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

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Courage

MRS. L. D. A. STUTTLE

Oh, how oft life's care and trouble
Each would prove but empty bubbles,
Could we only feel how little—
Ah, how passing and how brittle—
Are our days beneath the sun,—
Few and fleeting, every one.—

Far too short and far too narrow
Thus to pass in idle sorrow;
Thus to pass in sad repining
When each cloud has silver lining:
Courage, then, be filled with cheer,
Nor forget thy God is near.

Yes, and though the path be clouded
And in mists and darkness shrouded,
And the livid lightning flashes,
And the swelling Jordan dashes,—
Then, beneath the chastening rod
Shall my soul forget her God,—

And be filled with sad repining,
Passing through these fires refining?
Doubt the wisdom of the Master,
Who permitted fresh disaster
Which shall purge the dross away,
Separate the gold from clay?

I will bear the thorns and briars,
And the slow, refining fires;
Nor will shrink though fast and faster
Fall the strokes of Christ my Master;
For I know how needed be
All the stripes He lays on me.

Far beyond this vale of sadness
Lies a realm of light and gladness;
And I'm only now preparing
Gems of glory to be wearing;
Then let not my lips repine
When these glories may be mine.

Lansing, Mich.

The Election of Officers

Great care should be exercised in the election of the officers and leaders in our churches. We would suggest that our brethren study the following from the spirit of prophecy:

"The leaders of churches in every place should be earnest, full of zeal and unselfish interest; men of God,

who can give the right mold to the work. They should make their requests to God in faith. They may devote all the time they wish to secret prayer, but in public they should make their prayers and their testimonies short and to the point. Long, dry prayers and long exhortations should be avoided. If the brethren and sisters would have something to say that will refresh and edify others, it must first be in their hearts.

"In some of our churches the work of organizing and of ordaining elders has been premature; the Bible rule has been disregarded, and consequently grievous trouble has been brought upon the church. There should not be so great haste in electing leaders as to ordain men who are in no way fitted for the responsible work,—men who need to be converted, elevated, ennobled, and refined, before they can serve the cause of God in any capacity.

"It will be far better to criticise the man before he is put into office than afterward; better to pray and counsel before taking the decisive step, than to labor to correct the consequences of a wrong move.

"Some one should be selected by the voice of the church to be the acknowledged leader, never, however, to be chosen for more than one year."—*Testimonies, Volume 5, pages 617-619.*

Under no circumstances should a person who is not in full harmony with our message and form of organization be elected to any office. A man who does not pay tithe, or who criticises the Testimonies, or who has some peculiar views on the prophecies, is certainly not fit to be a church officer.

It is somewhat difficult to lay down definite rules as to the manner of elections, because this depends upon various conditions. Some have thought that church officers should be chosen by lot. A careful study of the Scriptures as well as experience has convinced us that this method of selecting officers is a great mistake. God gives His people spiritual discernment and good sense. We do not need to depend on blind chance. Every election should be conducted in a straightforward and honest way. It is not well to have many members of one family, or relatives, as leaders in the same church, but in all cases the voice of the majority in the church decides and elects the officers.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

School Meetings

The interest has been aroused; the school board elected; the place secured; the pledges made; the books purchased; the teacher hired; and the school project launched.

Look out for breakers!

The enemy of God's work is not sitting quietly by all this time complacently watching these plans for snatching away his subjects. "The children are the

objects of Satan's especial attacks." "Satan is working by every conceivable means to draw them into his net."

Do not think when all this preliminary work has been done that the responsibility for the success of the work rests wholly upon the teacher. Every individual member of the church is responsible. Success means cooperation, and cooperation cannot exist without a mutual understanding.

When will our school boards see the necessity, absolute, imperative necessity, of regularly calling the church members together that board, teacher, and members may pray and plan for the success of the school? Do not wait until a crisis is reached. These crises might be averted if all would come together and with a spirit of cooperation unite in seeking divine wisdom in planning the work. In some instances the time of the midweek prayer meeting could very profitably be devoted to the school meeting. The devotional exercises should go on as usual, the school being made the special object of prayer. Then a short program could be carried out. This might consist of a Bible and Testimony study on child-training; on cooperation; on obedience; on home training; on school discipline. Volume VI, "Education," "Counsels to Teachers, Parents and Students," and *The Christian Educator* are replete with matter on these and kindred subjects. No one would again criticize the teacher in the presence of the child after reading "Counsels." Such topics as proper missionary work for children to engage in, Junior Missionary Volunteer funds, social conditions, absences, tardiness, truancy, necessary supplies, books, lesson-assignments, home study, credit for home work and the new blanks used in reporting the same, the boarding place, school gardens (in season), problems involved in going to and from school, and many others of equal importance may be discussed with profit.

Little difficulties and misunderstandings are sure to arise before the school has been long in operation. No better time to have these matters cleared up than at the parents' meeting, or better the school meeting, since not only parents and patrons, but *all* the members should take an active interest in the school, for it is to be a *church* school not a *private* school conducted by a part of the church through the sufferance of the rest. "The lambs of the flock must be fed." "Let all share the expense."

Naturally the chairman of the school board should call these meetings and preside. Of course he may delegate his powers to another—the elder, the teacher, or another suitable person, but the responsibility for holding such meetings is his.

Your conference educational superintendent will be glad to cooperate with you in the matter of furnishing suggestive programs. Write for suggestions.

Again I plead, do not wait until impending doom impels you to action. Avoid disaster by that perfect mutual understanding which will spell cooperation and make for success. Hold monthly school meetings. Do it.

C. A. RUSSELL

Have Doubled My Goal

Early in the summer I gathered \$10 by outside solicitations and put the money into the Sabbath school

offerings. Then in August, while thinking of the Harvest Ingathering problem which was to be brought up for consideration at the camp meeting, I decided to get an early start by soliciting some before the meeting commenced.

Acting upon this thought gave me an advance sum of \$51.25 to report from three days' work when the question came up at the camp ground; and when the chief rallying call for missions was made I pledged \$100 on condition that the conference would accept Harvest Ingathering funds in payment for the pledge. The proposition was gladly accepted, and so I began the campaign with \$100 as my goal.

In due time the money promised was gathered and paid in, but when the \$100 mark was reached there was more good territory in sight, and plenty of room in the till for more money, and so the desire was on hand to double my goal.

Now the \$100 goal has been reached the second time, and the cold weather and my tired nerves say I should rest for a while and recuperate.

I started into this campaign fondly hoping that our people would reach the \$100,000 goal before the year ended, and the easy possibilities of doing this has been demonstrated.

I have turned in \$250, not counting the \$10 which was put into the Sabbath school collection, and am sure the limit of what is possible was not nearly reached by me. Yet it would require only four hundred solicitors at this rate to turn in \$100,000. But some one will say, You are putting the standard so high that I cannot reach it. Very well, we will mark it down to one-tenth of the sum suggested, but advise that ten times as many people [4,000] get to work and the same result as far as money is concerned would be reached.

But if some of the 4,000 should find it difficult to reach the goal of \$25, then let them rally the brothers and sisters and get them enlisted in this good work, because the \$100,000 for missions should be secured this time. The way to do it is to kindly and courageously keep at it, hoping and believing that we shall win. And if 4,000 seem to be coming short of the goal, then call ten times as many more into the work for certainly we should reach the mark for which we have started.

WM. COVERT

West Michigan Conference

Office Address, 1214 Madison Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.
President, C. F. McVagh

Our Mission Pledges

Hundreds of our people make pledges to the mission work at camp meeting and on other occasions during the year. This is right for the Lord says, "Vow and pay," Ps. 76:11. After twenty years of experience in this work I am glad to be able to testify that Seventh-day Adventist mission pledges can be counted at almost face value. In a few instances unforeseen afflictions have prevented poor souls from fulfilling their promises, but those who make it a custom to give a pledge toward God's cause very seldom apostatize. Sometimes they forget when the pledge is due through not keeping a record of it, and often we get letters asking the amount of the pledge made.

In 1914 the members of one large church pledged over \$1,700 for missions at camp meeting and the record shows that all but \$5 of it was paid by January, 1915. This is a splendid record and if you will not make any wrong use of the information, I will tell you that the church referred to is Battle Creek.

Now we have come to the last month of 1915, so if you have a pledge that should be credited in this year's mission funds, it should be in the treasurer's hands before the first of January. In order to help you, I am asking Brother Eastman to write a line to each one who has an unpaid pledge in order that the time may not slip by unnoticed. We are hoping and praying that December, 1915, will bring the largest mission offering in the history of West Michigan. Let all who have pledges make a real earnest effort to get them in before the end of the month.

C. F. McVAGH

Cedar Lake Academy

It was my privilege to spent a few days at the home of Brother E. M. Fishell, who lives near the Cedar Lake Academy. I held some meetings with the col-porteurs who live near there, and was much encouraged to see the interest of these brethren in the work. Brother Fishell has more than his hands full in training the prospective workers. I was pleased to see the academy filled with a bright company of young people, and I expect a number will go out this summer to earn scholarships and get a good experience in personal work.

J. B. BLOSSER

News Notes

Elder W. H. Heckman, president of the Florida Conference, visited his boyhood home on the way back from the Council at Loma Linda, and spoke to the Grand Rapids church Sabbath, December 4. His message was timely and the service much appreciated.

Elder L. H. Christian and J. W. Mace passed through Grand Rapids last week en route from the North Michigan Elders' Meeting.

The West Michigan Elders' Meeting will be held Jan. 24-27, 1916, it being necessary to move forward one week from the date previously announced. The place will be Holland, Mich. We have just received word from there that splendid accommodations can be furnished.

The West Michigan Teachers' Institute is to be held at Battle Creek, January 3-6 inclusive. It is expected that C. A. Russell, Miss Lotta Bell of East Michigan, and Miss Augusta Blosser of North Michigan will be present as instructors.

A few days ago we received a letter from the South inclosing money in payment of a pledge made to Brother Reefman on the liquidation of the West Michigan Conference debt. We are glad to see this money coming in in a constantly growing stream, and if all will take hold faithfully, we can sing the song of deliverance at our next camp meeting. Just "lift, brother, lift," and as we pay this debt let us all help to make it unconstitutional to do conference business on borrowed money again.

By the time this paper reaches the readers, the Week of Prayer will be nearly past. Arrangements have

been made to have each church visited by a laborer. The Annual Offering should be taken up Sabbath, December 18.

We are glad to learn that Miss Beulah Blosser, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is rapidly recovering and will soon be around again.

Curtis Blosser and Mabel Wilson were married November 23 at the home of the bride at Jenison, Mich., Elder J. M. Wilbur officiating. They will live on their farm near Cooks, Mich.

East Michigan Conference

Office Address, Holly, Mich.
President, Wm. Guthrie

Jackson

Dec. 24-25

Notice the place and date. This is the time appointed for a Sabbath school convention at Jackson,—Bunker Hill, Napoleon, Leslie, and Spring Arbor uniting. All isolated persons within possible access are most cordially invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

A good program has been arranged, consisting of preaching, convention topics relating to the Sabbath school work, and special music. A splendid time is expected. First meeting, Friday evening.

As this occasion includes the thirteenth Sabbath, it need not in any way diminish the offerings in the Sabbath schools to be represented. Each school may have credit for the gifts of its delegates on this Sabbath. Again I wish to solicit a strong contribution for East and West China. Can we not make them a nice Christmas gift? We could do nothing better this next Christmas time.

Yours for China,

MRS. LEE S. WHEELER

November

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Ann Arbor.....	35 90	2 13	7 34	Linden.....	13 97	1 18	35 58
Alaiedon.....	45 95		2 00	Lapeer.....	55 66	1 45	10 61
Alma.....	36 51	4 08	62 27	Leslie.....			
Arbela.....	40 44	27	5 70	Lansing.....	123 29	4 93	51 95
Adrian.....	26 93	1 76	15 51	Memphis.....			
Bancroft.....	43 46	8 20	14 30	Marine City.....			
Belleville.....	32 53		21 75	Midland.....	49 86		9 95
Birmingham.....	5 87	1 18	1 25	Mt. Forest.....			
Bay City.....	73 28	5 97	116 20	N. Branch.....	8 91	1 39	23 81
Breckenridge.....				Ola.....	42 38	3 28	10 37
Bunker Hill.....	181 36	10	10 54	Ovid.....			
Chesaning.....	28 42	28	18 20	Owosso.....	14 08	72	11 77
Coleman.....	36 41	4 45	3 10	Oxford.....	36 93	5 13	31 21
Chapin.....				Otter Lake.....	55 65	3 19	12 16
Detroit.....	276 88	4 43	72 22	Pinconning.....			
Detroit No. 2.....	52 70	3 25	108 67	Pt. Huron.....			
Detroit W. S.....	478 73	4 95	172 64	Prattville.....	32 73	7 80	19 63
Durand.....	10 45	12	8 72	Rapson.....	13 37		5 70
Edenville.....				Reese.....	29 15	02	38 74
Elwell.....	14 63	10	13 03	St. Charles.....	54 07	60	14 89
Elmwood.....	12 00		5 00	Saginaw.....	83 79	1 05	46 69
Fairgrove.....				Sandusky.....	5 50		9 07
Flint.....	748 43	124 03	45 41	Spring Arbor.....			
Flushing.....				St. Louis.....	5 72		8 47
Gibson.....	1 50	20	3 31	Sumner.....	32 09		10 47
Greenbush.....	46 90	4 67	8 04	Thetford.....			
Hillsdale.....	7 53		19 89	Vassar.....	39 80	3 17	17 05
Hazelton.....	21 62		22 37	Watrousville.....			
Holly.....	242 51	23 70	69 25	Willis.....	11 88		3 00
Ithaca.....				Westphalia.....	66 00		7 50
Jackson.....				White Lake.....			
Jefferson.....	43 05	3 85	12 74	Individuals.....	58 26	4 00	3 00
Luce.....	24 48	2 40	5 80				
				Total.....	\$3417 61	238 03	1226 77

Indiana Conference

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President, E. A. Bristol

Canvassers' Institute

Colporteurs needed in sixty counties of Indiana.
All are required to perform personal service.
Now is the time to enter the Master's vineyard.
Visiting homes is the important work for this time.
All promises of God sustain the faithful colporteur.
Seek special wisdom of God to do His bidding.
Satan cannot defeat God's plans.
Efficiency means success in evangelistic canvassing.
Receive training at this institute for effective service.
Study plans and methods of successful work.
Instruction given by experienced workers.
New workers afforded an excellent training.
Selling points of our different books discussed.
Time set for this institute—Jan. 21-30, 1916.
If you plan to attend, notify the field agent.
The place of meeting will be announced later.
Unlimited virgin territory remains unworked.
To regular and prospective workers fare will be refunded.
Entertainment provided FREE to all who enter the work.
E. E. FRANKLIN

November

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Akron	\$.....	\$.....	\$.....	Maxwell	24 50		7 24
Anderson	117 94	5 78	84 15	Michael	29 53	4 45	8 64
Barbers Mill.....	33 59	80	10	Middletown	70 19		40 77
Boggtown	72 98	27	15 84	Mt. Vernon	39 90		13 05
Connersville	28 01		61 56	Mt. Zion	5 11	19	8 08
Elkhart	44 91		43 40	Muncie	95 19	75	34 01
Elnora	53 05		2 50	New Marion	3 00		5 00
Elwood	21 40	2 60	14 51	New Harmony	2 30		5 30
Farmersburg	17 30		5 32	New Hope	6 59	1 10	5 0
Fort Wayne	20 02	1 67	18 05	New Haven			
Grass Creek	23 40		2 40	Noblesville			
Greenfield	16 95	10	24 78	N. Manchester			1 02
Goshen	10 16	1 53	10 45	North Liberty	18 79		6 71
Hartford City	44 56	3 99	35 15	Northfield			
Honey Creek	31 85	2 47	47 45	North Vernon			
Idaville	3 00			Oolitic	22 00		
Indianapolis				Pleasant View	9 09		5 58
23d Street	162 91	5 31	132 22	Patrickburg	10 56	1 50	17 00
Colored	31 69		26 69	Peru	3 55	42	6 06
Sturm Ave.	277 48	3 69	120 66	Rochester	19 99	40	5 33
Inwood				Salem			
Jasonville	29 05	40	13 67	South Bend	124 92		46 48
Jefferson	10 06			Soldiers' Home	8 60		13 67
Jeffersboro	38 82	2 64	8 90	Seymour	41 50		
Kennard	18 66			Sunman	9 80		1 25
Kokomo	60 15	1 99	122 63	Terre Haute	64 12	36	66 27
La Fayette	44 31	1 36	9 30	Unionville			
Lebanon	11 30			Waldron			
Linton				Wolcottville	50 00		3 00
Ligonier	33 20		57 02	Wolf Lake	51 15	06	16 94
Logansport	26 96	1 97	18 58	W. V. San	101 19	3 21	57 86
Marion	104 07		9 85	Conference	188 01	4 26	440 82
				Total	2383 30	53 27	1695 76

Southern Illinois Conference

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President, A. J. Clark

Annual Offering

When our people in Southern Illinois read these lines, we will be in the midst of the 1915 week of prayer. This season will be observed by all our people all over the world. It is hoped that we will not be behind in doing our part to make it a time of great

benefit and blessing. It is needless to say to a people believing as we do that this will be a very important occasion. Since the beginning of this great movement there has never been a time when conditions were so grave as now. The last Sabbath of this season of prayer will be December 18. On that day the annual offering will be received.

For over two months our people have made an earnest effort to gather funds from friends and neighbors for missions, but at the close of the week of prayer we, as a people, will offer our gifts for the extension of the Lord's work. As we face the great demands made upon us to properly support the fields already opened and meet the urgent demands to supply the immense needs of other places, we can but believe that our people will rally to the call for this time with hearts willing to give as God has prospered. Every one, old and young, should plan for Sabbath, December 18.

The members of this conference have always been faithful in their mission offerings. Last year we raised a little more than our quota on our mission funds. This year we are a little behind at the present time, but we hope that during the month of December we may be able to eliminate the deficit. Our success will rest entirely with the liberality of our people in making their annual offering and paying their camp meeting pledges. Never in the history of this denomination have the needs been so great, and the signs which show our Saviour's coming near have never been fulfilled more rapidly than during the past few months. During this week of prayer shall we not "drink deep of the well of salvation," and then at the close show our appreciation by returning to the Lord a goodly portion of His own?
A. H. BRIGHAM

Northern Illinois Conference

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President, Wm. A. Westworth

Chicago

On Sabbath, November 27, ten persons were added to the Dearborn Street church. Five were baptized after the regular preaching service, three were received on their former baptism, and two by letter.

One of the five baptized came directly from the Catholic Church. She is an earnest and conscientious Christian. Soon after she accepted the truth she had me buy a Bible for her, which she has already read through, having started only a few weeks before the tent meetings closed. She has also raised \$5 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Another of the five, a young girl, is attending Fox River Academy.

We truly thank God for these souls, and hope that they will remain faithful.

Meetings are now being conducted at a hall on Sunday evenings, not far from the lot where the tent was pitched.
W. D. FORDE

Fox River Academy

The arrival of a new student, Mr. Lee Galbraith of Wisconsin, raised our enrollment to the forty-five mark, a larger number than were in attendance last year at this time.

Thanksgiving passed with the presence of nearly all of our students. A delicious dinner was given, to which a number from the outside were invited. The afternoon was spent in playing games, and in the evening a program was rendered by the students and teachers. It was truly a day of enjoyment and thanksgiving for all who were present. The students who went home on this festal occasion have all returned to resume their work.

Miss Wilhelmina Jensen enjoyed a visit from her sister, Miss Olive, over Thanksgiving and until the following Monday, when she returned again to Aurora, where she is teaching.

Miss Nellie Jordon, who has been away on account of a brief illness, has returned to take up her studies again.

Mrs. L. S. Lewis of Waldron, Ill., paid a nice visit to her daughter, Miss Edna last week.

The second term will begin on the eighth of December, and more students are expected to join our number at that time.

Elders Westworth and Clark made us a short visit this week. Elder Westworth disappointed us by stopping only long enough to say, "How do you do," but Elder Clark staid until the next day, giving us a very interesting talk in the evening, and a chapel talk in the morning. His presentation of the parallelism of the life of Daniel to the life of every Seventh-day Adventist inspired us with new courage and zeal in preparing ourselves for the giving of the message.

A shorthand class has been organized, and the members are just beginning the study. There are others who will join the class later.

The academy took a day off for the Harvest Ingathering and received nearly \$50. It was voted to go out again and try to bring in even more.

Wisconsin Conference

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President, P. A. Hanson

Harvest Ingathering Work

During the month of November, I visited churches and isolated believers assigned to me in the northwest part of the state in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. It has been my privilege to have a part in this work each year since it started; but I have never had a better experience than this year. On my way from place to place I have watched for and improved opportunities, sometimes in waiting rooms and sometimes on the train among those sitting near by, and thus I have solicited seventy-two persons, distributed seventy-four papers, and received \$25.

The people in this part of the state are largely foreigners. Most of the churches are in rural districts, and the members are much scattered. It is very difficult to get them together on any day except the Sabbath. I have been encouraged by the interest manifested in the Ingathering work in the churches I have visited. And the way some of the isolated believers have taken hold of the work is very hopeful. The means gathered will bring the light to the heathen in darkness; the missionary efforts bring new life and rich experience, more precious than gold, to the worker, and the papers bring the truth to the homes of the

people. Already I have heard from individuals who have become interested in the truth from reading the Harvest Ingathering paper.

P. M. HANSON

More Than Their Quota

Since reporting last to the HERALD, I have visited among a number of the churches in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering work for missions. The churches assigned to me at the workers' meeting held at Appleton, were Beldenville, Maiden Rock, and Plum City, and I found the members of these churches courageous and willing to take hold and help to swell the mission fund. All will more than raise their quota of \$2 per member. Plum City has already raised \$4 per member, and hopes to raise this amount to a still higher figure. These people surely prove their love of the truth by such demonstrations of real loyalty to God's cause and its support.

The Poy Sippi church members will more than raise their \$2 per member. I hope that all our people throughout the state will rally to the call demanded by the rapidly growing work. Let us by the help of God finish the work while yet there is peace in our land. When the night cometh no man can work.

P. C. HANSON

A Sure Foundation

A man from Chicago, Mr. A. Nyman, forced a debate on me regarding the prophecies in the book of Daniel. His claims are that Rome is not in any way subject to the prophecies in Daniel; that all these prophecies were fulfilled somewhere about 164 B. C.; that the little horn in the 8th chapter is not Rome but Antiochus Epiphanes; that the 2,300 days are literal days of twenty-four hours each, that the Anointed One is not Christ, but Onias, one of the high priests in the second century before Christ, and many other such "higher critic" notions.

Mr. Nyman, according to his own statements to a lady here, was at first sent for by the Lutheran priest to tear apart our work here at Ogema. But his hopes were not realized. While here the first time Mr. Nyman sent me about five or six theses and desired me to enter into debate. As this man had nothing to present worth while for a debate, I tried to avoid it as long as possible. But when he deposited \$500 in the State Bank of Ogema and some received the impression that I was afraid to enter into a debate with the man, I felt compelled to accept his invitation.

In these debates I referred to some of the most celebrated men in the church, such as Luther, Harms, Bishop and Sir Isaac Newton, Prideaux, and others, for proof of my statements. He had set up on a chart some dates for certain historical events, which dates I proved to be wrong by laying before the judges three or four chronological tables. The second night I read for the audience twelve negative theses for my opponent to disprove, but on his refusing to do this, our judges resigned and the meetings broke up.

The meetings did not break up merely because of the resignation of the judges, but for the following reason: When Mr. Nyman had refused to answer my theses and then began to speak again, the audience, as one man, stood up and walked out. Another notice-

able feature of the debate was that while the truth was being presented one could hear a needle fall to the floor, but when my opponent spoke he was many a time hissed. The \$500 I refused to accept before we entered into these debates. The following is what the *Prentice News-Calumet* had to say of these meetings:

"The five-night debate in Ogema closed sooner than planned. The judges resigned, because Mr. Erickson's arguments were not considered by his opponent. The second night when Mr. Nyman began to speak the people stood up and walked out. Mr. Erickson referred to many able writers and prominent men in the church such as Luther, the two Newtons, Prideaux, Harmes and many others, showing that they had the same view of these matters in this debate as he himself had."

There has not been a man yet, and never will be, who can move one single stone in the foundation of our faith. Amen.

A. W. ERICKSON

Ogema

Educational Work

Recently I visited Baraboo, Madison, Milton Junction, and Milwaukee. It had been thought best to close the school at Baraboo on account of finances, but after considering the matter in a meeting called for that purpose, the brethren thought they could not possibly afford to close their school, and practically a unanimous vote was taken to continue it through the year. Provision was accordingly made for this.

There is certainly a splendid corps of young people giving their time and energy to the upbuilding of the work at Madison. We have a strong Young People's Society here and a well-conducted church school. I wonder that more of our people do not avail themselves of the opportunity this institution affords for training.

The school at Milton Junction has an enrollment second highest in the state. The students all seem to enjoy their school, and there is a spirit of enthusiasm and cooperative good will. I spoke in the Milwaukee church on Sabbath, and spent a pleasant and profitable day with the brethren and sisters there.

Pray for our Missionary Volunteer leaders and other officers, and for our school teachers, that the Lord may give counsel and wisdom in planning for and carrying out these lines of work in Wisconsin.

G. R. FATTIC

Bethel News Notes

The repairs on the tank house are completed. A new lighting system has been put in the store, and a cement porch is being placed in front.

Earl Christensen leaves in a few days for Berrien Springs, Mich., where he will enter the College.

The chorus will make its first public appearance at the Sabbath service, December 11.

The band boys were entertained at the home of Carl Nelson last Tuesday evening.

The program of the Young People's Society on Sabbath afternoon was rendered by the Junior Society. An excellent program was given.

The gift books for the library sent through the kindness of Mr. Henry Lunz, Asst. State Seed Inspector, will be found useful in the science work of the school.

Correction

In our tithe report for September for Linwood church we reported "tithe \$2.43," when it should have been "tithe \$47.79, 2 per cent \$2.43."

North Michigan Conference

Office Address, 510 Petoskey St., Petoskey, Mich.
President, J. J. Irwin

A Visit to North Michigan

There are few meetings in our Union Conference more important than the elders' meetings. These brethren, who have been chosen as leaders in our churches, carry a heavy responsibility. The success of the Lord's work may be measured by their faithfulness and zeal. For this reason it is of great importance that they meet once a year to study their work and to seek the Lord together. We regard an elders' meeting as very necessary in every conference.

The elders' meeting of the North Michigan Conference was held at Petoskey, December 2-5. There was a good attendance of both elders and workers. We did, however, miss some of the workers who are laboring among the foreigners of this conference. We regret that they were absent as we believe our foreign brethren need to attend these meetings as much if not more than others.

A careful program had been prepared for the elders' meeting, and everyone did his best to make the meeting a success. Brother J. W. Mace was present from South Bend and spoke several times on the home missionary and publishing work. The instruction which he and others gave in these lines was a great help to all. There are many omens of progress in the North Michigan Conference. During the first eleven months of this year 181 have been baptized which is just 100 more than were baptized during all of last year. Five new churches have been organized. The tithe for the first eleven months of this year is \$500 more than for the same time last year. The mission offerings have increased more than \$300. The book work showed a big advance in sales, and the number of church schools has doubled. The Sabbath school department, too, is coming up. North Michigan suffered greatly this fall from the frost. Many of the brethren have lost their entire crops, but in spite of this, they intend to hold their own and even to enlarge the conference activities. There is a spirit of devotion and active mission work among our people of North Michigan which promises well for the future of that field.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

To All Our People

The conference workers and elders of churches in North Michigan to our brothers and sisters in the churches, greeting.

While here at the annual elders' meeting, our hearts have been cheered by the good things we have heard. We have seen the hand of God revealed in the progress of this work, not only in the foreign lands, but also in our home field. It greatly rejoices our hearts and encourages our faith as we see the advent message being heralded to all the world, as it is to us a sure indica-

tion that the Lord is setting His hand to finish the work and cut it short in righteousness.

We are very anxious that the week of prayer shall be one of great profit to each of God's people at this time. The indications in the earth reveal to us that we are living in the time when the judgments are being poured out upon the earth. We are on the verge of the time of trouble, and every cherished sin must be put away from God's people at this time. We are living in the times when the promise of God that His Spirit will be poured upon us is about to be fulfilled. God will not give this blessing to anyone who is not in the condition to receive it.

Brothers and sisters, we are convinced at this meeting, more than ever before, that the times demand that we search our hearts diligently and have a closer walk with God. We pray and trust that every church member will go forth from this week of prayer with the light of God shining from his countenances, putting on the whole armor of God, and go forth in the finishing up of the message. We read in Volume VI, page 43, the following solemn words:

"But in order for us to fulfil God's purpose, there is a preparatory work to be done. The Lord bids us empty our hearts of the selfishness which is the root of alienation. He longs to pour upon us His Holy Spirit in rich measure, and He bids us clear the way by self-renunciation. When self is surrendered to God, our eyes will be opened to see the stumbling-stones which our unchristlikeness has placed in the way of others. All these God bids us remove."

At the close of the week of prayer the annual offering will be taken for the support of our foreign mission work. We have always made this a special occasion in North Michigan and last year over \$262 was given on this date. With the increased demands from the foreign fields and the earnest calls for help that are coming from many, many companies, who are anxious to know more of God's word, we earnestly hope that every church member will make it a matter of prayer and do the very best possible for the cause of God today.

Our treasurer reported at this meeting that we have already gathered \$400 this year on the Harvest Ingathering. For the year 1914 we received \$600, but this year we are using about one thousand more papers. We anxiously urge all our people to devote the remainder of this year to diligent work with the Harvest Ingathering, that we may go beyond the amount received last year and help the conference in reaching its standard of twenty cents per week. We are also very desirous that no church or individual may keep unused any of the valuable Harvest Ingathering Signs. Brothers and sisters, use these papers as God designed they should be used—in gathering means for the finishing of the work.

This occasion has been one of great profit to us. We have received a new vision of the demands that God is making on His people at this time. With you we desire to consecrate our lives to the Master, to dedicate our lives to winning souls for Him, and to finish the work He has given us to do.

By unanimous vote of the convention,

J. J. IRWIN, *President*

S. E. KELLMAN, *Secretary*

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending

December 4, 1915

Southern Illinois

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Edwin Drury.....	BR	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	140 25
Katherine Drury.....	BR	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	330 15
Dennis Drury.....	BF	34	16	24 00	.....	24 00	38 25
C. R. Bruns.....	BR	20	5	15 00	75	15 75	.....
W. B. Maris.....	BR	35	16	52 00	2 25	54 25	14 50
I. S. Falconer.....	BR	34	5	15 00	.....	15 00	107 25
G. W. Peterson.....	BR	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 00
C. W. Saunders.....	HM	33	5	11 00	2 25	13 25	165 50
Jerry Suda.....	BR	41	13	42 00	3 75	45 75	122 25
P. R. March.....	BR	30	7	21 00	8 25	29 25	.....
W. W. Dunlap.....	BR	30	9	29 00	.....	29 00	.....
Grace Emerick.....	BF	30	6	10 50	5 00	15 50	.....
Lena Emerick.....	BF	30	9	17 50	5 00	22 50	.....
Hugh Stearns.....	BR	40	11	34 00	18 00	52 00	.....
A. P. Lager.....	BR	40	3	9 00	31 50	40 50	6 00
R. J. Watson.....	BR	45	.....	.....	11 25	11 25	69 75
H. J. Christiansen.....	BR	23	6	33 00	1 50	24 50	.....
		586	111	303 00	89 50	392 50	1041 90

Indiana

M. S. Grimm.....	BR	28	7	22 00	.....	22 00	.....
C. C. King.....	BR	40	8	30 00	3 50	33 50	1 25
*A. R. Wilson.....	BR	57	21	71 00	1 50	72 50	.....
J. M. Kerr.....	GC	15	9	29 00	3 00	32 00	.....
Cleve Smith.....	DR	22	2	5 00	.....	5 00	.....
W. B. Ware.....	BR	38	8	26 00	3 25	29 25	17 50
*Maude Stivers.....	BF	35	12	19 00	61 00	25 00	.....
H. P. Brodt.....	BR	40	7	21 00	10 25	31 25	.....
Mrs. H. P. Brodt.....	BF	22	11	16 50	.....	16 50	.....
Chas. Hutchison.....	BR	32	6	18 00	8 25	26 25	2 25
W. H. Plake.....	BR	36	6	19 00	3 75	22 75	.....
E. L. Young.....	BR	21	9	27 00	2 25	29 25	.....
W. A. Bergherm.....	BR	19	6	18 00	2 25	20 25	.....
J. C. Klose.....	BR	34	6	18 00	3 75	21 75	126 50
		439	118	339 50	47 75	387 25	147 50

East Michigan

*L. L. Otis.....	HM	66	15	30 00	4 00	34 00	1 50
*C. B. Graham.....	GC	54	10	31 00	3 75	34 75	31 00
Mrs. M. J. Miller.....	HM	2	.....	.....	1 50	1 50	.....
E. L. Watkins.....	BR	.....	2	6 00	.....	6 00	.....
F. E. Nurnberger.....	GC	31	4	12 00	.....	12 00	.....
F. W. Brainard.....	BR	33	10	32 00	2 20	34 20	4 95
Chas. Carter.....	GC	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 00
C. Bair.....	BR	10	4	14 00	.....	14 00	.....
		196	45	125 00	11 45	136 45	109 45

West Michigan

*Claude Roose.....	BR	53	23	69 00	50	69 50	.....
Grover Boody.....	BR	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 35
W. P. Elmore.....	HM	36	6	12 00	50	12 50	32 50
H. Kent Nelson.....	PG	42	8	24 00	3 00	27 00	3 00
J. H. Mann.....	HM	33	8	16 00	1 60	17 60	60
		176	45	121 00	5 60	126 60	51 45

Northern Illinois

L. Clark.....	BR	26	12	36 00	2 25	38 25	.....
Eugene Davis.....	BR	19	6	14 00	.....	14 00	61 00
Royal Garrison.....	HM	44	8	16 00	3 00	19 00	.....
D. R. Devereaux.....	BR	13	1	5 00	5 25	10 25	25
A. M. Tatton.....	BR	33	8	28 00	4 50	32 50	.....
		134	35	99 00	15 00	114 00	61 25

North Michigan

Ethel Haven.....	BR	29	3	13 00	.....	13 00	.....
Fred L. Trumpower.....	BR	15	6	19 00	.....	19 00	.....
*A. P. Friday.....	DR	79	25	81 00	5 20	86 20	.....
*John T. Worrell.....	DR	90	16	48 00	.....	48 00	.....
		213	51	161 00	5 20	166 20	.....

53 Agents

1744 405 1148 50 175 50 1323 00 1411 55

*Two weeks

Business Notices

WANTED.—In Adventist family of two, a capable Seventh-day Adventist housekeeper. State age, experience, etc. Address Mrs. W. T. Hibben, R. F. D. 52, Sheridan, Ill.

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FOR SALE.—Eighty acre farm in Gladwin County, Michigan. Terms reasonable. Object to get means to prepare for the work. For further information address C. E. Soule, care B. Nailor, R. F. D., Beaverton, Mich.

FOR SALE.—Farm of thirty acres with good six-room house, cement cellar, barn, two chicken coops and granary. Two wells, one in house. Also quantity small fruit on place. Church and church school privileges. Inquire W. H. Holiday, Mesick, Mich.

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Lou Kirby Curtis - - - - - Editor

Next week's paper will be the last number this
year.

It was with much appreciation that we listened to the words of Elder L. R. Conradi, president of the European Division, in the College chapel Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. A particular interest centers in those who labor in the countries that are now warring. The speaker in the course of his remarks told some of the triumphs and trials which are encountered by pioneers when building up a work such as is now established in Europe.

Professor Kern spoke to the students at the chapel period on Tuesday. The importance of having workers for service among those of "the other half of our young people," those who are not attending our schools, was emphasized.

The College \$5,000 Goal

Many times during the past two or three weeks I have wished that the readers of the HERALD could spend a day or two mingling with the students and teachers here at the College, that you might see and feel the spirit that is working here. I am sure it would be a great inspiration and encouragement to you.

In the dining room, at morning and evening worship, at the chapel exercises, between classes, and during secret devotions, the College Debt is the subject of prayer and conversation; and the movement seems to be gathering momentum every day. The earnestness and self-sacrifice of the students is really remarkable; I wonder at it and, of course, rejoice over it continually. It is surely the work of the Lord.

But the students and teachers are not only talking and praying about reaching the goal! With James they agree that faith without works is dead, and so, almost without exception, everyone is lifting to the limit. Hundreds, yes, thousands of dollars have been given by the students and teachers themselves, and hundreds of letters have been written to friends and relatives for help, and help is coming.

Friday morning at the chapel exercise the large thermometer was given the last boost before the week of prayer. It went up to \$4,800. Just \$200 short of the goal! No reports will be rendered during the

week of prayer, but at the chapel exercise on the Monday following we hope that the top will be blown off the thermometer.

Now that our goal is in sight, the students have unanimously voted to continue the effort and overshoot the goal just as far as possible and put the surplus in the hands of the College Board to help the most needy conferences pay their portions of the College Debt.

May the Lord help us to roll away the reproach not only from Emmanuel Missionary College, but from all our institutions, that they may go free to do their appointed work. This is our prayer. O. J. GRAF

E. M. C. \$5,000 Goal

Reported	4000 15	Eunice Davidson	5 00
Elmer H. Benson	6 10	Eldon Green	5 20
Mabel Dacons	6 00	W. H. Wakeham	15 00
Cush Sparks	13 00	Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Geisweller	50 00
William Bergherm	5 00	Karl F. Ambbs	5 00
Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Piper	10 00	L. V. Nichols	35 00
A Friend	50 00	Miss Secoske	1 00
Susie Klose	5 00	Ennis Moore	15 00
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Huffman	35 00	Guy E. Crary	1 00
E. E. Franklin	5 00	Alma J. Graf	25 00
Editha Eastman	9 00	Elsie Vetter	5 00
Eli M. Lane	10 00	Ruth M. Everett	4 00
R. Garcia	10 00	Edith Colburn	5 00
Mrs. Flora H. Williams	10 00	Mrs. Boat	1 00
Edward L. Peterson	10 00	Minnie O. Hart	10 00
A Student	10 00	Mrs. Geo. Walker	1 00
Clarence Elliott	5 00	A Student	10 00
A Student	10 00	A Student	10 00
Olive Shadel	10 00	A Student	5 00
Dr. O. R. Cooper	7 00	C. Buzzell	5 00
Claude N. Keiser	5 00	Dr. John Stoeckley	5 00
Homer D. Howe	10 00	Edith Van Houghton	25 00
Robert Stapp	5 00	Lyle C. Shepard	5 00
H. W. Garrett	1 00	R. G. Harrison	15 00
A Friend	1 00	Florence Howell	1 00
Paul A. Heflin	25 00	Winona Seavey	5 00
Clayton N. Keiser	11 00	Katherine Smith	10 00
Margaret Morse	10 00	Fred C. Bliesath	2 00
Esther Haughey	5 00	Harry Morse	35 00
E. L. Richmond	1 00	Reid Shepard	5 00
Mildred and Hollis Russell	5 00	Fred Green	10 00
Prof. O. J. Graf	35 00	O. P. Wilson	5 00
A Student	10 00	A Friend	5 00
Durward Williams	5 00	A Friend	15 00
Roscoe W. Cavell	5 00	Margaret Uptegrove	5 00
A. Wangerin	2 50	Evelyn Eglin	5 00
Alice Wehner	1 00	H. B. Lundquist	10 00
J. W. Mace	15 00	Sam Petersen	2 50
Arthur J. Skeels	5 00	G. H. Frank	1 00
Bernice Webber	10 00	H. H. Rans	1 00
Ben C. Marshall	15 00	Lester Vail	5 00
		Lula Sellers	5 00
		Golda Gaul	5 00
		Total	4819 45

"Write injuries in the dust; kindness in marble."

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