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

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"Just where you stand in the conflict,
There is your place!
Just where you think you are useless
Hide not your face;
God placed you there for a purpose,
Whate'er it may be;
Think He has chosen you for it,
Then work loyally."

Elder Thompson's Sermon

Friday Evening, April 26

"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Mark 8:36.

This is the greatest question God ever asked a man. The natural-hearted man longs for the things of this world, but how vain and empty they are. On the Titanic, while sinking in mid-ocean, stood men whose wealth is counted in fabulous sums, yet it was not able to purchase for them a few square feet in a lifeboat. This well illustrates how valueless are the things of earth, yet it is for these things that men give their lives. We are called on to make a choice between this world and the world to come. The Scriptures clearly point out the fact that if we inherit the world to come, we must yield up all of this world. We must even yield up life itself.

The Master said: "If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life, also, he cannot be My disciple.

This calls for a complete separation from this world,—a yielding up of everything, even life itself. Many have done this. See the missionaries in the field who might have gained earthly wealth had they given their lives to this, but instead they gave their lives to the saving of souls, enduring the trials, the privations that go with the life of a true missionary for Christ.

You ask, will this pay? Ask Moses, who gave up all of the riches and even the throne of Egypt, that he might have a humble place with the Israel of God. Ask Paul, who gave up all of the plans of his life that he might follow that despised sect. Ask Carey, who gave up all the plans of his life, and gave himself for the salvation of those living in India. Ask him if it paid, and he will tell you it did. Ask Judson, who gave his life for the Burmese. Ask John G. Paton, who gave his life for the people in the New Hebrides. We are told that when he was about to leave for these cannibal islands, a deacon in his church said, "I would not go if I were you, Brother Paton; the cannibals will eat you

up." His reply was, "Well, you are an old man; in a few years you will be eaten up by worms. It makes but little difference to me whether I am eaten by worms or eaten by cannibals, so I can do the will of my Master and be saved in His kingdom."

There is no work on earth that will yield such eternal dividends as that of giving one's life to the saving of the lost. It calls for tremendous love and tremendous sacrifice, but it has an everlasting reward. Without love it is impossible to please God. We might be able to talk with the tongue of an angel, and yet if we have not love, we are but as sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal. We might be learned in all the wisdom of the world, yet if we have not love, we are nothing. We might give all our goods to feed the poor, making every sacrifice, even to the giving of our bodies, yet if we have not love, we are nothing.

Love is the great thing; it has great power. Think what it will lead a mother to do to save her children. I was reading the other day the life of Mrs. Booth. When she was lying in state in a great auditorium in London, after she had been viewed by the royalty and the rich who came to pay their respects to her remains, a poor old woman with a child was seen approaching the coffin. She stopped and looked in. She continued to look in, and then brushed the dust from the glass over the face of this departed woman who had done so much for the poor in London, and stooping down, she kissed the glass. She was ordered to move on; She replied: "I will not move on. I have walked sixty miles to stand by this coffin. This woman saved my boys from hell, and I have a right to stand here and cry." Could Mrs. Booth have heard these words, they would have perhaps repaid her for her life of toil, and in the great final consummation when wrongs are made right, and the good of all ages receive their reward, it will be shown that love has been the mightiest power on earth, and that it pays to give our lives for the rescue of the perishing.

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

The third meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference convened at 9 o'clock A. M., Sunday, April 28, 1912, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Allen Moon presided at this meeting. The opening hymn was number 716, "How Long, O Lord Our Saviour, Wilt Thou Remain Away?" Prayer was offered by S. E. Wight. The report of the second meeting was read and accepted. The whole roll of delegates was called at this meeting and the following persons responded who had not previously been present at roll call: West Michigan: S. E. Wight, A. L. Curtis, J. E. Root, C. A. Russell. East Michigan: O. D. Kittle. Northern Illinois: W. E. Straw. Union—at Large: G. E. Nord, Martin Pearson.

The first business of the morning was the address of the president of the Union, Elder Allen Moon, which he stated would be very short, embodying but a few very brief suggestions.

He spoke of the preservation of the life and health, by a divine Providence, of the laborers in the field; named a few

of the aged ministers still spared to the Union; and those who have fallen in death since the last biennial session; of the prosperity that has attended the institutions within the Union; the payment in full of the old G. C. A. debt, and the receiving back of the \$34,000 note given eight years ago on this account. He spoke of the necessity of greater faithfulness in the Fifteen-cents-a-week Fund for the Mission Board as that is to be henceforth the one source of income for work abroad, and the \$300,000 Fund is to cease.

The whole of this address will appear in the HERALD, so we cull but a few items from it for the official minutes of the conference.

The report of the treasurer of the Lake Union Conference for the past two years was the next business called for, and printed reports were given to the delegates that they might follow the reading, but pages 5 and 6 given below only were read in detail with the statement of the auditor:—

Lake Union Conference—Segregated Report

RECEIPTS

Tithe from 7 conferences and personal	1910	\$19,836.78
	1911	15,815.79
Returned R. & H. Pub. Ass'n—		
Gen. Mis. Agent	1909	579.48
	1910	583.34
Rec'd from Conferences on HERALD	1910	1,249.78
	1911	1,370.30
College of Medical Evangelists	1910	251.14
	1911	309.44
Total Receipts		39,996.05
Cash and Banks, Jan. 1, 1910		4,396.41
Grand Total		\$44,392.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Tithe to General Conference	1910	\$1,983.68
	1911	1,581.60
L. U. C. Sustentation Fund—		
5 % of \$15,815.79	1911	790.82
Assistance to No. Mich. Conf.	1910	900.00
	1911	900.00
“ “ So. Ill. Conf.	1910	900.00
	1911	1,000.00
“ “ N. Ill. Conf.	1911	200.00
“ “ Work of Blind	1910	300.00
Summer School Expense	1910	300.00
	1911	387.87
College of Medical Evangelists	1910	1,000.00
Editorial Dept. of HERALD	1910	596.48
	1911	449.48
Rent for Offices	1910	240.00
	1911	240.00
Office Fixtures	1910	50.00
	1911	187.69
Personal Accounts Payable—		
HERALD, etc.	1910	1,601.44
	1911	2,100.19
Laborer's Acc'ts (Not Audited)	1910	6,693.40
	1911	5,870.80
Audit Balances to Laborers		
(Paid in 1910)	1909	936.01
(Paid in 1911)	1910	839.43
Surplus Tithe to General Conf.		
(Paid in 1910)	1909	2,550.31
[Paid in 1910]	1910	1,000.00
(Paid in 1911)	1910	5,859.82
Expense Account	1910	753.52
	1911	1,042.69
Total Disbursements		41,255.16

Cash and Banks, Dec. 31, 1911 3,137.30

Grand Total \$44,392.46

Trust Funds

RECEIPTS

Aggregate—Itemized		
on pp. 1 & 2	1910 & 1911	\$161,350.64
College Aid Fund	1910	1.31
L. U. C. Ass'n.—Deposit	1910	5,650.00
	1911	1,200.00
Old 1 % Fund for College	1910	28.68
Sanitarium Relief Fund	1910	106.55
	1911	290.12
Religious Liberty Fund		
of L. T. C.—full	1910	399.58
One-third	1911	220.00
S. D. A. Central Educational		
Ass'n—Deposit	1910	1,550.00
Total Receipts		\$170,790.73

DISBURSEMENTS

Aggregate as on page 4	1910 & 1911	\$161,350.64
S. D. A. Central Educa.		
Ass'n—Deposit	1910	2,444.80
College Aid Fund	1910	76
Old 1 % Fund for College	1910	37.52
L. T. C. Ass'n—Deposit	1910	6,147.63
	1911	246.00
Sanitarium Relief Fund	1910	263.60
Total Disbursements		\$170,490.95
Cash on hand, Dec. 21, 1911		299.78
Grand Total		\$170,790.73

SOUTH BEND, IND. Feb. 26, 1911

*Executive Committee Lake Union Conference,
Elder Allen Moon, President:*

This is to certify that I have examined the books and accounts of the Lake Union Conference for the two years ending Dec. 31, 1911, and find them correct in every respect, with a trial balance on file for each and every month. A full line of vouchers covering cash in and out are on file in the office, made up of communications to the office having remittances reported in them, receipt stubs, personal receipts, bank deposit books, and canceled checks.

I counted the cash today, and found it correct to a cent, and verified the deposits at three banks according to the balances shown Feb. 2, 1912, when the accounts were last balanced. I believe the books have been correctly kept.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) J. H. HAUGHEY, Auditor.

Moved by W. C. Hebner, seconded by W. H. Thurston, that the report be accepted. Carried.

The report of presidents was called for. Elder W. H. Thurston, the president of Wisconsin, gave the first report, which was very interesting, and showed healthy growth in the work and finances of that conference, in the evangelical department, the tract society, academy, church-schools, and the Madison Sanitarium.

Elder G. E. Langdon followed with his report for 1910 and 1911, showing the statistics in a tabulated form from the rostrum. One very important item given was the increase of their tithe of over \$10,000 in the two years. As these reports will be published, we record no more here.

Recess was taken at 10.45 A. M. to make way for Elder Daniells' Bible study a 11 o'clock.

Resumption

The Third Meeting was again called at 2:30 P. M., April 28, 1912, Allen Moon occupied the chair. Hymn No. 172 was sung. Elder C. F. McVeigh offered prayer. The minutes of the morning period were read and accepted.

H. R. Salisbury, delegate at large for the General Conference, and H. H. Todd from the West Michigan Conference took seats in the convention at this meeting.

Report of Broadview Swedish Seminary

Prof. G. E. Nord, the principal and manager of the Broadview Swedish Seminary rendered a good report for that institution which has sprung up within the last two years in the Lake Union Conference, comprised of a farm of 78 acres on 22d Street, a few miles from the city limits of Chicago, and three school buildings, a farm house and barns, and a new house for teachers. Though the farm was somewhat run down, yet an abundance of vegetables for school use and market was raised. Thirty-two students have been enrolled the past year, which is the limit of their capacity. The majority of the students expect to enter the canvassing work at the close of the school year.

Elder S. Mortenson supplemented the report with a financial statement to the effect that, though the institution is carrying an indebtedness of about \$17,000, they hold good pledges from Swedish and American brethren and the Lake Union Conference to the amount of about \$13,000.

Elder Daniells made a short speech in favor of the constituency rallying around this institution and helping them raise the debt and collect the pledges. He said that the three foreign schools of the German, the Danish-Norwegian, and the Swedish are doing a splendid work, and that none of our educational institutions ought to be expected to liquidate a large initial debt, and they do well if they can conduct their work and be self-supporting.

The chairman stated that, in view of the fact that the Lake Union was burdened down with obligations, the old G. C. A. debt of over \$18,000 of the original \$34,000 for this Union unpaid being one feature, which has all been paid, he considers that a good showing has been made by the Swedish Seminary since the last biennial session, at which time a committee on location was chosen: and now there is a well-organized school, \$10,000 or one-half the cost having been paid. It will be necessary in the near future to erect a school building for class work, as the edifice now used for such is needed as a dormitory.

The reports from the conferences of the Union was then resumed, and Elder E. A. Bristol rendered his for the Southern Illinois Conference; Elder O. Montgomery, for the Indiana Conference; and Elder H. H. Burkholder, for the East Michigan Conference; copies of these reports having previously been placed in the hands of the editor of the HERALD for publication.

All three of these reports show the work as moving steadily forward, and taking no backward steps, even if no marvelous manifestations have been seen.

The meeting then adjourned, at 4 P. M., in order to make way for the meeting of the Press Committee. Elder S. Mortenson dismissed the meeting.

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

Fourth Meeting

9 to 11 P. M. Period

The fourth meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session opened on time at 9 A. M.; Monday, April 29, 1912, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Mich. Allen Moon presided. Hymn No. 632 was sung, after which the Conference united with Elder O. A. Olsen in prayer. The report of the second period of the third meeting was accepted.

Elders W. T. Knox and O. A. Olsen took seats in the Conference at this meeting, as delegates at large for the General Conference, and A. L. Van Fossen for the West Michigan Conference.

The Chair made the announcement that at a meeting of the West Michigan Conference, just held, Elder C. R. McVagh, of the Southern Union Conference, was elected as president of the West Michigan Conference, and will sit with that delegation.

As Elder McVagh has not entered upon his work, Elder S. E. Wight, the past president, who is now the president of the Southern Union Conference, was asked to report for the West Michigan Conference.

Elder Wight said he had not written a report. At this time all the property at Otsego, the academy farm and office plant, has been sold, except a store-house and three town lots worth \$800. Although the conference association is insolvent, the members of the West Michigan Conference are not, and are ready to raise the balance after all is realized on the property.

The tithe is steadily increasing, with no windfalls. The membership is cut to a conservative aggregate of 2,376, which is practically authentic. The offerings to the work are all coming up, and the whole work now has an upward trend.

Ministers and Bible workers have been having success in this old West Michigan Conference equal to results reported in other parts of the world; notably in the city of Grand Rapids where they have had frequent baptisms of from four to fifteen candidates well instructed in all parts of the message and who are thorough Seventh-day Adventists.

The tract society is in a healthy condition, having \$2,000 surplus to work upon. He spoke of the important field the academies at Battle Creek and Cedar Lake occupy, the latter in partnership with the North Michigan Conference, and the church-schools, having a membership in total of 430 in round numbers. He said that the people of the West Michigan Conference are of good courage.

Elder J. J. Irwin reported for North Michigan from a prepared paper.

W. H. Thurston asked to supplement the report for Wisconsin by stating that he omitted to give in his report the information that recently a Bible institute has been inaugurated in the city of Milwaukee for the purpose of training workers for our cities.

Mrs. C. R. Moon, the Educational Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, was the next to render a report of the department over which she has had supervision, comprehending the church-schools, both in membership and spiritual conditions, and in new schools started, with the lamentable thought that by far the greater number of the children of Sabbath-keepers are not in our schools.

J. W. Mace, the business manager of the Western Branch of the Review and Herald Publishing Association of Washington, D. C., located at South Bend, Ind., gave a report of his department which was very encouraging, showing a continuous gain since 1906 as follows, in round numbers: 1906, \$44,000; 1907, \$47,000; 1908, \$63,000; 1909, \$66,000; 1910, \$66,000; 1911, \$83,000; the per cent of gain for 1911 being 30.9.

J. B. Blosser, the General Canvassing Agent, gave a written report of his work in the Lake Union, which proves that the Lord has blessed in the canvassing and book work in a marked degree. There has been a large increase of agents in the field and a corresponding increase in the literature circulated. The Lord has prospered many of the young people in obtaining scholarships by the sale of our literature. He spoke of the work in each of the conferences, but we have not space to report this.

The Committee on Plans rendered at this point their first partial report, through H. E. Moon, as follows, who moved its adoption.

First partial report of the Committee on Plans, respectfully submitted:—

Whereas God's blessings have been abundantly bestowed upon His work and workers during the past biennial period, in prospering the work in all its departments, and in sparing the lives of so many of our workers; therefore,—

1. *Resolved*, That we the delegates of the Lake Union Conference now assembled in session, desire to express our thanksgiving to our loving Heavenly Father for His love, care, and protection, and to renew our consecration to Him for more faithful service.

Whereas, in the providence of God the hand of death has taken from us our esteemed brother, Elder I. D. Van Horn, who for many years occupied a prominent position among the faithful pioneers of this work; also, Dr. George Runck, Dr. Maria L. Edwards, Brethren Judson Tabor and E. A. Merriam; therefore,—

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby express to the bereaved families our sincerest sympathy and assure them that we mourn with them because of our mutual loss.

Whereas the General Conference Committee has recommended that the Lake Union Conference raise 7,000 for the Broadview Swedish Seminary, and as the Lake Union Conference Committee has already voted in favor of the recommendation, and

Whereas only a portion of this amount has been raised, and this institution is in great need of money to pay its present indebtedness, and to provide room for more students; therefore,—

3. *We recommend*, That the balance of this amount be raised by the local conferences of this Union as quickly as possible.

Inasmuch as only a small per cent of our people have adopted the plan of paying two per cent of their income for conference expense; therefore—

4. *We recommend*, That all our conference workers and church officers be faithful in adopting this plan and in educating our lay members in taking hold of it themselves.

In order that the practices of conferences in dealing with canvassers may be unified,—

5. *We recommend*, (a) That the local conferences pay the transportation and moving expenses of our regular canvassers when it is necessary for them to move to new territory, provided such a move is authorized by the conference committee, and the maximum amount to be paid be determined by this committee.

(b) That the local conferences pay the railroad fare of all regular canvassers to and from the annual institute where they are recommended to attend by the conference committee.

(c) That the railroad fare of new recruits in the work to their field of labor be refunded by allowing them an additional five per cent commission until it be paid.

(d) That the railroad fare of all scholarship canvassers to their territory be paid on condition that they agree to and do put in eleven weeks of faithful canvassing.

(e) That committees on licenses and credentials consider the cases of all worthy and experienced canvassers, and that they may be given suitable credentials by the conferences.

In harmony with the action of the General Conference council,—

6. *We recommend*, That the tract societies handle the ten-cent-magazine business, and if necessary the society office force be increased sufficiently to handle this work effectively.

7. *We further recommend*, That the field agents select, train, and assign territory to the ten-cent-magazine agents the same as with the subscription book agents, and that where the work demands it they be given an assistant.

Recess was taken at 10:20 A. M. to 2:30 P. M. Benediction was pronounced by Elder Wm. Ostrander.

Resumption

2:30 TO 4 P. M. PERIOD.

The Fourth Meeting resumed at 2:30 P. M., April 29, 1912. Allen Moon occupied the chair. Hymn No. 217 was sung. Elder S. Mortenson offered prayer. The report of the first period of the fourth meeting was accepted as read. The Chair called on Elder G. Roth, lately from Europe, to report his two month's work among the French Adventists in this Union.

Elder Roth gave a very interesting recital of his brief visits among the French churches in Wisconsin, North Michigan, and Illinois. He reported a good season, and that God has wonderfully prospered his work, though the weather and roads were bad, and some of the members lived far away. He visited the Robinson, Green Bay, and Oconto churches in Wisconsin, the Stephenson and Wilson churches in North Michigan, and the Kankakee church in Illinois. He found that the few members in the Robinson church had paid in tithes and offerings the past year over \$500; at Oconto, a church of sixteen members, they paid \$1000 tithe last year. That the Wilson church paid \$792 in tithe and \$1,000 in offerings; that the Stephenson church has been reduced from fifty members to eight by a number organizing another church and by quite a few having given up the faith.

He found in his trip about 140 Sabbath-keepers, with forty children, twenty of whom would be ready for baptism with a little labor. He stated that there is urgent need of a worker in the French in this Union.

Discussion followed by A. C. Bordeau, W. H. Thurston, the chairman, O. A. Olsen, and G. E. Langdon. All of the speakers emphasizing the thought of Elder Roth that not only our churches in the French, but the millions of the people of that tongue within the Union should have workers in their own language as they are a very reliable people, who embrace the truth quite readily. Elder Olsen referred especially to this nationality as one that has no young workers in training to keep up the French work as has the German, the Danish-Norwegian, and the Swedish people in their seminaries recently established. He said that the first effort to educate French workers is now being made at the South Lancaster Academy, where a French department has been opened.

The first resolution was not discussed, but adopted by a unanimous rising vote. No. 2 was read, and by vote the name of Brother E. A. Merriam who had recently died in this city was added to the preamble, he having been a laborer for fourteen years in Ohio and Michigan and the Battle Creek church. The names of all the laborers, who have fallen in death referred to in the preamble, including that of Brother Merriam, were discussed most favorably and feelingly by O. A. Olsen, A. C. Bordeau, W. Ostrander, E. I. Beebe, C. N. Sanders, Wm. Covert, the Chair, and C. A. Russell.

This resolution was also adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

The third resolution was discussed by the Chair, S. Mortenson, O. A. Olsen, G. E. Langdon, G. E. Nord, J. B. Blosser, and O. Montgomery.

The speeches of Elders Moon, Olsen, and Mortenson, made prominent the fact that such a seat of education is a necessity and urged that the portion of the indebtedness assumed by this Union be raised at once as they need the funds and are laboring at a great disadvantage at the present time. That as the foreign brethren have always given for the institutions promoted by the American brethren, so the latter should assist in the foreign work represented by these institutions.

The burden of Professor Nord was that the money might soon be raised so as to release Elder Mortenson from the office of collector, to visit Iowa and the States where there are

large numbers of Swedish brethren, to interest them in the Seminary, and secure students and keep them from the English-speaking schools.

Elder Montgomery's speech favored a quick work in the Union in collecting this balance, not expecting Elder Mortenson to come into the Union to do the work.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P. M., dismissed by Elder W. T. Knox.

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

Fifth Meeting

9 TO 11 A. M. PERIOD

The fifth meeting of the Sixth Biennial Session was called to order at 9 A. M., Tuesday, April 30, 1912, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Michigan, Allen Moon in the chair. Hymn No. 534 was sung, after which prayer was offered by Elder Wm. Ostrander.

The report of the second period of the fourth meeting was read and accepted.

Elder G. Roth was voted a seat in the conference as delegate at large; M. Stephens took a seat with the North Michigan delegation today for the first time.

Upon presentation of the matter by the chairman, a collection of \$32.64 was taken in behalf of the widow of Brother R. M. King who was imprisoned in Tennessee for the truth's sake, whose son died yesterday, and the mother is in destitute circumstances.

Recommendation No. 4 was discussed by W. H. Thurston, A. L. Curtis, Wm. Covert, Wm. Woodford, G. E. Langdon, E. A. Bristol, the Chair, O. Montgomery, W. C. Dalbey, O. S. Thompson, and A. C. Bordeau.

An immediate and unanimous vote was taken in favor of the recommendation.

The remainder of the report was a series on the canvassing and tract society work, and it was asked that it be taken up by item.

No. 5 was discussed and explained by J. B. Blosser.

Section (a) discussed by J. B. Blosser and W. H. Johnson.

Section (b) discussed by J. J. Irwin.

Section (c) was discussed by J. B. Blosser, E. A. Bristol, F. Hiner, C. N. Sanders, I. A. Ford, G. E. Langdon, H. W. Johnson.

Section (d) discussed by J. B. Blosser.

No. 6 was discussed by F. Hiner, J. B. Blosser, D. W. Reavis, W. H. Thurston.

No. 7. discussed by J. B. Blosser.

The whole of the first partial report of the Committee on Plans not voted on was then adopted.

The meeting took a recess at 10:45 A. M. and was dismissed by Elder T. M. Theumler.

Resumption

2:30 TO 4 P. M. PERIOD

The fifth meeting, afternoon period, resumed at 2:30, P. M., April 30, 1912. Allen Moon presided. Hymn No. 215 was sung at opening after which the conference united in prayer with Brother J. E. Hanson. The records of the morning meeting were accepted as read. J. C. McReynolds took his seat with the Wisconsin delegation at this meeting, also C. L. Stone.

The following second partial report of the Committee on Plans was read and its adoption moved by H. E. Moon.

Second partial report of the Committee on Plans respectfully submitted:

8. *We recommend*, That where it is desirable for canvassers to change their field of labor to another conference, there be as full an understanding between the conferences concerned as in the transfer of other laborers.

Whereas home missionary work is the foundation of all other missionary endeavor, and

Whereas there is an apparent need of greater development in this important department of our work by all members; therefore,—

9. *We recommend*, That a progressive, systematic, and practical training be vigorously maintained in all our churches, qualifying our members for effective missionary service.

That, in order to give this work the place and prominence it deserves,—

10. *We recommend*, That our churches hold weekly missionary meetings, preferably mid-week, preceding the weekly prayer meetings;

(a) That as far as possible, to set apart the fourth Sabbath meeting as a monthly home missionary service;

(b) That fourth Sabbath collections in each church be turned over to the church librarian to be used exclusively in the support of church missionary work;

(c) That all conference workers be urged to take an active part in stimulating and building up this important line of work among the churches.

Recognizing the value of the LAKE UNION HERALD as a medium of communication between the members of this Union; therefore,—

11. *We urgently recommend*, That our conference laborers be more faithful in sending in reports of the progress of their work for publication in the HERALD; also, in order that the object of the establishment of this paper may be accomplished, we take an active interest in increasing its circulation among the members of our churches.

12. *Resolved*, That a Lake Union religious liberty institute be held at least once in each year, and that local secretaries hold religious liberty institutes in different parts of each local conference during the year.

13. *Resolved*, That our people and churches be urged to continue the petitioning and memorializing Congress against proposed religious legislation.

In keeping with the important work of the Religious Liberty Department,—

14. *We recommend*, (a) That copies of the new edition of the book, "American State Papers," be judiciously placed in the hands of State legislators and other public officials by the local secretaries;

(b) That the magazine *Liberty* be sent continuously to all State legislators and circuit judges; and

(c) That the magazines *Liberty* and *Protestant* be sent to all public libraries.

Whereas the *Review* is essential to our members in keeping them in close touch with the rapid development of our worldwide message, and in providing them with that spiritual food which sustains them in earnest Christian endeavor and qualifies them for better service as individual representatives of the great work of which they have become a part; therefore,—

15. *We recommend*, That our ministers and workers keep the importance of the *Review* constantly before our people, and that they make the placing of the *Review* in the homes of the people a part of their work wherever they go.

No. 8 was discussed by J. B. Blosser.

No. 9 was discussed by D. W. Reavis, O. A. Olsen, J. E. Hanson, A. C. Bordeau, O. Montgomery.

No. 10 was discussed by O. A. Olsen, E. I. Beebe, Wm. Covert, J. E. Hanson, O. Montgomery, A. L. Miller, Wm. Woodford, G. E. Langdon, J. B. Blosser, J. A. Applegate.

No. 11 discussed by A. L. Miller, D. W. Reavis, G. E. Langdon, E. A. Bristol, B. L. Post, A. Belding, Mrs. Lou K. Curtis, C. A. Russell, J. A. Applegate, J. B. Blosser, C. N. Sanders, O. Montgomery, W. H. Thurston, and the Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 P. M. Elder L. G. Moore pronounced the benediction.

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

Biennial Report of the Northern Illinois Conference

The Illinois Conference was organized in 1871. In 1909 it was divided about on a line running east and west through Peoria, forming Northern and Southern Illinois, and has a population of 4,600,000. We acknowledge the merciful hand of God in His providential care over this corner of the great harvest field and ask His continued blessings and care over it.

Constituency

Our membership is not large, being about 1,409 adherents, divided into 36 organized churches, 35 Sabbath-schools, 12 church-schools, 1 academy, 1 company of 5, and 53 isolated. There are 13 church buildings. At the close of the last biennial term of the Lake Union Conference 1909, the adherents were 1,515, with 35 organized churches, having 12 church buildings, 38 Sabbath-schools, 10 church-schools, and 30 isolated Sabbath-keepers.

Evangelical Department

This department has advanced from 13 ordained ministers, 19 licensed workers, 12 colporters, 11 teachers, 12 nurses, and 2 doctors, a total of 68 in 1909; to 13 ordained ministers, 23 licensed workers, 15 colporters, 27 teachers, 23 nurses, and 2 doctors, a total of 86 workers. We have laborers in the German, Danish-Norwegian, Swedish, and Italian languages.

Many of our church-members have done faithful work in laboring from house to house distributing literature, and large numbers of magazines have been sold. A medical missionary training-school has been operated on the South Side during the last two years. This school has been conducted by the Hinsdale Sanitarium and the conference; about 25 pupils have been in training the past winter. Large numbers of magazines have been sold, Bible readings have been held, and many sick have been ministered unto.

The churches in general are in earnest and love the work of Christ. They are planning to reach the fifteen-cent-a-week mission offering, and some are making it. We are looking for every church to be faithful to God in tithes, offerings, and home missionary work that they may hear the "well done" in the great home-call.

The General Conference Committee has generously granted the labors of Pastor K. C. Russell for evangelistic work in the city of Chicago for one year, with an appropriation to meet his salary. This is greatly appreciated. Chicago is second only to New York City in cost of working, number of inhabitants, diversity of languages, center of transportation, and need of workers.

Publications—Tract Society

Brother J. A. Applegate is field secretary, Brother H. E. Moon, corresponding secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. A. E. Thompson, assistant. This department has made a good record during the term. Thirty-nine thousand eight hundred eleven dollars and twenty-five cents worth of publications have been sold; two of our agents were successful in the \$1,000 proposition last year, namely John Hicks, \$1,500 and over, and Lorenzo Clarke, over \$1,000 worth in sales; and the outlook is very encouraging. There are prospects of about 40 entering the field this summer for the Master to distribute the truth-laden page. We believe this department is one of the most important in God's vineyard and our desire is to fulfill our part in distributing the printed page "like the leaves of autumn."

Medical Department

We have one conference sanitarium known as the Tri-City Sanitarium at Moline, Illinois. It is having an increasing patronage. Doctor F. J. Otis is superintendent, Doctor Estella Norman, lady physician, and W. C. Foreman, business manager. There are 23 nurses employed in the institution.

The sanitarium is located in the extreme western border of the conference on the Mississippi River, and but few of our people become acquainted with its workings.

The gross earnings for the past year were \$17,208.88. The total resources for January 1, 1912 were \$52,051.56. The total liabilities were \$24,263.77. This makes the present worth at that date of \$27,787.79. The net gain for the year 1911 was \$2,130.54. There were treated approximately 800 patients in the two years, and about \$1,000 worth of charity work was done in this time.

The sanitarium has lately installed a new instantaneous X-ray cabinet capable of photographing any part of the internal viscera, thus enabling the physician to diagnose almost all of the doubtful cases. We consider it a great adjunct to the already well-equipped institution. The institution is not maintained alone for physical benefit, but that its influence may bring the message of the Great King to those in its care.



G. E. LANGDON

Religious Liberty

We have no religious liberty secretary, but the legislators have been supplied with *Liberty* and "State Papers."

Educational Department

Under the direction of W. E. Straw as principal, with his collaborators, the academy is just closing a very successful year. The enrollment last year was 58, this year 72. We have 5 regular teachers employed besides the matron, farm manager, and Mrs. Straw, who is teaching some of the industries and doing the stenographic work. Last year they went out with 800 papers and collected \$55. They have ordered 2,100 of the Temperance *Instructor*, and I think they have most of them sold. Last year we had 6 graduates, and at the close of the school 8 students entered the canvassing work and all earned their scholarships. We have 16 graduating this year. About 20 or 25 are planning to canvass during the summer. Every student in the school has at some time during the year expressed his desire to be on the Lord's side. I think we are safe in predicting a gain of between \$1,000 and \$1,200. Last year the gain was \$1,153. The present worth is \$18,000.

Last year a brick foundation was put under the academy building and the boys' dormitory. The academy building was partitioned on the second floor, the partitions were re-adjusted in the boys' dormitory and other changes made, and the rooms in the girls' dormitory were entirely rearranged.

and plastered partitions put in. In fact, all the buildings have been remodeled inside and to some extent outside. The rooms in all the buildings were newly papered, painted, or calcimined, and furnished throughout with new furniture.

A central heating plant was installed and a large pressure tank and water system. The lawns were graded. This year we have built a new cottage, painted all the buildings outside (not quite finished), and a new sewer system was put in, including three septic tanks, and the main buildings were connected by cement walks. The water system was extended to the new house. During the two years ten acres of bottom land have been stumped and put under cultivation, yielding good crops. Four bath-rooms have been installed, two new pianos have been bought. We have purchased three horses, three cows, and some farm implements.

There are 13 church-schools, with an enrollment of 175, and 16 teachers, including the academy. We were without an educational secretary part of the year, but through the 'brotherly kindness' of the Southern Illinois Conference, we were enabled to secure Miss Edith Shepard, who is getting the work well in hand, and the prospects for the coming year are very encouraging.

We wish to pay a grateful tribute to our normal department of Emmanuel Missionary College for returning to us several trained teachers for our church-schools.

We hope to enlist the cooperation of the parents, workers, and all church-members that this branch of the Lord's work may receive Heaven's blessings, and thus make splendid advancement in the year to come,

Sabbath-School Department

Our Sabbath-schools are alive to their part in the work. Last biennial period \$2,242 was paid to missions while in this term \$3,650 was given to this fund.

A special effort is being made to reach all the isolated ones, thus a Sabbath-school is being sent to those who are unable to attend one. We trust the lessons on Bible doctrines will move our conference in two ways at the same time—toward God and toward men.

Young People's Society

Our Young People's Societies have raised \$432 for missionary work. They are now organizing into bands for house-to-house work, forming Reading Course circles and we are looking for definite results; namely, soul-winning and training for service.

Tithes and Offerings

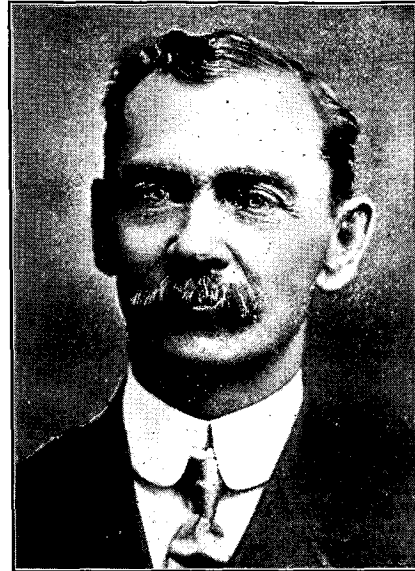
The amount of tithes received during the term by which the conference work is carried on has been \$52,514.42, a remarkable gain of \$10,269.47 over last biennial period. The tithe per capita is \$19.79, quite above the average; \$5,251.45 was paid to the Lake Union Conference and \$3,781.67 was sent to the General Conference.

Our 3 per-cent fund is a much needed fund, and is surely a rational step, one which I trust will be generally accepted by our people. This fund shows a good record of \$2,101.53 in the last term. We trust some attention may be given this subject whereby a uniform per cent may be settled upon, which I believe will be a help.

The offerings are as follows: tithes, \$52,514.42, foreign missions, \$11,661.55; Sabbath-school offerings, \$3,650; young people's societies, \$432; home missions, \$5,493; local church work, \$7,322.52; sanitarium charity work, \$1,000; emergency fund, \$2,101.53; total for Christian work outside of church-schools, \$84,175.02. Above \$31 per capita. We have cause to be encouraged that this people love the truth and are willing to make sacrifices that its blessings may be visited upon other hearts, and our prayers and energies shall go out for the salvation of our fellow men. We trust the spirit of consecration and service may rest upon this conference,

G. E. LANGDON.

A pleasing musical program was rendered at the Battle Creek Tabernacle Sunday evening, April 28. A large chorus under the direction of Mrs. H. M. Dunlap, assisted by the sanitarium orchestra, gave selections from "Elijah" and the "Hymn of Praise." An offering was received to be applied upon the fund being raised by the sisters of the church for the interior decoration of the Tabernacle. A severe storm prevailed, many being undoubtedly detained, and yet, the offering amounted to \$136.54. All will rejoice to know that the Tabernacle, that sacred land mark, is to be put into acceptable condition.



H. H. BURKHOLDER

[The wrong plate was used with Elder Burkholder' report last week, so we insert the right one in this issue.—ED.]

Among the Churches in the Upper Peninsula

April 12 to 21, I spent in visiting a few of the churches in the Upper Peninsula. My first stop was at L'Anse where we have a company composed largely of Chippewa Indians. These people have accepted the message in all its bearings, and some of the young men were out canvassing for our literature. I confidently expect that some good workers will be developed from among them, and hope that in the day of God souls will be there as the result of their efforts. I very much enjoyed my visit with them.

I spent one day at Houghton, where Brother Peterson has been laboring for the last three years. Here I found a good company of Sabbath-keepers, and some who are just beginning to take hold of the truth.

At Ishpeming I was disappointed in not being able to have a meeting with the believers, because of a mistake made in the announcement sent them. There are only a few there, but they are loyal to the message.

I next visited the company at Harris, which is composed almost entirely of French people. Arrangements were made at this place for holding a canvassers' institute this spring. The time will be announced later.

From here I went to the Riverside church. Elder Bellows accompanied me on this trip. Here we had some good meetings. Some feelings of discouragement had crept in, but on Sabbath the Spirit of the Lord came in a marked manner and humble confessions were made. I trust that better times are in store for this church. I regretted that I could not remain at this place longer, but as the time for the Union Conference was drawing near, I was obliged to leave.

The work is onward in the Upper Peninsula. I trust that many souls may be brought to the Master the coming season.

J. J. IRWIN.

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Mrs. Lou Kirby-Curtis - - - Editor

Miss Gertrude Merriner of Elgin writes that one of her readers is ready to canvass for "Great Controversy."

Emmanuel Missionary College

Mr. John Runck is visiting his sister Mrs. Herbert Campbell.

Elder O. A. Olsen spent a few hours at the College Thursday.

Mrs. R. W. McMahan was a guest of Miss Lois Carmichael over Sabbath.

Mrs. John Hoffman of Superior, Wisconsin, is visiting friends at the College.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ayars of Otsego, Michigan, recently visited their sons here.

Dr. David Paulson, of Hinsdale, Illinois, gave several inspiring talks to the students last week.

Mr. Ora Randall is enjoying a visit with his mother, Mrs. W. G. Randall, who is returning from Madison, Tennessee.

Mrs. Edward Peterson returned last Tuesday from her home near Janesville, where she attended the funeral of a relative.

As a result of Professor Roger's visit here last week an "African Band" has been organized in the College for the purpose of studying Africa's needs.

We were glad to have Elder A. G. Daniells with us on Sabbath. His sermon on "Relation of Children and their Parents to Each Other and to the Message" and his evening lecture on "Travels through Russia and Turkey" were inspiring to all.

The following program will be carried out during commencement week: Sabbath, May 18, 11 A. M., baccalaureate sermon by Elder O. Montgomery; Saturday evening, 8 P. M., graduating recital (voice department); Sunday, 8 P. M., class day; Monday, 8 P. M., commencement address by Prof. H. R. Salisbury; presentation of diplomas.

The Dedication of Fox River Academy

The academy building of the Fox River Academy will be dedicated in connection with the graduating exercises, May 24 to 27, 1912. This is the high school building which was moved to the school two years ago and has been remodeled for the services of the academy. Besides the regular workers of the conference, we are expecting Dr. Paulson from the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Elder K. C. Russell of the General Conference, and Prof. O. F. Butcher who has had charge of the Bible department of Mount Vernon College for the past four years. Professor Butcher is the newly elected principal of this school. He desires to meet as many of the patrons as possible. Let all who are planning to attend notify us as soon as possible so arrangements can be made for their accommodation. W. E. STRAW, *Principal*.

Notice

There are those whose hearts are in the canvassing work, but who for reasons beyond their control are unable to be out with the message-laden pages, and yet would be willing to entertain over Sabbaths and Sundays some of our workers. Will this class kindly write me this information at once as there are several student canvassers I wish to place under the influence of good Adventist homes. I would be especially glad to hear from our brethren at Grand Rapids and Charlotte. A. L. VAN FOSSEN.

WANTED—At once, a girl or woman for housework in a small family, no children. Mrs. H. S. Bender, 181 W. Eighth Street, Holland, Mich.

WANTED.—Employment by experienced farmer. Would prefer to work for church-member. Address Charley McConnell, Grygla, Minn.

WANTED.—A first class house painter, capable of doing interior finishing. Must be Sabbath-keeper. None but master mechanic need apply. Good wages to right person. Address R. W. Hostetler, University Heights, Indianapolis, Ind.

WANTED.—By boy of seventeen, work on farm or truck-farm, latter preferred. Will accept whatever wages are paid for similar work in the locality where employed. Is Sabbath-keeper. Address Walter S. Scott, Berrien Springs, Mich., in care of College.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending
April 26, 1912

Northern Illinois.							
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
J. H. Banty	B.R.	44	6	18 00	3 10	21 10	2 50
Southern Illinois							
M. S. Grimm.....	G.C.	39	9	28 00	7 65	35 65	3 00
Wentworth Harper.....	G.C.	45	7	16 00	1 20	17 20	.....
N. Twombly.....	D.R.	32	4	12 00	5 40	17 40	.....
W. E. Bailey.....	B.R.	38	7	16 00	.....	16 00	.....
*Hugo Mitzeifelt	G.C.	55	25	80 00	.....	80 00	30 00
Jerry Suda.....	G.C.	38	7	22 00	60	22 60	.....
Burl Figgins.....	C.K.	24	3	4 50	.....	4 50	.....
		271	62	178 50	14 85	193 35	33 00
Wisconsin							
F. E. Middlested.....	B.R.	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 50
Otis O. Potter.....	G. C.	38	9	27 00	5 10	32 10	4 00
Martin Foss.....	B.R.	57	14	42 00	7 50	49 50	.....
Rude Schmeling.....	C. K.	22	2	3 00	.....	3 00	.....
F. J. Miller.....	B. R.	32	11	37 00	10 25	47 25	.....
N. O. Kittleson.....	B. R.	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	92 00
		183	36	109 00	22 85	131 85	124 50
East Michigan							
C. Lyman Clark.....	B. R.	37	19	52 00	50	52 50	.....
F. W. Brainerd.....	D. R.	10	1	3 00	.....	3 00	.....
G. W. Hainer.....	D.R.	18	5	15 00	3 50	18 50	.....
C. S. Countryman.....	D.R.	9	5	15 00	3 90	18 90	6 00
Mrs. Countryman.....	C.K.	36	20	31 50	15 35	46 85	.....
Luella Case.....	B.R.	.....	6	7 00	1 35	8 35	.....
Lee M. Barnum.....	D.R.	36	14	41 00	4 75	45 75	75
Frank M. Catlin.....	D.R.	12	3	9 00	1 75	10 75	25
George McClenathan.....	G.C.	37	12	34 65	3 60	38 25	3 00
		212	85	208 15	34 70	242 85	10 00
23 Agents		719	186	513 65	75 50	589 15	167 50

PERIODICAL REPORT.

Wisconsin.				
Paper		Hours	No.	Value
Mrs. E. M. Bisbee	L. H. & S.	28½	224	\$22 40
East Michigan				
Alphonso Ford		47	73	7 30
Luella Case		14	71	7 10
		61	148	14 40