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

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that the building could be erected. The members of the church are mostly farmers and that means that they are very poor in this world's goods. We wish that the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD could have seen that little church filled with believers and enquirers, until it seemed that it could hold no more.

We take this opportunity to thank those who so materially assisted by their means at the West Michigan Conference. But one look in the delighted faces of the Japanese brethren

## The New Year

Every conference in the Lake Union came short of raising its apportionment of mission funds for the past year. But this does not mean that the year 1914 shall be marked with a like shortage. If we believe the end is near, and this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world before the end comes, our works will correspond. With the true believer this question resolves itself into a matter of faith and works. Faith always works. The faithful are known by their works. Those who have no works have no faith. What will the end of January reveal as to the prospect for increased offerings for this new year?

It will be much easier to bring in our offerings month by month, and make the sum complete as we go along. Faith in God's willingness to give the means will bring it. The Lord does not require the impossible, nor does He invite His people to labor without reward.

ALLEN MOON.

## A Letter From Japan

293 SANYA YOVOGI, TOKYO, JAPAN,  
December 14, 1913.

*The "Lake Union Herald,"  
Berrien Springs, Mich.*

DEAR EDITOR: More than three months are now past since we arrived in the land of the Rising Sun. They have been months of blessing and profit. We have seen much to make us glad that we have cast our lot with this benighted people. When we see those who before walked in the darkness of heathenism, rejoicing in the fulness of the gospel as it is in Christ Jesus, we are led to exclaim, "What wonderful power has the gospel!" It is the power of God unto salvation and we thank the Lord that it is bringing out a people from among the heathen.

Japan has been a slow land to respond to the call of the gospel, but yet a few hundred souls have been gathered out and are keeping the commandments to the best of their knowledge. It would please those in the homeland if they could see the fervor that is shown in the prayer and social meeting. The Japanese are not naturally a demonstrative people but they do show their love for the truth in so many ways that we are not mistaken that it has taken hold in their hearts.

Just last week we had the privilege of dedicating a neat little church to the worship of Jehovah. One more monument to the third angel's message in Japan. The church was dedicated free of debt. As the dedicatory service was in progress we could see expressions of solid satisfaction and proper pride creep over the faces of those who had sacrificed



CHURCH AT KUGI, JAPAN

would have been compensation for any sacrifice that might have been occasioned. This is the first church in Japan which has been dedicated free of debt and we believe that it marks a new epoch in our work in this field.

The week of prayer has just started with us and already the Spirit of God has shown Himself with much power. We are all working for a "speedy finishing of the work" in this field. Much remains to be done but God has set His hand to finish the work quickly and there shall be delay no longer.

P. A. WEBBER.

## The Fields Beyond

Below will be found some very interesting extracts from letters received by the Foreign Mission Board, at Washington, from our missionaries abroad. These extracts speak for themselves, and in no uncertain tones. I am sure that all will be able to read between the lines that God has gone before us into the dark regions of the earth, and is opening the way for the completion of the preaching of the last message to the ends of the earth.

ALLEN MOON.

"We get good news from the fields at home and abroad. Elder Conradi reports a good visit, and good meetings with the workers in Sierra Leone, West Africa. It was arranged to distribute the force there in various provinces. Elder D. C. Babcock is to open new territory in the Nigeria colony. Brother W. H. Lewis is to locate in the Gold Coast

for permanent work. The treatment-room effort under Dr. Myers at Freetown, Sierra Leone, is discontinued, and the doctor will open native work in the interior, while Elder T. M. French remains in Sierra Leone with the school effort. All feel pleased at the outlook.

"Elder Guy Dail reports a new step by the believers in Austria, whose public meetings of late have been prohibited. He says: 'I just learned that our brethren in Austria have really decided to appeal direct to the Emperor for help in their time of need. It is planned that a delegation of some fifteen from the various parts of the kingdom shall present themselves to His Majesty after the New Year holidays are past. We shall await the results with great interest.'

"Elder Geo. W. Pettit, of India, reports good interest in the English effort in the great city of Bombay, where he and Elder Enoch and others are conducting an effort. He says: 'The public effort began here in the early part of November. We are so far having a very good interest, and the people are stirred over the truths they are hearing and are reading in the newspapers. The main sermons appear in two of the leading papers, and therefore are read by thousands of people all over India. At the Y. M. C. A. meeting last week the leader of the meeting said that he wanted to make a special request for prayer in behalf of the meetings being held at the New Hall, as the things those men were presenting were timely and were arousing the people of the city as nothing else could.' He said: 'We do not agree in all points with them, but they are stirring the people and getting men to pray and study the Word. We are deeply stirred over these meetings ourselves, and feel we so much need the power of God to reach the honest souls that may be seeking after light.'

"Elder E. L. Maxwell, of Peru, writes: 'Elder Pohle and Brother Stauffer went on a trip into the interior where one of our native colporters had worked earlier in the year. This brother was named Salazer, and he succeeded in placing a great many books in the hands of the mountain villagers of the district. At one place, he was attacked by the priest, and as the crowd gathered round them, and some of the people began to encourage him to answer the priest, he did so, thus soon putting the priest on the defensive in answer to questions as to the Bible authority for the mass and other things taught by the Catholic Church. This disputation was held in the public plaza, and was heard by hundreds of the people, and lasted for four or five hours. The priest was thoroughly worsted, and retired. When Brethren Pohle and Stauffer reached this place they found the people hungry for the message, and some of them were already keeping the Sabbath as best they could. As there was no place large enough to hold the crowd of people that desired to hear the Word preached, the city authorities proposed to use the Catholic church, which they said they had built and therefore owned. This was done, and a curtain was placed before the altar and meetings were held here every night for nearly a week. As a result of the work done a Sabbath-school was organized, with the leading officials of the town as officers, and with a membership of eighteen men besides women and children. Three public school teachers are keeping the Sabbath, and the only saloon-keeper in the town agreed to close out his business and quit the sale of liquor. A unanimous vote of the people approved this action of his.

'With the removal of the restrictions on the liberty of preaching that we are now assured of, we will see the message go like a forest fire in this country. It must go thus if we are to see the coming of our King. Oh! brother, can you not send us more men to go to the thousands of these countries with the words of life?'

"The great question in these calls is whether the fields

can receive additional workers without increased appropriations. We are sending word to all the fields that appropriations already made reach just about the limit that may be expected from the gifts for 1914.'

## Visit of the College Board

Wednesday morning at the chapel hour was one of those "annual programs" the like of which is remembered by every student as the day when the "College Board" is accorded the honor of occupying the chapel platform and the student body and faculty have the pleasure of five minute (?) speeches from the non-resident members of the Board. Considerable of a change takes place each year in the make-up of this Board, for presidents of conferences are members of a nomadic race, and are here today and elsewhere tomorrow. Elder Moon's familiar countenance and Professor Haughey's stalwart frame looked much the same as a good half dozen years ago, but as for the others, they were different, through some have appeared in this capacity before.

Elder Moon presided, and after a speech in which he expressed great joy at the thought of so many fine young men and women actually in preparation for the burdens they must soon carry as the older workers are forced to retire from active service; he called on the other members of the board, introducing each in a happy way, to which each of the speakers responded. As is well known the president of each local conference is *ex-officio*, so to speak, member of the College Board; for while he is not so legally yet it is the practice of the Union Conference so to arrange.

Elder Langdon was first to speak. He contrasted the life of the Jewish race with that of many others and drew the conclusion that they had been the depositories of the oracles of God and He had preserved them. That Moses who had chosen God's service was now at the right hand of God in heaven while Pharaoh, who ruled the kingdom Moses might have had, was a mummy in the British Museum. It is better to join one's self to the work of God and walk out on His promises for His promises are sure.

Elder Irwin thought he would vary the usual speech of exhortation by making a report of the work done in North Michigan. He told of the pleasure one could have in his conference of attending services in French, or Swedish or Norwegian, or Chippewa Indian, and impressed on his hearers the "Call of the North" to earnest young men and women. His talk was an exhortation for services even though he did not call it so.

Elder Thurston declared it to be the privilege of every believer to hasten the coming of the Lord and related a very interesting experience with one of the church brotherhoods in his State while he was out in the harvest ingathering campaign. From one of his calls an invitation came to speak of our mission work in one of the meetings of the brotherhood, and much prejudice was broken down by the knowledge the brotherhood gained of our work in foreign lands.

Professor Russell called for the delegations of the different conferences to arise and much interest was manifest as these sons and daughters of different localities stood on their feet. About twenty-four were from other unions. Brother Russell spoke in behalf of the need for consecrated well-qualified teachers, and hoped many before him were preparing for the work.

Elder Clark was glad Southern Illinois had some students in school, and assured all that his conference had the best canvassing territory in all the Lake Union. His admonition was that all be like Daniel, the opening of whose book was the beginning of the work of the third angel.

Elder McVagh rejoiced in a school of this character where students could get a right training. This school is different from others chiefly because the oracles of God were revered, and just as surely as the Jewish nation became great because of fidelity to God's law so we today will make our lasting success by our fidelity to the principles laid down for us. The West Michigan delegation in the chapel was the largest, and they were assured there was work for all.

Elder Guthrie made it very plain to his delegation of students that they were all wanted back in East Michigan, and that any others who wanted to come would be welcome; for while his conference is only about one third of the State as to size it is about one-half as to population. A very striking lesson of our situation as a people was drawn from the incident of Christ and the woman of Samaria. God had given Israel the truth that they might give it to others. Instead, Israel had no dealings with the others, so the light was hidden, and Jesus had to show His disciples that the truth was for all. The World is our field and we must not slight the opportunities.

Elder Bristol called attention to the remarkable growth of our educational system and the thirty or more thousand young people in our schools, over half being in the higher grades. He thought this a token of God's plan to do the work quickly and called on all to consecrate themselves to God's service.

Brother Blosser quoted a definition of canvassing handed him by Brother Green,—“Canvassing is the process of changing other people's minds.” From that the conclusion was drawn that about all there is in life after all is canvassing, as from the child who by teasing changes his mother's mind to the minister who seeks to change his hearer's mind, and even to God who sent his Son to get men to change their minds,—all were canvassers. It would be difficult indeed for Brother Blosser to speak for any great length of time without pressing home some point on canvassing, and that demonstrates the force of his illustration. Anyhow it was a good argument, and the whole hour was worth all the tuition it cost any of the students, and was a source of pleasure to the visitors present.

ONE OF THE VISITORS.

### Madison School

One of the characteristic features of the Madison School at the present time is its short courses offered for the special purpose of emphasizing the need of practical instruction in the industries and manual arts.

The year's work is divided into four long terms of nine weeks each and four short terms of three weeks each. A student spending from three to six hours a day in class work may cover from eight to twelve subjects in the course of a year.

The manual training classes learn to do by doing. During the growing season the teacher of agriculture may be seen with his class working in the garden or on the farm combining theory and practice.

Just now two student cottages are being built west of Gotzian Hall by the students of the carpentry class. The class is divided into two crews, one for each cottage, and there is a gentle spirit of rivalry to see who can accomplish the most and who can do the best work. This class has its text book work and theory combined by Brother George Wallace, and this illustrates how most of the buildings including the sanitarium, the new barn, Gotzian Hall and others have been erected. They all stand as monuments of student labor.

Surely you would be interested in the Domestic Science class as it goes from one department to another learning to do the work of these departments. Many new things, or

rather the science of doing old things well are sought out, and the girls are learning that house-keeping is a profession instead of drudgery as many house-keepers feel that it is.

The class in elementary chemistry is learning the rudiments of this science in order to be able to study physiology, dietetics, and agriculture more intelligently.

At the close of each short course the classes spend one evening in acquainting others with their work. The carpenters with their miniature houses, the blacksmiths with their iron ware, the dressmakers with their newly made gowns, the fruit growers with their grafts and buds demonstrate what they have learned, while the domestic science class shows the boys how their shirts are ironed and how to make a bed, and the cooks allow the family to sample their products. Every one looks forward with keen pleasure to these short course exhibits after a busy three weeks in manual training.

LAKE UNION MISSION BAND.

## West Michigan Conference

Office Address, Otsego, Mich.

President, C. F. McVagh

### To the Churches

In looking over the reports from the clerks and treasurers, the impression that has been growing ever since I came to West Michigan has deepened into a firm conviction that many of the church lists should be revised and I am therefore asking all the churches to give the matter immediate attention. After my acquaintance with the people of this conference during the last two years, I am satisfied that no more loyal or truth-loving body of Sabbath-keepers can be found anywhere in the world. But notwithstanding this and the fact that the people are blessed with at least average financial ability, and unity and cooperation have prevailed among the conference laborers and officers of the churches in the conference, yet the figures published to all the world indicate that we did not meet our full proportion of mission-fund offerings during 1913. True we did better than ever before, and personally I am satisfied that the real membership, that God recognizes as members, did meet its proportionate share.

It is manifestly unfair to the mission board, to the conference, to the church, and to the individuals themselves to report as members those who are not vitally interested in the truth, in the salvation of souls and in the giving of this last message to the world speedily.

Unfair to the Mission Board because it must plan the extension of the work in other lands on the basis of expected support from the membership reported in the home fields and when their expectations are not realized it brings embarrassment to the board and to the missionaries in foreign lands. Unfair to the conference and to the church because the published reports would seem to indicate that they are not as faithful as others. Unfair to the individuals who are responsible because if they ever have a home in the new earth they must first be awakened to realize that God does not accept unfaithful service. See Jud. 5:23; Mal. 3:8, 9. God will surely hold us responsible if we help the unfaithful ones to deceive themselves. It is true that we must be careful and labor faithfully for the delinquents, but sentiment must not keep us longer from doing our duty in the matter of revision of the lists. At a recent meeting of the Lake Union Committee an action was passed asking that this matter of revision of lists be taken up vigorously in every conference and recommending the following general basis:—

(a) Those who do not keep the Sabbath should be dropped after admonition, regardless of their relationship to good people who would be pained by the action.

(b) Those whose addresses and present standing have been unknown for a year or more should be dropped from the roll.

(c) Those whose addresses are known and who are physically able but who have not attended Sabbath services or the ordinances for a year or more and who do not contribute in any way to the advancement of the work, should be labored with and dropped if they do not change their course.

(d) Those who have paid nothing either in tithe or offerings during the year should be visited and labored with. If dependent they should be helped and retained. Those of even the smallest income should be encouraged to faithfulness. There should be no prying into the private affairs of anyone in an attempt to judge whether a full tithe is paid; leave that to God and the individual, but where people fail to support the cause because they are not in harmony with denominational plans and policies, they have cut themselves off from the body and should be dropped from membership.

(e) When there is a division of sentiment in the church that prevents an action being taken, the case should be appealed to the conference for help.

I trust that the Holy Spirit will guide in the application of these principles and that activity in this work will result in a great spiritual awakening and in an outpouring of the latter rain.

C. F. McVAGH.

### Berrien Springs

The meetings in the hall are now in their fourth week with undiminished attendance. The messages of Revelation fourteen have been given in clearness and earnestness and we feel that the word will not return void. From the regular attendance of some who have never heard these Bible themes before, we look for sheaves. We greatly appreciate the help afforded by the College students who are assisting in music and in other ways in these meetings. Several in the church are helping in the visiting, and frequent prayer meetings are being held to hold up these interested ones at the throne of grace. The meetings will continue as long as the interest demands.

U. S. ANDERSON,  
J. G. LAMSON.

### Muskegon

At the district meeting held here January 2, 3, we enjoyed and, I trust, profited much by the good services conducted by Elders McVagh, Reefman, and Hoyt.

The opening service on Friday evening was very interesting as well as exceedingly helpful.

Following the Sabbath-school on Sabbath, Elder McVagh spoke to us in regard to the power of the gospel. We can not witness to more than we know, so let us take God's word and believe it as such, then it will work in and through us.

The celebration of the ordinances took place in the afternoon. There were present with us representatives from Holland, Nunica, Twin Lake, and Holton.

After the close of the Sabbath, the church business meeting was held, at which time officers for the coming year were chosen.

The evening's service, conducted by Elder Reefman was very encouraging.

We are indeed thankful for these good meetings, and ask you to join us in the prayer that God will bless the efforts put forth in His name at this place.

L. V. HANSON.

### Rothbury, Pentwater, Crystal, Shelby

It was a privilege to visit the above named places during the week of prayer. It proved a great blessing to me. Lam. 3:25. If we will but seek Him with the whole heart and cooperate with Him, He will bless us and make our lives a blessing to others.

The brethren and sisters enter the new year with renewed courage and with confidence that the Lord will speedily finish the good work He has begun. So let us not in any way hinder the working of Him who will cut His work short in righteousness. Let us pray with and for one another; let us seek the Lord for more of His power in our own lives first and then for others we seek to help. Ps. 63:1, 2; 105:4.

LILLIAN V. HANSON.

## East Michigan Conference

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President, Wm. Guthrie

### Adelphian Academy

#### The First Semester

ended January 13, and the next day we began the last half of the year's work. In many respects this period has been one of the most successful in the history of the school.

#### The Enrollment

in the academic department reached 95, and in the primary department 28, a total enrollment of 123 for the first semester, which is a larger number than the total enrollment of any year heretofore.

#### The Attendance

has been good although some have been obliged to drop their work for a time at least. We are much pleased to find that instead of several students dropping out at the holiday vacation, as often happens, every student except one returned to school, and in addition, two new students entered, thus making our attendance larger than before vacation.

#### The Spiritual Interest

among the students seems to have been making a steady growth. By the close of the week of prayer, every student in the school homes had taken his stand for the Lord. This includes one who was a non-Adventist when school began.

#### The Bible Instruction

was greatly strengthened last week when Professor W. E. Videto connected with the school as instructor in Bible and pastor of the local church. His successful experience in the ministry and as the head of the Bible department in Emmanuel Missionary College, testifies to his fitness for his new position.

#### Many Visitors

found it possible to call on us during this time, and have given much valuable instruction. Among those were Elder E. K. Slade and Prof. J. G. Lamson, who were connected with the school when it was founded. As we write this notice, all the church-school teachers of this conference are with us, attending their annual institute, which is being conducted by Miss Lotta Belle, assisted by Professor C. A. Russell and Miss Myrta Kellogg, who is head of the normal department at the College.

T. W. STEEN, *Principal*.

## North Michigan Conference

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

President, J. J. Irwin

### Planning for the Work

Just while the minds of all our people are being called to the idea of bringing one soul each to the Master this year, it is well for us to stop and plan how to do it. Some feel that we would hardly dare set our aim so low and others are wondering how it will be possible for all to do this. But there is nothing like having a definite aim to work to.

There are so many ways in which we can work for the Master that it will not be necessary for me to mention any of them. There is one thought that should be emphasized and that is we can not lead any one to the Master unless we know the way ourselves by an experimental knowledge. Let us here in North Michigan seek the Lord earnestly that we may be the means, in His hands, of bringing one soul each to the Saviour this year.

Just now when the Lord is manifestly blessing the work in so many places in the earth it ought to inspire our hearts with the thought that He can and will bless us here.

Another thing we need to plan for is the extension of the work in the foreign fields. If all our people will make their offerings for missions equal twenty cents per week per member the work will be sustained. In this conference we averaged ten cents per week per member for 1913. In order for us to make it twenty cents per week we will have to begin to plan now for it. Let us as churches and as individuals be doing what we can now to make the work a success. Let us begin to day to plan for it.

J. J. IRWIN.

### Educational Work

December 17 I started for my trip among the church-schools, Sabbath-schools and Missionary Volunteer Societies in the Upper Peninsula. The first visit I made was at Riverside. Reaching there on Friday I attended their last evening service during the week of prayer and also the Sabbath meetings. The church-school had closed for the holiday vacation.

From Riverside I went to Harris. This school is eight miles from the nearest station. The schoolroom presents a much more cheerful appearance than when I visited the place about a year ago. They have new desks. The children seem to enjoy their work much better than in previous years. The enrollment is eighteen. The parents are manifesting more than usual interest in the school and seem anxious to cooperate with the teacher.

I visited nearly every family. The Sabbath-school was conducted in an interesting manner. Aside from the children's department, the school was divided into two divisions for review, the English and the French. Preaching services was conducted in English.

I expected to visit Iron Mountain but I was prevented from doing so. My next stop was at Cooks. Here Miss Burgess is in charge of Brother Wehner's home school. The little log schoolroom is neatly arranged and good work is being done.

I spent one Sabbath with the little company at Sault Ste. Marie. Elder Peterson is located here. Although this is not a large church the members are faithful in attending meetings and usually bring some one with them. There is quite an interest here, and it looks as though a number would soon take their stand for the truth.

At nine thirty each Sabbath morning the Junior Missionary Volunteer Society meets. There are not very many children but the older members are volunteers. They attend and endeavor to make the meetings of real benefit to the children.

The Sabbath-school is held in the afternoon. The weather was unfavorable but nearly all the members were present.

My trip was a pleasant one and I feel that it was also a profitable one. It will enable me to work to better advantage with these churches.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY.

"Now, the pruning, sharp, unsparing,  
Scattered blossom, bleeding shoot;  
Afterward, the plenteous bearing  
Of the Master's pleasant fruit."

## Indiana Conference

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

President, E. A. Bristol

### Marion, Waldron

A few weeks ago I began a series of meetings at Marion, and continued until recently, with some degree of success. Six were baptized a few days ago and we hope to baptize others in a short time.

The interest was good throughout the meetings, and the work will surely not cease, for the members seem greatly revived and encouraged to do more aggressive work for the Lord.

The loyal members of the Marion and Jonesboro churches were a great help in the meeting. It is because they lived the truth and have done personal work that I was able, with God's help, to gather in the few faithful souls who have taken their stand for the message. May the Lord help our lay brethren to do all they can to help finish the work and hasten our Saviour's return.

I am now at Waldron where our church is reduced by removals and apostasy; but I hope, with the Lord's help, to save some of those who have gone astray and bring in some new ones.

Pray for the work here.

THOS. F. HUBBARD.

### Our Annual Convention

On New Year's eve the teachers of our conference all assembled in the chapel of Beechwood Academy for the opening session of our three days' convention. Elder E. A. Bristol gave the address of welcome. The following morning the work of the institute began in real earnest. Papers and talks were prepared by the faculty and some of the church-school teachers on the different phases of school work. All entered heartily into the discussions. Plans and methods were emphasized, which when put into operation, will enable our schools to maintain a higher degree of efficiency.

Each evening exercises were conducted by Prof. C. A. Russell. His talk on "Efficiency—What It Means and How to Secure It" was filled with helpful thoughts. We appreciated the special musical selections. Miss Ethlyn Andersen and Mr. Paul Legg favored us with several piano duets.

In one of the classrooms a display of manual work brought in by the teachers, presented an attractive exhibition of the practical things done in our schools. The Question Box was kept well filled and afforded opportunity for valuable instruction.

Aggressive plans were laid to organize and develop the Junior Missionary Volunteer work in the schools. All our schools have adopted this plan, and it is hoped that during the year they will help materially in raising our quota for foreign missions.

An earnest spirit of consecration pervaded the entire session. The testimonies borne by the teachers indicated a real heart searching, which will result in spiritual blessings in the classrooms.

Prof. C. A. Russell, Mrs. C. N. Sanders, and Mr. E. E. Franklin were in attendance and assisted in the work of the institute.

CAROLYN RASMUSSEN.

### Young People's Missionary Goal

Perhaps you do not know what the young people of the Indiana Conference have planned to do this year. Our aim is to support four native evangelists and three native Bible workers in the province of Hupeh in Central China. To do this we must raise \$558, which will mean \$2.50 from each Junior and Senior Missionary Volunteer. Some of our societies have already pledged to raise their quota. One of

our small Juniors has undertaken to support one Bible worker himself. Just think what might be accomplished if every Volunteer were as enthusiastic! Perhaps some of our societies will obligate themselves to sustain a worker. Now is the time to begin our missionary endeavor.

CAROLYN RASMUSSEN.

### News Notes

Miss Mary C. Kent and Miss Jennie Sims have taken up Bible work in Indianapolis.

A report of the recent elders' meeting is in preparation, and will appear in an early issue of this paper.

Brother Franklin is in the southern part of the State assisting colporteurs in getting started in the work.

Will the church clerks who have not yet forwarded their annual reports to the conference office do so at an early date?

Elder Lauda is holding a series of meetings at Kennard. Brother Rader has joined Elder Tindall in his effort at Farmersburg.

The special club rates on our papers expire with this month. Your subscription should be sent in to us without delay. Many are taking advantage of this opportunity of securing the different publications at reduced rates.

The Sabbath-school at the Indianapolis Twenty-third Street church enjoyed a special blessing on the thirteenth Sabbath. After the opening exercises, a review of the first six lessons of the quarter was held, after which the departments came together, and the children rendered a short but interesting program, the theme of which was the needs and the calls for help in the regions beyond. The children entered heartily into their part which seemed to be appreciated by all, and that hearts were touched by their appeals, was shown by the offering taken which amounted to over thirty dollars. These special offerings are proving a blessing, not only to the needy fields, but to those who share in the giving.

## Southern Illinois Conference

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President, A. J. Clark

### Important Notice

We are compelled to change the location of our elders' meeting from Du Quoin to the original location, Herrin. We wish to ask those who plan to be there to notify Elder E. F. Ferris, Herrin, Ill. Also plan to bring bedding.

A. J. CLARK.

### Report

It has been sometime since a report has appeared from me in the columns of the HERALD. I will give some of the details of conference work that our brethren and sisters may know of its advancement. In many ways we can see the guiding hand of God, and know that the Spirit of the Lord is in our midst. Trials and divisions in churches—some of them of long standing—have within the past few weeks been adjusted. We are not without perplexities, however, as probably we never shall be in this world, but our desire is to know what the Lord would have us to do, and then to carry out His will.

Since my last report, Brothet R. J. Nethery, who labored in foreign fields for seven years, has taken up work in our conference. He is now located with his family at Decatur. We hope that his presence in that field will prove a great blessing to the church, and that many may be added to their numbers.

Elder E. F. Ferris has been asked to go to Herrin for two weeks and work with that church.

Brother H. M. Kelley will work at Charleston.

Brethren Durward Williams and J. O. Ferris have been

asked by the conference committee to go to Alton to labor. No doubt these laborers will report their work soon. These changes we hope will be for the best, and we ask the prayers of our brethren and sisters for the work. Let us ever remember at the throne of grace each laborer who is bearing the burden at the battle front.

From January 2-11, a canvassers' institute was held at Decatur. A number of canvassers were present as well as some who are expecting to take up the work. We believe that it was a great benefit to this department of the work.

A teachers' institute was held at Springfield, January 7-11. All the teachers in the conference were present, and matters pertaining to their work were discussed. No doubt a further report will appear in regard to these two meetings.

There will be an elders and workers' meeting at Herrin February 2-6. I hope that all the church elders will plan to be there, as well as our workers, for an interesting program has been arranged. We hope that at this meeting plans and methods of work will be brought in which will greatly advance the truth in this field during 1914.

A. J. CLARK.

### December

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Foosland	83 80	14 20	42 95	Twin City	27 20	31	83 77
Herrin	48 67		16 56	Shelbyville	2 25		2 78
Kingman	60 47	3 69	26 74	West Salem			
Lovington	9 65		91 20 96	Woodburn			
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## Northern Illinois Conference

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### Educational Work

The annual teachers' institute will be held in Chicago, February 6-9. A symposium on home and church-schools, academies and colleges will be given at the South Side church, Sabbath morning. A union meeting will be held at the Central church in the afternoon when Prof. O. J. Graf will speak on "The Call to Our Youth" and Elder Langdon will show how the conference needs the youth. A reception will follow at the conference mission home. Sunday's session will be at the South Side church. Professor Russell, Miss Kellogg, and others will be present. All interested in Christian education are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

A Mothers' Band was organized last Wednesday at Hinsdale. A club of *Christian Education* was ordered, thus giving a globe to the church-school. The Teachers' Reading Course will be followed, and other practical subjects discussed at these monthly meetings.

The last quarter of 1913 our Sabbath-schools gave \$1,738.79, thus making \$4,964.66 for the year. Think of it, almost \$5,000 given to missions by 1,205 people in one year! In 1912, \$2,510.91 was given, hence the offerings were nearly doubled in 1913. May Heaven's richest blessing rest on the faithful schools.

The Missionary Volunteer work is being prospered. During the past year one society was dropped because of removals while four were added, thus making seventeen senior and sixteen junior societies. A number new in the faith have joined our ranks. The missionary work done

totals well. Already more than seven hundred 1914 Morning Watch Calendars have been sold. In 1913 one Standard of Attainment and thirty-two Reading Course certificates were issued. At this date more than a hundred are studying for Standard of Attainment membership, and eighty-two reviews on the first Reading Course books have been examined. These are encouraging items, but for 1914 we are planning for greater blessings, greater power, and greater results.

EDITH E. SHEPARD.

### Hinsdale J. M. V. Society

The Hinsdale Junior Missionary Volunteers concluded the work of the society for the year 1913 by rendering a Christ-mass program and making an offering for foreign missions, Monday evening, December 22. The church gave their annual Christmas donation the preceding Sabbath.

Our program, covering the life of Christ, was given in the sanitarium gymnasium which was simply, yet effectively decorated. The children gave their parts with a zest which left no doubt but that they derived as much joy from the occasion as though they were expecting gifts rather than making an offering to missions. At the close five little Juniors passed baskets for the offerings and a collection amounting to \$13.87 was the result. This makes a total of \$67.74 cash which this society has raised for missions during the past year, but does not include the money which has been raised for the African-Student Fund, as that work is still unfinished, and will not be reported until completed. Were this included our Junior Society could report an average of over \$6 per month for missions since its organization.

INA BRADBURY, *President.*

### Wisconsin Conference

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### Baraboo

It was my privilege to be with the believers in Baraboo, Sabbath and Sunday, January 17 and 18. We held the quarterly meeting and the annual business meeting. The meetings were all well attended and Sunday night quite a few from the outside were present and heard the word gladly. A Methodist lady, who had never previously attended our meetings, met with us on Sabbath and remained with us for the ordinances. She expressed herself well satisfied and felt well paid for coming. She was also in attendance Sunday night and said she enjoyed the service. Her coming to our meeting was the result of personal work by some of the members. Why not all do some missionary work among neighbors and friends? It will pay and bring blessings to you and to others.

The annual report of the treasurer showed that the church paid \$328.04 tithe, and \$233.20 was recived in offerings; making a total of \$561.24 for the year.

They have been repairing their house of worship, both inside and outside and the improvement is very marked and much appreciated.

We keep our own houses in good repair, and why should we allow the house of prayer to go to ruin? All places of worship should be kept in good condition.

The members in Baraboo, with few exceptions, are of good courage and are endeavoring to live the truth.

They have not yet finished the work with the special *Review*, but will probably use all they have during the winter.

Evening after the Sabbath a few members went to the home of one of the members, who has been confined to her bed and wheel-chair for several years, and celebrated the ordinances with her. She appreciated this very much and received a blessing.

As the members all rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers, progress will be made and others brought into the fold. A greater burden for souls is needed. So let us all work, watch, and pray as those who shall give account, and success will crown our efforts.

From Baraboo I went to E. M. College to attend the annual Board meeting.

W. H. THURSTON.

### A Visit to the Oakland Church

On the morning of January, 8, I left our State metropolis to visit the church that has the remarkably good record of producing eight Seventh-day Adventist ministers, namely the Oakland church, the home church of the Olson's, the the Johnson's and the Sern's. Oakland church is and may well to be proud of them. This church is eight miles distant from Fort Atkinson, which I made in a novel way by riding on a two wheeled conveyance drawn by a "moon-blind horse."

I had some excellent meetings there. The outside attendance was encouraging. The blessings of the Sabbath day were very rich and bountiful, a double blessing falling upon us. Including the Sabbath-school, the day's meeting was four hours' long, with two brief recesses. During this time I preached, we celebrated the ordinances, had a social meeting in which every member took part, and I ordained the previously elected deacon.

On Saturday night I spoke to a full house upon the subject of "The Beast, Its Image, and Its Mark," and on Sunday night I addressed an intensely interested audience upon the theme, "The Evil Results of Religious Legislation." The Spirit of God was present in a marked manuer to witness to the truth spoken. Some said: "We never before heard it on this wise." People came distances of eight and fourteen miles. Such meetings prepare us for the time when the eternally saved will experience unruffled joy, unending bliss, eternal blessedness, and may that be our lot.

H. W. REED.

### Oneida Church

Some weeks ago I wrote a short account of the need here in rebuilding the church for the Oneida Indians. It is with grateful heart that I can now say like the blind son in John 9:25, "that, whereas I was blind, now I see." There are a few brethren and sisters who have given a little and this was received with joy. Just before Christmas we received a gift of forty dollars from a brother in Michigan who said he gave it cheerfully. We, here at the school, are all glad to know there is a warm spot in the hearts of our people for the Indians; we are praying that others will sense our great need and come to our assistance. The work among the Indians is very difficult, and we need your prayers brethren and sisters, that we may live right lives before them, searching out the honest in heart and garnering them into the fold.

ISRAEL HILL.

### Bethel News Notes

A carpentry class of seven members is enthusiastic over their work.

The large bell which was presented to the school by the class of 1912, is cracked.

A sewing class of seven members, Mrs. C. B. VanGorder teacher, was organized last week.

Additional blackboards have been put in Room 2. The algebra class now has more room for work.

Mr. C. G. Allen gave a very interesting talk to the students Saturday night, on what to do in case of accidents and emergencies.

The Young People's Society was favored by a talk from Mrs. W. Snow, last Sabbath. She told about her experiences at the home of Sister E. G. White.



