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

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Old-Year Memories

Let us forget the things that vexed and tried us,
The worrying things that caused our souls to fret;
The hopes that, cherished long, were still denied us,
Let us forget.

Let us forget the little slights that pained us,
The greater wrongs that rankle sometimes yet;
The pride with which some lofty one disdained us,
Let us forget.

Let us forget our brother's fault and failing,
The yielding to temptations that beset,
That he perchance, though grief be unavailing,
Cannot forget.

But blessings manifold, past all deserving,
Kind words and helpful deeds, a countless throng,
The fault o'ercome, the rectitude unswerving,
Let us remember long.

The sacrifice of love, the generous giving,
When friends were few, the hand-clasp warm and strong,
The fragrance of each life of holy living,
Let us remember long.

Whatever things were good and true and gracious,
Whate'er of right has triumphed over wrong,
What love of God or man has rendered precious,
Let us remember long.

So, pondering well the lessons it has taught us,
We tenderly may bid the year "Good-by,"
Holding in memory the good it brought us,
Letting the evil die.
—Susan E. Gammon, in the Watchman.

*"Be of Good Cheer"

MRS. E. G. WHITE

I feel very thankful that it is our privilege to believe in God and to walk carefully in accordance with the instruction He has given us in His Word. If we do this, our hearts will respond to the impressions of the Spirit of God, and we shall follow on to know the Lord, whose going forth is prepared as the morning. And let us always remember that just as His going forth is prepared as the morning, so we are to expect the revelations of His grace as we advance. But if we keep silent, if we do not feel the importance of moving in harmony with His will, we shall not have His blessing attending us. We cannot afford, brethren and sisters, to be without His help and guidance. We need to be in a position where we can talk with God. We are to commune with Him. He who is our sanctification, our

*Talk given at the time of the Board meeting of the College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, Cal., Nov. 9, 1912.

righteousness, has given us the privilege of being in a position where we may have a continually increasing faith. We must ever live by faith, and follow on to know the Lord.

God's promises to us are so rich, so full, that we need never hesitate or doubt; we need never waver or backslide. In view of the encouragements that are found all through the Word of God, we have no right to be gloomy or despondent. We may have weakness of body; but the compassionate Saviour says: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every man that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

Will you believe these assurances? Will you say, "Yes, Lord, I take Thee at Thy word. I will begin where I am to talk an increase of faith; I will take hold of the promises; they are for me." Oh, brethren and sisters, what we want is a living, striving, growing faith in the promises of God, which are indeed for you and for me.

Many, many times I have been instructed by the Lord to speak words of courage to His people. We are to put our trust in God and believe in Him, and act in accordance with His will. We must ever remain in a position where we can praise the Lord and magnify His name. Then we shall see light in His Word, and follow on to know Him, whose going forth is prepared as the morning.

In the first epistle of Peter we read: "Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace, be multiplied. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled; and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

These words are all-sufficient evidence that God desires us to receive great blessings. His promises are so clearly stated that there is no cause for uncertainty. He desires us to take Him at His word. At times we shall be in great perplexity, and not know just what to do. But at such times it is our privilege to take our Bibles, and read the messages He has given us; and then get down on our knees, and ask Him to help us. Over and over again He has given evidence that He is a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God. He fulfills His promises in far greater measure than we expect to receive help.

So long as Satan continues to live, we shall have perplexity; and if we choose to follow the counsel of the enemy, we shall have constant difficulty; but if we refuse to yield to Satanic influences, choosing rather to lay hold on God and on the promises of His word, we shall be able to help and strengthen and uphold one another. Thus we shall bring into the work with which we are connected a spirit of courage. Never are we to utter a word that would arouse doubt or fear, or that would cast shadows over the minds of others. I am determined not to permit myself to speak discouraging words; and when I hear criticism and complaint, or an expression of doubt and fear, I know that he who thus speaks has his eyes turned away from the Saviour. I know

every such person does not appreciate Him who at infinite sacrifice left the royal courts and came down into the world that was lost, and lived among the children of men in order that He might speak words of hope and good cheer to the discouraged and the desponding.

Wherever we are, we are under obligation, as disciples of our Lord and Master, to anchor our faith in the promises of God. Individually we are to believe. We are not to cast about for a possible doubt, or imagine that sometime we may have to stand beneath the shadow of a cloud that seems to be gathering. We are chosen of God to be His children. We have been bought with an infinite price, and we have no occasion for placing the suggestions of the enemy before the assurances of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord desires us to act sensibly. We shall have trials; we need never expect anything else; for the time is not yet come when Satan is to be bound. Wherever we may be, we shall continue to have trials. But if we give up to the suggestions of the enemy, we lose the battle. Can we afford to yield to the arch-deceiver?—Oh, no! We are to turn for help and deliverance to Him who "according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ," even the hope of an eternal inheritance reserved for those "who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation."

I was here at Loma Linda when this place was purchased. As I spoke to the people, the power of God came into our midst again and again. On the occasion of my first visit to look over the property, I knelt right down with our brethren and the representatives of the owners of the place who were here; I knelt right down in the midst of them and prayed to God about the work that should be undertaken and carried forward in Loma Linda. When I got up some of those who were not of our faith seemed to be deeply moved. From that time I have ever felt under bounden duty to God to make of this place just what it should be. I know that there are men here who have wrestled in the cause of God, and I know that they have passed through an experience that they never would have had if Satan had not had the power to oppress them.

Let us all strive to make Loma Linda just what God means it should be. This is the principal thing I have to say—make of this place what God would have you make of it. Every one of you is under bounden duty to God to labor in harmony, and to press the battle to the gate. If unbelievers come in and talk their doubts and fears, remember that Satan is not dead. He has agencies through whom he works; but shall we become discouraged because of this?—Oh, no! Christ, our Saviour, lives and reigns. Let us not look on the dark side. As soon as we yield to the temptation to do this, we shall have plenty of company. But there is nothing to be gained by looking on the dark side. What we want is courage in the Lord; and we want to follow on to know the Lord, that we may know that His going forth is prepared as the morning. This is not going back into darkness. You know how the morning is prepared. If you follow on to know the Lord every day, you will increase in brightness, in courage, in faith, and the Lord Jesus will be to you a present help in every time of need.

Teachers' Reading Course

Every real teacher is constantly upon the alert to develop methods for increasing his own efficiency.

Probably no more helpful source of self-improvement is to be found than a thorough study of the books contained in the Reading Course. The "Preston Papers," particularly, are brimful of practical suggestions which are at once educational and inspirational.

Every teacher in the Union Conference is required to take this Course. (See page 10 of the Manual.)

In addition to your 1,000-word thesis upon each book, as required last year, to be in harmony with the requirements of the General Conference Educational Board, we shall ask for the note-books prepared by you during the book study. These must be sent in at the close of the school year together with the theses.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

Publishers' Convention

On November 25 at 9: A. M. there assembled at South Bend, Ind., the presidents of conferences in the Union, together with the tract society secretaries, and field agents. There were with them from the general field, Brethren N. Z. Town and I. A. Ford. A program had been arranged covering all phases of the work of the distribution of our literature. Beginning with the history and original purpose in the work of our tract societies, the work was studied in all of its developments. God had marvelously wrought in giving this people a plan whereby every church-member, both old and young, may share in giving the message to the world through the printed page.

The convention lasted four days at South Bend, then the field agents went to Emmanuel Missionary College and finished studying the topics. There a number of the students took part.

The following resolutions were adopted which will be of interest to all:—

"Whereas the growth and development of our people spiritually depends to a large degree upon their missionary activity, and

"Whereas the purpose of tract and missionary societies, as originally organized, was to afford each member an opportunity to do definite work for others; therefore,—

We recommend, 1. That the conferences in this Union, in planning their work for the winter, make provision for each church to be visited and organized into a working tract and missionary society.

"2. That they be given practical instruction how to circulate tracts, missionary periodicals, sell magazines and home workers' books; also in giving Bible readings, visiting, doing Christian help work, etc."

Of course it is not expected that the churches will wait for the conference to send such workers, but that they themselves will take hold and do their best; this will be a splendid preparation for the minister when he comes.

During the past six or seven years we have seen a steady increase in the volume of our literature going out to the people, but the significance of the times point us to the fact that 1913 should witness even a greater work done. The world is being stirred to inquire of the significance of the passing events, and the answer is found in our literature.

J. B. BLOSSER, *Missionary Agent*.

Indiana Conference

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Required for Mission Fund 1st 11 months 1912	\$12,805.65
Received by Union	" 11 " " 6,493.55
Balance Due	" 11 " " 6,312.10

Brushy Prairie, Wolcottville

After the meeting at Fort Wayne, we came to Stroh and procured the town hall at the little village of Brushy Prairie. We began meetings on the 17th of November. On the 23d we visited Wolcottville where there had been no meetings for two years. We held an all-day meeting. Two consecrated themselves to the Lord and there was one conversion. On the 30th we spent another Sabbath with them. The Lord blessed all abundantly, coming very near by His Spirit.

The interest at Brushy Prairie is increasing. Several have offered their dwellings for services when the hall is needed for other purposes. From the present prospects we believe that something will be accomplished here. The meetings have now become the talk of the village and the surrounding country.

We desire an interest in the prayers of all who read this that the Lord may direct in the work here and that much may be accomplished for Him.

E. R. LAUDA,
G. W. RADER.

News Items

Elder Lauda reports splendid meetings at Bushy Prasrie.

Brother W. A. Bergherm stopped at the office last week on his way home for Christmas vacation.

Elder Hadley reports three new members having united with the West-Side church of Indianapolis.

A very interesting program has been prepared for the elders' meeting which will be held January 3-7.

Brother Morris was a caller at the office and reports the prospects good for more canvassers in the field.

Last Tuesday Elder Montgomery went to Beechwood to counsel with Professor Avery about the school work.

Sunday night meetings are being held at the Twenty-third Street church of Indianapolis with a good interest.

Beginning January 1, kindly send all orders for our papers and tracts to the Indiana Tract Society and not to the Conference.

We received word that Brother O. Richardson, who is canvassing near Muncie, has made his first delivery which was very successful.

This week letters are being sent to all our church treasurers and missionary secretaries about the new system of bookkeeping which the churches are adopting.

At the Twenty-third Street church the annual offering amounted to over \$280. This makes this church even on the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund. There are now several of our churches that are ahead on this.

We were pleased to receive a visit from Brother J. H. N. Tindall of Virginia, formerly of our conference. He is visiting relatives at Hartford City. Brother Joseph Gettys of Hartford City accompanied Brother Tindall.

East Michigan Conference

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Required for Mission Fund 1st 11 months 1912	\$12,526.80
Received by Union " 11 " "	7,963.89
Balance Due " " 11 " "	4,562.91

Notes

We feel that excellent results have followed the work done in the churches during the week of prayer. The Lord came very near to us.

The auditing committee is to meet in Detroit January 1, 2. We trust all members will plan to be present for the first meeting at 9 A. M. January 1.

Elder O. M. Kittle is now located in Bay City and will be a great blessing to the work in that city.

We have not yet secured a man for the Mission in Detroit, though diligent search has been made. Pray that the Lord may send just the proper man for our great need. With our large membership, the conference office help, and a permanent leader, a splendid work can be done there.

We have voted to adopt the new method of bookkeeping for our churches, to take effect Jan. 1, 1913. The first book will be furnished free to each church. These books will be

a great help to our church treasurers, and we trust will be a blessing to the work.

New interests are springing up in many places, and calls are coming in for workers to be sent. The harvest is great but the laborers are few.

WM. GUTHRIE.

Lansing

The outcome of the week of prayer was most glorious. All our young people who were not Christians, except two who were not present, gave their hearts to the Lord. One brother came back to the fold. There were ten in all.

To the Lord be all the praise.

L. G. MOORE.

Durand

The week of prayer has just closed and I thought that a report of the work here would not be out of place.

Our little company held meetings each evening which proved to be a source of hope and comfort to all. Elder H. H. Hicks was with us Monday and Tuesday evening and we were glad to make his acquaintance.

We have no organized church here, but before Elder Hicks went it was voted to organize one at the earliest opportunity. At the close of the meetings a liberal donation was taken.

H. J. NEWCOMB, S. S. Superintendent.

Notice

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF THE LAKE UNION CONFERENCE: Please do not ask me to attend funerals, or any other public functions, as my age and failing health will not permit.

Fraternally your brother,

Lansing, Mich.

L. G. MOORE.

Southern Illinois Conference

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Required for Mission Fund 1st 11 months 1912	\$4,347.20
Received by Union " 11 " "	3,052.33
Balance due " " 11 " "	1,294.87

Champaign, Peoria, Bloomington

It was my privilege to be with the above churches during the week of prayer. The Lord came near at Champaign. I was here until Tuesday evening and at every meeting God's blessing was felt. On Sunday evening I spoke on the Eastern Question, and hearts were made tender even of men not of our faith.

Wednesday and Thursday evenings I was at Peoria, my home church. Here also the hearts of those present were refreshed, and all felt the blessing of God. At both places an hour was set apart during the day for the reading of a certain chapter in the Bible, and for secret prayer. I made it a point to have much time spent in prayer, and I believe the success of the meetings was largely due to the time spent in prayer.

I was at Bloomington from Friday until Sunday evening. On Friday evening the meeting was held with a family who had at one time been Adventists. The hearts of the mother and two daughters were touched, and the next day in the Sabbath meeting the mother was present and with other members of the church she made a surrender, deciding to take her stand once more with the people of God. The offering for missions was double that of last year. On Sunday evening I spoke in one of the halls of the city on the Eastern Question to a good sized congregation. This week of prayer has been the best to me, personally, and I believe I have never seen a

greater desire on the part of our people to get nearer to the Lord. I thank the Lord for what I have seen and heard.

B. F. STUREMAN.

News Notes

Elder Woodford has been conducting meetings at Mattoon the past week.

Elder Bristol attended a board meeting of the Fox River Academy at Chicago the 18th.

Brother H. M. Kelley visited the office last Friday on his way to visit the company at Astoria.

Elder E. A. Bristol conducted the funeral services of Miss Sarah Griffin at Springfield the 17th.

Brother E. F. Ferris is holding a short series of meetings with the Farmington church this week.

Elder B. F. Stureman has been holding some meetings with the Noble church the past few days.

Baptismal services were conducted by Elder Bristol in the First Springfield church, Sabbath, December 14.

Brother Hugh Stearns reports a delivery of \$118.25 worth of books last week. He did not lose a single order and sold over five dollars' worth of books extra.

Next Sabbath is the time for our thirteenth-Sabbath offering. Let us not forget the work in South America. We are glad so many of our Sabbath-schools have adopted Dollar day.

Our canvassers' institute closed the 24th. The following were in attendance: W. E. Bailey, Hugo Mitzelfelt, Hugh Stearns, A. P. Lager, Jerry Suda, Mrs. DeWitt, Ivan Falconer, Miss Grace Thomas, Frank Crail, E. J. Robbins, G. W. Pontious, and R. J. Watson. Brethern J. B. Blosser and H. W. Johnson assisted Brother Fishell in conducting the institute.

A special program was given by the Missionary Volunteers of the First Springfield church Sabbath, the 14th. All appreciated the help of Prof. C. A. Russell. Following the meeting a consecration service was held in which nearly all took part. A meeting was held with the Second Springfield church Sunday morning. In the afternoon Brother Russell met with the members at Decatur, returning to Springfield to visit the church-school Monday morning.

Northern Illinois Conference

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Required for Mission Fund 1st 11 months 1912	\$9,602.45
Received by Union	6,091.46
Balance due	3,510.99

News Notes

The Northern Illinois teachers' institute will be held in Chicago, January 17-20.

Sister G. E. Langdon, who has been ill for several weeks, is now much improved in health.

Brother Harold Waldo of Connecticut is selling magazines in the city. We wish him success.

Reports already received give an encouraging outlook for a successful colporteur's institute January 17-23 as announced.

"McKibbin's Bible Lessons No. 4" is now ready. The price is \$1.20. Let all seventh grade pupils send in their orders at once.

Miss Marguerite Lawson is spending a little time in Chicago selling magazines. She is on her way to teach one of the hill schools of Tennessee.

Brother J. R. Medlin arrived in Chicago Tuesday to take up the colporteur work here. He will work first in connection with Elder Russell's evangelistic effort.

December 7 was rally day for the tract on the Eastern

Question in our Missionary Volunteer societies. Judging from the several thousand that have already been ordered, the day was a success.

Brother Charles Andrews writes from Belvidere that he has already started in the field again for "Great Controversy." We are glad to welcome him back to the work, and we ask the prayers of God's people in his behalf.

The company who rallied to assist in placing our magazines in the neighborhood of the church where Elder Russell expects to hold evangelistic services, are meeting with many rich experiences and find a large number of interested persons. Nothing will arouse people so much as the reading of our literature.

Brother Andrew Cederblade, who recently started in the colporteur work, reports forty-three hours work and \$56 in orders, all taken in Chicago for "G. C." He writes, "Well, I can't help feeling thankful to God for last week, for surely He is leading me, but I am not going to stop here. I think He can lead me to greater victory. One lesson I have learned is that a colporteur must seek the Lord in earnest prayer, especially in a city like Chicago. I am of good courage."

November

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Austin.....	41	52			Kankakee.....		12 47
Belvidere.....	8	70	9 43	1 50	Moline.....	142	75 8 40 8 84
Broadview.....	30	24	2 44		Onarga.....	11	86 5 42
Chicago.....					Ottawa.....	7	40 50
Dearborn St.....	35	78	13 21		Personal.....	44	29 44 50
Englewood.....	102	05	37 67	4 56	Pittwood.....		
Erie St.....					Pontiac.....	15	25
German.....	99	81	2 92	6 35	Princeton.....	13	00 9 46
Humboldt P.....	93	77	89 98	6 76	Rock Falls.....	17	80 1 80
North Side.....	125	01	5 60	53	Rockford.....	684	12 7 81 3 34
Ravenswood.....	141	56	88 34		Sheridan.....	65	61 45 93
South Side.....	297	76	7 10	4 68	Streator.....	50	25 17 75 4 08
Swedish.....	134	71	25 22		Stockton.....	21	01 11 49
West Side.....	69	77	34 74	3 25	St. Anne.....	39	35
Elgin.....	18	20	14 47	3 34	Waldron.....		
Freeport.....					Watseka.....		
Galesburg.....	54	00	11 68		Zion City.....	22	49 17 05
Harvey.....					Total.....	\$3065	90 623 54 57 28

Wisconsin Conference

Office Address, Grand Rapids, Wis.

President, W. H. Thurston; Sec'y-Treas., John McReynolds; S. S. Sec. Mrs. Mary Howell; Ed. and Y. P. Sec'y, Miss Frances L. Case; Sec'y and Treas. of the Tract Society, Mabel L. Cutler; Field Missionary Agent, H. W. Johnson, 227 Oak St., Stevens Point, Wis.

Required for Mission Fund 1st 11 months 1912	\$18,461.30
Received by Union	8,306.02
Balance due	10,155.28

The Week of Prayer

Good reports are coming in from the week of prayer. The readings were much appreciated and the consecration services very effectual. The offerings to missions, so far as reported at this time, have been very good.

I was with the Bethel church and school the last half of the week and the meetings were well attended and were profitable to all. The Sabbath service was one long to be remembered. The Holy Spirit came down and found a resting place in the hearts of the people. Nearly the entire congregation was moved by the Spirit's power and a reconsecration service followed. One dear old brother said it was the best meeting he had been in for forty years.

At the close of the service the offering for missions was taken. While it was more than double the amount given the same time last year, it was not considered a large offering for the size of the church. However, the large increase over last year is very encouraging and this is an indication of greater liberality in the future. When we all make a full

consecration to the Lord; and give of our means according to the instruction in Deuteronomy 16:17, there will be larger gifts for the gospel work in all the earth.

I am encouraged to believe that a deeper spiritual experience is being manifested among our churches and a greater forward movement is actuating all believers. It is believed that this experience during the week of prayer will be lasting and that all will come up to a higher plane of Christian living—living in the joy of the Lord. Ps. 32:8. This is the promise. Let us receive it. W. H. THURSTON.

Field Report

From October 19 to 28 I held a series of meetings at Lucas. The truth is gradually obtaining a foothold there. Twelve are keeping the Sabbath.

The following week I visited a Scandinavian settlement in the southern part St. Croix County. There I found two women keeping the Sabbath and some others seeking the truth. Sabbath, November 9, I held a meeting in our church at Knapp. Four families there are keeping the Sabbath and I found them of good courage.

Sunday morning I went to Downing where I had a visit with Brother and Sister Crandall. They have not had the privilege of attending any of our meetings or meeting any of our workers for a number of years; but they are faithful and rejoice in the truth.

During the week I visited a settlement nine miles north of Downing where I held two meetings. One is keeping the Sabbath and others are interested.

Sabbath, November 16, I held quarterly meeting with the church at Anson. We had a very good meeting and all the children took part in the social service. The following week I visited some interested ones west of Colfax, and on Sabbath and Sunday held three meetings at the home of Brother White, at Wheeler. P. M. HANSON.

Moon

It was my privilege to meet with the Moon church the first half of the week of prayer. We had the readings in the forenoon and services in the evening for the general public. The readings and social services were well attended by the members and a few others, and the children's meetings were also well attended and very interesting. The attendance from the outside at the evening meetings was very good and much interest was manifested.

A prominent young couple by the name of Rasin, recently married, who have been studying the truth, decided to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. He is a fern dealer and his wife a music teacher. This lady's mother, Mrs. E. Coerper, was baptized at camp-meeting this year, and she and her younger daughter are keeping the Sabbath. Mr. Coerper is a business man and is now arranging his affairs as fast as possible in order to harmonize with the message. He attends the meetings and is already doing some missionary work. "It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs, is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth."

Several youth among the members of the church-school, gave their hearts to the Lord. The Lord is blessing His people and all seemed desirous of arising to a higher plane of Christian living.

From Moon I went to Bethel for the closing days of the week of prayer. W. H. THURSTON.

There will be no Christian without a Gethsemane, but every praying Christian will find that each Gethsemane has its angel.—T. Binney.

Work Among the Churches

During the early part of November I met with the newly organized company at Richland Center and found the Bible workers, Misses Sharfenburg and Miester, very busy. The enemy is making desperate efforts to hinder our work, however, despite the wrath of some of the ministers of the city our meetings are being well attended and the truth is advancing.

November 11, I was called to Cassville to preach the funeral sermon of Sister A. E. Chapman. I remained with the church a few days, holding meetings and visiting the brethren and friends. During my stay there the new house of worship was dedicated.

The last of the month I visited the little company at Tunnell City. They are passing through their share of tribulations which we hope will work patience. A few meetings were held, and victories were gained. Nearly all seemed to be encouraged and are pressing forward in the work of overcoming. W. S. SHREVE.

News Notes

Educational institute, Bethel, Wis., December 26-29. All are cordially invited to attend.

The suggestive programs for the new special *Signs* series reached us late, but were sent out last week to all the churches. As it was impossible to use this program on the date set, we would suggest that those churches which were not able to carry it out last Sabbath, do so December 28.

Canvassers' institute, Eau Claire, Wis., December 27 to January 5. The first meeting will be held at the church at 7:30 P. M., December 27. Elder Thurston and J. B. Blosser will assist in the instruction, also E. M. Fishell of Southern Illinois. Brother H. W. Johnson, State agent, requests the prayers of the churches for the success of this institute and for the work in the field.

Bethel Academy Notes

Miss Hilda Nielson went to her home in Poyssippi last week. Mr. Guy Raymond returned to his home in Milwaukee last week.

A teachers' institute is to be held at Bethel, December 26-30.

Mrs. H. T. Elliott entertained the boys of the academy at an informal lunch, Saturday evening, December 14.

Miss Lucile Hand of Ladysmith is now attending the academy. She boards with her grandparents, Brother and Sister Andrews.

Elder W. H. Thurston spoke to the students in chapel Friday and Monday mornings. Monday he talked about the Seventh-day Adventist schools in South America and the similarity in regulations between those schools and ours.

As announced, the academy chorus rendered a sacred musical program, Saturday evening, December 14, at seventy-three at the Bethel (S. D. A.) church. It was a decided success. The church was filled, many coming from Arpin and surrounding points. After the invocation and introductory remarks by Elder W. H. Thurston, president of the Wisconsin Conference, the chorus sang "Praise Ye the Father." A male quartet followed singing "Content." The Misses Myrtle Judd and Hazel Bossert played on the piano the duet, "The Mill in the Black Forest;" then Mr. Earl J. Gardner sang a solo entitled "Jerusalem." But the main number on the program was the Christmas cantata "The Everlasting Light," which the chorus rendered in an enthusiastic manner. Prof. E. E. Gardner pronounced the benediction. Bethel Academy believes in good music and Professor Floyd Gardner with his forty-voice chorus is planning more entertainments of this nature, to be given before the close of the school year.

West Michigan Conference

Office Address, Otsego, Mich.

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Required for Mission Fund 1st 11 months 1912 \$16,988.40
Received by Union " 11 " " 10,622.16

Balance due " " 11 " " 6,366.24

Grand Rapids

The week of prayer proved a refreshing to the church here. On the first Sabbath the Spirit of the Lord was present to bless in a marked manner. Between sixty and seventy came forward to reconsecrate themselves to the Master's service.

Elder A. J. Haysmer of Nashville, Tenn., presided at the service of the last Sabbath and the spirit of revival was greatly enjoyed.

On Monday and Tuesday the writer met with Emmanuel Missionary College, and was pleased to see the good spirit which pervades the College.

I spent Friday and Sabbath with the church at Holland where a store building had been arranged for public services. The Lord is blessing Sister Green's labors. We were glad to have with us Elder E. L. Stewart who assisted in the meetings.

Sunday night, the 15th, we were favored by a visit from Elder W. A. Spicer who spoke on "The World-Wide Message for This Time," in which were presented many interesting incidents connected with the spread of the message throughout the world.

An interesting experience took place at Muskegon on the evening of December 16. Sister DeYoung had secured the use of the First Baptist church for a discourse on the Eastern Question. The pastor lent his influence in advertising the meeting and opened and closed the services with prayer. About two hundred attended. The Lord blessed in an encouraging way, and a hearty invitation was extended to visit the church again.

S. B. HORTON.

Buchanan, Glenwood, and Dowagiac

During the first two days of the week of prayer it was my privilege to meet with the company of believers at Buchanan. Two services were held on the Sabbath, during which each member reconsecrated himself to God for a more earnest endeavor in the spreading of the third angel's message. Sunday evening a meeting was held for the public, at which time a phase of the Eastern Question was considered. An intelligent interest was shown by those present, and we trust that the seed sown will take root and bear much fruit.

The following Friday evening and Sabbath, being the last two days of the prayer season, my wife and myself met with the church at Glenwood. There is a thriving little company at this place, and we found the Friday evening prayer meeting well attended, several outside people being present also. The closing reading for the week was given Sabbath morning, and everyone present felt the need of placing all on the altar for service. Sunday evening, December 15, a service especially designed for the public was held, at which there was a good attendance. The people of Glenwood seem to be willing to hear the truth. Pray that God may give the increase.

The work at Dowagiac, while presenting some discouraging features, is on the whole gaining a foothold. Several of the people who were particularly interested during the tent effort of last summer have since moved away, and one family who attend the Sabbath services expect to locate elsewhere in the near future. Work is being carried on in the city, as

opportunity affords, by systematic visiting. There is a good opening for a lady Eible worker here, and we hope that one can be secured in the near future.

H. G. BAYLEY.

Carlton Center

I came to this place Friday, December 6, and began meetings. Elder McVagh arrived December 7 continuing with us over Sunday evening, then going to Hastings where he visited the company Monday evening. I will continue meetings here until December 22, or longer if the interest demands it. Some are very much interested and are attending each evening.

We had good meetings at Hastings from November 10 to December 5, eight uniting with the church. Others are keeping the Sabbath who did not unite but will soon. One man, a teacher, together with his wife and children is keeping the Sabbath. The Lord came very near and gave us souls for our hire. Pray for the success of the work at this place.

U. S. ANDERSON.

West Michigan Honor Roll

The following churches have paid in a full proportion of mission funds for 1912: Belding, Carson City, Dimondale, Fremont, Grandville, Hastings, Lowell, Muskegon, Rothbury, Trufant, West Leroy.

The following have paid in a full proportion up to December 1: Kalamazoo, Maple Grove, and Palo.

One more Honor Roll will appear showing those that complete their proportions before December 30, 1912.

Brother C. H. Thompson reports good meetings at Mendon, Union City, and Homer during the week of prayer. The Spirit of the Lord came very near in the meetings. Victories were gained and all reconsecrated themselves to God. The Lord has also blessed Brother Thompson in his work for *Protestant Magazine*. For the first half of December he has taken orders amounting to \$18.40, and some of the ministers that he secured subscriptions from have promised to canvass their own congregations. He is now on his way to visit Albion, Marshall, Eaton Rapids, and Dimondale.

Auditors' Report

A. N. Anderson, auditor of the Lake Union Conference, spent several days at the office in Otsego auditing the conference and conference association books. The following is a copy of the statement received. A similar one was furnished with reference to the association books.

"Executive Committee, West Michigan Conference,
"Elder C. F. McVagh, President:

"This is to certify that I have made examination of the books of your treasurer for the time from September 30, 1911, to December 5, 1912, checking from letters and cash vouchers which I found on file in the office. The work has been well done, the ledger being in balance, as shown by the December 1 trial balance which I verified. The cash in the safe, and the bank deposits agree with the records. The records are complete, and I believe the work has been faithfully and honestly performed.

"Respectfully submitted,

"A. N. ANDERSON, Lake Union Conference Auditor."

"The Eastern Question," "Turkey and His End"

Now is the time to revive every church tract and missionary society and warn your friends and neighbors as to the meaning of the turmoil in the Balkan States and what is to result when Turkey comes to an end. Two new tracts have just come to hand, the best we have ever had on this important prophecy. The first, entitled "The Eastern Question or the Turkish Power in the Light of Prophecy" is a sixteen page tract by L. A. Smith. It presents the main features of

the prophecy in the 11th of Daniel in clear and forceful language. Price one cent. The second is entitled "Turkey and His End" by E. E. Andross. This is a thirty-two page tract. Price two cents.

Both these tracts are excellent for distribution and should be scattered by thousands while the people are thinking upon this subject. Order from the Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

C. F. McVAGH.

Morning Watch Calendar

Be sure to get in an order in good time for the 1913 Morning Watch Calendar. You will find it a useful and blessed help. Try it. The writer began carrying the Morning Watch three years ago and has kept it up ever since. It soon became a habit. Order of the Tract Society, Otsego, Mich.

C. F. McVAGH.

November

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Allendale.....	52 22	3 88 4 17	Greenville.....	92 16	1 50 8 37
Bangor.....			Hastings.....	110 79	22 20
Battle Creek...	782 76	10 05 114 16	Holland.....		
Bauer.....	43 27	1 07 27 41	Holton.....	14 46	2 08 2 36
Bedford.....	61 95	2 05	Homer.....	2 00	15 6 75
Belding.....			Kalamazoo.....	143 58	5 10 17 71
Benton Harbor	35 76	3 33	Kent City.....		
Berrien Springs	518 35	21 69 183 55	Kinderhook.....	15 01	26 6 93
Bloomington...			Lakeview.....	24 61	
Brookfield.....			Lowell.....	11 21	1 46 9 55
Buchanan.....	17 91	3 69	Lyons.....		
Burlington.....			Maple Grove....	6 23	1 24 3 70
Bushnell.....			Mecosta.....		1 00
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Carlton Center..	23 21	1 14 12 82	Monterey.....	20 07	40 8 83
Carson City.....	16 03	6 02	Muskegon.....	55 15	3 77 28 99
Cedar Lake.....	38 51	1 32 56 84	Otsego.....	180 77	13 39 51 54
Cedar Springs..	4 27	7 02	Palo.....		
Charlotte.....	45 30	6 61	Paw Paw.....		
Clifford Lake...	14 38	3 42	Portland.....	17 18	15 2 04
Coldwater.....			Pottersville...	21 00	71 7 20
Covert.....	24 09	3 32 4 33	Quincy.....		
Decatur.....	13 31		Rothbury.....	21 20	6 55
Denver.....			Sand Lake.....	33 62	2 57 12 61
Dimondale.....	19 40	1 59 16 42	Shelby.....	48 55	81 11 81
Douglas.....			Sturgis.....		
Eaton Rapids...			Trufant.....	4 50	5 67
Edmore.....			Urbandale.....	63 33	1 32 14 33
Fremont.....			Union City.....		
Frost.....	14 57	7 26	West Leroy.....	19 91	15 14
Glenwood.....	103 35	2 55 26 74	Wright.....	60 27	4 19 9 82
Gowen.....	3 00	60 60	Individuals.....	19 72	11 72
Grand Haven...			Totals.....	3264 95	91 38 794 27
Grand Ledge...	13 79	62 5 82			

Sand Lake

November 29 to December 1, a general meeting was held at Sand Lake for the Trufant, Sand Lake, Cedar Springs, and Kent City churches.

About sixty of our people were present at this gathering. Elder McVagh, Elder John W. Covert, and the writer conducted the services. Three services were held on the Sabbath and the same on Sunday. Two of the evening meetings were given to the subject of the Eastern Question, Elder McVagh speaking to a well-filled house.

The Sand Lake people have expended more than two hundred dollars the past year in enlarging and repairing their church building. It now looks very neat.

At the Sabbath afternoon meeting it was decided to organize and hold a union meeting each quarter. A committee was appointed to arrange for the next meeting, prepare the program, etc.

The Sand Lake church extends an invitation to hold the next meeting at Sand Lake.

A similar meeting will be held at Edmore and later another will be held at Greenville for the near-by churches early in the new year.

J. M. HOYT.

Grand Rapids

A delightful Thanksgiving program was given Wednesday evening, November 27, at the Grand Rapids church, by the Missionary Volunteers and the Sabbath-school.

Special music, recitations, and dialogues made up the program. Each member responded to roll-call with appropriate scripture or gems of thought. At the close of the evening, opportunity was given for expressions of thankfulness for the past year's blessings, to which all responded.

Placed upon the rostrum were well-filled baskets of fruit, vegetables, clothing, etc., mute evidence of the desire of those present to share their blessings with others. In the morning this food was distributed to needy, appreciative families.

F. L. C.

News Notes

Have you ordered the Morning Watch Calendar for 1913?

Good reports are coming in from the week of prayer services.

Full report of Elder Hebner's address on the Eastern Question appeared in the Kalamazoo *Telegraph Press*, December 7.

Send to the tract society for a good supply of the new tracts. The Eastern Question, sixteen pages, one cent; and Turkey and His End, thirty-two pages, two cents. The people will read them eagerly.

Elder McVagh spent Friday, Sabbath and Sunday of the week of prayer at Cedar Lake. He reports a splendid interest in the school. Most of the young people in attendance have dedicated their lives to God and the message. The last night of the meeting the chapel was crowded for standing room to hear "The Eastern Question."

Join in the prayer that God will put it into the hearts of those who have means, to make up our portion of missions funds. Quite a number of our people made pledges at the camp-meeting at Kalamazoo to be paid before Dec. 31, 1912. In order to be counted on 1912 work the money should be in the hands of the church treasurer before December 30.

Cedar Lake Academy has a new piano which was greatly needed and as a result the music class has been enlarged, several persons outside the school joining and thus increasing the revenue of the music department. Do not you want to help pay the remainder of this needed improvement? The school also needs a good three seated spring wagon. An electric light plant will be put in just as soon as the necessary means, \$250, can be raised.

Next spring General Conference will be held at Washington, D. C., May 15 to June 9. This will be the most important meeting ever held in this world. Of course all can not attend but the Daily Bulletin will furnish those who stay at home with full reports of all the meetings, and by carefully reading these one may get a clearer idea of what is going on than even those in attendance. The Bulletin will cost fifty cents for the whole time. Do not fail to send in your order for the General Conference Bulletin early. Order of the tract society.

A Warning

"Bad Thought's a chief; he acts a part,
Creeps through the windows of the heart,
And if he once his way can win,
He lets a hundred robbers in."

"Do not allow yourself to be overcome by the evil which another may do to you, but overcome that evil with the good which it is your duty to do even to your enemy. When a person wrongs us, one of two things must happen. Either we shall succeed in triumphing over the wrong done us, or that wrong will triumph over us."

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Mrs. Lou Kirby-Curtis - - - Editor

The present number, 52, closes the 1912 volume of the LAKE UNION HERALD. The next issue will bear the date of January 8, 1913. It has been our custom to drop out the last issue of the year, but it seemed best to omit the first number of the year this time because of the large amount of copy on hand.

"Despite the fact that there are over 2,000 Protestant missionaries, and more than 13,000 assistants at work in Africa, and that there are 4,000 schools, 100 hospitals, and 16 printing presses, which issue Bibles in all the principal languages of Africa, almost daily groups of people from distant and inland villages come to the missionaries pleading with tears streaming down their faces, for a God-man to be sent to their village. One such group said to the missionary: 'Why do you stay so far away from us? We built a church for you, and now it is rotted down, we have waited so long for a teacher.' O God, free us from this rot of indifference which is keeping Thy love from those who are pleading for it with tearful eyes!"

Publications Wanted

Plans having been made for a broad, systematic work for the peoples of Chicago, in which upwards of thirty persons are already engaged, we earnestly desire a *continuous supply* of late, clean copies of our publications in the following languages, sent postpaid: English, German, Swedish, Norwegian, Italian, Austrian, Hungarian, Russian, and Jewish or Yiddish. Address Floyd E. Fish, care Illinois Tract Society, 3645 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Business Notices

WANTED.—Work by month on farm where I can keep the Sabbath and have church privileges, begin work on or before March 1. In answering state wages paid. W. P. Moore. R. F. D. 1, Panola, Ill.

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NOTICE.—Send your orders for Cooking Oil to Frank Hiner, Holly, Mich. Price the lowest, while quality is the best. Satisfaction guaranteed. Order a shipment. Four dollars for a five-gallon can. Price lower in barrels and half-barrels. Also California ripe olives in five-gallon cans. Price \$4.50 per can.

Canvassers' Institutes for 1912-3

Conference	Date	Place
Wisconsin	Dec. 27-Jan. 5	Eau Claire.
N. Illinois	Jan. 17-23	Chicago.
W. Michigan	Jan. 24-Feb. 2	Kalamazoo.
E. Michigan	Feb. 1-9	Place not decided yet.
Indiana	Feb. 7-16	Place not decided yet.
N. Illinois	Feb. 21-Mar. 2	Fox River Academy.
Wisconsin	Mar. 3-13	Bethel Academy.
N. Illinois	Mar. 14-23	Broadview Swedish Seminary.
W. Michigan	Mar. 24-Apr. 3	Cedar Lake Academy.
E. Michigan	Apr. 4-13	Adelphian Academy.
Indiana	Apr. 14-24	Beechwood Academy.
W. Michigan	Apr. 27-May 4	E. M. College.

Those desiring to attend any of the above institutes should correspond with the field agent in their conference. We should expect to see a large army go out from these institutes who will push forward the work with great zeal and earnestness during 1913.

J. B. BLOSSER.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending

December 13, 1912

		Northern Illinois		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
B. Jones.....	D.R.	15	30 00
L. Clarke.....	B.R.	36	149 50
A Cederblade.....		43	16 56 00	...	56 00	...
		94	16 56 00	...	56 00	179 50
		Wisconsin		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
Martin Foss.....	B.R.	10	...	1 75	1 75	...
F. Passer.....	C.K.	46	9 9 50	9 10	18 60	...
		56	9 9 50	10 85	20 35	...
		Southern Illinois		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
Hugh Stearns.....	G.C.	41	20 62 00	2 30	64 30	...
Jerry Suda.....	G.C.	9	1 3 00	75	3 75	...
Ivan Falconer.....	G.C.	28	15 45 00	2 75	47 75	...
Mr. and Mrs. Langston.....	S.C.	22	6 60	...	6 60	...
Grace Thomas.....	C.K.	25	6 9 50	...	9 50	...
W. E. Bailey.....	B.R.	36	9 21 00	...	21 00	10 00
		139	73 147 10	5 80	152 90	10 60
		East Michigan		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
Mrs. Countryman.....	C.K.	31	...	7 35	7 35	69 75
*Floyd Myers.....	G.C.	64	8 27 00	10 95	37 95	7 50
*J. A. Lamb.....	G.C.	84	12 39 00	14 35	53 35	5 00
M. D. Day.....	D.R.	20	3 11 00	1 75	12 75	...
Geo. McClenathan.....	G.C.	38	20 62 00	3 50	65 50	3 25
		237	43 139 00	37 90	176 90	85 50
		Indiana		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
O. O. Richardson.....	G.C.	40	10 36 00	3 00	39 00	...
		40	10 36 00	3 00	39 00	...
		North Michigan		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
E. C. Collard.....	P.G.	17	2 6 00	7 25	13 25	...
Mrs. G. F. Ernst.....	E.S.	34	1 3 00	75	3 75	4 60
S. A. Rose.....	D.R.	12	6 18 00	...	18 00	...
*E. W. Jackson.....	B.R.	56	6 19 00	4 50	23 50	...
		88½	15 46 00	12 50	58 50	4 60
		* West Michigan		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
J. E. Herrington.....	G.C.	66	3 9 00	8 25	17 25	...
S. J. Nathie.....	D.R.	60	3 9 00	14 50	23 50	...
Lydia M. Nathie.....	C.K.	36½	13 21 00	...	21 00	...
		162½	19 39 00	22 75	61 75	...
24 Agents		817	185 472 60	92 80	565 40	279 60

PERIODICAL REPORT.

Wisconsin		Hours	No.	Value
Paper				
E. M. Bisbee.....		40	335	33 50
East Michigan		Hours	No.	Value
Watchman				
Persis J. Judd.....		2	46	4 60
*2 Weeks				