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

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My New Year's Resolve

Resolved, That I will this year endeavor, by God's help, to live a simple, sincere, and active Christian life; repelling promptly every thought of discontent, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity, and the habit of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust, and a childlike trust in God; I will make an earnest effort to spend some time in Bible study and prayer every day, and to make some personal effort to encourage or draw some one nearer to Christ at least once a week.—*M. W. C.*

Locating Near Our Institutions

At a recent meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee, the Committee had under consideration the question of encouraging our people to settle with their families near the College or other institutions in the Lake Union. After quite a thorough study of the question, in the light of the Scriptures and the Testimonies, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Resolved, That we urge parents, as far as it is possible, to remain with churches and place their children when of suitable age in our school dormitories."

The following are a few expressions from the Testimonies bearing upon this very important question. In a testimony, sent out by Sister White in the year 1904, the following language is found:—"From letters received by those connected with our institutions and by movements already made, we see that many desire to obtain homes near these institutions. My mind is weighed down with perplexity regarding this, because I have received instruction from the Lord in regard to the influence that would be exerted upon individuals and upon our work for our people selfishly to gather around our institutions.

"For years, in warnings often repeated, I have testified to our people that God was not pleased to see families leaving the smaller churches, and gathering into the places where our publishing houses, sanitariums, and schools are established, for their own convenience, ease, or worldly profit.

"In Australia, we went into the forest and secured a large tract of land for our school. Plans were laid to sell to our brethren building lots near the school homes and near the meeting house. But I was instructed to protest against permitting families to settle near our school homes. The counsel given was that it would be much better for families not to live near the school and not to live too close to one another."

"It is always the case that when an institution is established in a place, there are many families who desire to settle near it. Thus it has been in Battle Creek and in Oakland, and,

to some extent, in almost every place where we have a school or a sanitarium."

This, perhaps, is sufficient, although pages could be quoted from the Testimonies written to the brethren at Battle Creek, to the brethren at Oakland, to the brethren at Mountain View, and also to the brethren at Washington, since the headquarters and the school were located at Takoma Park.

It would be a good thing for our brethren to consider well this instruction. Before securing property and removing to a location near the College, or any other institution, be very sure that the Lord is leading in the movement. Be sure that there is a work which can and will be done, for the advancement of the cause of God and the upbuilding of His work, before removing the family to a locality near our institutions.

ALLEN MOON,

For Lake Union Conference Committee.

The Eastern Question

The Seventh-day Adventist denomination has not changed its position on the Eastern Question. It has found no occasion for doing so. A few individuals have dissented from the views held by the body; and the denomination being void of bigotry has given a respectful hearing to the advocates of the new interpretation of prophecy. The evidence in favor of this new position has not been sufficient to shake the foundation of the old, in any particular.

The body still adheres to the long-established belief that Turkey is the "king of the north" mentioned in the last verses of the eleventh chapter of Daniel. Also, that the drying up of the great river Euphrates, which finds its consummation under the sixth plague mentioned in Revelation 16, relates to the same power.

The evidence in favor of the position held by the body has strengthened with the passing years. Let no one be deceived as to where the Adventist people stand on this momentous question.

ALLEN MOON.

The Question Box

Proper questions regarding the administration of the work will be answered in this department from time to time. Send all questions addressed to Room 215 Dean Bldg., South Bend, Ind.

Q. When should the meeting be held at which the officers of the church are elected?

Ans. As nearly as possible, just before the close of the calendar year, so that the newly-elected officers may enter upon their duties at the opening of the new year.

Q. What is the meaning of the Two-per-cent Fund, and for what is it used?

Ans. The so called Two-per-cent Fund is a fund created by our people, giving systematically two per cent of their income into the conference for purposes for which the tithe may not be used—such as poor fund, tent fund, to aid schools, and other necessary enterprises for which collections are sometimes taken. This systematic plan of making offerings is recommended in the Testimonies and supported by the Scriptures. It saves making so many special calls for means.

Q. Is an elder an elder who fails to read to the church letters sent to it by the General, Union, or Local Conference?

Ans. Such an one has failed in his conception of the duties and responsibilities of an elder. The local elder serving a church is not the only one having responsibility toward the church. Paul raised up churches, but his responsibility did not cease when he had ordained local elders to serve the church. He continued to carry a burden for them and wrote letters to them. If any man had failed to aid Paul, even in reaching the church by letter, he would not have been worthy of the name elder. So in all ages the man who intervenes to prevent the conference having the general oversight of the work from reaching the people of the church is likewise unworthy.

Q. How does the Mission Board arrive at the amount of money to be raised each year for the support of missions?

Ans. Every mission field in the world sends, annually, an estimate based on the number of laborers in the field, the wages paid to each, and the probable traveling expense, and any other incidental expense. These estimates added together make the total required. An addition is made by the Mission Board for any recruits to be sent out during the year.

Q. How many missionaries has the Seventh-day Adventist church at present in purely heathen lands?

Ans. The latest report issued by the Mission Board places the total at 1,560.

A Request

It has recently been decided by the Northern Illinois Conference Committee to have a series of evangelistic meetings held every evening during the week except Saturday, conducted in a large and commodious church building located at the corner of Ashland Boulevard and Monroe Street. The meetings will begin immediately following the holidays and will continue at least during the months of January and February. This church is very centrally located in the city of Chicago, being only about twenty minutes walk from the business center of the city on the west side. It can be reached from all parts of the city for a five-cent fare.

We would most earnestly request those who have relatives and friends residing in the city of Chicago to write them at once giving them the location of the church and urging them to attend these meetings. These services will be in charge of the writer and his coworkers.

K. C. RUSSELL.

3645 Ogden Ave., Chicago.

Lake Union Missionary Volunteer Institute

Our young people throughout the Union will be made happy to know that arrangements have been made for conducting a Missionary Volunteer Institute at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Michigan, January, 23-26.

The first session will be held Thursday evening, and the closing session Sunday evening.

Prof. M. E. Kern, Elder Meade MacGuire, and Miss Matilda Erickson will be the General Conference workers present.

Let every society be represented by at least one delegate. The fare should be paid by the society sending such delegate, unless the individual desires to meet his own expenses. Accommodations will be furnished to all who attend. No charges except for board which will be upon the European plan.

Begin now to pray and plan for this Institute.

C. A. RUSSELL.

"God's plans, like lilies pure and white, unfold;
We must not tear the close-shut leaves apart—
Time will reveal the chalices of gold."

Northern Illinois Conference

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

Northern Illinois Conference Notice

According to the accompanying notice in the HERALD, our Conference will hold its annual session January 10-20, in the Fourth Baptist church, 1600 Monroe Street corner Ashland Boulevard, Chicago. The church can be easily reached from the down-town district on the Madison or Van Buren Street cars getting off either line at Ashland Boulevard. The building is one block south of Madison Street and three blocks north of Van Buren Street on Ashland Boulevard. If you come on the "L", take Humboldt Park car from the loop and get off at Madison Street station which is two blocks from the church.

We are looking for a large delegation from the churches and in order to secure rooms for all, it will be necessary for you to send in your name immediately to the Tract Society Office, 3645 Ogden Ave.

This will be a very important meeting as evangelical services by Elder K. C. Russell, Elder M. H. Serns, Dr. D. H. Kress, Prof. W. E. Straw, and others, will begin January 5, and continue in the evenings during the conference session. We trust you will make every effort to come, bringing God's blessing with you, and receive the benefit of this important gathering. Elders Daniells and Knox will be present from the General Conference; Elders Allen Moon, O. A. Olsen, and others from the Union Conference.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,
G. E. LANGDON, *Pres.*;
H. E. MOON, *Sec'y.*

Field Notes

Elder and Mrs. Haskell are in Chicago and will be in attendance at our annual conference January 10-20.

We have just received word from the General Conference that Elder G. B. Thompson will attend our conference. He will be with us all through.

At the close of the discourse last Sabbath at the South Side church a call was made for those who would engage in home missionary work with the six months' series of the *Signs of the Times* Weekly. There was a splendid response,—a club of one hundred copies for six months. I believe the Lord is calling upon every church and member to enter this great work and to revive the old-time missionary work with new spirit. What other churches will follow this godly example?

Last Sabbath at 3 P. M., in connection with Elder C. W. Webber and Brother J. K. Fisher, as the result of their tent-meetings in the German language held on the South Side last summer, a small German church was organized with ten members. Part of these united by letter from other churches. A good work has been begun and we are very hopeful that others will be added to this number. The brethren have a neat little hall for their meetings. Brother Fisher conducts meetings Tuesday, Thursdays and Sunday evenings, aside from the Sabbath meeting. There is some interest. Sister Fisher is selling magazines as she can find time aside from her household duties.

I held three meetings with the Kankakee and Waldron churches the latter part of December. They voted to take and use a club of thirteen *Signs* one year. Brother and Sister F. O. Lewis and son have moved to LaFayette, Ind. The offices they held in the church are now filled by Brother and Sister Albert Legg.

By the time this paper reaches the readers, Elder K. C. Russell, Dr. D. H. Kress, and coworkers will have begun medico-evangelistic work in the large Baptist church at the corner of Monroe St. and Ashland Boulevard two miles west of the "loop" district. Prof. M. H. Serns will have the oversight of the music and Prof. W. E. Straw of the distribution of literature. Sunday, January 5, 7:45 P. M. is the first service. These services will be continued each evening during the conference, January 10-20, and onward through January and February, and perhaps longer.

Come in so as to attend the last of the conference if you cannot attend all through. This will be an important meeting when all the work and departments of the conference will be considered,—evangelical, medical, educational, and missionary. Abundant help will be in attendance from the Union and General conferences.

Mrs. Fish, matron at the Chicago Mission Home, 3418 Douglas Boulevard, who has been on a holiday visit to her parents in Hodgenville, Ky., returned last Thursday.

Miss Matie E. Webber, daughter of Elder C. W. Weber, who is assisting Elder K. C. Russell as stenographer in his evangelistic work, is helping in the conference and tract society office during the busy season.

Miss Edith Shepard, educational secretary, and Miss Thallie Halvorsen, Elder Olsen's stenographer, just returned to the office from a holiday vacation at their homes in Otsego and Berrien Springs, respectively, ready to prosecute their work with renewed vigor. G. E. LANGDON.

News Notes

Many who are acquainted with Brother H. C. Winslow of Chicago will be glad to know that he is meeting with success selling "Easy Steps in the Bible Story," the new book for children. Last Friday morning he sold two copies, delivered one and received one dollar in advance on another. While not able to put in full time he rejoices in his work, and does credit to one younger. Brother Winslow is seventy-seven years old. Perhaps others would like to follow his example.

The new book, "The Conflict Between Capital and Labor," is brimful of facts on this question. It is a book for the times. The rich recommend it; the poor laud it. It is so written as to show the fallacy of depending upon any organization or club to give relief, and does it so nicely that all can see the right solution. Neatly bound in board covers, with three color design on front, price 75 cents, uniform size with "Best Stories." Discount to home workers. Send and get one and arouse your neighbors.

Fox River Academy Notes

Among the new students who entered school at the close of the vacation are the following: Miss Ada Tuttle of Springfield, Mr. F. W. Ray of Leland, and Mr. Edward Balke of Bloomington.

Nearly all of the students went home for the holiday vacation. Elder Butcher spent a part of this time in the Southern Illinois Conference in the interests of the school, and Mr. Steen and Mr. Phipps visited some of the churches in this conference.

The first test of the new chemical fire-extinguishers was made last Thursday at the chapel period. Although a large blaze had been started on purpose, one extinguisher proved sufficient to put it out. Both dormitories and the chapel building are now provided with these extinguishers.

Our enrollment in the academic department so far this year is as follows:—

Northern Illinois—Gordon Bollman, Chicago; Ella Collier, Freeport; Charles Carpenter, Chicago; Winnifred Cooper, Howard Cummings, Chicago; Roy T. Davis, Moline; Ella

Foreman, Watseka; Roy I. Foreman, Watseka; Royal Garrison, Elgin; Grace B. Gibbons, Watseka; Blanche M. Greer, Seaton; Alonzo Hall, Chicago; Leland Hartnell, Galesburg; Florence Kedler, Chicago; Claude Kellogg, Elgin; Harold Langdon, Chicago; Robert Mc Intyre, Pittwood; Earl Pope, Millbrook; Marguerite Porter, Chicago; Rollo Rank, Sheridan; Willard Ray, Leland; Glenn Russell, Chicago; Ralph Russell, Chicago; Paul Smith, Chicago; Ilott Vickery, Sheridan, Maude Williams, Chicago; Geraldine Young, Streator.

Southern Illinois—Alta Anderson, Hudson; Emily Anderson, Hudson; Le Roy Crabtree, Peoria; Edward Blake, Bloomington; Earla E. East, Decatur; Roscoe Figgins, Strasburg; Grace Lietzke, Decatur; Eunice Mallernee, Cerro Gordo, Dallas Newlan, Lovington; Fred Pontious, St. James; Lizzie Pontious, St. James; Ainslie Robbins, Lovington; Ada Tuttle, Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wham, Carter; Roxana Trueblood, Stewardson; William Trueblood, Stewardson; Everette C. Wood, Bluford; Ethel Woodford, Albion.

Miscellaneous—Zelda Arnold, Detroit, Mich.; Florence Chrisman, Columbus, Ohio; Moses M. Karr, Fair Oaks, Indiana; Della Kelley, Linton, Indiana; Victor M. Olson, Franksville, Wisconsin; Hattie M. Smith, Welsh, La.; C. B. Van Gorder, Clyde, Ohio.

North Michigan Conference

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President, J. J. Irwin; Secretary, S. E. Kellman; Treasurer, North Michigan Tract Society; Tract Society Secretary-Treasurer, S. E. Kellman; Ed., Sabbath-school and Young Peoples' Secretary, Miss Florence Crouch; Field Missionary Agent, B. F. Williams.

North Michigan Elders' Meeting

The meeting for workers and elders, held at Frankfort, Michigan, December 18 to 23, may be said to have been a successful meeting. All the elders in North Michigan were present, with the exception of four. The laborers were nearly all present.

The interest in the subjects under consideration was excellent throughout the entire meeting. Several important resolutions were passed as the result of discussion of various questions.

The question of offerings for foreign missions came in for its full share of consideration. A unanimous sentiment prevailed that it would not impose an impossible burden upon the people of North Michigan to raise their full proportion of the means required for carrying forward the work.

Another question receiving favorable consideration was that of home missionary work. In view of the present signs of the times, indicating the nearness of the final consummation, the brethren felt that all timidity on the part of our people should be laid aside, and that, individually, we should engage earnestly in the work of warning the people.

And still another matter that received very earnest endorsement by all present was that of offerings for local purposes. The view that we ought to have one fund in the hands of the local conference committee, out of which to provide for the various enterprises at home, was unanimously entertained.

The study of this question revealed the fact that the present plan for each individual to contribute two per cent of his income to such a fund is in harmony with both the command of Scripture and instruction in the Testimonies.

Other important matters received consideration, such as time and location of the next camp-meeting, adherence to the principles of health reform, the promotion of a deeper spiritual interest in the churches, the importance of a more strict observance of the Sabbath, and kindred subjects.

Elder E. W. Webster, who has just been recuperating his health in the mountains of Colorado for some months past,

arrived just in time to take part in the meeting. In his preaching he bore a decided testimony which was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all.

Taken all together, the workers and elders' meeting was a time of refreshing. Elder Irwin, the president of the conference, appeared in excellent health and spirits. We were glad to meet Elder M. C. Guild who has not enjoyed the most robust health during the last few years, but who seems at present to be very much improved in health.

Elder Peterson and other laborers rendered valuable assistance in the meeting.

ALLEN MOON.

A Trip West and North

A short time ago I left Sault Ste. Marie, where we have a growing work and live interest, to visit some of our churches and companies of Sabbath-keepers.

The first stop was made at Laketon, where there are a number of members, who in the years past were brought into the truth through the diligent labors of Elders M. C. Guild, C. A. Hansen, R. J. Bellows, and Brother F. E. Fenner. During the current year a neat church building has been erected and furnished, clear of debt. This building will no doubt be dedicated in the near future. I held several meetings at this place and found souls hungering for spiritual encouragement. Two adults took their stand with God's remnant people.

I next went to Ishpeming where just two or three sisters are holding aloft the banner of truth. A good spirit was manifested as the bread of life was broken to them.

Continuing the journey north, I spent two days with the Indian company at L'anse. While here the ordinances were celebrated with them for the first time. This company plans to erect a church building next spring.

Houghton and Hancock were the last places visited before returning to the Soo. Here I found the resident members enjoying much of God's blessing, and doing what they can to advance the interests of the message.

A spirit was manifested at all the above places that bespeaks better days for the cause of present truth in the Upper Peninsula.

E. F. PETERSON.

Harris and Riverside

According to previous arrangements, I spent the first half of the week of prayer at Harris. From the beginning a spirit of unity prevailed; the Spirit of God came in, and a general revival was experienced. Some of our Catholic friends came three or four miles to attend the evening meetings. I was sorry to leave the interest that had been awakened.

Wednesday, I went to Riverside, but found a message telling of the sickness of my wife. I went home immediately where I have been since. Mrs. Bellows is beginning to recover in answer, I believe, to special prayer by those assembled in the elders' meeting at Frankfort.

My courage was never better. It is surely high time to awake out of sleep and prepare for the great revival that is coming among our people. Let us endure unto the end and victory shall be ours.

R. J. BELLOWES.

Canvassers' Notes

Brother Bjork has just finished a successful delivery. He writes, "I am glad to labor in any way to advance the message." Brother Bjork has put in a faithful year of service and has been successful in leading others to the truth.

Brother Jackson has begun work in Wexford County, and the Lord is blessing his efforts. He writes, "Although my report is small this week, I am of good courage and with the Lord's help I mean to press faithfully on from door to door."

Sister Ernst has been working around her home, and has sold over one hundred dollars' worth of these silent messengers. She is nearly seventy years of age, but she finds joy in this work. This should serve as an object lesson to those who are young and strong. She writes, "I never before saw the people so ready to buy our books. Several have taken three or four copies."

Sisters Florence and Ida Orth are still working at the Soo. They are of good courage in the work to which their Master has called them.

Brother Ralph Denton is just finishing his delivery in Otsego County. The Lord has richly blessed his efforts there.

Brother Collard, who has been working at Traverse City, reports that he is of good courage. He has been in this work several years and he finds joy in being a coworker with Christ.

Are there not others who wish to join the ranks of these God-fearing workers and help in heralding the message to the world in this generation?

B. F. WILLIAMS.

News Notes

Elder J. J. Irwin, S. E. Kellman, B. F. Williams, and Miss Crouch were in attendance at the elders' meeting last week, returning to the office Monday night.

We were glad to meet Elder E. W. Webster at Frankfort. It has not yet been decided definitely whether Brother Webster will remain in this field, another important call having been extended to him.

Two new tracts on the "Eastern Question" are having a ready sale. This is the time to circulate them. The prices are as follows: "Eastern Question," 16 pages, 1 cent each; "Turkey and His End," 32 pages, 2 cents each. Order a liberal supply and use them while the interest is good.

The new treasurer's books have been sent to all our church treasurers. We would be glad to correspond with any to whom the new system is not quite clear. The conference treasurer is addressing a general letter to all our treasurers about the matter, but if all the points are not fully explained, please write us about it.

The home missionary work was fully discussed at the elders' meeting, and we believe that an effort will be made to revive this important work. The calls for workers in nearly every church indicate that if our churches were ready to give Bible readings, make personal visits with interested ones, etc., we would see an abundant harvest of souls for the Master. We can, at any rate, distribute tracts, periodicals and pamphlets in every place. Let us revive this work.

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Anderson and Marion

It has been some time since I have sent a report for the HERALD, though I have not been idle. At our camp-meeting last fall it was decided that I should do Bible work in Anderson and Marion. I have since then been giving all my time to this much-needed line of work.

The Lord has greatly blessed me in giving me favor with the people, and I can not nearly fill the calls that are coming for Bible readings. I have twenty-two readers in Anderson, divided into two classes, and about as many in Marion, in three classes. These studies, with my visiting, take all my time, yet I still keep in touch with our young people through our local society.

One of my Bible classes (fourteen in number) is now studying the Sabbath question, and all are deeply interested. With earnest prayer and trust in the promises of God, the seed has been sown, and these precious souls have been brought step by step over the various points of the message to the place where they must soon decide. May the dear Saviour help them to take their stand for the right.

I spent most of my time during the week of prayer with the Marion and Anderson churches. The Lord greatly blessed in the meetings, and the readings seem to have been especially adapted to our needs at this time, and were indeed "meat in due season."

The annual offering of our church at Anderson was larger than ever before. Surely the Lord is awakening His people to a deeper consecration and sense of their responsibility to hasten the coming of Jesus by giving of our means, with ourselves, to the advancement of His cause.

MRS. R. W. McMAHAN.

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.

To Be Read in All the Churches

New Year's greetings to all. The old year is past and the record is made for time and for eternity. Let it be with each of us as stated by Mr. Powers, the artist, when asked, "What is your best work?" "Oh, the one I'm going to do next," was the happy answer. Let the old failures be the scars of growth: the old successes steps of progress.

The new year has been ushered in with its blessings and its opportunities, its cares and its responsibilities. We must now formulate plans for progress, and address ourselves to a greater forward movement, as the Lord wills.

The work should be carried on in even lines and the success or failure depends upon the attitude of each member of the church in the conference. We must not fail nor be discouraged for we are laborers together with God. The principle of the gospel is giving. God gave His Son for us. We give ourselves to Him, and give week by week of the means intrusted to us, and we give Him the glory for all success and prosperity.

At a recent counsel of the Conference Committee it was recommended that we hold several general meetings during the winter. As soon as arrangements are completed, the dates and places will be published. It was also decided not to hold a fall camp-meeting this year, but to hold the annual camp-meeting in a central place and urge all to attend. Considerable study was given to the question, and in view of all the circumstances and all things considered, it was decided to hold the next session of our conference and camp-meeting at Grand Rapids, about the middle of June. The exact date will be given later.

We mention this matter thus early in the year that all may know and plan accordingly. We hope to see at least half of our people at the camp-meeting this year, and as many more as possible.

Let us all take hold of the work unitedly the very first of the year, and meet the demands upon us and enjoy the blessings for us, as the days come and go. Two fundamental questions ever confront us—Where art thou? and, Where is thy brother? In other words, our relation to God and our relation to mankind. Keep right with God and in favor with mankind and success will crown our efforts.

"Let knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of reverence in us dwell;

That mind and soul according well,
May make one music as before,
But vaster."

W. H. THURSTON.

Merrill

About November 20 the little company at Merrill closed their campaign with the Ingathering *Signs*, securing in all about \$33. Thanksgiving evening the Sabbath-school gave a missionary program in the church, several outsiders attending. One pleasing feature of the program was a dialogue by the young people, in which two were dressed in native costume, relating living experiences in the countries represented. An offering amounting to \$5.98 was taken.

Our thoughts then turned to the week of prayer. This was a season of great refreshing to the Merrill church. Many prayers had been ascending for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, and it came. Some who had wandered far away from God were reclaimed. One man, husband of one of the sisters, fully surrendered all to God and is now rejoicing in his new found love. All were strengthened for a closer walk with God.

SUE JONES.

News Notes

Sister Ritchie of Stevens Point is in poor health and hopes to go to the sanitarium the first of January.

I spoke in the church in Stevens Point Dec. 21, and called on several of the members. They are planning for a series of meetings to be held there this winter.

Word has been received of a minister and his family in the West accepting the truth through reading the *Signs of the Times*. Some one sent the papers to him. Are you sending papers to any one?

W. H. T.

We are reminded by the above note handed us by Elder Thurston, of a recent subscription for the Monthly *Signs* sent us by a lady now investigating the truth because of papers sent her by one of our Young People's Societies, and coming in touch last summer with one of our canvassers. May we all remember and lay hold of the promise implied in Eccl. 11:6 and take new courage to scatter all the literature we can.

Miss Mable Cutler spent last Sabbath and Sunday with her parents in Bethel.

Miss Frances Case returned from the educational convention last Monday, the 30th.

Elder Thurston went to Eau Claire about the middle of last week to remain at the canvassers' institute until its close.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McReynolds attended the convention at Bethel, Mrs. McReynolds remaining for a few days' visit with Mrs. W. H. Thurston.

On his way to Bethel to attend the educational convention, Prof. C. Russell spent the intervening time between trains at Grand Rapids, at the offices, making us a pleasant call.

Prof. E. E. Gardner was taken quite seriously ill during the educational convention so that he was unable to resume his school duties at the close of the week's vacation. Prof. A. W. Hallock's services were secured for a few days. It is hoped and believed that Brother Gardner will soon be able to take up his work again.

We are putting in a large stock of the new tracts on the Eastern Question, and have already received many orders for the same. Prices one and two cents respectively. Has your church ordered a supply of these to give to your friends and neighbors? All eyes are upon Turkey and the Balkan States and the world needs just the information these two excellent tracts contain.

"God is more ready to forgive the blotted page of endeavor than the blank page of surrender."

Bethel Academy Notes

Prof. J. N. Kimble spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Grand Rapids.

Several of the academy teachers were at Iver Nelson's for Christmas dinner.

Miss Myrtle Judd spent a portion of the vacation in Grand Rapids visiting friends.

Miss Hazel Nissen will return from Milwaukee next Friday where she has been visiting for a week.

Nathan Beebe and Edward Bush returned from Moon last Thursday where they have been visiting friends and relatives.

Christmas being Professor Elliott's birthday, Mrs. Elliott invited a number of friends to spend the evening with them. This was a pleasant surprise to Professor Elliott.

After returning from a sleigh ride last Monday evening, Miss Elsie Bleck was slightly injured by being thrown from the sleigh by the accidental starting of the horses.

Prof. Floyd Gardner, with those of his chorus who remained at the academy during vacation, rendered the cantata, "Everlasting Light," for the teachers assembled at the institute. The teachers considered this a treat, indeed.

Special Notice

This is to inform all of our people in Wisconsin that a sixteen page daily Bulletin (about twenty numbers in all), will be published, giving reports of the proceedings of the next session of the General Conference which is to be held in Washington, D. C., May 15 to June 8, 1913. The price will be fifty cents mailed direct to your home address. Send your subscription with fifty cents to the Wisconsin Tract Society, Grand Rapids, Wis. W. H. THURSTON.

East Michigan Conference

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In the Field

I spent December 20-24 in visiting the Luce church, during which time I visited every family, and held three meetings. I found them of good courage in the truth, and every one doing what he can for its advancement. I took a number of orders for books and periodicals, including eight of the new "Christ in Song." I also found seven or eight new Sabbath-keepers with others deeply interested.

During the week of prayer I visited and held meetings with four churches: Ovid, St. Johns, Chapin, and Ola, also visiting nearly every family. I found them all most deeply interested in the progress of the message, filled with courage, and pressing onward.

This week I expect to start on a trip of from four to six weeks, among the following churches: Hillsdale, Jefferson, Prattville, Adrian, Willis, and Bellville.

My courage is good, and the work of my department is being bountifully prospered.

E. I. BEEBE, *Field Missionary Secretary.*

Rankin

Doutless, some of the readers of the HERALD have been wondering about the work at Rankin; and so I write to say that the blessing of God has been with us in all our work.

Elder O. M. Kittle spent one week with us and God blessed our efforts. Six have taken their stand for the truth and our people have been greatly blessed. A permanent company has been organized and we trust that others who have heard the truth will identify themselves with this people. H. H. HICKS.

North Branch, Oxford, Birmingham

The three churches which I visited during the week of prayer were, North Branch, Oxford, and Birmingham. The brethren in these places are of good courage, and feel that we have come to the time when a quick work is to be done, and each desires to do his part by consecrating life and means.

Several were having good experiences with the Harvest In-gathering *Signs*. One brother at North Branch who has had little success heretofore, decided this year that he would make a stronger effort, and as a result he has collected over nineteen dollars, and expects to make it at least twenty dollars.

I also met with the few Sabbath-keepers here in Pontiac twice during the week. Though only a few in number and quite scattered, we are holding our Sabbath services regularly.

The work is just nicely started here, and if any have interested friends or relatives, I would be glad to receive their name and address.

Pray for the work in Pontiac.

H. B. WESTCOTT.

63 Meriva St., Pontiac, Mich.

Elwell

November 14 I began a series of meetings in a schoolhouse near Elwell. The meetings gave promise of results and Brother H. A. Boylan came on the 29th to join me. His help was appreciated as we had quite a large territory to cover in house-to-house work.

We had a fair attendance; three precious souls took their stand for "the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus," and several others were deeply interested.

This schoolhouse is near a Catholic community and when we presented the "United States in Prophecy" and the "Fall of Protestantism in America," some opposition was raised and several young men made trouble, but our God who is ever near His children protected us in this crisis.

In that crisis we, in a measure, realized what it will mean when Catholicism and apostate Protestantism join with Spiritualism in the great threefold deception. May our God prepare us for that day. F. H. HOXBIE.

Field Notes

"The Lord is still blessing me with orders, and I am sure that the truth will be published in this locality. I am glad to have a part in this blessed work."—George McClenathan.

"I am of good courage and very busy. I praise God for the privilege of working for Him.—Mrs. C. S. Countryman.

"While canvassing one day I was told that the people living in a certain field were Catholics. But knowing that my book is for the Catholic also, I went to the house. Having been told by the woman at the door that she wanted no books, I turned away. As I was going back I met the husband, showed him my book and secured his order. Although this town has been canvassed for this book, nevertheless I was glad to sell in it \$12 worth of 'Great Controversy' in two days. I thank God for good experiences and I expect to make canvassing my life work."—J. A. Lamb.

"Coming to a house one evening I could not sell a book but I secured a place for my night's lodging. In the morning the man was sick with lagrippe. My knowledge of simple treatments was the means of selling a book in the best binding at this place, for after working over him for about one and a half hours, he declared himself well again. I too, praise God for many blessed experiences in the canvassing field."—A Canvasser.

Does it not make your heart yearn for a definite portion in this closing work as you read of those who are in the work

of the Master? Jesus is with every faithful colporteur as he goes from door to door. Canvass with Jesus as your companion, and the promise is yours, "Lo, I am with you alway." Come out and help us, that when the Master calls for the laborers in His vineyard you may be one to whom He can say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." If this is your desire, write me.

Holly, Mich.

A. V. MORRISON.

Southern Illinois Conference

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Mattoon

Following the week of prayer, meetings were held with the company at this place, and a church of fifteen members was organized. We elected the necessary officers, consisting of elder, deacon, clerk, treasurer, and librarian. We celebrated the ordinances, and enjoyed a spiritual refreshing.

The church-school gave \$5 for the India mission, the result of their work with the Harvest Ingathering magazines.

WILLIAM WOODFORD.

News Notes

Brother E. M. Fishell assisted in the Canvassers' Institute held at Eau Clair, Wis., last week.

Elder Bristol attended the quarterly business meeting at Peoria, December 26 and met with the Farmington church the 30th and 31st.

Brother Henry Hoefft writes that he is enjoying his work at the Foreign Mission Seminary, Washington, D. C. He expects to make Mexico his field of labor.

Elder Wm. Woodford has accepted a call to labor in the Upper Columbia Conference, and left last Tuesday for that place. His friends will miss him in this conference and our prayers and best wishes go with him to his new field of labor.

West Michigan Conference

Office Address, Otsego, Mich.

President, C. F. McVagh; Sec'y-Treas., H. H. Todd; Ed. and Y. P. Secretary, Flora H. Williams, 467 Hamblin Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. Religious Liberty Sec'y, S. B. Horton, 564 Cass Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich., Field Agent, A. L. Van Fossen.

Teachers' Institute

The West Michigan Teachers' Institute was held at Emmanuel Missionary College, December 19-23. The following were in attendance: The Misses Grace Evans, Florence Howell, Olive Siemann, Lela Struble, Edna Ayars, Ivah Krome, Susie Klose, Elma Pitton, Ruth Peel, Lela Worster, Leta Rumery, Mrs. Geo. Davis, Messrs. F. A. Schoonard, L. C. Shepard, R. U. Garrett, Darrell Davis, C. A. Russell, Mrs. Moon, Mrs. Williams, and Elder Montgomery, besides many of the students and some of the teachers at the College.

The institute was opened Thursday evening with a helpful talk by Brother C. A. Russell. Friday forenoon was spent in visiting college classes and also the training-school. This was followed by a discussion of their observations. Elder Montgomery spoke at the Sabbath service.

Evening after Sabbath an illustrated stereopticon lecture on "Pilgrim's Progress" was given by four members of the literature class. This proved instructive as well as entertaining. The remainder of the time was devoted to discussing questions of importance to teachers, among which were "The Need of More Efficient Teachers," "The Ideal Teach-

er," and "The Training of Our Youth." The question box proved helpful.

The teachers expressed themselves as having spent a profitable and enjoyable time and as being grateful to the church and College for many courtesies shown.

L. C. SHEPARD.

Clifford Lake and Mecosta

Accompanied by Mrs. Shepard, I spent December 7, 8 with the Clifford Lake church. On Sabbath following Sabbath-school, we had the reading prepared for the day, after which I spoke on the love of God and the need of consecration. On Sunday after the regular reading, the Eastern Question was presented. Several outsiders were present and seemed interested. One young man promised to read "Daniel and Revelation." May the Lord bless the Clifford Lake church.

December 13-15 I was with the Mecosta church. When I arrived I found this company in an enlivened condition and some outside interest. Brother Perkins of Grand Rapids had been with them since Tuesday. We arranged for the readings in the afternoon and preaching each evening. I spoke Friday and Sabbath evenings. We had a good attendance with an increasing outside interest. Sunday evening Brother Perkins spoke on the Eastern Question which greatly stirred all present. Because of the interest our brother decided to remain a week. Surely God is letting His Spirit impress honest hearts. May His light shine brightly in Mecosta.

L. C. SHEPARD.

News Notes

Sister Pennock reports a number of interested readers at Greenville, Mich.

Brethern C. W. Curtis and C. H. Thompson will soon begin a series of meetings at Coldwater, Mich.

Brother Wm. Reefman asks prayers for the work he is about to begin at Moorland, near Muskegon.

Many of the churches are rejoicing because the annual offering will fill up their full quota of mission funds for 1912.

December 1912 bids fair to be the banner month for tract society business in West Michigan. Let the good work go on.

Reports coming in from the week of prayer indicate that it has been a season of great spiritual blessing in West Michigan.

An encouraging interest to hear the truth developed at Mecosta during the week of prayer. Brother J. M. Hoyt has been asked to look after this interest.

Elder McVagh was called to Trufant last week to conduct the funeral service of Mrs. Warren Hansen. The service was held in the Danish-Lutheran church and was largely attended.

Elder A. J. Haysmer filled Elder Horton's appointment at Grand Rapids on a recent Sunday night and visited Otsego, Allegan, Battle Creek, and other places, speaking of the work for the colored people.

Doctor F. A. Loope and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Loope's brother, Elder McVagh and family at Otsego. Dr. Loope is the superintendent of the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, LaFayette, Ind.

Any-one interested in moving to the vicinity of a church-school will do well to correspond with F. B. Fleming, Hastings, Mich., Route 3. He can tell of a desirable farm for sale near Carleton Center church. Terms easy to right person.

"Blessed be the name of the Lord

From this time forth and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same

The Lord's name is to be praised."

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Mrs. Lou Kirby Curtis - - - - - Editor

"Happy New Year" to all the HERALD readers!

A number of good reports will appear in the next issue of the HERALD that were left out of the present number because we did not have room for them.

We regret that by mistake the report signed "F. L. C." from Grand Rapids was put in the West Michigan department in the last issue of the HERALD. It was from Grand Rapids, Wis., and should have appeared in the Wisconsin department.

Northern Illinois Conference

The forty-first annual session of the Northern Illinois Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Chicago, January 10-20, 1913. The first meeting will be called at 2 P. M., Friday, January 10.

The purpose of this session is to elect conference officers for the ensuing year, to elect the board of trustees of the Northern Illinois Medical Missionary and Sanitarium Association, the Fox River Academy Board, and trustees for the Illinois Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists; also for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the delegates. The constituency of all these corporations is the delegates in session from the Seventh-day Adventist churches of the Northern Illinois Conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and to one additional delegate for each fifteen members. A full delegation is desired.

G. E. LANGDON, *Pres.*;
 H. E. MOON, *Sec'y.*

Business Notices

WANTED.—Seventh-day Adventist woman to keep house for myself and thirteen year old daughter. Address J. T. Upson, Leslie, Mich.

FOR SALE.—One 40 and one 80 acre farm in Wisconsin's best land and dairy locality. Near church-school, store, cheese factory, and saw-mill. L. Francisco, Mosinee, Marathon Co., Wis.

WANTED.—Two strong women, one graduate lady nurse, and a man and his wife for sanitarium work. Applicants must be members of Seventh-day Adventist Church and able to furnish references. Address Wabash Valley Sanitarium, LaFayette, Indiana.

SPECIAL OFFER.—The Sanitarium Food Company will, for a short time, send a 5-gallon can of their "Gold Medal" Vegetable Cooking Oil for \$3.90; two cans \$7.70. Guaranteed to please. Address, Sanitarium-Food Co., 558 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, Minn. 2-12-13.

NOTICE.—A young man, Adventist, 17½ years of age, wants a place where he can work and keep the Sabbath. Is handy with wood-worker's tools, and is willing to do any kind of work. Can furnish recommendations. Please address Harvard Clark, R. F. D. 5, Hesperia, Mich.

NOTICE.—Send your orders for Cooking Oil to Frank Hiner, Holly, Mich. Price the lowest, while quality is the best. For a five-gallon can \$3.75. Price lower by barrel or half-barrel. Also California ripe olives in five-gallon cans. Price \$4.50 per can.

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Canvassers' Report for Weeks Ending

December 20, 27, 1912

Northern Illinois							
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
B. Jones.....	D.R.	7	6	.....	.....	.....	19 00
L. Clarke.....	B.R.	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	187 25
A. Cederblade.....	.....	20	7	23 00	.....	.....	23 00
Chas. Andrews.....	G.C.	33	4	12 00	1 20	13 20	60
John Hicks.....	P.G.	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	407 75
		176	17	35 00	1 20	36 20	614 60
Wisconsin							
Martin Foss.....	B.R.	30	1	3 00	.....	3 00	6 00
F. Passer.....	C.K.	10	4	5 00	50	5 50	59 60
*O. O. Potter.....	L.G.C.	37	1	5 00	1 80	6 80	169 80
N. O. Kittleson.....	M.H.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
		77	6	13 00	2 30	15 30	245 40
Southern Illinois							
R. J. Watson.....	G.C.	37	4	13 00	4 80	17 80	70 00
Ivan Falconer.....	G.C.	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	141 00
Hugh Stearns.....	G.C.	21	2	7 00	2 55	9 55	118 25
Mr. and Mrs. Langston.....	S.C.	48	.....	.....	18 20	18 20	26 15
Mrs. P. Wollard.....	C.K.	11	6	9 00	75	9 75	.....
*Grace Thomas.....	C.K.	4	.....	.....	75	75	25 25
Frank Crail.....	C.K.	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 75
Mary DeWitt.....	G.C.	55	2	6 00	6 50	12 50	127 00
Hugo Mitzelfelt.....	G.C.	25	4	12 00	8 25	20 25	60 00
		247	18	47 00	41 80	88 80	578 15
East Michigan							
Floyd Myers.....	G.C.	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 30
*J. A. Lamb.....	G.C.	44	6	22 00	4 25	26 25	21 50
*Mrs. Countryman.....	C.K.	6	4	6 60	29 20	35 20	89 55
E. V. Sykes.....	P.G.	34	3	9 00	1 50	10 50	4 50
Geo. McClenathan.....	G.C.	36	14	43 00	4 75	47 75	92 70
		149	27	80 00	39 70	119 70	282 55
Indiana							
O. O. Richardson.....	*G.C.	52	19	68 00	7 00	75 00	82 00
H. W. Plake.....	C.K.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	187 23
		52	19	68 00	7 00	75 00	269 23
North Michigan							
E. W. Jackson.....	B.R.	32	4	12 00	1 50	13 50	33 50
West Michigan							
Anna Gilbert.....	B.F.	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 55
S. J. Nathie.....	D.R.	19	1	3 00	.....	3 00	7 60
J. E. Herrington.....	G.C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 63
		22	1	3 00	.....	3 00	107 78
30 Agents		755	92	258 00	93 50	351 50	2131 21

PERIODICAL REPORT.

Wisconsin				
	Paper	Hours	No.	Value
*E. M. Bisbee.....	.....	.....	543	54 30
Inez Holmes.....	.....	.....	52	5 20
			595	59 50
East Michigan				
Persis J. Judd.....	Watchman	13	108	10 80
Hattie Hamer.....	L. & H.	30	500	50 00
Inez Bird.....	Watchman	10	95	9 50
		53	703	70 30

*2 Weeks