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The College Debt Is Paid!

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done" was the song sung by those gathered in the College chapel Wednesday morning, January 19, and fittingly expressed the gratitude of all who were present at the chapel exercises.

The members of the Board were on the platform, and the friends and patrons of the school had gathered in to hear the annual speeches of the Board members, which had been announced the previous day. But during the night, the plans for the program had been changed. Elder L. H. Christian, the president of the Board, made a speech which was afterwards pronounced the best he had ever made. After

time of the Board meeting, but their best calculations always left them several thousand dollars short. He further told the students how the liberality of the presidents of the different conferences had surpassed all expectations. They permitted their own local conference obligations to take second place that the reproach of debt might be completely rolled away from this our only Union Conference institution.

After this the school joined in singing, and the meeting was turned over to students and teachers.

Brother Green recalled a testimony that had come to Emmanuel Missionary College in its earlier days, when he was a student here, in which Sister White said that "the school at Berrien Springs would go



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a few preliminary remarks, he came to the keynote of the whole meeting, and the school was fairly electrified as he made the statement, "*The College debt is paid!*"

Scarcely had the last words fallen from his lips when the appreciation of the students and teachers found expression in a spontaneous outburst of applause.

In behalf of teachers and students, the writer expressed our deep and sincere gratitude for the splendid liberality shown by the Board in completely wiping out the College debt. He stated how Brother Green and he had repeatedly tried to calculate the amount that would be paid by each conference at the

through trying experiences, but that there were better days ahead," and that he fully believed we had reached those "better days."

The following are a few of the many thoughts expressed by other teachers and students:

The paying of the College debt so speedily is a symbol of the way God will quickly close up His work in the earth.

As our brethren and sisters receive the money that is returned to them by our institutions paying their debts, they will no doubt be moved to donate more freely to the finishing of the Lord's work.

The lessons that these students have learned in self-sacrifice and giving will make them more valuable

workers when they take up their duties in the field.

This experience will help these young people to be lifters instead of leaners, and has given them a training that will help them to avoid debt as they take up responsibilities in other institutions.

The young man whose faith prompted him to pay the first seven and a half dollars on the College debt nearly two years ago, was present to see his faith rewarded.

The student who at the beginning of the effort had expressed his confident hope that he would be graduated from a College free from debt, now as president of the senior class, gave thanks that his hope was to be a reality.

Another student expressed pity for the seniors, who are leaving this year and will not be here to enjoy the pleasure of student life in a school free from debt, whereupon one of the seniors replied that should the students in the future walk on velvet carpets and beds of roses, this was not to be compared with the privilege of having had a part in lifting the College debt.

A note was sent to the desk, asking that we sing again the College debt song which was sung at the beginning of the campaign twenty months ago. A number of copies of the song were found in the desk and passed out, and we sang with fervor,

Bright college years with pleasure rife,
The shortest, gladdest years of life,
How swiftly are ye gliding by,
Oh, why doth time so swiftly fly?

Oh, let us strive that ever we
May let these words our watch-cry be—
Where'er upon life's changing sea—
"For God and for our E. M. C."

CHORUS:

Our College dear, of thee we sing,
Our loyalty to thee we bring.
Ne'er shall the monster, debt
Hang over you!
Ne'er shall the monster, debt
Be over you!

By unanimous vote of the Board, the rest of the day was declared a holiday. Thus closed one of the most glorious and inspiring chapel exercises ever held in Emmanuel Missionary College.

O. J. GRAF

The \$5,000 Goal from Start to Finish

On April 29, 1915 the students of E. M. C. decided to raise \$5,000 toward clearing away the College debt. On December 20, the goal was reached, yes, more than reached! How did they do it? By prayer and hard work and enthusiasm.

Goal Taken

When at the College debt mass meeting last spring the question, "What shall we do?" was asked, all were agreed that students and teachers should have a definite goal in view. But how much should it be? Some of the more conservative students suggested \$2,000, but up sprang a liberal and demanded, "Why

not make it \$5,000? We can do it!" The spirit of those words was contagious and it was not long before the entire student body voted to accept this amount as their goal. Pledges were then made, many of those present promising a week's work to the fund. A committee, consisting of one student from each conference in the Lake Union and one for outside conferences, was appointed. This committee was to keep in touch with the students during the summer and do everything in its power to raise money on the debt fund.

Remarkable Coincidence

Only one student knew at that time that the College Board had already apportioned \$5,000 to the students and teachers, and that one kept silent. When the faculty, who had withdrawn from the chapel at the opening of the meeting, returned, Professor Graf told the students of the decision of the Board and was agreeably surprised to learn that they had of their own accord fixed their goal at \$5,000.

Efforts in Summer

Throughout the summer the Debt Committee was active, writing letters to old students, prospective students, and friends of the school. At the camp meetings of the various conferences special campaigns were carried on, and every effort was put forth to arouse the interest of the people in the school. Many pledges were obtained not only by the members of the committee but by other enthusiastic sons and daughters of E. M. C. as well.

Ready for the Final Strike

After the opening of school in September there was a lull in the debt proceedings. But the fire had not gone out, it was still smoldering and on November 10 it burst into flame. Another mass meeting was held, and this time the faculty remained in the chapel with the students. The Debt Committee made a report to the student body, informing them that \$2,800 had been raised on the goal, leaving \$2,200 still to be obtained. A blackboard marked off into squares each of which represented \$5 was then hung up in the front of the chapel. One after another the teachers and students arose and took those squares—one, two, three, or more at a time. To many it meant real sacrifice but it was gladly, heartily done. Before that chapel service closed the remaining \$2,200 was covered by pledges, some conditional, but most of them definite. As the College Board would meet in January, the students determined to reach their goal by January 1, 1916.

How Could It Be Done?

The five thousand dollars would be raised. No one doubted that. But the problem facing the student body was, "How could they reach it on time?" Upon the shoulders of the Debt Committee rested the responsibility of planning the campaign and engineering its execution. This committee met for prayer and counsel every night except Friday and Saturday.

Conference Divisions

The school separated Tuesday and Thursday mornings during the chapel hour into conference divisions,

an active campaign began, and reports of work done toward reaching our goal were made once a week in chapel.

Tide Turned

On the evening of November 30 at the session of the committee, it was found that during the preceding three weeks, three hundred dollars had been raised, leaving five weeks in which to raise the remaining nineteen hundred dollars. The crisis had come, and that night the tide turned—toward success!

Conference Goals

The next morning in chapel, December 1, the student body enthusiastically shouldered the remainder of the amount to be raised in the form of conference goals, apportioned according to the size of the constituency, and also agreed to lift the mercury in the large debt thermometer at least \$100 a day until vacation.

One Hundred Dollars a Day

One hundred dollars a day! A spirit of activity and earnestness seized the school. Students and teachers outside of school hours talked, prayed, and dreamed of the College debt movement. The contagion was universal; no one escaped. Letters by the score, and finally by the hundred, began to go out. And when the money failed to come in, the debt secretaries went out after it.

At the outset, the Foreign Band, composed of students from outside the Union, led the procession, and then split the honors with the West Michigan Band, and tied for first place the fifth day.

Nine hundred dollars was raised the first seven days of December. Some of this amount came in in response to solicitations, but the bulk was paid by the students.

Quiet During Week of Prayer

Forty-five hundred dollars before the week of prayer was the slogan set for the week of December 12, and when Thursday night came, forty-eight hundred dollars was in the till.

Nothing was done on the campaign during the week of prayer. In fact, it was scarcely mentioned. But December 19, when the executive committee ascertained that they only lacked one hundred dollars to put every conference out, this amount was quickly secured, and a surprise planned for the student body the next day.

Goal Reached

As one expressed it, December 20 was "the most glorious moment of all the eons of the eons." Immediately after the close of an interesting address by Professor Griggs, Mr. Klooster and Mr. Lundquist filed in, and hung up a large blackboard upon which was shown graphically the realization of toil, of dreams, of prayers, for not only was every conference goal reached, but the five thousand dollar goal had been passed by three hundred and twenty-five dollars. The grand climax was reached when Mr. Beebe ascended the ladder, and caused the mercury to leap out of the

thermometer amid the hearty applause of the happy students.

A deep spirit of joy and satisfaction, and gratitude shone upon every countenance at the consciousness that their sacrifices and efforts and prayers had been so richly rewarded.—*The Student Movement*.

"Let Us Leave Off This Usury"

Nehemiah and his work is a type of Seventh-day Adventists and their work. For this reason we may learn many precious lessons from the book of Nehemiah. When Israel had returned from captivity they were greatly burdened with debt. The people were oppressed and discouraged, but Nehemiah nobly undertook the task of bringing liberty to Israel. When speaking to his brethren he said, "It is not good that ye do: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God?" "I pray you, let us leave off this usury." "Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the Lord: And the people did according to this promise." Neh. 5:9-13.

The Lord has given us some very definite instruction on this same subject through the spirit of prophecy:

"That our schools may nobly accomplish the purpose for which they are established, they should be free from debt." "There are in the divine providence, particular periods when we must arise in response to the call of God and make use of our means, our time, our intellect, our whole being, body, soul, and spirit, in fulfilling His requirements. The present is such a time as this. The interests of God's cause are at stake. The Lord's institutions are in peril. Because of the terrible burden of debt under which our schools are struggling, the work is hindered on every side." —*Testimonies for the Church,* Vol. VI, pages 207, 469.

During 1914 and the first few months of 1915 we reduced the liabilities of this Conference to the amount of \$34,000. Now at the close of 1915 we are able to pay off a great deal more on our indebtedness. The Swedish Seminary will soon have sufficient funds to pay off its debts. As stated elsewhere in this paper, the College debt which a year ago was \$48,600, is now fully paid, or rather will be as soon as we can return the money to those whom we owe. We are pleased to state that \$3,000 of this came from the Review and Herald. The East Michigan Conference also has funds on hand with which to pay off the entire debt of the Adelpian Academy. This is certainly a good beginning. But we must not stop now. We must work even harder with a higher goal during 1916 than in 1915. If we do this, a very large share of our indebtedness in this Union will be paid. At a meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee at Berrien Springs a week ago the following vote was taken:

"Voted, That during the year 1916 a campaign be conducted for the raising of sufficient funds to liquidate the indebtedness of all our academies, and that

all money raised for this purpose be paid through the regular channels and applied on the Twenty-cents-a-week Fund."

The members of the committee all expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of this plan. They told us they thought it would appeal to our people everywhere, and that if the Lord prospered us we would be able to see every school in this Union free from debt at the end of 1916. With the exception of the Adelpian Academy, which is the first of our schools to sing the jubilee song, every academy is burdened with quite an indebtedness. Northern Illinois Conference has a goodly sum on hand to apply on the Fox River Academy, but there still remains a large debt on the institution. All these institutions showed a deficit in their running expenses last year. They cannot do otherwise with the heavy interest they have to pay. We feel to say with Nehemiah, "I pray you, let us leave off this usury." We believe that the removal of these heavy debts will mark the beginning of a great spiritual awakening among our people. We must pay our debts before we can receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

We watched the mail very anxiously the first days of this year wondering how the funds would come in. We know that many of our people throughout the Union shared this feeling with us. When all the money on the twenty-cents-a-week had been received, and we sent on to Washington a check for more than \$46,000, we felt to thank God and take courage. Only the Lord knows what it has cost in self-denial and earnest, faithful work on the part of all our people to bring about this result. It is not, however, alone in mission funds that we see progress.

A little over a year ago the Wisconsin tithe fund was overdrawn \$2,400. Now our brethren in that conference have \$2,900 tithe on hand, and their mission funds are nearly \$6,000 ahead of last year. In East Michigan the tithe this year was almost \$14,000 over last year. There was an increase of tithe in every conference in the Union except one. The tithe in the entire Union for 1916 was \$22,160 more than a year ago.

Many of our brethren in the North Michigan Conference lost a large share of their crops because of the frost, but in spite of this the tithe in North Michigan during 1915 was larger than in 1914. We are greatly pleased also to notice the increase in the tithe in Indiana. But we cannot speak in detail as to the various conferences. They will report for themselves in this special number of the HERALD.

We do hope that in every conference a very definite, aggressive, and persistent campaign will be carried on this year to clear up the academy and association debts. We know that our people are grateful for the blessings of the past year, and we believe that they will give their full support this year to this debt-paying campaign. We hope the time may not be far distant when we can report that all our schools and conference associations have paid their debts. This will make it possible for us to do far more in the winning of souls and in building up the cause of Christ.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

"Ye are the light of the world."

From the Publishing House

At the time of the Review and Herald fire in 1903 and the subsequent removal of the Manufacturing Department to Washington, D. C., in 1906 and of the Branch Office to South Bend, Ind., in 1909, it was predicted by some of our friends that our business would decrease and ultimately go to pieces.

At that time, with the losses due to the fire, our liabilities were very heavy, and our assets few. As late as 1909 our bills payable were reported as \$117,000 and accounts payable at \$77,000 a total of nearly \$200,000.

With the commercial work eliminated, our denominational publishing business began to revive and we constantly increased our output, which in 1914 reached a total retail value of \$491,537.88, and in 1915 \$539,470.79. This has enabled us to pay off a large per cent of our bills payable so that our present standing is notes payable \$44,884.79 and accounts payable \$14,503.09 a total of \$59,387.88 in place of \$200,000 in 1909.

In other words we have decreased our liabilities \$140,000 during the past seven years and have done it on legitimate business. Just to illustrate how our business has grown in the Lake Union territory including Ohio, the business for the past three years has been as follows:

1913	\$ 97,368.36
1914	\$119,147.53
1915	\$151,230.96

Realizing that the loyalty of the students and faculty at E. M. C. and the large sales made by the students, have contributed in a large measure to the success of the business in this field, the Review and Herald Publishing Association has considered it a privilege to assist in paying the College debt by a gift of \$1,000 in 1915 and \$2,000 more in 1916, and we rejoice with the Union and the faculty and students in seeing Emmanuel Missionary College free from debt. We trust that the time is not far distant when all the institutions, not only of the Lake Union Conference but of the whole denomination, may be able to lift a similar banner to that which floats over Emmanuel Missionary College "Free from Debt."

J. W. MACE

West Michigan's Financial Plan and Prospects

Last year the proposition was made to the churches in the conference that if they would raise a full twenty cents a week in 1915, and raise \$6,000 among the people for the conference debt, that all the obligations against our conference and institutions might be cleared up by the time of the camp meeting in 1916. Through the loyal cooperation of the people, God gave victory in the first part of this program. We were enabled to send in more than twenty cents a week, and the cash return from the five cents a week and excess brings in the splendid sum of nearly \$11,000. Now the College debt has all been provided for and E. M. C. is free. West Michigan acted a liberal, leading part in this as we ought to, helping out the share of North Michigan. We must try to do as well this year on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.

Elder Reefman has visited about half the churches, and if the other churches do proportionately as well we shall have cash, pledges, and property enough available to clear the debt on the conference association and on Cedar Lake Academy. The elders and workers at the meeting at Holland expressed themselves as strongly in favor of the policy of keeping out of debt by doing the Lord's business on a cash basis. With the end of our conference debts in sight, we may properly give attention to the thought of a permanent headquarters for our growing work. Our offices in Grand Rapids are far from ideal, so we have this to suggest. If the tract society funds are brought together by the speedy payment of all the local and personal accounts, and 1,500 volunteers can be found among our membership who can give \$1 each towards a good conference tract society building, we can provide a suitable house which will be a credit to the cause and a protection to the health of our office force, as well as a permanent income to our work, and have it paid for when it is completed. The sooner we go about it the better. The suggestion of the delegates to the workers' meeting will be given consideration by the executive committee, and we solicit suggestions from all our people. It is expressly understood that no move will be made towards building until money for half the plan is actually in hand and the other half provided for and available before the completion of the building.

C. F. McVAGH

An Inspiration to Press Forward

In this paper you have read of definite results being accomplished by systematic planning. Here in this conference we have decided to begin our work of planning for the year so that when we come to its close we shall be in line with the other conferences in having all our mission offerings on hand, and a surplus. In order for us to accomplish the work, we must begin early, and we are calling for volunteers for very definite purposes.

We have felt that in order to raise the mission funds, it is necessary for us to plan for a definite amount each week, and so we are asking how many of our people there are who can give two dollars a week to missions. One individual has already promised this, and will probably give more than that. We would be glad to hear from all who feel that they can do this, so that we can know what we may depend upon.

We are also calling for volunteers to take up the work of supplying mission funds with one dollar each week, or more. If the members of this class can send their names in we would be glad to get in touch with them and correspond more fully about the work. When we read that the loyalty of our brethren in every part of the Union has made it possible for the Berrien Springs College to be out of debt, it gives us an inspiration to press forward and do our part in clearing the indebtedness of our schools and institution.

We are using the card system in the conference, whereby each member can keep a record of his own offerings during the entire year. Wherever this has

been presented the people have liked it. Just as fast as we can get to the churches this will be taken up and all can see the workings of the plan.

Let us work and pray, brethren and sisters, that the work of God may speedily be finished in our own conference, as well as in the other parts of the world.

J. J. IRWIN

A Great Movement

The people of this world sway to and fro like the pendulum of a clock, and, while God's people are moving much more steadily, we too have experienced different periods in our reform work. We have often recounted the various ages in the health reform movement,—such as the mush age, the peanut butter age, the zweiback age, etc.

A number of years ago began the institutional and debt-making age. A conference without "institutions," and swamped in debt, was out of fashion. If conferences were too slow along this line, there was no lack of enthusiastic individuals to help on the good work.

For a number of years the attention of this people has been largely turned towards foreign missions, and marvelous good has been accomplished. God grant that this excellent work may never cease until the last heathen has been warned.

In all these movements men have given their whole-hearted service and something has been accomplished. While mistakes have been made and we who are following after can see where we might have done differently, nevertheless a good, substantial foundation has been laid and the superstructure is well under way.

We have now reached what we might term the debt-paying age, and we believe it is among the most important of all movements characteristic of Seventh-day Adventists; for surely this people could not carry the present burden of debts along with the finishing of God's work in the earth. This is a great project, but with the same enthusiasm and determination as was manifested in the former movements it can be accomplished.

How It Works in Wisconsin

About three years ago a campaign was launched to reduce the indebtedness on Madison Sanitarium. The liabilities have been materially reduced and the institution put on a paying basis. Our tract society bills are paid and a small working capital is on hand. The tithe also has a margin on the right side of the ledger. Now that the Emmanuel Missionary College debt has been made an item of history, Wisconsin will turn her attention toward the relief of her academies. And as we have seen the indebtedness melt away from these other institutions by persistent effort, we shall also see it vanish from our academies by the united endeavors of every Seventh-day Adventist in Wisconsin. In what way could we bestow greater honor upon the cause of God in 1916 than by driving "the Midianite out of the land?"

Now then, let the pendulum swing—swing even if some shall cry "Fanaticism!" and we lose our reputation; the work will be accomplished and we shall rejoice.

P. A. HANSON

The Adelpgian Debt Story

Its Origin

Like most of our other schools, the Adelpgian Academy was born in debt and so lived until, when on the 11th anniversary of its founding, January 16, 1916, it was officially announced to the representatives gathered at Flint, that the reign of debt was at an end.

The Crisis

July, 1914, eighteen months ago, our debt was over \$14,000. At a meeting held at Berrien Springs at that time it was voted that unless our schools reduced their indebtedness and operated without running behind, steps should be taken to close the offenders. On this occasion there were born in the hearts of those present from East Michigan two resolutions,—that the Adelpgian Academy should be freed from debt, and that it should be filled and made to prosper more than ever it had.

The Battle

Returning to Holly, the president, Elder Guthrie, called a meeting of the conference committee and academy board. The situation was carefully and prayerfully considered, and all began in earnest by making liberal personal pledges and then binding themselves to enlist others in the campaign. Next, the other workers were seen, and finally the move was carried to the individual church members. Almost everywhere there was a noble response. By the close of that school year, May, 1915, over \$4,600 in cash, exclusive of pledges, had been applied on the indebtedness, and the movement was on in earnest. The school faculty labored to increase the attendance, and the efficiency of operation in every department; while the conference officers carried the burden of raising the debt, at the same time constantly helping to interest young people in attending school.

The Victory

The first year saw \$4,600 in cash raised and the enrollment of the school increased to one hundred ten students above the primary department. And the close of December brought enough funds to fully handle the remainder of the \$14,000 with the exception of a small part fully provided for by pledges

from reliable persons, who will shortly redeem them in cash. The attendance has also increased still more,—there being one hundred fifteen enrolled so far this year.

The Victors

We who felt so keenly the burden of this debt that has now so quickly been removed, feel that there is great reason to rejoice and to thank God who has so wonderfully worked in the hearts of His people; and we are wholly unable to express to our dear brethren throughout the conference our deep appreciation of what they have accomplished by their efforts and sacrifices for the cause of Christian education: May He whose school this is and whose work this is, abundantly bless those who have so faithfully and so liberally responded to this call!

The Outlook

And now with a splendid school provided with over \$30,000 worth of property and equipment, *free from debt*; with scores of our youth in training for His service; with the increased faith and zeal that this rally has brought to us; surely the outlook in East Michigan was never before so bright.

THOS. W. STEEN



MAIN BUILDING, ADELPHIAN ACADEMY

judged according to what we ought to have done, but did not accomplish because we did not use our powers to glorify God. Even if we do not lose our souls we shall realize in eternity the result of our unused talents. For all the knowledge and ability that we might have gained and did not, there will be an eternal loss. But when we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we even think of failure. We are to cooperate with One who knows no failure. We should not talk of our own weakness and inability. This is a manifest distrust of God, a denial of His word.—“Object Lessons,” page 363.

An Encouraging Outlook

In the consideration of the financial aspect of our work there is nothing that brings more cheer to our hearts after our own debts have been paid than to know that the debts of others have been liquidated. When the steps were taken, which wiped out the obligations, of our College, they were taken at the expense of some obligations which were even closer home than the debts resting upon our dear E. M. C. But in the general effort to remove the load from the College we were glad to do our part, even though the money which Northern Illinois paid as its part, would otherwise have gone toward paying the debt on the Fox River Academy. But now we join in the glad song of freedom from debt of our Union College and gird ourselves for a mighty effort in 1916 which will enable the Fox River Academy to join in the chorus by the end of this year.

The Northern Illinois Conference has for its slogan for 1916, "Fox River Academy Out of Debt This Year." Our obligation to the Berrien Springs school is wiped out and we are free to center all our effort on our home obligation. All of the come-back money from our twenty-cents-a-week, or in other words every penny over fifteen cents a week that is raised in our churches, will be applied this year to the liquidation of the debt on the Sheridan school. Our Northern Illinois Conference did splendidly in 1915. The figures are really an inspiration and as we were able to sum up what our churches have done we find that we raised above the twenty cent a week allotment, the sum of \$2,645.02. This brought us back \$6,441.02. After paying off our proportion of the E. M. C. indebtedness we have a nice little nest egg left with which to commence the liquidation of the Fox River Academy indebtedness.

The final returns for the Harvest Ingathering work reached me this morning. The share for Northern Illinois on the \$100,000, to be raised in the North American Division by the Harvest Ingathering was \$2,160.62; but when our returns were all in we find that our conference raised \$2,858.54, or \$697.92 more than our quota. This surplus was only \$200 short of the surplus of the entire North American Division.

Now, brethren and sisters of Northern Illinois, we believe that the goal set for 1916 will be easily reached and passed long before this year has run its course. We believe that every true-hearted Seventh-day Adventist in our conference will rise up in the strength of the Lord to wipe off every penny of debt and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Master. Some way or other the conviction settles more and more strongly upon my soul that when the Master comes we must be owing no man anything. The outlook for the future is bright. Souls are accepting the message and a note of victory is heard from every quarter. The Spirit of the Lord is descending in copious showers in many places and the spirit of progress and victory is filling the souls of thousands who love His appearing and His kingdom. Let us all gird ourselves for the fray and make 1916 a banner year in the history of the third angel's message in Northern Illinois.

W. A. WESTWORTH

Reasons for Rejoicing

Our hearts were surely made glad the last of December when we saw that our conference had paid out on its mission funds. And the hearts of many were made glad when the money received in this Union was the means of liquidating the College debt. Now that the debt is paid on the College, we have other obligations that must be met before it can be said that the Union is free from debt; but I believe that if all of our people take hold of the work of raising money on the twenty-cents-a-week plan from the very beginning of the year, we shall see our Southern Illinois obligations well out of the way.

At the time of our camp meeting we voted to raise \$2,500 of the Fox River Academy indebtedness, and I feel that we should do this during 1916. If we do as well during the year as we did during 1915 we shall be able to do this and more too. Pledge cards have been sent to all our people and we hope that these will be signed and sent in soon. Many have already signed them, and I feel sure that we shall make the best showing this year that we have ever made.

A. J. CLARK

"God is not only a present help in time of trouble, but a great help in keeping out of trouble."

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending

January 21, 1916

Southern Illinois

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
W. B. Maris.....	BR	11	8	28 00	.....	28 00	9 00
C. W. Saunders.....	HM	22	7	14 00	.....	14 00	.....
I. S. Falconer.....	BR	31	19	60 00	.....	60 00	.....
Hugh Stearns.....	BR	38	6	18 00	19 50	37 50	88 00
A. P. Lager.....	BR	41	3	11 00	17 50	28 50	69 50
Lena Emerick.....	BF	12	7	10 50	.....	10 50	40 00
A. D. Kaufman.....	BF	32	12	18 00	1 50	19 50	.....
R. J. Watson.....	BR	40	1	5 00	18 75	23 75	56 25
Katherine Drury.....	BF	27	13	19 25	12 75	32 75	.....
Edwin Drury.....	BR	27	15	45 00	75	45 75	.....
		281	91	228 75	70 75	299 50	262 75

East Michigan

Eugene Sykes.....	BR	28	3	13 00	4 40	17 40	2 90
Dan De Long.....	BR	42	14	45 00	.....	45 00	.....
F. W. Brainard.....	BR	23	2	7 00	1 25	8 25	1 25
C. Bair.....	BR	16	6	18 00	1 25	19 25	.....
G. H. McClenathan.....	BR	32	12	36 00	1 40	37 40	1 05
L. L. Otis.....	HM	18	8	16 00	5 00	16 50	.....
F. E. Nurnberger.....	GC	29	12	37 00	5 40	42 40	5 00
		188	57	172 00	14 20	186 20	5 70

Indiana

*W. B. Ware.....	BR	63	16	58 00	1 50	59 50	75
*W. H. Plake.....	BR	65	16	53 00	9 25	62 25	3 00
A. R. Wilson.....	BR	22	9	30 00	.....	30 00	.....
C. F. Colton.....	BR	29	16	50 00	2 25	52 25	.....
H. Larimer.....	BR	22	6	18 00	.....	18 00	8 00
C. C. King.....	BR	23	6	22 00	6 25	28 25	.....
		224	69	231 00	19 25	250 25	11 00

Northern Illinois

Royal Garrison.....	BR	28	5	18 00	1 50	19 50	.....
Eugene Davis.....	BR	25	4	16 00	.....	16 00	.....
Roy Van Vuren.....	BR	27	6	20 00	7 50	27 50	3 50
L. Clark.....	BR	10	2	6 00	.....	6 00	.....
		90	17	60 00	9 00	69 00	3 50

Wisconsin

*Claude Morris.....	GC	41	21	65 00	26 00	91 00	.....
W. A. Griffith.....	BR	34	12	37 00	60	37 60	.....
		75	33	102 00	26 60	128 60	.....
29 Agents.....		858	267	793 75	139 80	933 55	282 95

*Two weeks

"With all thy getting, get understanding."

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Lou Kirby Curtis - - - - - **Editor**

Indiana

Our brethren and sisters will be pleased to learn that their apportionment of the College Debt has been paid, and we are able with the other conferences in the Union, to rejoice that the College is free from debt. We certainly appreciate the cooperation that we have had in meeting this apportionment.

The past week Brother T. S. Copeland has been holding meetings with the New Hope church. This has been a great encouragement to the company there.

Orders are coming in nicely for the 1916 Temperance *Instructor*. We hope every church in the conference will order a good supply.

Since the dedication of the North Vernon church, Brother Frank Dudley has been holding a series of meetings in the new church building, and he notes an increase in attendance and is looking forward to some taking their stand for the truth.

The February *Watchman* contains several interesting and convincing articles such as "Is America in Danger of Invasion?" "Preparedness," and "Will Turkey Be Revived?" These are topics in which we are all interested, and the *Watchman* has handled them in a worthy manner. Order through the tract society.

It was recommended at the Lake Union Conference Committee meeting that we free all of our academies from debt during 1916. This can easily be accomplished if the brethren and sisters will bear our academy in mind and give it their support.

Our annual colporteurs' institute convened at Middletown, Friday evening, January 21. Elder E. A. Bristol gave the address of welcome. A large force of colporteurs is in attendance and excellent meetings are being held. A more detailed report will be given later.

Brother E. F. Peterson has located at South Bend, and will continue the work which was started by Elder Lauda.

Elder E. A. Bristol attended the recent meetings of the Lake Union Conference Committee and College Board which was held at Berrien Springs, Mich.

Lake Union Conference

The eighth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference will be held in the Battle Creek Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Mich., March 7-14, 1916. The first

meeting of the conference is to open at 9:30 A. M., Tuesday, March 7. Each local conference in the Union is entitled to one delegate without regard to numbers and an additional delegate for each 150 of its membership.

L. H. CHRISTIAN, *President*
A. N. ANDERSON, *Secretary*

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the board of trustees of the Lake Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, consisting of seven members, will be elected by the delegates to the eighth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, an unincorporated body, appointed to be held at the Tabernacle, Battle Creek, Mich., March 7-14, 1916.

L. H. CHRISTIAN, *President*
A. N. ANDERSON, *Secretary*

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the board of trustees of Emmanuel Missionary College, incorporated, consisting of twelve members, will be elected by the delegates to the eighth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference, an unincorporated body, to be held at Battle Creek, Mich., March 7-14, 1916.

L. H. CHRISTIAN, *President*
J. H. HAUGHEY, *Secretary*

Notice

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L. H. CHRISTIAN, *President*
S. MORTENSON, *Secretary*

What Have We Done Today?

We shall do so much in the years to come,

But what have we done today?

We shall give our gold in a princely sum,

But what did we give today?

We shall lift the heart and dry the tear,

We shall plant a hope in the place of fear,

We shall speak the words of love and cheer,

But what did we speak today?

We shall be so kind in the afterwhile,

But what have we been today?

We shall bring each lonely life a smile,

But what have we brought today?

We shall give to truth a grander birth,

And to steadfast faith a deeper worth,

We shall feed the hungering souls of earth,

But whom have we fed today?

We shall reap such joys in the by and by,

But what have we sown today?

We shall build us mansions in the sky,

But what have we built today?

'Tis sweet in idle dreams to bask,

But here and now do we do our task?

Yes, this is the thing our souls must ask,

"What have we done today?"

—Nixon Waterman