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

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One More Opportunity

Sabbath, the 27th, the last Sabbath in the present year, will also be the thirteenth Sabbath of the quarter. On this Sabbath we are expected to manifest special liberality in behalf of missions. Those who did not find it convenient to contribute large sums at the time of the annual offering, may have this one more opportunity to help make up the needed sum by placing the tens, twenties, and hundreds in the offering. Of what value will money be to us when the Lord comes, or in the time of trouble? The Lord has promised His people sustenance at that time. He never fails His people. He fed the millions of Israel in the wilderness that His promise to bring them into the promised land might not fail. The antitypical promised land is just before His people of today. It is almost in sight.

ALLEN MOON.

News from the South

There are a number of students in the Madison school whose former homes have been in the Lake Union Conference. There are a number of former students of the Madison school out actively engaged in missionary work in the South, and from time to time the students have the privilege of personal reports from these workers. One such happy occasion occurred about the middle of November when Brother Karl Snow and wife visited here on their return from Honduras. Brother Karl Snow was at one time a student of E. M. College. He there learned the printer's trade. About three years ago he and his wife went to Honduras. They have been teaching Spanish children and have worked up a good patronage. A few months ago the earthquake in Honduras shook up their buildings pretty badly and they came to the States to get a little help for the work there. They are in love with Honduras and plan to return in time to open school the first of February.

The readers of the HERALD will be glad to know where some of the Lake Union workers who have come South are located. Miss Mabel McConnell is at present nursing in Tullahoma, Tenn. Miss Martha Borg of Wisconsin, took the one-year's course for nurses at Madison and is now connected with the Hinsdale Sanitarium. Brother James Lewis, of Albany, Wis., is spending his third winter in Tennessee. He is chief gentleman nurse in the Madison Rural Sanitarium. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jasperson are this year connected with the Cowee Mountain School, located at Leatherman, N. C. They are associated with Prof. H. B. Allen, formerly a student of Berrien Springs; Brother Nels Laursen and wife, of Wisconsin, and Brother and Sister

R. H. Gillman, of Michigan. Brother Guy Holmes and his wife, formerly of Wisconsin, have been in the island of Cuba for several years. Elder Allen, president of the Cuba Mission Field, writes most encouragingly of Brother Holmes' work, and says that he has been recently joined by Sister Ida Carnahan, and that there are twenty-two Cuban children enrolled in their school at Las Minas.

We are told that before the end of time much of the work in the spreading of the gospel will be done by children. An interesting experience of this kind comes in a letter from Sister W. R. Tolman who has a little daughter of ten years. She writes: "Dorothy earned sixty cents picking up chestnuts under our trees. She did not have the change to pay her tithe, so asked the mail carrier to make change for her. As he handed it to her she said, half to herself, 'This is just enough to pay tithe.' The mail carrier said: 'What do you mean?' She told him she owed the Lord a tenth of all her money. He said: 'I earn \$25 a week; do you mean that I owe the Lord \$10 a month.' She said, 'You certainly do.' He asked her where she could find that and she referred him to the book of Genesis. She then came home to hunt up texts. That night we studied the subject together, and the next day Dorothy met the mail man with a list of Scripture references, which he said he would be glad to read."

This same child visits an old couple to whom she reads the Bible. Evidently unconscious of what she has been really doing, she has been reading them the story of the Sabbath and a chapter on the subject of meat-eating. These people take the instruction from this child when it probably would be resisted if given by an older person. What must be the daily training of the child who is able to give such instruction?

M. BESSIE DEGRAU.

North Michigan Conference

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

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Required for Mission Fund, 1st 11 months, 1913	\$ 6957.16
Received by Union	3280.97
Amount short	3676.19

Elders' Meeting at Petoskey

This was an elders' meeting in fact as well as in name. Only a very few of the elders of North Michigan failed, through sickness or other causes, to attend the meeting. Some came long distances,—from the upper part of the State, from the copper country,—and at no small expense. The interest manifested was truly refreshing to witness. All seemed to feel well repaid for coming together to seek the Lord and a better preparation for service.

The topics considered took a wide range, covering quite fully the various questions with which the elder is called to deal.

It is evident that the occasion marks the beginning of a new era in connection with the work in North Michigan. New courage seemed to possess the brethren who returned to their respective fields to renew the Harvest Ingathering campaign and to continue until success crowns their efforts. The Lord came near in a special manner to encourage

hearts and to make the truth plain and clear. This led to the firm conviction that the Lord will make a short work in the earth. That which we do we must do quickly; that "when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, we shall receive a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away."

ALLEN MOON.

Elders' Meeting

The meeting was held this year at Petoskey. Elder Moon was with us during the entire time and his help was greatly appreciated. The Spirit of the Lord came near to us in our deliberations, and we all felt well repaid for the time spent in counsel.

In planning for missions, the elders thought we ought to make effort in this year to secure our quota for mission funds, and Sunday afternoon about \$250 was pledged by the elders present, and as they go to their homes, they plan to take the matter up with their churches. The conference workers remained for a day and a half after the meeting closed to talk over plans for the work.

In planning for the week of prayer, we arranged to have each church supplied with a worker for two or three days during this special season. I hope that the week of prayer may be, not only a benefit to ourselves, but that through our enthusiasm others may be brought nearer the Master.

J. J. IRWIN.

Notes of Encouragement from the Soo

Our hearts have been made glad by the decision of a woman to keep all of God's commandments. We had been working with her for a year and by perseverance we won.

We are endeavoring to wage a vigorous campaign to win souls for the Master. Our plan is to enlist the cooperation of every Sabbath-keeper in active service of some kind.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign was entered into quite heartily, and we intend to continue it for some time.

Our good literature is being used in many ways. Some is mailed to distant friends and relatives; some loaned to near friends and neighbors; and some sold to the public. Those engaged in selling use mostly ten-cent magazines which sell very readily, but the Home Worker's books are also disposed of easily.

Openings are thus found where we can follow up the interest by personal labor. Only recently one of our sisters found a Jewish merchant who appeared greatly interested and he requested her to have me call to study with him.

The week of prayer opened here very encouragingly. Every one present, both old and young, gave themselves to God anew for service. A very tender spirit prevails which we believe presages great blessings from God as we continue to seek Him.

The attendance at our Sabbath meetings is increasing through the efforts of some to bring others with them. We are of good courage and by God's help we shall "press the battle to the Gates."

E. F. PETERSON.

Mesick

November 16, we held our annual Harvest Ingathering service, which proved to be a success in every way. Prominent people from the village attended.

Our program was wholly missionary. In the forty-five parts rendered, the attentive hearers were instructed in regard to the mission fields and their needs; some parts bringing out the conditions of people in foreign fields,—the ignorance and woe that exists there,—while others with the missionary spirit of the Master, offered a life of service to those in the darkness. Others spoke of what we can *all* do. Though we cannot *go*, we can *give*, bringing out the prime

object of our Ingathering service, that of raising more means, to send more light to those less enlightened than ourselves.

A willingness on the part of all to give was manifested by the produce brought in. Those who had neither gold nor silver brought fruits from their fields and trees, making, a pretty sight around the rostrum as well as bringing a blessing to the giver. These were sold at market price and the proceeds placed in the contribution, which amounted to \$22.50.

CLARICE DU BOIS THOMPSON.

November

	Tithe	2%	15c		Tithe	2%	15c
Alpena	\$ 18 46	\$ 1 70	\$ 17 17	Marion	18 00		
Alden				Menominee	47 85	7 43	10 56
Cleon				Mt. Pleasant	41 76	4 02	10 97
Cedar Lake				Omer	40 56	4 98	4 13
Colfax	24 70	2 48	6 16	Onaway	57 71	5 28	24 92
Clare	12 40	3	12 29	Petoskey			
Cadillac	2 30		9 33	Reed City			
Conference	3 00		2 80	Riverside	69 31	9 24	5 80
Dighton				Sault Ste. Marie	6 64	1 33	51 09
Eastport				Stephenson	60 00		4 04
Frankfort	76 14	9 64	15 37	Scottville	20 63	2 09	50 25
Gaylord	17 52		9 55	Traverse City	84 30	7 43	18 03
Grant	2 00		11 75	Whittemore			
Hancock	39 66	4 96	12 50	Wildwood	22 28		7 79
Horr	7 30		3 67	Wilson	98 09	16 98	10 41
Iron River	18 90	1 40	3 66	Miscellaneous	71 14	10 54	66 43
Leetsville	2 16	43	3 70	L'Anes	6 50	60	3 71
Mesick	53 30	5 50	22 43	Total	\$ 946 25	96 35	600 81
Brinton	23 64	02	2 37				
Miscellaneous							\$1 50

News Notes

We have a full stock of Lesson Quarterlies and Morning Watch Calendars. Will appreciate your early orders.

Sabbath-school secretaries should be prompt in turning over monthly offerings to the church treasurer. We would like all mission funds paid in 1913 included in the treasurer's December report, which should reach this office not later than December 31.

Subscriptions are coming in for the new church officer's gazette which will be published in January. We are anxious that all our church officers be supplied. The subscription is only fifty cents a year, or in clubs of two or more thirty-five cents a year.

Elder Guild plans to give his full attention to the work again. He is laboring in the vicinity of the Colfax church, where there are a number of interested individuals.

Sister Crouch left Petoskey this week for an extended trip in the Upper Peninsula in the interest Sabbath-school and educational departments.

"Wild Life in the Rockies," the third book in the Senior Reading Course can only be obtained now at \$1.75. The special edition printed for the Review and Herald has been exhausted.

We would esteem it a great favor if all pledges made at the 1912 and 1913 camp-meetings would be paid before the first of the year. We have a big deficit in our mission funds to meet, and everything paid in this month will go toward the deficit.

Splendid reports are reaching us from the field regarding the week of prayer services. The people everywhere are giving themselves anew to the Lord and evince a disposition to take up the work with renewed courage. May the coming year be a banner year in North Michigan for improvement in all lines and for winning souls to the Master.

S. E. KELLMAN.

"Our way is never so completely blocked as when we get in the way of ourselves."

Indiana Conference

Office Address, 521 E. 23d St., Indianapolis.

President, E. A. Bristol; Sec'y-Treas., H. H. Rans; Ed. and Missionary Volunteer Sec'y, Miss Carolyn M. Rasmusson; S. S. Sec'y, Mrs. C. N. Sanders; Medical Sec'y, Dr. F. A. Loop, Wabash Valley Sanitarium, Lafayette; Field Missionary Agent, E. E. Franklin; Rel. Liberty Sec'y, C. N. Sanders.

Required for Mission Fund, 1st 11 months, 1913	\$14745.90
Received by the Union	6452.82
Amount short	8293.08

Notice

An elders' meeting will be held in Indianapolis at the Twenty-third Street church, Jan. 4-8. Free transportation and entertainment will be furnished to the elders of churches and leaders of companies. Lodging and breakfast will be provided by the brethren of the city. Dinner and supper will be served by the Dorcas Society in the basement of the church. The laborers of the conference will be present, and good outside help will be in attendance. Will each church earnestly pray that the blessing of the Lord may be with us at this annual gathering? All of the elders and leaders are expected to meet with us at this time. Let me hear from you with reference to the matter, that we may plan accordingly.

E. A. BRISTOL.

Annual Teachers' Institute

The teachers, annual convention of the Indiana Conference will be held at Beechwood Academy, January 1-3. We are planning to have with us Miss Myrta Kellogg, normal instructor of Emmanuel Missionary College and Prof. C. A. Russell. Other help will be furnished by our local workers.

Aside from the regular program an industrial exhibit will be held on the afternoons of Thursday and Friday, January 1 and 2.

It is earnestly hoped that all teachers in the conference will be present to receive the blessings, both spiritual and mental, which are in store for them at this gathering.

CAROLYN RASMUSSON.

Field Report

After leaving Indianapolis, where I attended the Harvest Ingathering institute, I went to Waldon where I held four meetings. All were working with the Harvest Ingathering *Review* and having good experiences. The Spirit of the Lord was present at each meeting, especially on the Sabbath when the workers related their experiences. The weekly prayer-meeting was revived.

I visited North Vernon. The faithful few are rejoicing in the work. I held meetings each evening for a time. A lady who had formerly kept the Sabbath made a new start, reconsecrating herself to the Lord.

After spending two days at Seymour, endeavoring to locate the scattered flock, I succeeded in finding one, Sister Patrick, whose husband was seriously ill. I then went to Haven. Elder T. F. Hubbard held meetings at this place a few years ago, and a small church was organized. Some have moved away and others have given up the truth which caused a great deal of prejudice to exist. One family, who remained true to their trust, induced a lady to accept the truth.

No public place being available, I held some meetings in Brother McCune's house, and was invited to go to a neighbor's house to continue the meetings. The people learned that I was going to speak on the Sabbath question, so twenty-five or thirty attended nearly every night. Prejudice was eliminated from the hearts of some by the Spirit of God, and they began to keep the Sabbath. I do not yet

know what will be accomplished, but earnestly plead for your prayers that many others in this community may see the importance of accepting Christ as their Saviour.

G. W. RADER.

A Chance to Help

The students and teachers of Beechwood are making strong efforts to equip our library and laboratory for the strongest work in any academic study, and we are thankful that our efforts are bringing results. Our friends and patrons are taking hold of the work in a noble way and every few days something in the line of equipment and books comes to us. Yesterday we received over one hundred volumes of fine reference books from a friend in Battle Creek. This makes about two hundred volumes that we have received this year.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank our friends for their kindness and interest in the academy and assure them that good use will be made of everything we receive.

We are still in need of many books, especially our denominational books, such as "Daniel and Revelation," "Early Writings," "Desire of Ages," "Steps to Christ," "Great Controversy."

Are there not others in the conference who would like to help us in this way?

E. A. VON POHLE.

Missionary Volunteer Society

When Miss Rasmusson was with us recently, she gave a short talk on the Standard of Attainment and when the call came for members, nearly all the church responded. We are enjoying our studies.

We plan to give a program once each month, inviting the public. We will take a collection for foreign mission work at this time.

We gave our first program Thanksgiving evening. The church was prettily decorated in palms, geraniums, moss and vines, which were furnished by Brother John Leach, our church elder and city florist, and his wife. Other members of the church furnished fruits, vegetables, and nuts which were afterwards used for missionary purposes.

Miss Blake with her Junior Society did excellent work.

Pray for the work here, and may God help each of us to do our duty.

MRS. EMIL R. LAUDA.

A Colporteur's Experience

I have had some precious experiences this week, although the work seemed hard the first day. On Tuesday I obtained three orders for "Bible Readings." The following morning, with Divine help, I was able to place three copies of "Bible Readings" and five helps in one home. These books will make excellent presents and will count for souls saved eventually in the kingdom.

H. W. PLAKE.

Beechwood Items

Mrs. Charles Swaynie of Noblesville visited her daughter Lillian last week.

Elders Bristol and Sanders made us a very brief, though pleasant visit last week.

Professor Steen of Adelphian Academy spent a day with us as guest of Mr. Phipps.

Our vacation will be December 19-29. Some student will enter after vacation to take up special work and to take classes which are soon to begin.

An interesting Christmas program was given in the M. V. Society last Sabbath afternoon. Several original themes were read on "An Ideal Way to Spend Vacation," and on "The Origin of Christmas."

The patrons of the Beechwood Academy will be glad that we have, through the efforts of the teachers and friends purchased a new \$75 microscope. It is one of the best instruments obtainable, and will place our physiological and botanical work on a level where our grades will be recognized by all schools.

Report of Receipts on the Harvest Ingathering up to December 1.

Indianapolis E. S.	\$109 53	Pleasant View	\$ 7 46
Conference	107 31	North Liberty	7 25
Logansport	30 85	Elwood	7 10
South Bend	30 75	Barbers Mill	7 02
Fort Wayne	24 65	Peru	5 65
Muncie	21 43	Indianapolis 23d St.	5 54
Kokomo	18 21	Boggs town	4 95
Connersville	14 24	Ligonier	4 95
Oolitic	13 76	Farmersburg	4 75
Linton	13 12	Elnora	3 70
Honey Creek	13 05	Sunman	3 70
LaFayette	12 75	Waldron	2 66
Wolf Lake	12 70	Noblesville	2 09
Grass Creek	11 40	Middletown	2 06
Hartford City	10 43	Northfield	2 00
Patrickburg	10 30	Salem	1 90
Goshen	9 75	W. V. Sanitarium	1 80
Seymour	9 35	Lebanon	1 00
New Hope	9 30	Colored Company	85
Kennard	8 11	Jefferson	70
Mount Vernon	8 00	Greenfield	7 75
Total.....		\$583 87	

Southern Illinois Conference

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Required for Mission Fund, 1st 11 months, 1913	\$ 5005.86
Received by the Union	3610.17
Amount short	1395.69

Carterville Church and the Canvasser's Institute

The sad news has been received that on Saturday evening our church and school-house at Carterville was completely destroyed by fire. We have not heard all the particulars, but have learned that the brethren will start immediately to rebuild.

I am sure that these brethren and sisters have the sympathy of every one in our conference, and also the prayers of each that the Lord will bless in giving to them a new building. This will, however, necessitate a change of appointment for the canvassers' institute to be held in this conference January 2-11. Last Sunday Brother Fishell went to Decatur and laid the matter before the brethren and sisters, and they have extended the invitation to our canvassers to meet there; so the institute will be changed from Carterville to Decatur and will be held on the days that have been planned.

I hope that every individual in the conference who can arrange to work for God by scattering the printed page will meet with us at that time. I plan to be present nearly all the time of the institute,

Let us pray God to send forth laborers into the field.

A. J. CLARK.

Canvassing Experiences

Ivan Falconer writes, "I rejoice to see how the work is going forward. It is Tuesday morning, and I will go forward today expecting success.

"Wednesday morning. Praise my Saviour for great things! I have another minister on my list, and the Lord gave me ten orders. This is my best day's work.

"Wednesday night. The Lord has surely gone before me today as my report shows \$38 for the day. Where I stayed last night, the people asked me to what church I belonged. When they learned I was a Seventh-day Adventist, they began asking questions. They were surprised to see how the Bible answered their questions. It was eleven o'clock when we retired. This morning the lady told me she could not sleep for thinking about the Sabbath. I took their order this morning."

Brother Falconer's report for the week ending Dec. 5 was \$93.75.

Harry Bennett says, "The Lord has blessed my efforts this week. I called three times to see a doctor and finally secured his order. I called on a lady one morning who was very prejudiced and said she did not care to see my book. After calling and showing her the book the next day she told me that she had made up her mind that when I came she would not order a book; but when I left the house I had her order."

It pays to be persistent.

E. M. FISHELL.

Northern Illinois Conference

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Required for Mission Fund, 1st 11 months, 1913	\$11057.36
Received by Union	7433.06
Amount short	3624.30

A Request to Our Friends and Patrons

On January 1 the Illinois Tract Society closes its books for the year preparatory to making out its statements of the year's business. We desire to have as many accounts paid at that time as is possible. It will be a great convenience to us and will help us in meeting our accounts with the publishers, now due. We thought if our friends who are owing us knew this they would be glad to cooperate with us by paying their accounts now, thus enabling us to make a good report of the year's business.

We have greatly appreciated the loyalty and faithfulness of all those who take part in placing our literature in the hands of the people. We believe the Lord has richly blessed in this work, and may the good work go on with ever increasing volume and blessing.

H. E. MOON, *Secretary*.

A Home Worker's Experience

We quote the following from a letter just received from a worker living in one of our large cities, who has been using the Home Workers' Prospectus: "This is my first experience. I have worked about six hours and received orders for thirty books. Some gave orders for two and three books, while others paid in advance for their books. I truly feel that the Lord went before me."

We believe that many others can do as well. We are glad to see the work with our small books growing, and hope that our home workers will not drop this work after the holidays. These good books can be sold at any time of the year.

ILLINOIS TRACT SOCIETY.

News Notes

Missionary Volunteer Societies were recently organized at Rockford and Galesburg.

Last quarter our Sabbath-school offerings amount to \$1,640.78, which is more than \$600 above any previous record. Our goal for this quarter is \$2,000 for missions. The children are using wheel cards and each school is planning to make the 13th Sabbath a dollar day.

Miss Hulda Berg has started a school of eight members at Hinsdale.

The South Side society has doubled its attendance in the last month. All are working diligently for the Standard of Attainment. Brother J. E. Woodward is conducting Standard of Attainment classes for older members at the South Side and Dearborn Street churches.

The Stockton school is the first to send in reviews on the "Black Bearded Barbarian," the first book of the Junior Reading Course.

EDITH SHEPARD.

Harvey.

I will give you my experience in distributing the Harvest Ingathering Review. My time is limited as there are five of my own family and my niece's two children to care for. However, I set apart a day for distributing the paper. I fasted and prayed that I might receive donations from every one that I should ask. I gave away about twenty numbers, receiving \$4.30. In all I have collected \$7.40. Last week I spent two hours canvassing with the Home Workers' Prospectus. I sold seven books for which I received \$5. I always pray before I leave the house for God's blessing.

The Harvey church is small, but God is with us.

ABBIE HARRISON.

November

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Aledo.....	\$57 03	\$ 5 92	\$33 50	Hinsdale	206 93	.....	1 50
Aurora.....	42 42	3 33	15 75	Joliet.....	64 88	4 39	17 18
Belvidere.....	27 09	3 52	11 89	Kankakee	29 48	3 16	4 28
Broadview.....	115 23	.....	91 35	Moline.....	40 31	2 27	14 61
Chicago.....				Onarga.....	.....	.....	.....
Central.....	131 47	3 15	130 91	Ottawa.....	14 86	.....	17 17
Dearborn St.....	58 25	32	23 06	Personal.....	29 00	.....	8 62
Englewood.....	114 31	4 27	48 60	Pittwood.....	.....	.....	.....
German No. 1.....	108 87	.....	16 60	Pontiac.....	2 93	72	6 02
" No. 2.....	38 16	1 05	21 46	Princeton.....	2 00	.....	5 91
Humboldt P.....	116 41	3 00	21 80	Rock Falls.....	9 10	.....	10 74
Ravenswood.....	137 42	.....	131 46	Rockford.....	68 72	2 40	28 01
South Side.....	313 39	7 25	29 23	Sheridan.....	.....	.....	.....
Swedish.....	104 76	.....	36 23	Streator.....	30 70	.....	14 93
West Side.....	50 37	6 34	67 11	Stockton.....	.....	.....	5 75
Italian.....	11 91	.....	5 44	St. Anne.....	1 00	.....	3 12
Elgin.....	34 73	.....	16 92	Waldron.....	25 00	.....	5 27
Freeport.....	26 43	80	.....	Watseka.....	40 38	.....	.....
Galesburg.....	33 66	1 50	62 12	Zion City.....	.....	.....	.....
Harvey.....	21 85	.....	5 39	Total.....	\$2109 05	53 39	911 83

Canvassing Notes

Our watchword: One book and one magazine colporteur in your county.

During the month of February, March, and April, 1913, Brother John Hicks worked 490 hours in 12 weeks, called at 613 homes, and sold 254 books with a total value of \$801. Averaging six persons to the family, this places the truth before 3,678 persons. How long would it take four colporteurs to carry the truth to the more than three million people in Northern Illinois if all were as faithful?

Brother D. R. Devereaux, writes: "I assure you I am glad to be in the field again. The first place I called Tuesday forenoon they spoke words of encouragement about the value of the Guide. They gave me an order.

That it pays to be faithful in the service on days when other people are giving themselves up to feasting is evident from the following by Brother Andrews: "With the Lord's

help I took \$9.75 worth of orders in the morning before people started dinner on Thanksgiving day, but after that I failed to do a thing." Surely he has reason for true thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings and the homes that have the truth as a result of his labor.

J. A. APFLEGATE.

West Michigan Conference

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Received by Union " " " " 11719.76
Amount short 7842.64

Hastings

It has been a great privilege for me to remain here and engage in personal work with those who visited the campground. The grand truths presented at those meetings together with the management of the camp have done much to expel prejudice. The earnestness of the young people and their work made deep impressions upon some. Many are hoping to see the tent city here again. The truth is working its way into hearts and we trust that the fruitage may be good.

Elder Anderson recently held a ten days' meeting here and expects to return next month. We were glad to have Elder McVagh with us one day of the week of prayer during which time two of the readings were given and at night a public service was conducted.

Brother and Sister Mowry of the Hastings church are doing good missionary work where they live ten miles from here. They hold a weekly Bible study and prayer meeting at different homes with an attendance of about fifteen. I was present at one of these meetings and was impressed with the sincerity of the people.

Brethren and sisters, if we have a religion worth giving to our friends and neighbors, let us be faithful to our mission.

EDNA L. WALKER.

News Notes

Elder M. S. Burnham was at Monterey during the week of prayer.

Elder McVagh was at Carlton Center and Hastings the first Sabbath and Sunday of the week of prayer.

It has been decided to call the auditing committee of the West Michigan Conference in January, 1914. The date has not yet been fixed.

The workers and church officers' meeting will be held January 26-29. We hope to be able to announce the place in the next issue of the HERALD.

Mrs. Flora H. Williams has so far recovered as to resume her regular duties. She left the office last Wednesday for a visit to Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

Most encouraging reports of week of prayer meetings are coming in. The attendance generally has been good and this has been a season of refreshing in our churches.

The new windows in the Otsego church building look very neat. The improvement is causing town people to comment on the activity of the Adventists and what they stand for.

A canvassers' institute will be held at Grand Rapids December 26 to Jan. 4. J. B. Blosser, A. L. Van Fossen, A. V. Morrison, and Elders McVagh and Wilbur will be present as instructors.

The idea of a Gideon army to clear up our full quota of mission funds is being favorably received in many parts of the conference. If each church will furnish a few volunteers who will turn in an offering of five dollars or more each, we may finish the West Michigan quota before January 1.

Brother Thos. Rush has just finished his first delivery without the loss of an order. Brother J. E. Herrington writes from Kent County, "I am still in touch with the great King. I came here on Tuesday and have had some good experiences." Brother O. A. Palmiter is now working in Berrien County. Brother F. L. Boothby writes encouragingly from Van Buren County. Brother S. L. Nathie is of good courage in Branch County, although he has had some battles with the enemy of our work.

November

	Tithe	2%	Miss.		Tithe	2%	Miss.
Albion	\$ 47 58	\$.....	\$ 12 30	Grand Rapids	208 33	77	18 71
Allegan	19 16	4 08	26 81	Grandville	11 02		7 40
Allendale				Greenville	118 60	9 61	22 45
Bangor				Hastings	7 00		20 90
Battle Creek	838 35	5 16	290 87	Holland	40 03	1 88	28 30
Bauer	28 59	1 77	17 94	Holton	44 00	5 31	39 03
Bedford				Homer	7 75	26	10 23
Belding				Kalamazoo	128 45	58	24 61
Benton Harbor	74 03	9 84	7 97	Kent City	31 82	1 04	13 45
Berrien Springs	302 74	16 50	153 77	Kinderhook			
Bloomington				Lakeview			
Brookfield				Lowell			
Buchanan	14 00		1 00	Lyons			
Burlington				Maple Grove	2 70	54	1 76
Bushnell				Mecosta	6 84	14	3 22
Byron Center	7 62		4 08	Mendon	19 08	1 29	2 26
Carlton Center	66 94	3 13	26 46	Monterey	36 62	88	103 76
Carson City	8 41		27 15	Muskegon	28 70	3 56	22 37
Cedar Lake	91 31	6 07	77 24	Otsego	163 25	7 01	34 67
Cedar Springs	12 08		5 68	Palo			
Charlotte	58 70		24 16	Paw Paw	5 80		22 06
Clifford Lake				Portland	12 69	39	1 00
Coldwater	41 04	3 16	9 70	Pottersville	10 00		
Covert	50		1 47	Quincy	5 00	10	8 23
Decatur				Rothbury	29 94		
Denver	62 98		7 07	Sand Lake	50 04	4 26	16 35
Dimondale	23 59	5 11	18 00	Shelby	78 61	3 01	23 06
Douglas				Sturgis			
Eaton Rapids				Trufant	42 70	5 30	12 42
Edmore	58 59	2 27	10 55	Urbandale	34 19	91	12 97
Fremont	23 53		37 04	Union City			
Frost	45 41	2 00	11 67	West Leroy	26 13		
Glenwood	13 55	1 00	2 00	Wright	18 27	2 68	11 24
Gowen	3 64	1 82	1 50	Individuals	110 55	16 00	37 01
Grand Haven				Totals	\$3124 25	127 43	1277 50
Grand Ledge	10 80		5 61				

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The Week of Prayer

I was with the Mauston church the first three days of the week of prayer. The members are scattered several miles apart and for several months have held no meetings or Sabbath-school. I visited all in their homes and held four public services, giving careful study of the readings, and all were much encouraged thereby. We held a business meeting of the church at the close of the last service and elected Sabbath-school and church officers for the ensuing year, and arranged for regular services from now on. The instruction from the apostle Paul was timely and well received. "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

An old lady in Japan recently related her experience in remaining away from the meetings on account of opposition in the family. She said: "I heard a voice say, 'If you stop going to church your soul will die.' Still I had

not the courage to go. Very soon I was taken sick, and suffered for several days. I prayed the Lord to heal me, but the answer was, 'No.' I was perplexed and disappointed; but last night I saw the sin of neglecting to heed the warning of the messenger, and repented, and prayed to the Lord to heal me. Now the fever has left me, and I have promised to attend the meetings, and also to tell my friends and relatives of this truth."

The sin of omission may be as great as the sin of commission. It is just as true of us as it was of that old lady in Japan; if we stop going to church *our* souls will die.

There are several young people in Mauston who attended the meetings and one expressed her desire to be baptized and unite with the church. We hope others will decide for the right in the near future. Sister Ida Thompson is now spending some time at her home in Mauston and her experience in the work will be helpful to the church there. The Lord blessed in the services and all resolved to go forth in faith, hope, and charity.

W. H. THURSTON.

Quarterly Meeting and the Election of Church Officers

The time is here for our quarterly meeting and annual election of church officers. This is a very important meeting and we should make the occasion a subject of prayer. The following is an experience related of an election of a church officer in the Philippines: "The church was so divided as to who should fill the office that we called for a season of prayer to decide the matter. After prayer the selection was clear." The church was divided as to who should fill the place, and instead of electioneering, they called for a season of prayer. After prayer they saw eye to eye.

So we should call for prayer and the Lord will make it clear to us who should be placed in office. Great responsibilities rest upon church officers, and they should be persons whom the Lord can use to encourage the church in faith, hope, and charity, and who will cooperate in all lines for the advancement of the work in all the world. Many of our people are weak in faith and as a result are robbing God in tithes and offerings. Others wane in hope, while still others have not charity, and such need help.

We may draw a lesson from the little boy in China who was taken with bubonic plague and from all appearances it seemed that he would soon die. The child earnestly urged prayer. "Pray," he said, "there is a wonderful power in prayer." They prayed and the child recovered and a heathen was converted.

So let us all pray at this time that the Lord will direct in the selection of officers for the ensuing year and that the work may go forward as shall please Him.

W. H. THURSTON.

Cumberland

Sabbath, November 15, I visited the Cumberland church, and on Sunday we met with an isolated family at Comstock, celebrating the ordinances at both places. We were all made happy to meet once more and enjoy the blessings of God together. Between meetings we were busy reviewing the points of our faith. My conviction is, that unless we do this our people will become "rusty" on the truth.

One good sign of life in this little church is their willingness to *work*. They have gathered \$70 in Harvest Ingathering work and are still working. I have found that live members work; and dead ones, of course, do nothing. May God give us all a living faith that works.

C. EDWARDSON.

Superior

For about six weeks we have been holding meetings in two churches. The attendance is not as large as it was in the tent, but the interest continues.

We have no church building here. We united with the Scandinavian church at Duluth, Minn., in a baptismal service November 29. Elder Erickson baptized the four from the Minnesota conference and Elder Sorensen the eight of our company. How we rejoiced to see them buried with their dear Lord in baptism. They are now working for their friends.

Besides the eight mentioned, several more are keeping the Sabbath and others are deeply interested. Remember us and the work here in your prayers.

S. SORENSEN,
C. EDWARDSON,
BERTHA ODEGAARD.

News Notes

We recommend the use of the daily study outlines in the new lesson quarterlies to all our people, believing they will be very helpful.

A Sabbath-school was organized recently at Mauston with the help of Elder Thurston who spent a few days with the believers there during the week of prayer.

Reports are beginning to come in from the week of prayer meetings and we believe from the tenor of these that a special work of grace is being wrought in the hearts of God's people. The meetings are still in progress as this is sent to the HERALD, and we hope for many good reports before the next issue of the paper.

Brother C. C. Curtis writes of the week of prayer at Bethel Academy: "Prayer bands were organized to meet daily just before the evening meeting, attendance being voluntary. Members of the faculty joined the bands. Friday evening at the consecration service nearly all took part. Every student is attending the prayer bands and nearly every one takes part. We are praying for greater blessings and deeper consecration that will remain with us always."

The January *Protestant* is at hand, and after examining it we wish that every Seventh-day Adventist in the conference would send for at least one copy of this splendid number, and that as many as possibly can would send for several copies to sell or give to ministers and other thinking people. Some of its article headings are "The Fifth Pan-American Mass;" "The Mask Removed;" "The Second Roman Catholic Congress;" "Mr. Bryan and the Knights of Columbus," "A Call to Duty." A four-page picture section is most significant.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending December 13, 1913

		Indiana		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
J. C. Applegate.....	CK	30	2 3 00	1 25	4 25	
L. C. Shepard.....	DR	32	9 29 00	3 75	32 75	2 25
Hugo Mitselfelt.....	GC	28	17 44 00		44 00	
H. W. Plake.....	BR	43	6 23 00	3 25	26 25	5 00
Minnie Brown.....	GC	27	4 12 00		12 00	
		204	38 111 00	8 25	119 25	7 25
		Northern Illinois		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
L. Clarke.....	BR	44				163 00
Chas. Andrews.....	GC	34	2 7 00	4 95	11 95	1 20
Mrs. Vas.....		21	6 69	3 25	9 94	
G. Vas.....		30	5 85	22 45	28 30	
		129	2 19 54	30 65	50 19	164 20
		Southern Illinois		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
Hugh Stearns.....	GC	45	9 25 00	5 40	30 40	19 60
Harv Bennett.....	GC	45	10 30 00	1 80	31 80	
R. J. Watson.....	GC	41	8 26 00	6 30	32 30	1 20
W. B. Langston.....	GC	32	12 39 00	6 80	45 80	4 80
Jerry Suda.....	GC	33	10 33 00	1 50	34 50	
Frank Craik.....	GC	20	7 24 00	4 25	28 25	
A. P. Lager.....	GC	45	1 2 00	7 65	9 65	3 00
Ivan Falconer.....	GC	32	15 49 00		49 00	
W. B. Maris.....	DR	37	13 42 00	2 25	44 25	1 25
		330	85 270 00	35 95	305 95	29 85
		West Michigan		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
*Earl Beardsley.....	GC	19½	4 12 00	4 00	16 00	4 00
J. E. Herrington.....	GC	27	4 11 00	1 25	12 25	
Otis Palmiter.....	GC	37	7 21 00	3 25	24 25	7 50
Thos. Rush.....	CK	29½	7 10 50	1 25	12 25	1 7
		113	22 54 50	10 25	64 75	13 25

		East Michigan		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
G. W. Brickey.....	CK	20	9 14 00	3 25		1 25
L. McClatchy.....	CK	38	1 3 00	3 90		10 85
H. C. Ferguson.....	CK	17	3 5 00			
Floyd Myres.....	GC	9		2 90		32 90
Geo. McClenathan.....	GC	34	9 30 00	4 00		34 00
F. Nurmberger.....	GC	31	7 21 00	1 75		1 75
Eugene Sykes.....	CK	26	12 21 00	6 25		4 00
		175	50 94 00	22 05		84 75

		Wisconsin		Helps	Total	Del.
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
F. Passer.....	GC	88	12 36 00	30 85	66 85	
E. M. Bisbee.....	GC	34	5 15 00	7 00	22 00	

31 Agents	1073	214	600 04	145 00	628 99	299 30
* Two weeks						

PERIODICAL REPORT

		East Michigan		No.	Value
Paper	Hours				
Vora Lvnch.....	Signs		56	5 60	
Nona Martyn.....	Watchman		50	5 00	
			106	10 60	
		Indiana		No.	Value
Paper	Hours				
Ada Achor.....	Watchman	2	50	5 00	
		Wisconsin		No.	Value
Paper	Hours				
Marie Tyvold.....			290	29 00	
L. Scholz.....			45	25 00	
			45	540	54 00

Home Workers' Report,

		West Michigan		No.	Value
Canvasser	Book				
Mrs. Margaret Bennett					\$ 75
Mrs. J. M. Wilbur					2 25
Mrs. Jennie Watrous					3 25
Mrs. Ethel Overly					6 00
Miss Edith Armstrong					13 50
Mrs. F. W. Armstrong					33 10
Mrs. E. W. Pitton					7 85
Miss Ina Page					3 10
Mrs. Ethel Baragar					17 38
Mrs. S. A. McCoy					9 45
Total					96 63

Diary

In securing a diary for 1914 please remember the one prepared last year under direction of the Publishing Department and issued by the Review and Herald. It is indeed a very valuable little pocket help containing quite a substantial history of the development and growth of the various departments of our work in addition to the usual maps and tables of weights, measures, interest, etc. The one for 1914 is revised to date, contains calendars for 1913, 1914, and 1915, and a Sabbath sunset calendar for each section of the United States and Canada. Order of your tract society; price twenty-five cents

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Mrs. Lou Kirby Curtis - - - - Editor

No paper next week.

We extend Christmas greetings to all our readers.

Professor Nord informs us that the name of Mrs. H. O. Olson was omitted in the faculty list given by Prof. C. A. Russell in his report published in the HERALD of December 10.

What is Truth

There is a man, John C. Karr by name, in the city of Chicago, who sent out a voluminous letter to many people, criticising the Sabbath-school lessons now in use in our Sabbath-schools,—I should rather say, contradicting, for this expresses the character of his letter more fully. He contradicts the position taken in the lesson for December 20, regarding the perpetuity of the law of God. He asserts that the law did not exist before it was given on Mt. Sinai, but sin existed before the law; that the law was made because there were sinners; etc. He further avers that our "teachers err because they make no difference between sin and transgression. God makes a difference;" and much more to the same import.

Mr. Karr is not authority for the denomination in matters of doctrine. He was formerly a follower of the prophet Nelson, and evidently receives much of his inspiration from that source. He certainly does not obtain it from the Word of God, which he so thoughtlessly contradicts. No one needs to be disturbed by his letters, or be led to suppose that there is any diversity of belief in the ranks of our people on this vital doctrine.

ALLEN MOON.

Berrien Springs Sabbath-School Convention

A local Sabbath-school convention was held at the Berrien Springs church, Sabbath, December 6, which occupied both the church hour and the time of the Missionary Volunteer Society meeting in the afternoon. Practical talks on various subjects related to the Sabbath-school work were given followed by discussions.

"The Daily Study of the Sabbath-school Lesson" was considered by A. L. Curtis. The discussion was led by W. L. Avery. The importance of constant review of the lesson each day was emphasized. "Methods of Teaching" by C. A. Shull followed by discussion by Prof. O. J. Graf showed the need of preparation on the teacher's part and of aiming at the heart as well as the mind. There are three classes of teachers—those who are able to ask questions from the pamphlet, those who can talk all around the lesson but bring

out no important phases, and those who know every phase of the lesson so well that they can give the benefit of their study to the class. None should consider themselves prepared for teaching unless they are in the last named class.

The afternoon session opened with a paper by Mrs. Dora Straight on the "Cooperation of Parents with Children in the Study of the Sabbath-school Lessons." The discussion introduced by Mrs. Allen Moon brought out methods of teaching the little ones the lesson while the parents are about their work. Elder Wakeham emphasized the responsibility of the father as well as that of the mother. Mrs. C. L. Shepard gave us a concrete illustration of what the teacher can do in illustrating the lessons for the kindergarten children.

Prof. T. W. Steen presented some important features on "What Constitutes a Secretary's Report." The discussion by Mrs. F. O. Rathbun brought out the necessity of variety in style and interestingness,—making the best of one's opportunities in this part of the work. "The love of Jesus must be the motive of all effort" was the theme of Mrs. M. E. Cady's talk on "Devices for Increasing the Sabbath-school Offerings."

Besides the talks and discussions special music was furnished by the church and young people's choirs. The session was one of practical benefit to all who attended.

FLOYD W. SMITH.

United States History

For a long time our teachers have felt the need of an outline or manual which gives the history of our country its correct setting and interpretation. We are glad to state that "American History Outline and Notes," prepared by the undersigned, with just this thought in mind, is now ready for delivery. It presents in outline form with many explanatory notes a complete history of the United States to November of the present year.

The following are some of the thoughts it presents: All events are interpreted in the light of their relation to the great controversy between right and wrong. It suggests that while the nations of Europe were absorbed in persecuting the people of God and exalting man above his creator, God inspired a spirit of discovery and exploration in order to give relief to His persecuted church. This led to the discovery of America.

Beginning with the Colonial Period, the outline sets forth events in the light of their relation to the establishment of a Protestant and Republican Nation, and shows the triumph of these principles in fulfillment of Revelation 13:11. The National Period shows determined efforts made by some to repudiate them and establish the "Image of the Beast."

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B. E. HUFFMAN.

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