-keepers and believe we shall have more soon."

Change of Address

The present address of William Reefman is 736 Woodworth Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Business Notices

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—A house and lot in Holly. House has nine rooms besides bath room. Write the East Michigan Tract Society, Holly, Mich.

FOR SALE.—Rose comb reds that weigh, lay, win, and pay, winning at Kalamazoo 1, 4, 5; pullets, 2 and 5. Pen eggs \$1.50 to \$3 for fifteen. Send for mating list. Special discount to Adventists. Geo. Hudson, R. F. D. Mattawan, Mich.

YOUNG MAN WANTED.—An opportunity is open for one more reliable young man to work here this summer. Good wages will be paid; one-fourth in cash and three-fourths to be applied on next year's school expenses. Apply at once stating age, experience, and wages expected. Fox River Academy, Sheridan, Ill.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending

April 19, 1912

Southern Illinois							
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
M. S. Grimm.....	G.C.	18	6	19 00	4 80	23 80	82 50
Hugh Stearns.....	G.C.	34	5	17 00	75	17 75	46 10
Wentworth Harper.....	G.C.	47	15	30 00	1 20	31 20	.....
R. J. Watson.....	G.C.	36	3	10 00	.....	10 00	136 55
David Rodney.....	G.C.	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 00
Jerry Suda.....	G.C.	37	11	34 00	1 35	35 35	.....
Burl Figgins.....	C.K.	32	1	1 50	.....	1 50	93 00
N. Twombly.....	D.R.	44	3	6 00	6 00	12 00	3 00
S. E. Anderson.....	D.R.	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 25
		266	44	117 50	14 10	131 60	413 40

West Michigan							
Orrey Waters.....	D.R.	20	4	12 00	2 00	14 00	2 00
Ethel Orrily.....	S. P.	5½	1	1 25	1 20	2 45	1 25
Mrs. C. F. McCoy.....	H.M.	15	8	16 00	5 40	21 40	.....
		40½	13	29 25	8 60	37 85	3 25

East Michigan							
Mrs. Countryman.....	C.K.	33	17	28 00	16 65	44 65	7 90
Frank M. Catlin.....	D.R.	4	.....	.....	1 95	1 95	1 95
C. J. Hartson.....	D.R.	10	3	9 00	.....	9 00	.....
Luella Case.....	B.R.	16½	4	4 50	6 70	11 20	6 20
G. W. Hainer.....	D.R.	30	6	18 00	5 75	23 75	.....
F. W. Brainerd.....	D.R.	30	11	38 50	1 50	40 00	.....
Lee M. Barnum.....	D.R.	43	18	53 00	6 40	59 40	50
A. V. Morrison.....	B.R.	15	7	20 00	1 25	21 25	.....
George McClenathan.....	G.C.	25	8	29 00	2 25	31 25	2 25
C. S. Countryman.....	D.R.	5	1	3 00	5 80	8 80	32 80
C. Lyman Clark.....	B. R.	38	17	47 00	2 10	49 10	.....
		249½	92	250 00	50 35	300 35	51 60

Northern Illinois							
J. H. Banty.....	B.R.	32	4	12 00	60	12 60	.....
E. A. Rideout.....	G.C.	15½	6	21 00	.....	21 00	12 00
J. H. Hicks.....	P.G.	48	4	12 00	16 50	28 50	183 50
L. C. Clarke.....	B.R.	21	7	21 00	.....	21 00	.....
		116½	21	66 00	17 10	83 10	195 58
27 Agents		662½	170	462 75	90 15	552 90	663 75

PERIODICAL REPORT.

East Michigan				
Paper	Hours	No.	Value	
Alphonso Ford.....	44	83	8 30	
May Ford.....	15	3	1 50	
	98	47	9 80	

Except a living man, there is nothing more wonderful than a book!—a message to us from the dead—from human souls whom we never saw, who lived, perhaps, thousands of miles away: and yet these, in those little sheets of paper, speak to us, amuse us, vivify us, teach us, comfort us, open their hearts to us as brothers.—*Charles Kingsley.*