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

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Lake Union Conference Directory

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"Time was, is past: thou canst not it recall.
Time is, thou hast: employ the portion small.
Time future, is not, and may never be.
Time present is the only time for thee."

Trinidad, B. W. I.

As my sickness has been announced in the LAKE UNION HERALD, I feel it my duty to say to the many friends of the Lake Union, that God has blessed us in many ways. I am enjoying my usual good health and am at my work again. We have many things to cause us to rejoice. In many respects it has been a hard time for our work here. The people are very poor, and because of the severe drought, early in the year, many of the crops were a failure. When it comes to selling literature, ten cents here, is harder to get than one dollar in the States.

When we came we organized the church for home missionary work, districted the city, and selected leaders. All took hold with a will. When the Harvest Ingathering Signs came, all started out to work, and now in the midst of the campaign the papers are all gone (we have used over 1,000).

The returns are not in yet, but none received less than ten cents, some one dollar. All are happy in the experiences gained. One little girl eight years old sold eighteen papers in a short time.

Early in the summer the Y. P. U. M. S. started a Bible Institute with two objects in view. One was to gain souls for the kingdom, and the other to gain an experience in presenting the gospel message. Each member became responsible for one stranger, and some brought more.

We feel it must have been a good thing, for some of the other churches in the city took up the same thing on the same night. As a consequence our attendance dropped off, but we can see some fruits as the result, and are sure eternity will reveal more.

In many respects the field is able to carry on its work, but in others, our need is great. There are few places where a suitable meeting place can be rented. Tents last but a short time on account of climatic conditions; yet that seems about the only way that we can carry on our work. We have one tent, but need three more, and have no money to buy them. Organs last but a short time, for the climate, ants, and other insects soon ruin them. A second hand one is just as valuable, if the tone is good. We would be glad to pay the freight if our friends wish to donate any to this needy field.

Today as I passed through the country, I saw corn from one foot high to the mature grain. The cocoa crop is just coming in and will continue until spring. Sugar cane is being harvested, and so we are trusting that finances will be easier in the near future. There is not a month in the year

that we can not get fresh vegetables. Cocoanuts, pawpaws, pine apples, oranges, and bananas are in the market the year round.

In the nine months we have been here, the thermometer has ranged from 68 to 88 degrees.

Our week of prayer readings are held at 4:45 A. M. This is a little early for a "Yankee," but it is the custom here. The attendance has been equal to the Sabbath meetings. All agree that it has been a most blessed season of refreshing.

We have meetings at 5 P. M. for the children and youth, and have had many blessings as we work for the little ones. Our courage was never better. N. H. POOL.

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. What order should be observed in conducting church election?

Ans. Many plans have been tried, but the most satisfactory and successful way to conduct church election is to have a committee appointed one or two weeks before the time for election to canvass the matter carefully, consulting the elder and the best informed people in the church, and then to render a report in which nominations for all the offices to be filled are made. The elder, or some minister, should preside at the meeting for election. The voting may be by acclamation, or, in special cases, by ballot.

Q. Who should appoint the committee to nominate church officers?

Ans. If the church has confidence in the elder, it may authorize him to appoint; or the church may associate one or two leading members with the elder to aid in naming the nominating committee.

Q. What church officers are elected at the annual church election?

Ans. Elder, deacon, missionary secretary, clerk, Sabbath-school superintendent, Sabbath-school secretary, leader of young people's society if one exists.

North Michigan Conference

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

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The Elders' Meeting

A good report of the elders' meeting appeared in last week's issue of the HERALD. I mention some additional points this week.

The Two-per-cent Fund was taken up, and it was arranged for the writer to prepare a leaflet on this subject to be sent out to the churches; and every elder voted to do all he could to increase the offerings in this respect.

The elders left Monday morning, but the conference laborers remained during the day to plan for the winter's campaign. We placed the names of the churches on the blackboard and then tried to figure out how, with our small force of workers, we could reach all in a short time. This

we found impossible, so decided it would be better to spend at least a week with each church visited than to try to cover the whole field. It was arranged for the different workers to visit a few of the places and spend a week or ten days with each.

At the same time we were face to face with the problem of meeting the demands for work in new places, but we all felt it would be better to take a little time to work with the churches where there seemed to be a special interest just now. My heart aches when the calls come in and there are not workers to respond to them.

It was the testimony of all that this elders' meeting was a very important one, and we feel that a conference can by no means afford not to have one each year. J. J. IRWIN.

Laketon

Sabbath and Sunday, January 4 and 5, I spent with the little company at Laketon, where they had a new church building to dedicate. This is where Elder C. A. Hansen spent some time and raised up a little company. The building has been some time in construction but it is a neat, tasty structure.

Elders R. J. Bellows and E. F. Petersen were there and assisted in the service. The weather was unfavorable so the attendance was not large but all seemed to enter heartily into the spirit of the meeting.

Some new ones have recently taken their stand for the truth and all seemed much encouraged. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the writer, Elder Petersen offering the prayer.

I was obliged to leave Monday morning to reach another appointment. Elder Bellows remained to follow up the interest. This week I go to Onaway where special meetings are being held by Brother E. A. Piper. The work is onward and success is attending the efforts of the workers.

J. J. IRWIN.

Whittemore and Omer

It was my privilege to spend the first four days of the week of prayer at Whittemore. Two services were held each day, one for the church, and one in the evening for the public. On the Sabbath the Lord came graciously near to us and each member reconsecrated himself to God for service. A man and his wife who had been interested for some time, stepped out fully at this service and are rejoicing in the truth.

The last half of the week was spent with the Omer church. Here also the Lord came near and richly blessed us. All gave themselves anew to the Lord. Some who had gone back returned and pledged themselves to more faithful service. The meetings for the public were well attended. The people here seem willing to hear the truth and we pray that many will accept it.

EDW. A. PIPER.

An Institute for Canvassers

The annual canvassers' institute of the North Michigan Conference will be held at Mesick, Mich., February 14-22. We are planning to make this a very profitable meeting both for those now in the field and those who desire to enter the work. All who wish to attend this meeting will please write me at once.

B. F. WILLIAMS.

510 Petoskey St., Petoskey, Mich.

News Notes

Elders R. J. Bellows is holding meetings at the Laketon church until after Sabbath.

Elder E. F. Peterson was called to L'Anse to conduct the funeral service of Miss Susan Curtis of L'Anse.

Elders J. J. Irwin, E. F. Peterson, and R. J. Bellows attended the dedication of the Laketon church Sunday, January 5.

Success is attending the circulation the of *Missions Signs*. We still have a few more at the office which we will send you on application.

Printed instructions for use of the new treasurer's books are being mailed to each treasurer. If your copy fails to reach you, please drop us a line.

Our stenographer Brother J. B. Frank left for Wisconsin on New Year's eve. We were sorry to see him leave, but sickness at home compelled him to go.

Our magazines are taking up the Eastern Question with clearness and power. Read the February *Signs*, and Professor Magan's series in the *Watchman*, and then send them to your neighbors.

Prof. C. A. Russell attended the school teachers' institute held in Petosky, December 31 to January 1. All the teachers were in attendance except one, who was sick. A very profitable time was spent.

Brother E. A. Piper is at Onaway holding a series of meetings with that church. Elder J. J. Irwin will join him there, and together they will visit Alpena and Omer, staying a week at each place.

Now is the time to plan for the raising of our quota of foreign mission funds. How glad we are that the message is going at such a pace that we have to strive to keep up with it. A few more strenuous years of giving and then Jesus will come to take us home.

Northern Illinois Conference

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

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Report of the German Work in Chicago

No doubt our dear brethren and readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD have before this been wishing to read something of the interest and prosperity of the German work in Chicago. The reason so little is reported is not because there is nothing to report, but is because our time is so fully taken up with work, and perhaps also, that we are somewhat backward in sending in our reports regularly.

On Sabbath, Dec. 28, 1912, we had a good meeting. Our president, Elder G. E. Langdon, was with us and officiated in the organization of the Second German Seventh-day Adventist church of Chicago, located at 5120 S. Ashland Avenue. There are ten members, some of them are the result of our tent effort conducted last summer. Brother J. Fischer and wife, also our Hungarian worker, Brother Geo. Unk, assisted.

The work in this part of the city with its large German population is only started. A strong German church should be raised up here. It will take time to do this. Our German people are very considerate in matters of religion before they will take their stand, and it requires a great deal of patience on the part of the worker to endure this.

Nevertheless the good Lord has blessed our efforts here. During the year 1911 I baptized twelve dear souls who united with the church, and in 1912 I baptized twelve more. Although I would have liked to see many more, I nevertheless have reasons to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for these, and I am asking our dear brethren and sisters throughout the Lake Union Conference to kindly remember the German work here in your prayers.

C. W. WEBER.

Pontiac

In harmony with the recommendation of the conference committee, after closing our summer's tent effort in Chicago,

with Elder Russell, we moved to Pontiac. Since coming here we have helped along with the church-school forenoons and carried on our regular work afternoons and evenings. The company here is small, but we are finding them ready and anxious to help spread the message.

We have found a very desirable hall in the center of the city, the "Red Men's Hall," well equipped in every way for our meetings. We hold two services each week—Sundays at 2:30 and 7:30 P. M.

To advertise we use Family Bible Teacher leaflets with the announcements stamped at the top and folded out; they serve nicely as hand bills, and the citizens are getting each week a good Bible reading to study. We are finding a number of people very friendly as we meet them at the doors and they say they enjoy the readings. Also the papers help us. The daily *Leader* not only prints our announcements in the Saturday edition, but also a column synopsis of the sermon, in the Monday edition. Thus others are getting the truth than just those who come to the meetings.

The attendance is gradually increasing and the interest is good. The lodges which meet in this hall have a supply of arm chairs in reserve for their special occasions and they say we may use them if needed. We are receiving invitations to visit the homes. We rejoice to be workers together with God and our brethren.

J. M. BURDICK AND WIFE.

East Michigan Conference

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The Old Year and the New

Once again we have reached the end of the old year and have time to look back over our failings and successes and lay plans whereby our efforts for 1913 may be more productive of good for the cause of Christ.

It will be a good thing for each member of the conference to look over the past and determine whether or not all has been done for Christ that might have been done during the year just closed. Has there been at least one soul won to Christ by direct effort on your part? If so, there has been joy in heaven as the result of your work on earth, a sinner has repented,— a brand has been plucked from the burning,— a soul has been saved from death.

What has been the success in your church in missionary enterprise? Has the home missionary work done exceeded that of 1911? Has there been an increase in the mission offerings and in the tithes? Has the attendance at the prayer meeting been better? Has the Sabbath-school been more interesting? Is your faith in the coming of the Lord stronger than ever before? If not, why not? Is it because your interests are less, or are your earnings less? Can it be true that there is a decline in the love tension for souls? Has the pulsating need of perishing millions in the old world stirred your soul till the mission offerings from your home and church are larger than for 1911, or has a growing self-love been drying up the streams of your benevolence till but little of the bounty God has given you has found its way into the treasury of the Lord's house? "There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; there is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great riches." We may become a lean soul in the midst of fat pastures. "If ye be willing and obedient ye shall eat the good of the land." Can we say at the year's close, "I have done my best." To all such the Lord will say, "Thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We have seen many causes for rejoicing in the conference

work. As I have looked over the reports of the workers, it is gratifying to see that souls are being gathered into the church. At the close of one of the services in Detroit a short time ago a young man gave his heart to the Lord and has since secured work where he can observe the Sabbath.

One church in our conference has raised the full fifteen cents per member, increased their tithe about \$700 over 1911, and paid off nearly \$1,000 of the church indebtedness. This will be a good standard for all the churches for 1913.

Our motto for 1913 is to have an increase in tithe, the full \$11,968 for missions, and two hundred souls for Christ. With the united prayers of God's people we shall realize our desire and rejoice in the accomplishment of our aim.

WM. GUTHRIE.

Elders' Meeting

It has been decided to hold an elders' meeting at Saginaw, January 27-30. The first meeting will be held on the evening of the first date.

We earnestly request all elders to come to the first meeting and remain till the close. The car fare for all acting elders for 1913 will be paid to the meeting and return by the conference, and the church at Saginaw will provide lodging free. All the expense incurred by the individual will be for board.

We have many very important questions to be discussed so that no elder can afford to miss this opportunity. All the workers of the conference will be present and will take part in the discussion of the questions to be considered.

We need your presence and help and you need the benefits derived from this gathering.

WM. GUTHRIE.

Hillsdale

I was with the Hillsdale church from Dec. 27, 1912, to Jan. 2, 1913. During this time the church held its annual meeting. At the business meeting the officers for the coming year were elected. The Sabbath quarterly meeting services were most precious, all taking part both in testifying, and in the ordinances. Love and unity prevailed. The officers for the past year were all reelected. This was the best yearly business meeting I ever attended at the Hillsdale church.

They lacked but little on the foreign mission funds as per their reported membership for 1912. I solicited subscriptions for our books, periodicals, etc., to the amount of over forty dollars.

Their Wednesday evening prayer meeting was well attended, and was a season of refreshing to all.

The church ordered two hundred Eastern Question tracts and are going to take a club of the *Signs Weekly* for aggressive missionary work.

E. I. BEEBE.

Sandusky

Sabbath, December 28, was a good day for our little company. We were pleased to have Elder Shepard with us to hold quarterly meeting and speak words of encouragement to us. The blessing of our Heavenly Father was with us. One brother was brought in line with the truth. Tobacco was given up, and may the Lord help him to be an overcomer is our prayer.

CHAS. W. CADOW.

Adelphian Academy News Items

During the last few days, the ground has been covered with ice, and our resident students have experienced some difficulty in walking to school.

All appreciate our newly installed electric lights. Both buildings are now well equipped with them, and we wonder how we did without them so long.

School work is progressing with much enthusiasm since

the Christmas vacation. The attendance is now larger than ever before in the history of the school.

During the vacation, the principal's office was thoroughly renovated, and now presents a very attractive appearance with its polished floor, newly varnished woodwork, and tinted walls.

From January 1-3 we were favored with a visit from Professor J. G. Lamson. We greatly enjoyed his stirring chapel talks, and the inspiring address on the Eastern Question which he delivered to the church on Wednesday evening.

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From the Field

Sabbath, December 21, I was at Casey. The Lord came very near and the word spoken was blessed. From here I went to Noble and before I was able to have a meeting with this church I was asked by the president of the conference to visit three churches in behalf of the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund. We as a conference lacked very nearly a thousand dollars in making up our quota. I improved the first opportunity and presented the matter to the sister who took me to the train at Noble. Not having the money with her she went to the bank and obtained \$20 for me. She became responsible for that amount for the Noble church.

Sabbath forenoon I was with the Bloomington church and although they had made a liberal offering, almost double that of last year, they gave \$10.50 in cash. As the Twin City church hold their services in the afternoon, I immediately left Bloomington arriving at the hall just as the Sabbath-school was over. After a short sermon in which the Lord came very near, I laid before them the object of my being there at this time, and before I left next day, I had collected \$35 in cash. A sister later gave me \$12. I stopped at my home on the way to Pontoosuc. Monday morning I went on an early train and reached there in the evening. Next morning I went to see one of the members of this church. I was glad that my visit with this sister was not in vain. Before I left she made out a check for me for \$100. From Friday December 28 to Tuesday December 31 I had collected in cash \$165.55.

I knew the Lord went before me. I was made conscious of this from the very moment I started out. I am now back with the Noble church, and we are having some splendid meetings. The outside interest is good. The house is filled almost every evening. My courage is excellent and I am thankful for this privilege of preaching the third angel's message.

B. F. STUREMAN.

The Canvassing Work

"I began canvassing December 30, and by the end of the week the Lord gave me \$75 worth of orders, besides delivering \$17 worth of books. If I meet with success in delivering these orders I shall have reached the \$1,000 mark."—Hugh Stearns.

"I worked six hours yesterday and the Lord gave me five orders. My orders for the week amounted to \$40,—holiday orders."—W. E. Bailey.

"I write you a few lines to say that the Lord surely blessed me this week, as you see—\$80.50. I am of good courage."—H. Mitzelfelt.

"This is Thursday and it is snowing, but the Lord gave me four orders, making \$40.50 for the week. To Him be all the praise."—A. P. Lager.

Some people who believe that the Lord is able to help His servant sell books in harvest, argue that it is impossible to

sell them in winter and especially in January. Viewing the matter from a worldly stand-point, this may be true, but should we not bear in mind that God is just as able to do His work in January as in June? Do not these figures demonstrate the fact that He is? Dec. 30, 1912 to Jan. 3, 1913, 196 hours, \$268 orders, overage per hour \$1.37. "He hath shewed His people the power of His works, His commandments are sure."

E. M. FISHELL.

November

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Charleston.....	28 69	24	1 50	Pana.....			
Du Quoin.....	48 79	1 85	15 54	2d Springfield...	29 58		1 69
Decatur.....	188 20	1 24	72 25	Stewardson.....	13 90	76	4 46
Farmington.....				Twin City.....			
Foosland.....	3 10	70		Shelbyville.....	13 41		2 12
Herrin.....	13 82	1 06	10 16	West Salem.....	7 09	1 41	
Kingman.....	83 05	16 14	3 65	Woodburn.....			
Lovington.....	16 60	1 21	10 03	Miscellaneous...	17 00		5 10
Martinsville.....	60 92	1 06	5 66	Conference.....	91 17	10 10	13 25
Noble.....				St. Elmo.....	3 00	1 49	1 81
Oakland.....	4 10	18		Carterville.....	26 75	1 40	2 65
Pontoosuc.....	5 00			1st Springfield...	57 54	4 58	39 73
Peoria.....	7 09	1 41		Total.....	\$ 753 54	\$45 54	\$198 37
Bluford.....	31 22		8 47				

News Notes

Elder Bristol visited Stewardson and Kingman January 7-10.

A meeting of the auditors and of the conference committee was held at Springfield, January 6.

Elder Stureman reports a large attendance and good interest in the meetings held at Noble last week.

Brother E. M. Fishell reached Springfield the 7th from the Wisconsin canvassers' institute. His wife returned with him from her visit in Michigan.

The brethren at Maeytown request our prayers for the work in that place. Last week the constable demanded the keys to their place of worship and they are now without a meeting place.

The following churches paid out on their Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund: Decatur, Farmington, Herrin, Twin City, Charleston, Carterville, Foosland, Kingman, Pontoosuc, First Springfield.

Some of our canvassers have been making a record since the institute. Last week Brother Stearns took \$75.80 worth of orders and delivered \$17.30 worth. Brother Bailey's orders amounted to \$40, Brother Lager's \$40 and Brother Mitzelfelt's \$80.50.

Indiana Conference

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News Notes

Elder Thos. F. Hubbard visited the Terre Haute church after the elders' meeting.

We have a large stock of new tracts on the Eastern Question. What could be better for missionary work?

More than \$120 worth of our literature was sold over the counter at our tract society office during the elders' meeting.

Our Tract Society is now entirely separated from our conference books. So please remember to send all orders for our papers and books to Indiana Tract Society.

The elders' meeting was well attended and was pronounced by all a splendid success. A good interest was manifested and many important topics were taken up. We believe that

many churches will receive lasting benefit from this meeting.

Brother A. N. Anderson, our Union Conference treasurer and auditor, spent the first week in this month at our office auditing the conference books, and attending the elders' meeting. From Indianapolis, Brother Anderson went to Chicago.

During the elders' meeting reports were furnished the newspapers of Indianapolis and quite good reports were published. With the large circulation that these papers have, we have reason to believe that the attention of many people will be called to us and our work.

Our tithe for December was \$3,739.61 which is the largest tithe for any month that we have any record of. There were fourteen churches that sent in more than \$100. This certainly shows that the Lord is prospering His people and that they are giving to Him His own.

We were glad to have with us during the elders' meeting, Elder G. B. Thompson of the General Conference, Elder Allen Moon president of our Union, Elder A. J. Haysmer of Nashville, Tenn., Elder C. F. McVagh of Otsego, Michigan, Prof. C. A. Russell of South Bend, and Brother J. W. Mace, also of South Bend.

Beechwood Academy Notes

The school suffered quite a loss recently in the death of one of its horses.

The appearance of the laundry has been much improved by a coating of kalsomine.

New radiators have recently been installed in the preceptress' room and in the power house.

New classes will be organized the coming week in ninth grade arithmetic, botany, civics, and reading.

We are glad to be able to report at this writing that all the students have returned after the holiday vacation.

There is a good opportunity for those who have not been able to do so before, to take up school work with us now.

Prof. O. J. Graf visited the school over Sabbath, the 4th, and his talks to the students were very much appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chapman of Wolf Lake and Mr. Ernest Clift of Chattanooga, Tenn., have enrolled since vacation.

The students, returning from their vacation, were very pleasantly surprised to find the parlor and the chapel newly papered.

Mr. Avery spent Sunday and Monday of the past week attending the elders' meeting and the meeting of the auditing committee in Indianapolis.

Wisconsin Conference

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General Meeting

There will be a general meeting held in the Sand Prairie church January 15 to 19 inclusive. The first meeting will be held Wednesday evening the 15th. It is hoped that several from other churches near by, especially church officers, will attend this meeting. Instruction will be given in church work during the day in connection with Bible study, and preaching service each evening. W. H. THURSTON.

Oneida

The week of prayer proved a refreshing to the Oneida church. Some had not attended church for sometime, but during the week of prayer the sweet Spirit of the Lord found them and made their hearts tender. They have reconsecrated themselves to the Master's service. Onesister who had joined Sunday worshippers again, now promises to come ack with us and worship the true God.

After the week of prayer was over we collected the offerings amounting to \$14.65, which I feel is very good for the Oneida church. We appreciated the readings this time more than we ever did before. We had our meetings at 2 P. M. each day during the week, which seemed to be more convenient than having them in the evening.

We had our ordinances last Sabbath and seventeen took part. The sweet Spirit of the Lord was present and each received a blessing, which was rich indeed. We had business meeting next day and reelected officers. I noticed that nearly two hundred dollars went from this church into various collections. This is better than we did last year, which is encouraging. I hope God will help us to keep on in doing better each year. ISRAEL HILL.

Berlin and Richland Center

The 20th of November I arrived at Berlin and began to distribute the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. During the two weeks spent in this work a house-to-house canvass was made and all were supplied with the magazine who would receive a copy. Some meetings were held with our people there.

From Berlin I came to Richland Center. Our little company here are of good courage, holding fast the truth. Six persons were added Sabbath, December 28. Others are deeply interested for whom we are hopeful. Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase, and may He continue to bless His work here. P. C. HANSON.

"Ministry of Healing"

Since my last report some time ago, I have visited a number of churches in the interest of "Ministry of Healing" and sanitarium work, and am glad to say that some are taking hold of this work. However, there is not nearly as much being done as there should be. We have about twenty-five hundred members in the State and if each one would sell even two books, it would result in five thousand dollars for the cause of God, and would work no hardship to any one; on the contrary, it would prove a great blessing to all.

Read Isa. 52:1, 7, 8. There is something for each of us to do, and a three-fold blessing for those who fulfill this scripture,—a blessing to the one who sells the book, to him who receives it, and to the cause for the benefit of which it is sold. A short time ago I received a letter from a brother who had been putting in three days in the field with the book, "Ministry of Healing," and enjoyed it so much he only wished he could put his entire time into that work. Another, a sister, who before starting out believed she would have no success, sold thirty-five in a short time. God is always willing to help if we will but take Him at His word.

A. BELDING.

Marshfield

It has been a long time since a report has gone from Marshfield, and I will therefore send a few lines to the LAKE UNION HERALD that the brethren and sisters once with us, but who have now moved to other parts, may learn how we are prospering.

During the week of prayer the weather was quite cold and as all but three members reside in the country our attendance at the meetings of that week was quite small. We held four meetings, Tuesday, Thursday and the two Sabbaths and all the eight readings were read. We had good meetings and the Lord gave every one that attended a rich blessing. Our offering was \$11.60.

We made arrangements with Professor Gardner of Bethel Academy to come December 28 and hold quarterly and business meetings with us. On the day appointed I received word from him that he was not well enough to be present. However, all preparations having been made to celebrate

the ordinances of the Lord's house, and some having come quite a distance would be disappointed if we did not hold quarterly meeting, it was unanimously voted by those present that the local officers proceed with the service. Every one present took part in the ordinances and bore a good testimony. We felt God's presence in our midst.

As the meeting lasted to the close of the Sabbath, we held a business meeting and elected officers for the coming year. We are all in peace and harmony and out of debt, and the church is enjoying God's blessing.

W. H. BUDGE, *Elder*.

Rice Lake

The little company of six members at Rice Lake send in a generous offering as their Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund but which is really much more than that, promise the quarterly Sabbath-school offering and annual offering in a few days, and, as might be expected, the accompanying letter from the librarian bears a glowing testimony. Sister Hale writes:—

"I am happy to report what is better than money, a good interest in all our work and a true missionary spirit—not only to give of means but to give ourselves in the ways which present themselves; in interesting neighbors and friends in our immediate vicinity and far off sending them Bibles, books, tracts, etc., as well as by prayer and supplication for those cold and indifferent, or out of the truth. We are rejoicing in this blessed truth and in the hope of a soon-coming Saviour."

Teachers' Institute

December 26-29 the teachers of this conference assembled at Bethel for a season of study and counsel. The first session was held the evening of December 26. Prof. Clifford Russell was present and delivered the opening address.

The session opened the following morning at eight o'clock with a view of the educational situation in the Lake Union Conference, followed by the presentation of the educational situation in our own conference. This was an encouraging feature to all, showing that while we were not making progress as rapidly as the message indicates that we should, no backward steps are being taken. Other papers of interest were presented during the day.

Friday evening, Elder Thurston gave a very instructive talk on "Growth; Physical, Spiritual, and Mental." On Sabbath the regular services were conducted. Brother Russell delivered the sermon. The young people's meeting at three o'clock was one of the pleasant features of the day; Professor Russell, Miss Case, and Professor Hallock giving interesting talks. In the evening teachers and students gathered at the dormitory at seven o'clock, where the fore part of the evening was spent in considering topics presented by teachers, interspersed with music and the opening of the question box. The latter part of the evening the academy chorus by request, rendered the cantata, "The Everlasting Light," in a most pleasing manner.

Sunday morning at eight o'clock, all were again in their places for the day's work, which was a full one. The entire time until six o'clock in the evening was spent in the presentation and discussion of various phases of the work, and the problems connected with our schools. The Sunday evening session opened with a symposium by the teachers. All were interested in the little sketch given by each teacher of her school and work. Elder Thurston closed the service with a talk on consecration. This is the first educational institute that has been held in this conference since 1910, and to most of the teachers their first experience in institute work, but all expressed themselves as having been much benefited, and returned to their schools with renewed courage hoping this will be but the first of many such meetings. The keynote of the convention was greater consecration.

All but four of the teachers were present and the papers indicated much thought in their preparation. Special music was furnished throughout the convention by Professor Floyd Gardner, and did much to add interest to the sessions.

FRANCES L. CASE.

News Notes

Brother A. Belding was another of last week's callers.

Elder Thurston returned from Eau Claire institute last Monday, reaching the office for a few hours of strenuous work and then took the train for Chicago on conference business.

Brother F. Passer of Arpin came down one day last week to settle his account with the tract society and order a new stock of books for his canvassing work. He will now work in Buffalo County.

The Y. P. M. V. S. of the Grand Rapids church, planned and had the pleasure of carrying into effect a little Christmas treat for the inmates of the county poorhouse, a few miles out of town. Warm and comfortable little gifts were purchased, to which were added others by members of the church from household stores, while some of the leading grocers and other business men of the city contributed candy, nuts, and fruit. These, with a cheery blooming plant, a Bible, bright pictures for the walls, etc., were taken by several of the members of the society in a nice rig donated for the purpose by one of the liverymen, out to the home and the next hour was pleasantly spent in distributing gifts and cards and in singing to and visiting with the aged men and women there, who seemed to greatly appreciate this little effort to bring a little cheer into their colorless lives. It was decided to mention this in our Union paper in the hope that other churches situated near such institutions might be inspired to do something similar or better.

West Michigan Conference

Office Address, Otsego, Mich.

President, C. F. McVagh; Sec'y-Treas., F. R. Eastman; 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.

Carlton Center on the Honor Roll

How it came about

The Sabbath-school of this church had set as their mark to raise a hundred dollars during the last six months, and on the thirteenth Sabbath there was still lacking about thirty-six dollars. If this amount could be raised it would place the church on the honor roll of the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund, so the superintendent requested that every member of the church give a dollar, which would just make up the required amount.

When the collection was counted, it was found that eighteen dollars was lacking. Then the elder of the church said that he had given all he had, but fearing just such an emergency had borrowed five dollars and proposed another collection which amounted to eight dollars, to which the superintendent had given another dollar.

As the elder and superintendent were determined to reach the goal, two more collections consisting of pledges were taken, and the remaining ten dollars was obtained.

This is a good illustration of what may be done, when the leaders lead, not follow.

When our superintendent entered the office eighteen months ago, our Sabbath-school donations were very meager. But through his energetic efforts and personal contributions, the Sabbath-school offerings have increased about tenfold.

The week of prayer offerings amounted to forty-seven dollars, but since then money has been raised to buy a new clock for the church, and to build an addition to our church-school building.

Our church-school has made decided progress, and from three pupils the number has increased to the utmost capacity of the room, and the board plans to make another addition to the building soon.

The Sabbath and evening prayer meetings are well attended by all, and a missionary spirit seems to predominate. Efforts are fruitful for several have joined the little company. Harmony prevailed in the recent election.

This report is written by one who is not a member of this church, with the hope that other leaders may be inspired to lead their flocks to victory.

J. B. B.

Muskegon, Rothbury, and Shelby

Two precious souls in Muskegon for whom I have been laboring began to keep the Sabbath toward the close of 1912. They are meeting with trials. We ask the prayers of God's people for them and for others who are about to decide.

The week of prayer I spent at Rothbury and Shelby. The Lord came near to us and nearly all consecrated themselves anew to the finishing of the work in this generation. Several of those not of our faith, including the pastor of the Methodist church, attended some of the services at Rothbury.

At Shelby I was encouraged to see renewed earnestness among our young people. One dear girl surrendered for the first time. All praise be to God!

There seems to be opportunity for house-to-house work in this place. People are asking, "What is the truth?"

Last week I spent two days in the country with the family of one of our faithful brethren. They have Sabbath school in their own home, as they are unable to attend services with us in the city. During my stay they invited some of their neighbors to come in. We had a Bible study in which all seemed intensely interested.

May the Holy Spirit water the seed sown, is my prayer.

LILLIAN HANSON.

Week of Prayer at Shelby

The week of prayer at this place proved a great blessing to all who attended. The readings impressed upon our minds the necessity of constant prayer and watchfulness. A spirit of consecration prevailed.

Brother Kellogg of Muskegon was with us for a few days and gave some interesting instruction on the "Eastern Question." Because of the distance some of the brethren in the country had to come, Sister Hayton kindly offered a commodious room at her home, which was large enough for all including the members in the village and our young people who are attending school. Here we held our readings and had prayer and testimony meetings.

Wednesday evening Sister Lillian Hansen, of Muskegon gave us an impressive Bible reading on the "Name of Jesus." The last part of the week Brother Wm. Reefman was with us and spoke words of encouragement and cheer. The readings, prayers, and testimonies have greatly strengthened us and have united our hearts in brotherly love. Since the meetings, a weekly prayer meeting has been instituted. Surely God will add His blessing.

J. O. STREETMAN.

Thomson

It was my sad duty to officiate at the funeral services of Mrs. Margaret Drummond Thomson at Cedar Lake, Mich., on Tuesday, January 7, she having died at 2 o'clock on Sunday morning, the 5th.

Sister Thomson was born in Bannockburn, Scotland, November 24, 1835, and at the age of twelve years she removed with her parents to Euphemia, Ontario. In 1860 she was married to Captain Peter Thomson, of Sparta, Ontario. Removing to Michigan in 1888, she became acquainted with the doctrines of the third angel's message and accepted the

same. Her faithfulness to this truth was rewarded by seeing her companion and two daughters, who survive her, unite with this people. One of these daughters is Mrs. J. G. Lamson, wife of Professor Lamson of Nevada, Iowa.

Mother Thomson, for such she was to every one who knew her, was a noble example of an earnest Christian woman, and like Tabitha of old she had many to mourn her loss in the community. During her illness of the last twelve months, her life has been a daily sermon in patience, fortitude, faith, and unselfishness. Besides her companion and Professor and Mrs. Lamson and Miss Margaret, there were present at the funeral two sons, Mr. G. D. Thomson of Saginaw, Mich., Mr. A. C. Thomson of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. W. G. Tapert of Sault Ste. Marie, daughter. The writer was assisted by Professors Lamson and Garrett in the services, interment taking place at Edmore Cemetery.

S. B. HORTON.

Canvassers' Institutes for 1912-3

Conference	Date	Place
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. Michigan	Feb. 14-22	Mesick
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

January 3, 1913

Northern Illinois								
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.	
D. R. Devereaux.....	P.G. 105	6	20 00		90	20 90	233 00	
Southern Illinois								
R. J. Watson.....	G.C. 18	4	12 00		4 05	16 05	1 50	
W. E. Bailey.....	B.R. 18	15	40 00			40 00	3 00	
Hugh Stearns.....	G.C. 50	24	74 00		1 80	75 80	17 30	
Ivan Falconer.....	G.C. 31	5	15 00		25	15 25	18 00	
A. P. Lager.....	G.C. 45	12	36 00		4 50	40 50		
Hugo Mitselfelt.....	G.C. 34	26	79 00		1 50	80 50		
		196	86	256 00	12 10	268 10	39 80	
East Michigan								
Geo. McClenathan.....	G.C. 43	12	37 45		5 50	42 95	8 50	
Mrs. Countryman.....	C.K. 1				8 75	8 75	7 25	
J. A. Lamb.....	G.C. 38	26	21 00		2 50	23 50	1 75	
H. O. Fields.....	B.F. 5	5	6 50			6 50		
		87	43	64 95	16 75	81 70	17 50	
Indiana								
O. O. Richardson.....	G.C. 31	11	35 00		2 50	37 50		
North Michigan								
Florence Orth.....	C.K. 5						41 00	
Ida Orth.....	C.K. 5						26 50	
K. V. Bjork.....	D.R. 5						21 70	
Mrs. G. F. Ernst.....	E.S. 1						3 20	
		16					92 40	
16 Agents		435	146	375 95	32 25	408 20	382 70	

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Mrs. Lou Kirby Curtis

Editor

Let all remember that, at *sundown January 31, 1913*, the Special Club Rates on our periodicals will end. No club-rate orders will be filled after that date.

The January number of *Christian Education* sparkles with good things for teachers and parents. Those who do not have *Christian Education* should subscribe for it at once, while it may be secured with other papers at special rates.

The 1913 Temperance *Instructor* will be dated February 4, and mailed about January 24. It will surpass all other Temperance issues in both appearance, and contents. The usual prices will be continued on this special issue.

Our church-schools are availing themselves of the premium offer of a large Peerless Globe with five subscriptions for *Christian Education*, \$1 each. The children are finding much pleasure and satisfaction in soliciting for these subscriptions, and securing a good globe for the schoolroom.

College

All missionary bands have elected the winter term officers. Miss Laura Lewis, a former student, is visiting friends here.

The physics class have constructed a wireless telegraph apparatus.

The collegiate graduating class of 1913 organized on January 2.

Joseph Frank called on friends at the College en route for home last week.

Mrs. Robinson, with son and daughter, from Clyde, Ohio, spent Sabbath with Grant Robinson at the College.

Professor Graf was at Beechwood Academy last Sabbath, and attended an elders' meeting at Indianapolis the Sunday following.

Professor Rathbun gave an illustrated lecture on astronomy the evening after the Sabbath which was instructive and interesting.

News came to us recently of the death of Prof. R. V. Cory at Graysville, Tenn. Professor Cory was a former commercial teacher at this College.

Elder A. J. Haysmer, Sec'y of the North American Negro Department, gave us an interesting chapel talk recently. The Southern field is a needy one, and the call is an urgent call.

A ministerial band was organized recently under the counselship of Professor Haughey. The purpose of this band is to give practical training to prospective workers especially along ministerial lines.

The response to Elder Prescott's appeal for the church-members to take a stand relative to the Johnson Sunday Bill, and bills of like nature, resulted in a vote of one hundred eighty-six votes against these measures.

The canvassers band has divided for the study of the following books: "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation," "Practical Guide," and "Bible Readings." The magazine workers have a special division.

The missionary reports from the field, especially the letter of Elder Wood from India, were of great interest at the Sabbath morning service. The young people of the Lake Union have undertaken his support for this year which adds to this society's interest.

Business Notices

WANTED.—A trustworthy woman to take care of an elderly lady in ill health, Scandinavian preferred, only two in the family. For further particulars, address P. L. Larson, care Sanitarium, Madison, Wis.

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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

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Wanted: Battle Creek College Catalogues

We are anxious to secure a complete file of the Battle Creek College Catalogues for the years 1894 to 1901, to complete our file. We shall greatly appreciate the favor, if any one having any of these numbers will send the same to us. We shall be glad to meet the expense involved in sending them. We are especially anxious to secure these numbers at once for denominational statistical purposes. Address Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich.