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This is the title of a most interesting article in the April *Watchman*. This issue of the *Watchman* is one of the most interesting the publishers have yet produced. Secure a few copies for distribution among your friends.

April Signs Magazine

The April *Signs* Magazine is not only timely in its appearance, but it is startling in its revelations.

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Man's Responsibility

Evolution of the Problem of Evil

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Leading Current Events of the Month in the Light of Prophecy.

This number, striking a vital theme, will doubtless receive a very wide sale. Orders can be filled through the tract society about March 1. Up to forty copies, 5 cents each; fifty or more, 4 cents each.

Do You Have to Write Minutes?

If you do, you will appreciate the three column article in the March number of the *Sabbath School Worker* entitled, "A New Leaf." It tells about a perplexed Sabbath school secretary who found her notes late Friday evening and wrote out a report, with the usual result. It was monotonous, uninteresting, and just like dozens of others which she had previously written. But the article does not leave the secretary there, but shows how a little incident helped her to know just how she could change that very uninteresting report into one that bristled with interest. If you want to know how she did it, read the March number of the *Worker*.

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President's Biennial Report

To the delegates of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists: Two years fraught with sad and solemn events have passed into eternity since our last session, two years which have witnessed the fulfillment of more prophecies than any others since the days of Christ. Weary and sick at heart of the sin and carnage on earth the child of God looks forward to the speedy return of his beloved Master. In every way we have many things for which to be thankful. Our country is yet in the enjoyment of peace and has been spared from great disasters. With the exception of certain parts injured by frosts or floods, this Union has enjoyed a fair degree of prosperity. Our brethren have on the whole had good crops and an abundance of work. None of our conference institutions have been seriously injured by fire or other calamity. Nearly all our ministers and other laborers have been favored with good health and no one of our active workers has been taken from us by death. Two of our older ministers have passed away and two others have suffered the loss of their companions.

Membership and Ministry

Coming directly to this biennial report, it is but natural that we first speak of the thing closest to our hearts. This is a consideration of our Union itself. The four states comprising the Lake Union are as fertile as any in all the country. We pity the man who, lured by some oily-tongued land agent leaves this favored region for the heat of the South or the deserts of the West. Our brethren in this Union are as loyal and consecrated as any Adventists we ever knew. From 1860 and onward, our work made great strides in these central states. By 1892 our membership in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Illinois was 9,060. At that time our entire membership in this country was only 30,254. In other words, in 1892 two-sevenths of the membership in what is now the North American Division lived in the Lake Union, while today only one-sixth are in this Conference. It was, of course, unavoidable and fortunate that such a change should occur.

Once more it may be well to remember that the Lake Union has passed through an experience that has come, and can come, to no other Seventh-day Adventist field. The largest institutions ever owned by this denomination, after having been situated in the Lake Union district for many years, were lost or removed. With this removal went many sturdy laborers and over a thousand other brethren. The membership of the Lake Union Conference decreased very rapidly from 1905 to 1910. From that year we have been growing until there are as many Adventists today as there ever were in this district. And now we are certainly ready for a strong forward advance. During

the past biennial period, we have baptized 2,559, and the membership has increased from 11,264 to 12,169, a net growth of 905. This compares favorably with other Unions in America. Some have said that the work was about finished in this territory and that we would do well to hold our own. Such an idea is utterly wrong and very pernicious. We firmly believe that the future experiences of the Lake Union will be as bright and aggressive as its past is glorious. There is every reason to hope that it will yet double its membership. This will certainly come if we plan and work like wide-awake men, and dedicate ourselves to the Lord for great things. If we are to advance God's cause at home, and do our share of the great world-wide work abroad, we must train more young men for, and start more men in the ministry. With a college of our own and a large tithe we enjoy a rare opportunity to do this. During the past two years we have ordained twelve ministers and granted license for the first time to about twenty. But this is less than half of what we should have done.

The one great aim and purpose of all our labor is to bring people to Christ. There is no respect of persons or nations with God, no such thing as natives and foreigners. We must consider our entire population without regard to creed, color or parentage. We are laboring among various nationalities, in this Union. Our Scandinavian work had its first beginning here in 1862, and we now have some sixteen Scandinavian churches. There are also many German churches, and one Italian congregation in Chicago. Elder Ostoich has preached among the Serbians of Southern Illinois. Work has been begun among the Poles, Finns, Bohemians, and others. But our foreign population, especially in the three largest cities and in the Upper Peninsula, is a difficult mission problem—yet unsolved. There are four negro churches in the Lake Union. Our colored workers and brethren are loyal and self-denying.

We have been blessed in this field with a spirit of unity and faithful work; nor have we suffered from any large apostasy. A few churches have been pestered by one or two disturbers who without realizing their own egotism and spiritual pride go here and there to collect funds for themselves and to tear down the truth and work of God. While we are sounding the gathering call, they are blowing the scattering trumpet. But their efforts are of no avail. God has given us a sacred heritage of truth. We are safe on the old platform. Never before were the prophecies of Daniel and the Revelation so important, nor the light on the Sanctuary so precious. There are two priceless spiritual assets which we must ever guard with the most zealous care. One is the old, tried truths of this message. The other is Gospel Order, the spirit and form of which were early given to the first pioneer builders in this cause. Our denomination instead of being over-organized

needs to perfect and strengthen its organization yet more. We have yet much to learn before we all "move in exact order like a company of soldiers" ("Early Writings," page 132).

Finances

The tithe is the foundation of all our finances. For the two years, ending Dec. 31, 1915, our tithe was \$425,309, an increase during 1915 over 1914 of \$22,168. While grateful for this, we believe that many are yet far from paying an honest tithe. Early in the year the different conferences sent out a new tract on tithing, and most of our ministers have agreed to preach on tithe and offerings every time they visit a church this year. During the past two years the Lake Union Conference raised \$223,006.19 on the Twenty-cents-a-week Fund. There was an increase during 1915 over 1914 of \$23,670.33. The increase of mission funds during this biennial period, over the two previous years was \$94,024.90. The Lake Union paid \$6,692.62 above its quota in 1915. This result is due to the self-denying devotion of our people, encouraged by our conference presidents, laborers, church elders, and other leaders. The per cent tithe to the Division Conference for the biennial period just closed was \$68,935.13, and the Union tithe was \$42,530.90. In all we have sent on to the Division Conference during the past two years the sum of \$326,464.51. The total amount of tithe and offerings, exclusive of donations for local conferences and institutions, was \$748,012.52.

We have made some progress in the Lake Union in reducing our indebtedness, though we as yet are far from the desired goal of freedom from debt. In the beginning of 1914, after the elimination of all duplications, the total liabilities of the Union were \$316,912.24. During that year this sum was reduced to \$281,075.55. Thus we paid \$35,836.69 on our debts. Since that time the College debt has been paid in full. The academy at Holly, Mich., which had the largest debt of any academy in the Union, has been cleared. The Swedish Seminary debt of \$15,000 is almost paid. We have every reason to believe that the last note will be redeemed by the close of this school year. The Madison (Wisconsin) Sanitarium has paid about \$13,000 on its debt. The sanitarium at LaFayette, Indiana, which formerly lost thousands of dollars a year, has been able to pay expenses the past eighteen months; and over \$6,000 has been paid on its liabilities. Not a few other liabilities have been paid. We are safe in saying that when our accounts for the year are worked out, our debt will be reduced \$55,000, showing a decrease in liabilities for the two years of \$90,836. We have over \$20,000 in pledges and some annuities, but in this statement we do not figure either, as annuities do not pay liabilities, and pledges are not cash.

Our Union Committee has voted to make the year 1916, by the grace of God, the Banner Year in the payment of debts. We have set our goal to pay up every academy and conference association debt in the entire Union, except one. This subject should be carefully studied at this meeting. We must also give faithful consideration to plans for raising the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. Our greatest and most perplexing financial problem, however, is not to raise funds or pay debts—it is to get our work and our institutions on

such a basis that no new debts be made. To pay one note by giving another just a little larger does not help us. To make up a budget for a school at the beginning of the year is a good plan, provided funds are at hand to meet the budget.

Sabbath School Work

As the various departments of the Union will render a report, we will only refer to these in a general way. We have been fortunate in having efficient and consecrated Sabbath school secretaries. They have labored untiringly and with marked success in building up this department. At the beginning of the past biennial period, the membership of our Sabbath schools was 10,887, at the close it had increased to 13,275. The Sabbath school offerings for these two years amounted to \$87,413.72; there was an increase in 1915 over 1914 of \$7,292.82. We think that we owe it to the Sabbath school secretaries to state that the Sabbath school offerings for the past biennial period show an increase over the previous period of \$26,923.59. In only one conference of this Union is the Sabbath school membership smaller than the church membership. In one conference it is 300 larger.

Publishing Department

The book work is a very fruitful branch of the Lord's cause. Our total sales for the last two years reached \$176,529.75. There was an increase of \$28,563.73 during 1915. The Union Committee has set a goal for our book sales this year of \$150,000. The success of our book work is largely due to the experienced management of our Field Secretary and the loyal work done by our local field secretaries and a host of consecrated, sturdy colporteurs. We also wish to speak of the excellent work done in this line by students and other young people. There is an immediate need of one hundred recruits in the canvassing work.

Home Missionary Work

In the Papal church and all through the Dark Ages such a thing as home missionary work was absolutely impossible and unknown. Even in the Protestant countries of Europe, until within less than a hundred years ago, the laws forbade all except the priests to do any religious work. A man could not as much as read a chapter of the Bible to his neighbor. In the popular churches of today the members are not supposed to work. But there is a cry and almost a revolt on against the clergymen, because they have appropriated all religious work to themselves. Kenneth MacLennan, a lawyer and earnest lay worker, recently said: "The organized church, as it is set up, tends absolutely to discourage laymen from working in the church. It looks with suspicion upon any initiative on the part of business men to do Christian work." We know of no other church than ours where every member is counted an active worker for Christ.

It is the glory of Adventism that recognizing the Bible principle—"to every man his work"—it has given back to every member the blessed privilege of laboring for the Master. But the full import and the almost unlimited possibilities of the home missionary work have as yet dawned on but very few. Thanks to the efforts of our Home Missionary Secretary and others, the work of their department is growing, but we need a stronger organization, more leaders and a better system of reporting. The conventions held and other

work done in this department have proved that many stand all day idle "because no man hath hired us."

The Message of Healing

The highest purpose of health reform is to help prepare a people for translation. As a people we need to give far more attention to this blessed gospel of health. It is not so much more light we need as a willingness to walk in the light. The extreme views of some have hindered the cause of reform. We have a large group of devoted medical missionary laborers. Our three sanitariums have enjoyed a steady and gratifying patronage. Splendid results both spiritual and physical cheer us in this divine ministry of healing. In several cities treatment rooms have been established, and are doing great good. These and especially our sanitariums need to be bound closer together and to be brought into more direct touch with our churches. Our nurses' training schools should be linked up with our other schools as a part of our system of education. Beyond all doubt true medical missionary endeavor will come more and more to the front in this closing gospel message. We need a Medical Secretary in the Lake Union.

Our Youth and Our Schools

Greater than the work at home, greater even than the sacred cause of foreign missions is that of saving and training our own dear children and youth. Our people in this Union have reason for the deepest gratitude to God, because He has given us a band of earnest, consecrated, and efficient teachers and leaders in our schools and in the Educational and Missionary Volunteer departments. We have 1 college, 1 seminary, 7 academies and 136 church schools in the Lake Union. The total enrollment in these schools was 2,104 last year, this year 2,498, an increase of 394. We have 36 more church schools than we had in 1914-15. The past year the enrollment of the academies has increased 30, of the Seminary 20, while that of the College is the same as a year ago. Nine of our college students have gone to foreign fields, and 145 have entered the work the past two years. We have 213 Missionary Volunteer Societies with 3,199 members. A year ago the report gave 200 societies and 2,967 members. We wish to pause a moment and request the delegates to give special thought to the young people's work. If God ever directed in the creating of any department in our work, we believe He led us to begin the Missionary Volunteer Department. Many of our youth are drifting into the world. Not a few are attending high schools, universities and medical colleges where they find it difficult to keep the Sabbath and the spirit of which separates them from the work and people of God. We wish to state further that our schools are sadly in need of better facilities. The Swedish Seminary library should be doubled this year, and the College library ought to be increased to 7,000 volumes. But our academies especially need a better equipment. These intermediate schools are doing an excellent work and our people should give them a stronger support—in more students, better furnishings and home comforts, and general school facilities.

The Outlook

The world today is on the verge of moral bankruptcy. We shudder as we read of the millions killed, crippled or captured in the carnage of Europe, of famine, of pestilence, and of nations literally bleeding to death. But the loss of money, of provinces and cities, of treasures of art, even the frightful loss of life and the wrecking of homes, are not the most serious features of the present world storm. The appalling thing, the fatal thing, is the death-blow given to law and justice. Modern civilization has failed—failed as utterly as did that of Babylon, Greece, or Rome, or as that of infidel France. Once again has it been proved that human philosophy, empiric science, and mere social reform are barren of all spiritual force. The one hope of mankind is Christ.

Dr. Koftan, a leading preacher of Germany, writes: "It is a bitter truth that God has permitted this war to come over us, because we were proceeding from life to death. The war is God's judgment born out of His grace." Admiral Beatty, one of the highest officers in the British navy, stated in a recent address that this war could never cease until England awoke from her spiritual stupor, and humbled herself before God. In France, in Russia, in nearly every country in Europe there is a mighty spiritual awakening. The failure of civilization is the opportunity for Christianity. Seventh-day Adventists only have the message needed by the world. The war is God's means of preparing the honest in heart to accept His truth. We can only give this message as God grants us the power of the Holy Spirit. Our supreme needs today are a deeper spiritual life, more prayer, and holy living.

Your executive committee has endeavored to the best of its ability to do the work given it two years ago. We realize that we have not nearly accomplished all that ought to have been done in this large Union. We are grateful to God for His many mercies. We also desire to express our appreciation for the hearty support of our fellow-workers and all our brethren. We are happy to welcome you delegates today and give back to you the responsibilities entrusted to us at the time of the last session. May the Spirit of the living God rest upon us all in this the eighth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Report of the Educational Secretary

The history of this denomination for the first twenty-five years and more of its growth shows little or no attempt made to educate and train for service the children and youth. This was the time in which those noble men and women, called of God to lead out in this great movement, were digging deep and laying the foundation stones upon which has been erected the splendid organization which today extends its influence to almost every nation and people. The far-reaching, world-wide character of our work was not so apparent then as now, and, in view of the soon-expected return of the Master, the necessity for the training of the

children and youth for a place in the work was not so keenly sensed.

Then came a change. Two men caught a vision. It was a broader, deeper, more far-reaching vision than had before been seen. The vision was of the world as our field with its multiplied millions to be reached by the message, on the one hand, and on the other, the possibilities for the heralding of this message bound up in the splendid heritage God had given us, when trained in head and heart and hand to carry it forward.

We must have a training school. With this settled conviction on the heart, these noble men, then in the full vigor and strength of manhood, now reckoned among the few remaining of our honored pioneers, Elder George I. Butler and Elder S. N. Haskell, started out with a determination to raise a fund with which to build a training school. In the year 1873 more than \$52,000, a vast sum in that stage of our work, was secured, and the next year, 1874, Battle Creek College was erected.

A fitting coincidence was the fact that the very year a training school for workers was established, our first foreign missionary left the shores of the homeland to carry to the waiting millions across the seas the good news of our Master's return. Battle Creek College still lives, and under the prospering hand of God is continuing to do its Heaven-appointed work. It is our own school re-located and re-christened—Emmanuel Missionary College.

Soon its halls were filled with eager, earnest young men and women, and today one has but to look out over the field to see the fruitage of this endeavor. In darkest Africa, in caste-bound India, in heathen China, in priest-ridden Mexico and South America, in war-torn Europe, in the homeland, bearing the heaviest burdens in the evangelistic and administrative work of this denomination are to be found the boys and girls of old Battle Creek College; a little older grown, the eye not quite so bright, the step not quite so lightsome, but with a note of courage in the voice and the life ringing true to the message.

Soon other schools were demanded, and in 1882 South Lancaster Academy in the East, and Healdsburg College in the West opened their doors. In 1891, Union College was founded and the next year Walla Walla College was established. Other colleges, academies, and intermediate schools followed each other in quick succession until these institutions are now dotted all over the globe.

And still our vision needed enlarging. Where were the children all this time? In the schools of the world. Oh, how imperfect our vision and how slow are we to act. Twenty years ago, messages like the following were coming to us: "Establish schools for the children wherever there are churches; where there are those who assemble to worship God, let there be schools for the children. Work as if you were working for your life to save children from being drowned in the corrupting, polluting influences of this life."

Again were found men and women of earnestness and consecration who were ready to lead out in this untried field, believing that He who had given the call was able to impart the wisdom needed to answer the call. Without experience, without facilities, without

an organization, but with an unbounded faith in the call of God, these leaders set out to conquer difficulties, to surmount obstacles, and, in the fear of God, to succeed. They won; and today our splendid system of schools are the results of the earnest prayers, careful planning, and faithful executing of those whom God used to pioneer the work.

While we are thus reaping the fruitage of this early seed-sowing, let us not forget that the vineyard needs careful pruning and thorough cultivation. The work of tilling this part of God's moral vineyard is said to be the "nicest work ever commissioned to human beings." The tender plant is so easily marred, yet thank God, just as easily trained.

During the biennial period, there has been most encouraging progress in this department of our work. That the real growth may the more easily be traced, I refer to some figures given in my report to this body two years ago. The number of primary schools in 1912-13 was 85; in 1913-14, 92; in 1914-15, 100; in 1915-16, 136. The number of teachers in the primary schools for the corresponding years was 89, 96, 105, and 143. The enrollment was 1,150, 1,230, 1,384, and 1,727. The number of secondary schools during this time has been 8 with 38 and 39 teachers. The enrollment has been 406, 422, 414, and 444. The Swedish Seminary employs 8 teachers and its enrollment has been 40, 46, 50, 70. Emmanuel Missionary College has employed 17 and 18 teachers. Its enrollment has been 229, 234, 256, and 257. The total number of teachers in our advanced schools for these years were 61, 64, 64, 65; and the enrollment, 675, 702, 720, 771. This gives a grand total of teachers as follows: 150, 160, 169, 208. Grand total enrollment, 1,825, 1,932, 2,104, 2,498.

According to the best statistics available, we have passed the half-way mark and are well on the other side. We have more than 4,000 children and youth of school age in the Union Conference. Twenty-five hundred of these are enrolled in our schools. This is encouraging, but where are the others? "All the children of all the churches" is our goal, and we must never cease our planning and praying until the benefits of a Christian education are brought within the reach of every young person in our Conference.

Material progress has been made during the biennial period in school efficiency. Schoolhouses have been erected and schoolrooms provided. Our schools are better equipped. Our school year has been lengthened. Our teachers are better trained and better paid. Our normal department is doing a splendid work in the training of teachers, but it cannot supply the demand. More, many more young people of talent and consecration must be encouraged to enter the normal department for training. Nothing will more quickly inspire confidence in the cause of Christian education on the part of all our people than the securing of a corps of teachers who are fully qualified to teach and discipline a school. "The school is in the teacher."

Our summer schools are proving a source of great inspiration and uplift to our teachers. The enrollment varies from 75 to 100. It would seem that every teacher and prospective teacher would avail himself of the opportunities afforded by this school, especially in

view of the fact that the conferences in this Union show their appreciation of its benefits to their teachers by paying their traveling expenses both ways, while the College makes no charge for tuition.

During the summer school last year, occurred the joint Educational and Missionary Volunteer Convention for this Union, which was held at the College. Thus all the teachers were afforded the opportunity of attending the sessions and participating in the discussion of the important topics considered.

Another source of inspiration and development is our mid-winter institutes. Thirteen of these have been held during the past two years. Professor Griggs and Professor Howell of the General Department met with us in some of these institutes, and their help was greatly appreciated. Several of these gatherings were attended by the director of the normal department of the College, Miss Myrta Kellogg. The conferences involved greatly appreciated the courtesy of the College in releasing Miss Kellogg to take up this work. Some of these institutes were attended by representatives from school boards, and board problems were discussed with profit at each meeting where such members were in attendance.

There was held in connection with the departmental convention at Berrien Springs, previously referred to, a council of principals from the various secondary schools in the Union. Other teachers from these schools and members of the College faculty entered into the discussion of the problems affecting principally such schools.

Practically all of our primary teachers and some of those in the advanced schools are regularly pursuing the Teachers' Reading Course. Last year, the books read were, "All the Children of All the People" and "Special Methods in Arithmetic." This year the course consists of that most inspirational book entitled "The Teacher," and a work on school hygiene and sanitation entitled "Health Work in the Schools."

The past few years have worked a wonderful growth in the junior work in our primary schools. This is shown from the fact that the number of such societies has grown from 20 in 1912 to 108 in 1915. It will thus be seen that this work which means so much in the spiritual growth and development of the school is being carried on in nearly all of our primary schools.

Representatives from the College and from the academy together with the conference superintendent and Union Secretary, visited the various camp meetings in the Union. An educational symposium was usually given and by this means as well as by personal work, an earnest effort was made to get the fathers and mothers as well as the young people themselves to see the importance of a thorough course of training in one of our schools.

All of our higher schools have been making substantial improvements. New buildings have been erected, land has been cleared and placed under cultivation, silos put up, and dairy herds increased and improved, electric lighting plants and water systems installed, buildings painted, libraries increased, and other school equipment furnished, and many other improvements made which taken together afford these institutions the opportunity of doing better and more thorough work and of making the dormitories more "homey." Those

who have spent months and years in dormitory life will appreciate what I mean. The statistics previously referred to show that these schools have, in the main, enjoyed a reasonable and gradually increasing patronage. Some, however, of these institutions have not had the students which the large constituency ought to afford. Plans are being laid to improve and strengthen these schools, and with the cooperation of all, we hope to see them built up. The Swedish Seminary and the College will be reported in detail by a representative from the school so that nothing more need be said in this report concerning these institutions, except that the prospering hand of God is over them and that each is enjoying the best patronage in the history of the school.

Earnest praying and definite planning have borne fruitage in an experience which is altogether new in the work of our educational institutions. The College and some of the academies are already free from the burden of debt which has been hanging over them and crippling their work. Under the continued blessing of the Lord, the Swedish Seminary and the remaining number of our secondary schools will soon join the others in the glad song of jubilee.

No plan has been devised in recent years which has proved a greater blessing to our young people, to our schools, and to our cause at large than the scholarship plan. Through this means, scores of our young people have been enabled to earn a scholarship, while at the same time they have been working in a school than which none can be found better able to develop tact, perseverance, spirituality, character—all this, to say nothing of the precious seeds of truth some of which are bound to fall into good ground and bear fruit to the glory of God. God bless our faithful student canvassers!

Brethren, pray for our schools. Pray for the leaders in our work. Pray for our boys and girls. The old standard bearers are laying down the armor. It is for our army of young people, the splendid heritage God has given us, to snatch up the fallen armor and take marching orders from our Captain, press the battle to the gates of the enemy, win the glorious victory, and share in the triumphal entry through the gates into the New Jerusalem. May the blessing of Heaven rest upon our schools, upon our corps of consecrated teachers, upon our boys and girls, and upon the fathers and mothers who are sacrificing that they may be trained for a place in the ranks to help finish the work.

C. A. RUSSELL

Biennial Report of Emmanuel Missionary College

There are two kinds of cooperation. In the one there is a strong, overruling personality, who towers so high above his fellows that they instinctively follow his leadership wheresoever he may lead. In the other, in the absence of such strength of personality, the unity of purpose and the presence of unselfish ideals, cause all concerned to work together for the common good. It is the latter kind of cooperation which the Lord has used to bless and make Emmanuel Missionary College a blessing during the past two years.

We are indeed thankful to our Heavenly Father that we can bring this conference a message of good cheer, for we believe that the workers assembled here look to this institution as one of the strategic strongholds that are to help win the fight for this message in the Lake Union Conference, and in the uttermost parts of the earth.

We are grateful that we can report that from this recruiting station and training camp, one hundred forty-five young men and women have entered the work during the past two years. And, in addition to this, during these two years, nine have taken up work in foreign lands. This is equal to the number sent out to foreign fields during the previous ten years of the school's history. At this rate of increase, we shall soon have a large number of our students holding up the light of truth in the dark places of the earth.

Reaching of Goals

The past two years will no doubt go down in the history of the school as a time of setting and reaching of goals. About Nov. 1, 1914, the students became aware of the fact that according to the General Conference standard, a school to have college standing, must have at least five thousand volumes in its library. The time limit was understood to be January 1, 1915. On November 1, 1914, we had only about 3,700 volumes. Hence we had to secure 1,300 books in two months.

The students entered the work with enthusiasm and zeal. Letters were written, personal work was done, and when the students returned from their Christmas vacation, we were overjoyed to find that we had not only reached the 5,000 mark, but had passed it by several hundred volumes. And today we are nearing the 6,000 mark.

Two years ago, Berrien County, in which Emmanuel Missionary College is located, was a notoriously wet county. Last spring the county voted on local option. The school organized a number of temperance companies that went about through the county holding meetings in churches and schoolhouses. At first the people, especially pastors, were afraid of us, and we had difficulty in finding openings; but after we had given a few programs, doors began to open, and the Anti-Saloon League informed us that they would be glad to pay our expenses, if we could but respond to all the invitations that were coming to us.

Our male quintette sang at the largest temperance meetings held in the county. The president of the county Anti-Saloon League told us that if the county went dry, Emmanuel Missionary College would surely be given due credit for it.

The joy of students and teachers can only be imagined when reports came in from one township after another, and it was finally declared that the county had gone dry by between three and four hundred votes.

During the past summer also, by making some valuable additions to our laboratories, the value of our laboratory equipment passed the \$3,000 mark, which is the College minimum established by the General Conference Educational Department.

Last fall another goal was set, in which we had no voice. I refer to the Harvest Ingathering goal. I received a letter stating that our school was expected to

raise \$400 and, in addition, the business manager was to raise \$50, and your humble servant the same amount. At first I was stunned; and then I concluded it must be a theoretical rather than a practical proposition, and refused for a number of days to consider it seriously. But slowly it began to dawn upon me that the proposition really was made in good faith, and that it might do harm to hold back; and that, furthermore, with the Lord's help, it really might be possible to reach the goal.

A day was set aside. The school entered into the work enthusiastically. A number of bands were organized with a teacher at the head of each band; and, to make a long story short, in addition to a great deal of experience and many blessings, we secured \$550.37. This was goal number 4.

But the climax of goal setting and reaching was the College debt movement. In my biennial report of four years ago, I find this statement:

"We are hoping and earnestly praying that the Lord will in some way touch the hearts of His people in the Lake Union Conference, that they may now, in times of prosperity, roll away the reproach of debt, and free the school from its tremendous interest-bearing burden."

Two years later, a similar plea was made before this Conference, and at practically every College Board meeting for years, the same plea has been made. But it did not occur to us until about two years ago that the Lord had a different and much better plan in store for us. We then began to learn that "Heaven helps those who help themselves."

Almost spontaneously a movement was set on foot by students and teachers that seemed to have the marks of success upon it from the very beginning. During the first year, about \$1,400 was raised by the students, and splendid gifts came from one of our conferences, the Review and Herald, and other sources, which brought the debt down from \$45,290.72 to \$29,979.72. Then the Board voted that if the students would raise \$5,000 more, they would become responsible for the rest of it.

A mass meeting of the students was held in the interests of the debt, but they knew nothing of this vote of the Board. After an enthusiastic and free discussion of how much they should attempt to raise, they voted unanimously to make \$5,000 their goal. When I told them at the close of the meeting, at which none of the teachers had been present, that this was the amount which the Board had voted for us to raise, and that if the students would raise their \$5,000, the Board would raise the rest, the students were not only thankful for this splendid promise on the part of the Board, but were profoundly impressed with the conviction that God was leading in the movement.

The school was thoroughly organized, and the work began in earnest. Letters were written, valuable articles were sold, and many sacrifices were made. Jan. 1, 1916, was set as the time when the goal must be reached. Enthusiasm and the spirit of earnestness went higher and higher, until the Monday following the week of prayer it was announced that we had gone several hundred dollars beyond the \$5,000 mark.

Of this movement, an educator in one of our sister colleges wrote me not long ago:

"What I hear of the debt-lifting effort on the part of your students is one of the most remarkable things which I have ever heard of in our educational work."

Then a few weeks later in January came the Board meeting. Now the students were held in suspense. Could the Board pay the balance of the debt? and if they could, would they be willing to do it at this time, or only pay a part of it? Their suspense was removed, and their cup of joy made full when, on the morning of Jan. 19, 1916, at the chapel exercise, in the presence of the Board and the many visitors who had gathered in, Elder Christian made the terse statement, "The College debt is paid!" I don't think I ever saw a body of young people so genuinely happy as were our students that morning.

Our hearts are still filled with gratitude to the Lord, the members of the Board, and the many loyal friends who have helped in this splendid effort. Now it is our earnest prayers that the Lord will prosper us, and help us to so conduct His work that we will never need to go in debt again.

Enrollment

The school is still growing. Two years ago, I reported an enrollment of 232. Last year it reached 259, with a maximum attendance of 227. This year we are just a little ahead of last year's record, the largest attendance being 232, and the total enrollment to date 259. Just what this absence of material gain in our enrollment this year means is a bit difficult to determine. It may be that it is simply an off-year; or it may be that we have reached about as large a number as we can with our present means of securing students.

It is evident to me that our enrollment could be increased if quite a large number of our teachers could be sent out into our churches, and come into personal contact with our parents and young people. And I would most earnestly urge, for the upbuilding of our school that this be done.

Improvements and Repairs

Because of the strenuous effort being made to liquidate our debt, a rigorous policy of economy was adopted during the past two years, and only improvements and repairs that seemed urgently necessary were made.

A year ago last summer, all the main buildings were painted. This last summer, the sewer was extended to the river, and now empties directly into it. This cost \$438.37. A bakeroom was added to our kitchen equipment, at an expense of \$268.97, and a gas machine installed for our laboratories at a cost of about \$400.

Student Paper

During the past summer, a new feature was added to our school life. The activities of the school had grown to the place where the students felt that we should have an organ by which our brethren and sisters in the field and former students could keep in touch with the life of the school. Hence, with the approval of the Board, a student paper, now well known as *The Student Movement*, was started.

It is issued biweekly, is self-supporting, and is a real benefit to the school. It has at present a subscription

list of over one thousand. This, as far as I can ascertain, is the largest subscription list of any student paper in our denomination.

Industrial Departments

We are very fortunate in being located on a large farm, and to have other industrial equipment, such as the printing office and dairy to supply work and manual training for our students. We give our students from ten to fifteen thousand dollars' worth of work each year. Thus they are not only able to help themselves through school, but are also helped spiritually and physically by doing this work.

Most of our industries are prospering, and on the whole are a financial asset to the school. We are finding our grapes and tree fruit to be unprofitable, and are replacing the same with farm crops that will be of use to our dairy.

We find that among our outdoor industries we also have what may be called the "A, B, C powers" which are profitable and successful; A, alfalfa; B, berries; and C, cows.

A number of other industries with which we have experimented have proved unsuccessful, and have been abandoned. These three, however, have been uniformly profitable.

Spiritual Interests and Missionary Work

Aside from the usual lines of missionary work, such as sending out papers, missionary letters, personal work, Harvest Ingathering, and temperance campaigns, we have in the past two years had a most encouraging experience in missionary work of a very practical kind.

Last year our Ministerial and Bible Workers' bands combined in an effort a few miles from the College. Meetings were started in a little schoolhouse, Sunday school being held in the afternoon, and preaching service in the evening.

The interest in this place from the beginning was very good and, as a result of this effort, eight have been baptized and joined the church. Meetings are still being held here, and many are interested.

This year we have strengthened our stakes, and extended our borders; and at the present time, meetings are being held at six different places. Nearly three hundred attend these meetings. We are hoping and praying that, in addition to giving our young men and women an excellent experience, that this work will be the means of bringing many to a knowledge of the truth.

Professor Thurber, who has recently returned from Burma, has accepted a call to connect with Emmanuel Missionary College as leader in this and other lines of missionary work. He expects to be with us the latter part of March.

Needs

We might mention many real needs of the school, some of which are really imperative, but we will forbear, and speak of the one thing needful, which better part I believe our students and teachers are placing first, the favor and blessing of God.

But in addition to the spiritual blessings which the Lord is giving us more than we merit, we need also

the sympathy and prayers of all our brethren and sisters. Will you not pray that the Lord of the harvest may send forth from this training center many earnest young men and women to fight the battle of the Lord?

O. J. GRAF

General Missionary Secretary's Report

Lake Union Summaries

Year	No. Agents	Hours	Value Orders	Av. Pr. Hr.
1901			\$14,000 00	
1902	55	14,065	15,045 50	\$1 08
1903	43	12,179	16,999 45	1 39
1904	52	15,200	15,458 60	1 00
1905	34	11,827	13,552 40	1 14
1906	64	21,136	16,623 45	79
1907	74	18,276	13,311 95	72
1908	94	37,586	28,224 20	77
1909	110	43,331	35,359 00	81
1910	90	40,755	35,505 15	87
1911	107	65,267	54,226 85	83
1912	122	67,897	56,068 51	81
1913	89	68,380	56,304 87	85
1914	125	84,657	70,804 53	83
1915	202	109,748	99,544 79	90
1916	According to your faith and God's blessings.			

Comparative Conference Summaries

Value of Orders Taken

Conference	1912	1913	1914	1915
Indiana	\$4,742 47	\$8,195 75	\$13,971 72	\$24,549 70
S. Illinois	12,215 23	19,878 23	23,520 58	24,073 43
N. Illinois	10,692 20	7,140 70	7,473 45	12,044 43
Wisconsin	12,351 35	5,336 50	8,465 70	12,851 85
N. Michigan	2,379 55	3,491 97	4,018 55	6,282 05
W. Michigan	3,567 85	4,256 88	5,996 20	8,220 45
E. Michigan	10,976 30	8,004 79	7,534 76	11,523 06
Total	\$56,024 95	\$56,304 87	\$70,980 96	\$99,544 79

Scholarships Earned

	1912	1913	1914	1915
	27	23	56	62

That we may get a view of the history of our book work in the Lake Union from the time it was organized until the close of 1915, I have made out a report of work done as indicated by the number of agents, hours put in, and value of orders taken. You will notice that the work just about held its own until 1908. In the spring of that year we held a bookmen's convention in connection with the Union Conference meeting in Chicago. Our conference men, ministers and others took part in the studies given. A broader vision of the work was revealed to us. New men were placed in responsible positions. The years before were by no means lost; for there were men of ability in training. They were getting an experience as colporteurs, and when the time arrived they were brought forward and placed in the conferences as field secretaries. At that time Brother McEachern took up the work in East Michigan and the brethren there cooperated with him. Brother Tolf was placed in Southern Illinois, and Elder Wight assisted him in getting the work on a good footing in that conference.

From that year you will see by the figures that the work has steadily grown, some of the conferences making rapid strides. That year marked the introduc-

tion of the scholarship plan, which greatly increased the number in the field during the summer vacation.

Another item in this report is worthy of notice. The sales per hour years ago were even larger than at present. This may at first seem strange since we are doing so much more work now than then. But the explanation is that at that time only the Calebs and Joshuas had the faith and courage to go forward. Such men would make good records any time.

On the other table we see the detailed work in each conference during the past four years. It will be observed that the work in Indiana has made rapid strides during the past two years. This is not a result of accident, but hard, intelligent work on the part of Brother Franklin and Elder Bristol and those who have been cooperating with them. They have spent money in holding institutes, providing extra help to give instruction to the men, and maintaining a close cooperation with them in the field.

The same may be said of Southern Illinois. Brethren Fishell and Van Fossen labored faithfully to secure and train a strong company of all-the-year-round workers. The conference men have stood nobly by the work, taking a personal interest in it, and these figures are the result.

In Northern Illinois during the past year a noticeable increase in sales is seen. Brother Tolf has been trying to get the work on a solid footing. We see great possibilities in this field; earnest workers should be taking the truth to the thousands in Chicago and the surrounding country.

Wisconsin, we see by the records, has been passing through some discouraging experiences, but is now on the upward trend. Brother Belding has worked hard during the past year and encouraging gains have been made.

There has been a gradual gain in the work in North Michigan the past four years. Brother Williams, the field secretary, and Elder Irwin have worked unitedly for its advancement. There are some difficulties here not encountered in other conferences, but these have been met with faith and courage.

We see that West Michigan has made a healthy gain the past four years. After the division of Michigan into conferences a wrong opinion prevailed among some of the workers which led to the belief that books could not be sold in West Michigan as in other places. But a few years ago a radical change was made and faith and hope are taking the place of doubt. The workers are finding that this field appreciates our literature more than one where little is known of it. Brethren Van Fossen, Fishell, and the conference president, Elder McVagh, have put forth earnest efforts and a steady growth is the result.

In East Michigan adverse circumstances have hindered the work. Under Brother McEachern's guidance the work jumped from less than \$1,000 a year in 1907 to nearly \$11,000 in 1911. Then Brother Moore took up the work and it prospered for two years, but he dropped it in the midst of the year. The work then run down to about \$7,000 during 1914. Under Brother Johnson the brethren have been able to increase the sales over former years, and the prospects are good for the coming year.

The principal elements that enter into the growth of

the work are the following: Having a whole-hearted leader for the work in each conference; one who has implicit faith in its success; the intelligent cooperation of the conference officials and ministry in securing and training talent; the cooperation of school men in encouraging and training students both to earn scholarships, and to make this a life work; the united prayers of the whole people for these workers that a "door of utterance" may be opened before them and that their hearts may be kept faithful. The conferences must be willing to spend some means in providing institutes, railroad fares, assistance in the field by the field secretary and an assistant when necessary. Especially is this necessary when there are a number entering the field at once, as at the close of school in the spring. It is a fatal mistake for a conference to estimate in dollars and cents the value of this work and deal with it as a source of revenue. The money invested in the training of these young people is the best kind of an investment for a conference. From their ranks will come practical men who will be called to the ministry, educational positions and conference presidents.

We have held yearly institute-conventions in each of the seven conferences, besides an institute at each of the academies, at Broadview Swedish Seminary, and at the College at Berrien Springs, making fourteen institutes each year, besides other meetings of a similar character, and the work at our camp meetings. Over two hundred have entered the work during the past year, a large number of whom were students from our schools. Few who put in faithful time fail to earn scholarships.

The prospects for the year just opening are bright. The institutes have been well attended by a good class of workers. The field is supplied with competent field secretaries, the conference men are nobly sustaining the work, and events of the greatest significance are awakening minds to enquire, "Watchman, what of the night?" Many of our workers, sensing the value of the time allotted to us to work, are consecrating themselves to put in more faithful time during the coming year.

J. B. BLOSSER

Report of the Missionary Volunteer Secretary

"With such an army as our youth rightly trained might furnish, how soon the knowledge of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to all the world."

"Young men and young women, cannot you form companies, and, as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work?"

"Will the young men and young women who really love Jesus organize themselves as workers?"

"Let there be a company formed somewhat after the order of the Christian Endeavor Society."

It was in the years 1892 and 1893 that these earnest appeals from the servant of the Lord began coming to us. But little had been done up to this time in the way of organized work for the young people. Comparatively few of our army of youth had been brought in touch with our schools, and hundreds were going into discouragement through inactivity and indiffer-

ence and were drifting out into the world and giving up the truth.

Probably the first definite response to this call was made by Elder A. G. Daniells, who, in 1892 organized a society of about twenty young people in Adelaide, South Australia. This work was carried on for several years with the result that nearly all the young people thus united together in service later found a place in the work.

Even before this, some attempts had been made to unite the young people in bands or societies. As far back as 1879, Elder Luther Warren, then a mere lad, living at Hazelton, Mich., formed a boys' band in the church. Later the girls were invited to join. Regular meetings were held, definite lines of missionary work engaged in, and a temperance pledge drawn up and signed.

It was at the General Conference held in 1895 that Elder O. A. Olsen, then president of the Conference, read to the delegates some of the appeals concerning the organization of the young people's work. While some consideration was given to the matter, no definite action was taken. Some feared that an organization among the young people would tend to build up a wall of partition between young and old in the church. Thus matters went on until the history-making conference of 1901. At this time, considerable attention was given to the question of young people's work and a committee was appointed to study the matter and report to the body of delegates. This committee, of which Elder Warren was very fittingly made chairman, gave careful and prayerful consideration to the needs of the work and to the best plans for meeting these needs. The report of this committee was prefaced with these earnest words: "Your committee would, with burdened hearts, recommend that something more effectual be done, and that speedily, to save our children, youth, and young people, and to develop them as laborers for God." A simple form of organization was then outlined, the Sabbath school Department being asked to nourish and cradle the infant until such a time as it should acquire sufficient strength to stand alone. This time arrived in 1907 when there was held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, a Sabbath school and Young People's Convention. It was here that the sturdy infant was given a name. The choosing of a name was an interesting experience. Many were suggested, but the one finally adopted was written by someone in a long drawn out line extending entirely across the chapel,—"Seventh-day Adventist Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers." Just Missionary Volunteers for short. I like it. I like the missionary part. I like the volunteers. God calls for volunteers. He never drafts.

Since the Mount Vernon Convention, with the young people's work carried on as a separate department, the work has gone forward by leaps and bounds. It was there that several of the now well-known features of our work were given birth,—Standard of Attainment, the Morning Watch, the Reading Course, etc.

Such in brief has been the history of this movement which, uniting with the older departments, the Sabbath school and the Educational, has been the means under God of saving to this cause hundreds and perhaps thousands of our young people who before were

drifting out into the world and giving up the truth. The appalling leak in the denomination has been discovered and has been stopped to some degree. Now let every minister and every worker in this cause study to become so conversant with the plans of work in the Missionary Volunteer Department that intelligent cooperation can be given those who are leading out in this work.

A large and enthusiastic convention was held at Emmanuel Missionary College last July. It continued for one week. The sessions were held jointly with the Educational Department. The General Missionary Volunteer Department was represented by Professor Kern and Elder MacGuire; the Educational Department by Professor Griggs and Professor Howell. About 125 representatives were in attendance from the various parts of the Union Conference.

Quite a number of local conventions have been held during the past two years. In some of these, the work of the Educational Department or of the Sabbath school Department was united with that of the Missionary Volunteers. In others, the latter work was considered solely. The influence of the organization has thus been brought to the attention of many where society organizations have not yet been perfected. There are still scores of churches where there are a sufficient number of young people to form a society, but where this step has not yet been taken.

As our leaders see the full fruitage of this movement, I am sure they will rally whole-heartedly to its support.

Our society leaders are finding the *Church Officers' Gazette* a great help in carrying out programs for society meetings. Our institutional centers are making use of the special programs prepared by the General Department for such societies. These are proving both interesting and helpful.

The young people's meetings upon the camp grounds have been a source of great spiritual uplift. These meetings have been well attended and hundreds of our young people have given their hearts to the Lord or have renewed their consecration to His service. More than 200 were baptized during the biennial period. It was my privilege to attend thirteen of these gatherings. Professor Kern and Professor Benson of the General Department have given us much-appreciated help during the period.

A keen interest has been shown in the Standard of Attainment. A plan has been worked out by which those holding credits for finished work in our schools in the two subjects required, namely, Bible Doctrines and Denominational History, may be granted a certificate. Conference presidents and secretaries, departmental workers, ministers, Bible workers, and other leaders are setting the pace in this matter of Attainment membership and our young people, feeling the influence of this leadership, are taking the examinations and receiving their certificates.

There is probably no line of work in which our Missionary Volunteers are engaged which brings larger returns, educationally and culturally than the Reading Courses. This is a reading age. Everybody reads. This propensity must be guided along right lines. As truly as "a man is known by the company he keeps," just so truly a boy is known by the books he reads. It

is for parents and leaders of the youth to exercise the greatest care in the selection of their reading. The department for the past eight years has been selecting from among the world's best books the very cream and placing them before our young people in these Reading Courses. The Junior Course seems to be meeting with as great favor among the younger class of readers as does the Senior Course among the more mature of our young people. The statistical portion of this report will present the growth of this work.

The Junior work, which was just coming into prominence near the close of the last biennial period is showing splendid progress. In nearly all of our 136 church schools, this work is being carried on. In many instances the leader and other officers are chosen from among the children themselves. It is both interesting and touching to witness a consecration service conducted by those children in one of their Junior Volunteer meetings. And remember, the boys of today are the men of tomorrow.

If the larger sale of the Morning Watch Calendar is a criterion by which to judge the number who are thus called to prayer and Bible study, there must surely be a spiritual growth among our young people. The calendar this year seems to be meeting with greater favor than ever before.

The plan of reading the Bible through which was set in operation last year has resulted in a great awakening in Bible study. Many completed the reading last year and have started in anew this year. Others are completing the work this year which was begun last. In this way, many who were more or less familiar with the Bible through topical study but who had never read it consecutively have been given a new grasp of the Book of books.

Our young people have taken a live interest in raising money for foreign missions. The statistical part of this report gives the amount as reported by the local societies. This is far from a complete record, however, of the amount raised since many turn in money for missions and fail to indicate the same on their report blank which goes to the secretary of the society. This year, the Volunteers of Michigan and Indiana have united upon the project of raising \$3,500 to build a girls' school and a Zenana home in North India. The Volunteers of Northern Illinois will raise \$1,000 for the support of native workers in Africa. In Southern Illinois, \$400 will be raised to support our Filipino evangelist, Emilo Manalaysay. Wisconsin young people will raise \$500 to be expended in making improvements on our Meiktila school in India. Five thousand goal card book marks have been provided by the Union and distributed to the local conferences as needed.

As will be noted in the statistical report, our Missionary Volunteers show a commendable zeal in the circulation of our literature. This phase of our volunteer work has been much more strongly emphasized in some conferences than in others. Hundreds of our young people have joined the King's Pocket League and are thus pledged to carry with them, to be handed out as opportunity affords, some of our message-filled tracts and papers. This work should be encouraged in every possible way, especially just now when the people are so ready to receive literature and to study

the truth. And this missionary work should be faithfully reported for the encouragement of others. This matter has been neglected even in some of our largest societies at institutional centers. A change in this regard must be brought about since the influence of these strong institutional societies is felt throughout the Union.

Altogether the outlook is encouraging. Leadership spells our greatest need. Missionary Volunteer work could be successfully carried on in many places where it has never been started if competent leaders could be secured. These must be developed. Our schools must train and turn out leaders. Our workers must be quick to discern the talent of leadership and to encourage its development. The possibilities before our Missionary Volunteer work are unlimited; the results beyond calculation. There is no line of endeavor in which we as a people are engaged which is bearing more abundant fruitage than the efforts which are being put forth to save our young people; and surely our boys in the homeland are just as precious in the eyes of our Father as the yellow boys of China or the brown boys of India or the black boys of Africa. Let us thank God for the noble heritage He has given us and work to save them to this Cause and to eternity.

Missionary Volunteers

No. Societies	1912	1913	1914	1915
Senior	68	91	103	105
Junior	20	84	97	108
Total	88	175	200	213

No. Members	1912	1913	1914	1915
Senior	1306	1356	1704	1825
Junior	210	950	1263	1374
Total	1516	2306	2967	3199

Members of Attainment	62	86	138	312
No. Taking Reading Course	310	514	934	937

Missionary Work

	1912	1913	1914	1915	Total '12-'13	Total '14-'15	Grand Total
Letters written	2776	2924	6624	7532	5700	14156	19856
Letters rec'd	1055	1122	2991	3285	2177	6276	8453
Miss. visit	9598	7255	26228	24053	17853	50281	68134
Bible readings or Cottage meet.	2637	2048	4683	5182	4685	9865	14550
Subscriptions taken	515	994	1346	1406	1509	2752	4261
Papers	57883	58214	132912	132044	116097	264956	381053
Books	3871	3037	9391	14237	6908	23628	30536
Tracts	128447	106735	148210	109264	235182	257474	492656
Hours Christian help work	5219	7615	27208	27293	12834	54501	67335
Offerings for home missions	\$775 57	767 48	1335 24	1710 48	1543 05	3045 72	4588 77
Offerings for foreign mis.	\$937 17	1179 02	3498 26	7417 38	2116 19	10915 64	13031 83
Signers to Pledge	172	150	615	376	322	991	1313
No. Conversions	58	28	243	352	86	596	681

C. A. RUSSELL

Biennial Report of the Lake Union Conference Treasurer for the Two Years Ending December 31, 1915

Revenue Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1914

Income	
Tithe	\$20,157.05
E. Michigan	\$3,577.47
Indiana	2,595.58
N. Illinois	3,256.57
N. Michigan	1,175.14

S. Illinois	1,143.42
W. Michigan	4,422.72
Wisconsin	3,944.40
Miscellaneous	41.75
Two Per Cent Fund	1,941.58
E. Michigan	473.48
Indiana	185.76
N. Illinois	177.57
N. Michigan	206.27
S. Illinois	239.94
W. Michigan	498.20
Wisconsin	160.36
North Am. Div. Conf. Appropriation	4,000.00
Refund on Tithe (R. & H. Pub. Assn.)	607.14
Religious Liberty Fund	472.09
Sanitarium Relief Fund	11.70
Rent	58.00
Lake Union Herald	2,377.90
Total Income for Year	\$29,625.46

Expenses

ADMINISTRATIVE	\$9,478.96
LABOR	
Salaries	\$6,855.67
Traveling & Misc. Exp.	1,897.64
	\$8,753.31

OFFICE

Rent	\$ 340.00
Post. & Stationery	162.50
Office Supplies	161.08
Telephone & Teleg.	30.08
General Expenses	31.99
	725.65

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS	8,897.15
Northern Illinois	\$4,000.00
North Michigan	750.00
Southern Illinois	1,000.00
Summer School	350.00
Missionary Campaign	700.00
Union Conference Session	155.57
Emmanuel Missionary College	1,941.58

LAKE UNION HERALD 2,712.31

Salary of Editor	\$ 334.41
Printing & Mailing	2,377.90

NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE 6,063.63

Union Tithe	\$2,015.70
Sustentation Fund	1,209.42
Percent to Missions	2,838.51

Total Expenses for Year \$27,152.05

Total Income for 1914 \$29,625.46

Total Expenses 27,152.05

Surplus for 1914 2,473.41

Balance Sheet for Year Ending December 31, 1914

Resources

CURRENT		\$4,930.79
Cash		
Cash in Safe	\$ 74.54	
Logan Square T. & S. Bank	4,239.39	
South Bend National Bank	616.86	
Accounts Receivable		1,392.03
Wisconsin Conference	\$ 70.14	
E. Michigan Conference	40.09	

L. U. C. Association	1,281.80	
Bills Receivable		62.49
INVENTORIES		
Office Furnishings	335.50	
Total Resources	<u>\$6,720.81</u>	
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Battle Creek Tabernacle Fund	1,001.00	
Present Worth, December 31, 1914	<u>\$5,719.81</u>	
Stock, January 1, 1914	\$ 335.50	
Surplus, January 1, 1914	2,910.90	
Present Worth, January 1, 1914	3,246.40	
Surplus, December 31, 1914	<u>2,473.41</u>	
Present Worth, January 1, 1915		\$5,719.81

Auditor's Statement

3145 Lyndale St.,
Chicago, Illinois,
June 16 1915

To the Lake Union Conference
Executive Committee.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that I made a careful examination of the vouchers and books of record of the Lake Union Conference and find everything properly accounted for and the cash in hand and bank to satisfy the demand of the cash book. The books have been very neatly and accurately kept. Taken on a whole the Lake Union Conference has made a very good showing for the year ending December 31, 1914.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) S. E. McNEILL,

Auditor

Revenue Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1914**Income**

Tithe	\$22,373.85	
E. Michigan	\$4,965.77	
Indiana	2,782.54	
N. Illinois	3,448.10	
N. Michigan	1,236.70	
S. Illinois	1,257.11	
W. Michigan	4,815.66	
Wisconsin	<u>3,867.97</u>	
Two Per Cent Fund		2,018.33
E. Michigan	\$ 580.43	
Indiana	199.37	
N. Illinois	232.56	
N. Michigan	236.19	
S. Illinois	211.10	
W. Michigan	451.56	
Wisconsin	<u>107.12</u>	
Refund on Tithe		649.38
Review & Her. Pub. Assn.	\$ 612.20	
N. A. Division Conf.	<u>37.18</u>	
Religious Liberty Fund		181.74
Rent		146.50
Lake Union Herald		<u>2,799.74</u>
Total Income for Year		\$28,169.54

Expenses

ADMINISTRATIVE	\$10,435.03
LABOR	
Salaries	6,663.01

Traveling & Misc. Exp.	2,193.81
Medical Convention	190.85
Ed. & M. V. Convention	<u>472.08</u>
	9,519.75

OFFICE

Rent	390.00
Postage & Stationery	158.13
Office Supplies	156.92
Telephone & Teleg.	98.13
Depreciation (Office Furn.)	72.03
General Expenses	<u>40.07</u>

915.28

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS

12,971.59

Northern Illinois	2,600.00
North Michigan	1,000.00
Southern Illinois	1,500.00
Summer School	400.00
Emmanuel Missionary College	4,018.33
Wisconsin Conference	1,000.00
Battle Creek Tabernacle	885.95
Swedish Sem. Debt Campaign	821.35
Mission Fund	544.15
Miscellaneous	<u>201.81</u>

LAKE UNION HERALD

3,113.78

Salary of Editor	\$449.14
Less receipts reported	<u>135.10</u>

314.04

Printing and Mailing	<u>2,799.74</u>
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NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION CONFERENCE

3,579.82

Union Tithe	\$2,237.39
Sustentation Fund	<u>1,342.43</u>
Total Expenses for Year	\$30,100.22
Total Income	28,169.54
Deficit for 1915	<u>\$1,930.68</u>

Balance Sheet for Year Ending December 31, 1915**Resources**

CURRENT	
Cash	\$3,315.54
Cash in safe	\$ 298.81
Logan Square T. & S. Bank	2,383.46
South Bend National Bank	<u>633.27</u>
Bills Receivable	62.49
INVENTORIES	
Office Furnishings	386.70
Expense	<u>24.40</u>
	411.10
Total Resources	<u>3,789.13</u>

Surplus

Present Worth, January 1, 1915	\$5,719.81
Less Deficit for 1915	<u>1,930.68</u>
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1916	\$3,789.13

Auditor's Statement

Lake Union Conference.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

After making a careful examination of all vouchers on file for the business of the Lake Union Conference for year ending December 31, 1915, I can truthfully say that the attached revenue statement and balance sheet is a correct showing of the Lake Union Conference books of December 31, 1915.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) S. E. McNeill,
Auditor

**Receipts of Tithe, Mission Funds and Two Per Cent
for Four Years**

TITHE	1912	1913	1914	1915
E. Michigan \$	3,547.62	3,918.38	3,577.47	4,965.77
Indiana	2,676.44	2,755.20	2,595.58	2,782.54
N. Illinois	3,086.13	2,862.96	3,256.57	3,448.10
N. Michigan	1,158.85	1,131.90	1,175.14	1,236.70
S. Illinois	1,114.69	1,110.62	1,143.42	1,257.11
W. Michigan	4,420.32	3,834.77	4,422.72	4,815.66
Wisconsin	2,679.77	4,320.37	3,944.40	3,867.97
Individual	216.34	114.93	41.75	
Totals	18,900.16	20,049.13	20,157.05	22,373.85

MISSIONS

E. Michigan \$	10,602.86	10,734.04	16,759.58	24,483.15
Indiana	8,623.42	9,941.15	17,113.73	16,803.14
N. Illinois	8,761.19	10,037.24	15,412.92	17,829.02
N. Michigan	2,977.83	4,409.64	6,042.47	5,657.48
S. Illinois	4,737.48	4,736.10	6,710.30	7,587.29
W. Michigan	14,749.89	15,530.35	21,637.46	30,205.62
Wisconsin	11,204.35	13,843.89	15,491.46	21,272.57
Totals	61,657.02	69,232.41	99,167.92	123,838.27

TWO PER CENT

E. Michigan \$	251.36	464.11	473.48	580.43
Indiana	177.74	149.08	185.76	199.37
N. Illinois	107.86	151.72	177.57	232.56
N. Michigan	172.35	230.95	206.27	236.19
S. Illinois	147.03	185.44	239.94	211.10
W. Michigan	354.66	306.92	498.20	451.56
Wisconsin		139.68	160.36	107.12
Individual	11.00	28.50		
Totals	1,222.00	1,656.40	1,941.58	2,018.33

3145 Lyndale St., A. N. ANDERSON, *Treas.*
Chicago, Ill.

Indiana Conference

Office Address, 521 E. 23d St., Indianapolis.
President, E. A. Bristol

The Relation of the Sabbath School to the Third Angel's Message

Today as never before in earth's history, do we see forces at work, not alone in the physical, but in the political, social, and religious world. What does this mean? and how are we related to these movements? and what is to be the final outcome of them all?

Helpless we stand before the great upheavals in nature, trusting in our God for shelter and protection. Only as we follow the trend of political forces to know what is duty in sounding the note of warning, do we touch these issues that are now so prominent. As touching the social, we are of that class who are "in the world, but not of the world." Entering the religious movement, we face the fulfillment of the last warning message to this world, even the third angel's message,—the greatest movement in all earth's history, terminating in the second coming of Jesus, with its loyal subjects standing on the sea of glass before the throne of God.

Engaged in all these movements are human beings for whom Jesus gave His life. It is the exalted privilege for those who are carrying this warning message, to gather out the honest ones who will sing the song of victory when all earthly scenes shall end.

This warning message has various phases, among which is the Sabbath school movement. Step by step it has grown till today its power is felt in every church and company of believers, and we would like to say, in every Seventh-day Adventist's home. Yes, and its arms are reaching out, through its gifts to missions, to the darkest corners of the earth. From the islands of the sea, and from every continent, come thanksgiving and praise from those who know this message because of the nickels, dimes, and dollars dropped into the envelopes at the Sabbath school. From the financial side, it might be termed the wings of the message, for its yearly offerings to missions are coming near the half million dollar mark.

Then the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings,—eternity alone will reveal the happy throng saved through these special gifts. Indiana is having a part in this work. Note these figures: Her entire Sabbath school gifts to missions for the second quarter of 1913 were \$952.20, and the last quarter of 1915 the gifts on the Thirteenth Sabbath alone were \$767.12, the entire sum for this last quarter being \$2,170.01. Her total gifts through the Sabbath school last year were \$7,812.88, while the total gifts five years ago were \$1,866.66.

This increase has been brought about, not because the superintendents alone were faithful; not alone because the secretaries have done their duty, but because there has been cooperation under the blessing of God.

The officers are there because the church chose them. Then who really stands at the front in the responsibility of the Sabbath school? None other than the elder. It is he who should set the example in the "daily study of the lesson"; it is he who should set the example in doing "personal work for every pupil"; it is he who should stand by the superintendent in the effort to reach the financial goal of "fifteen cents a week per church member" through the Sabbath school.

A strong factor in carrying out the aims of the school is the teachers' meeting. Here plans are talked over for the advancement of the school; the teachers' training course is reviewed; the spiritual truths of the lesson are made plain, and the needs of the school are unitedly carried to the throne of grace. One of the strong burden bearers of the teachers' meeting should be the elder of the church.

Last quarter thirteen schools reached the financial goal. In many cases this was accomplished by the offering of the thirteenth Sabbath. Plans for this day's service are laid months in advance. At quite an expense the needs of the special fields are placed in pamphlet form and sent to every school. What for? Just to be read by the superintendent, and sometimes not even that, and laid aside? These facts are there to be given to the school. Then the officers of the school and church should work together in trying to create an interest in that field. Elders, what will you do when with the power of the pen the state secretary fails to get the superintendent to give to the people the contents of the leaflet?

An isolated member wrote how anxious her children were to each have a dollar for that day's offering after she read the pamphlet to them.

Early in the quarter should plans be laid to help the children to raise their dollar. Some little device to

hold the money, as a barrel, or box, or something of that nature; for these stimulate the interest of the child in this good work. The cooperation of the parents is very necessary in this effort. The children can sell papers or magazines and thus earn their dollar, and they can be encouraged to save their pennies usually spent for candy and gum to place in this special offering. Pay them for extra work done in the home with the understanding that it is for the money box. Time and effort spent in this direction will bring pleasing results.

The exercises sent out each quarter for the thirteenth Sabbath have proved a blessing in the schools where they have been used, by touching hearts and leading to special gifts on that day. Then these exercises serve to bind the children to the Sabbath school.

In many of the churches are isolated members who do not have the blessing of the Sabbath school, nor do they share in the blessings of giving. Elders, why not come in contact with these members of the flock and get them interested in the study of the lesson, and in the needy fields beyond? This can be done through the Home Department of the Sabbath school. One secretary wrote at the close of last quarter that the eight members of the Home Department had sent in \$13 for missions. Surely those members are no better than those of your flock. One sister who is leader of the company, and superintendent and secretary of the Sabbath school wrote like this,—“Our Sabbath school is doing well; it is nearly all Home Department. I have heard from all the members. We are getting more and more active in regard to drawing spiritual lessons from our Sabbath school lessons. There seems to be power in this plan; it is because God’s words are at the bottom.”

We most earnestly solicit the cooperation of the elders in trying to reach the isolated members, to gather them into the Sabbath school. Look over your church list and see that the isolated ones are connected with the Home Department of your school.

Looking at this movement from all points, are we not justified in the conclusion that the work of the Sabbath schools is a very important part of this closing message? and shall we not give it our untiring efforts to see it advance in all its departments?

MRS. C. N. SANDERS

The “Review and Herald”

How many of us realize what the title, “Review and Herald,” means? We find by consulting Webster that to “review” is “to survey the past.” And “herald” is “to proclaim.” This outlines precisely the work of the *Review and Sabbath Herald*. It furnishes current reports of our work from all parts of the great harvest field; gives us personal glimpses of the various methods employed by our missionaries, of their home life, a description of the people for whom they are laboring, of the advancement of the message in these fields, and other interesting items. Then we have the reports of the work here at home; spicy articles, well written and of intense interest to every Seventh-day Adventist.

To herald is to proclaim. The *Review* does justic

to this half of its title by printing excellent and convincing articles on the third angel’s message and all points of our faith; also valuable suggestions as to the promulgation of present truth.

Our goal, as a denomination, is the *Review* in every Seventh-day Adventist home, but in our conference at the present time we fall considerably short of reaching it. I am glad to report that during the month of January our *Review* list showed a decided increase. Of course the special rates were given at that time, but I feel sure every family in this conference wants the *Review* and can find a way to subscribe for it. Do not think you cannot afford it—you cannot afford to be without it. It is our pioneer denominational paper, a tried and true friend, and one whose weekly visits are eagerly welcomed by every family taking it. If you are not a subscriber, send for it now. If you feel that you cannot subscribe for a full year just at present, order for three months and then renew. Renewal notices are sent to our subscribers two weeks in advance of expiration, and I am pleased to say that in nearly every case the blank is returned filled out for another year’s subscription, and oftentimes a short note enclosed telling how much the paper is appreciated. You are acquainted with the rates, \$2 per year, \$1 for six months, or 50 cents for three months:

D. A. BAILEY

News Notes

We were pleased to receive a letter from the *Signs of the Times*, enclosing a check for \$25.53, being the amount of the profits they have received from business done in our conference during 1915. This will apply on our Twenty-cents-a-week Fund; and as the *Signs* plans to continue this policy of giving all of its profits to foreign missions, it should inspire us to not only subscribe for the paper ourselves, but to secure other subscriptions, that our share of the profits this year may be considerably larger, and a great help in raising our missions quota. We find our members, who are taking the *Signs* at the present time, renewing promptly. This is an indication of its worth and their appreciation of the work which it is doing. “The *Signs* does bring people into the truth.” Use it in your home missionary work.

Brother Martin Grim has entered the canvassing work again, locating at Rushville.

Mrs. A. E. Maloney of the Muncie church sends us an order for 100 of the Temperance *Instructor*. She writes that there is to be an option election there the 10th of March, and she wishes to do all she can to make Muncie “dry.” When is the election in your town? What are you doing for the cause of temperance?

We quote a short paragraph from a letter received from Brother Walter Bergherm, who is canvassing near New Albany. “Last Monday I called on a Methodist minister who seemed somewhat doubtful about recommending my book, ‘Bible Readings.’ This morning [Sunday] I went to his church, and before the services began he came to me and asked if I would lead in prayer. I told him I would. At the proper time he announced that a stranger who had been working in the neighborhood (giving my name) was present, and

would lead in prayer. After the sermon he confessed to the congregation that he had been somewhat doubtful of my work, mentioning that I was a book agent, but he believed me to be a child of God. I was very grateful for this, as I am sure it will help me in his community in placing the truth in the hands of the people."

A farewell reception in honor of Elder and Sister C. N. Sanders was held at the home of Brother John Weymar. Members from the East Side, Sturm Avenue, and 23d Street churches were in attendance. An informal program which had been arranged for the occasion proved very interesting. Elder W. J. Stone presented a suitable gift as a remembrance and token of esteem in which Elder Sanders and wife are held by the members of the Indianapolis churches. Our prayers and best wishes go with them to their new field of labor.

February

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Akron	\$ 59 90	\$ 6 44	\$ 35 03	Marion	26 29	.....	14 34
Anderson	17 38	40	.....	Maxwell	16 50	.....	3 21
Barbers Mill	115 48	.....	3 26	Michael	28 25	4 25	7 22
Boggs town	20 82	75	12 09	Middletown	83 20	.....	36 99
Connersville .....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Vernon	2 37	49	10 06
Elkhart .....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Zion	7 11	03	3 66
Elnora .....	.....	.....	.....	Muncie	74 36	02	7 32
Elwood .....	.....	.....	.....	New Marion .....	.....	.....	.....
Farmersburg	15 69	.....	2 55	New Harmony .....	.....	.....	.....
Fortville	30 41	.....	17 97	New Hope	16 53	51	2 54
Fort Wayne	7 94	1 38	7 32	Noblesville	23 12	2 70	1 40
Grass Creek	58 46	.....	10 11	N. Manchester	16	.....	1 40
Greenfield	22 96	02	6 57	North Liberty	13 62	.....	3 85
Hartford City	71 67	3 78	11 34	Northfield	2 00	.....	3 45
Honey Creek .....	.....	.....	.....	North Vernon	24 34	1 07	8 20
Idaville	8 61	.....	2 25	Oolitic .....	.....	.....	.....
Indianapolis .....	.....	.....	.....	Pleasant View .....	.....	.....	.....
East Side	51 42	20	14 90	Patrickburg	8 36	.....	5 00
23d Street	269 73	10 17	38 87	Peru	11 00	25	4 29
Colored	27 53	.....	4 22	Rochester	22 05	.....	3 38
Sturm Ave.	310 87	4 11	169 45	Salem .....	.....	.....	.....
Inwood .....	.....	.....	4 00	South Bend	148 87	.....	25 14
Jasonville	10 30	.....	6 30	Soldiers' Home	38 00	.....	2 43
Jefferson	10 00	.....	.....	Sunman .....	.....	.....	.....
Jonesboro	33 41	2 43	3 80	Terre Haute .....	.....	.....	.....
Kennard .....	.....	.....	.....	Unionville .....	.....	.....	.....
Kokomo .....	.....	.....	.....	Waldron .....	.....	.....	.....
La Fayette .....	.....	.....	.....	Wolcottville .....	.....	.....	.....
Lebanon .....	.....	.....	.....	Wolf Lake	8 39	10	8 58
Linton	16 38	.....	.....	W. V. San. .....	.....	.....	.....
Ligonier	33 62	.....	3 74	Conference	345 33	6 58	93 05
Logansport	16 62	2 13	9 09	Total	2109 05	47 81	608 37

Wabash Valley Sanitarium Notes

Mr. John Nelson was a recent visitor here. He is very enthusiastic for Wabash Valley Sanitarium.

Dr. F. J. Otis visited here this week, and performed some heavy operations for three patients; all are doing well. They are Brother William H. Coppock, of Adams County; Sister Grace Peake of Napanee, and Sister Edith McClellan of the conference office at Indianapolis.

Among the recent arrivals are Mr. Gettys of Hartford City, Mrs. Welch of La Fayette, Mrs. Drew of Geneva. These patients are making a good recovery.

Mrs. Harriet Young of Bloomington, Ind.; Brother R. P. Strickler of Berrien Springs, Mich.; Mr. Hitchcock of Watseka, Ill., and Mrs. John Kirlin of Rockfield, Ind., have recently returned home much pleased.

Elder Bristol and wife were recent visitors here.

The house has been taxed to its utmost capacity for some time to accommodate all who come. There should be ten or twelve more rooms for patients. Re-

cently patients have been occupying offices and classrooms for sleeping purposes.

Beechwood News Notes

Mrs. Hoshour of Indianapolis, with her son Jack and Miss Thelma O'Coner, spent Sunday, February 20, with her daughter Corene.

Mr. G. F. Lawson gave his children an appreciated surprise. Miss Genevieve and Mr. Larry wearsmiles the remainder of the day, because Washington's birthday gave them the blessing of their father's visit.

Miss Merle Coppock has returned from the bedside of her father at the sanitarium. Mr. Coppock is making a good recovery since his operation.

Southern Illinois Conference

Office Address, 304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill.
President, A. J. Clark

Mission Funds

At the beginning of the year pledge cards were sent to every family in our conference asking them to sign the same, stating the amount they would endeavor to give per week during 1916, and return the cards to our office. Later individual record cards were sent out upon which each one is requested to keep a record of the funds donated to missions, returning the same to the conference at the close of each quarter, at which time it is credited on the pledge cards. A number of these pledges have already been sent in. If your name was not on the list would you not like to have it there? and will you not sign your card and return it to the office?

A sister writes of her experience as follows: "I finally made up my mind that I would sign and return the card to you, trusting God to help me to keep my promise, and praise His holy name, almost immediately after I had decided to do this the Lord opened the way for me."

This sister said she had about decided that she would not be able to sign the card this year. We can see by this that the Lord opened the way for her as soon as she made up her mind that she would do it. A number of other interesting experiences have come to our office of individuals who received a special blessing as soon as they decided to enter into this plan of systematic benevolence.

I hope we may soon see the time when all our people will be faithful in their tithe, mission offerings, and two-per-cent; then God's cause will move forward. The missions money is not coming in as fast as we would like to see it. If any one has any funds not yet turned in, kindly send them to our office as soon as convenient.

A. J. CLARK

News Notes

The conference committee has chosen the following persons as delegates to the coming session of the Lake Union Conference: A. J. Clark, R. J. Nethery, C. W. Curtis, E. N. Sargeant, A. H. Brigham, and A. L. Van Fossen. All of the workers will attend this meeting. Let us all pray that the blessing of the Lord may be with our brethren in the decisions that are made and

that such plans will be laid as will be for the furtherance of our work.

Brother Everett Wood, who has worked in our office since the middle of December, received a call to Western New York to take the position of field agent. He accepted the call and left February 20 for his new field.

Prof. C. A. Russell spent a little time in our field with our educational superintendent, visiting Martinsville, Danville, Decatur, Centralia, and Springfield.

A Sabbath school and young people's convention was held at Peoria, Sabbath and Sunday, February 26 and 27. A report of this will be sent in later.

Elder A. J. Clark visited the church at Foosland, Sabbath and Sunday, February 19 and 20. There was a good interest and a fairly good attendance.

West Michigan Conference

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

Temperance

Now is the time for our people, especially in Michigan or other places where the fight is on to down the liquor traffic, to come to the front and show the world where we stand on this issue. We have the best reading matter there is on the subject. Public opinion is swinging to the side of prohibition. People are wanting to do something to help in this state-wide campaign. Strike while the iron is hot.

I have been trying out a plan for circulating the Temperance *Instructor*. I was sure if it worked here it would work anywhere. And it worked. Holland is made up almost entirely of Hollanders, and as some have expressed it, "They like their beer." Besides they are about the most conservative class of people one can find. That is why I believe a plan which will work here will work anywhere.

I have been able to leave a paper, on an average, at forty-five houses out of fifty, and to receive in return an average of about ten cents per paper. I tried selling the papers at ten cents each and failed completely. This way you do not have to sell them, neither do you have to be a canvasser to make the plan work. You do not have to talk, there is a better way. Space will not permit me to go into detail here, but if you are interested in helping rid the land of this greatest of curses, enclose five cents for material, with your address, and I will tell you how you can do it.

C. L. WHITE

240 W. 12th St., Holland, Mich.

Wisconsin Conference

Office Address, Room 305 Ruh Bldg., Fond du Lac, Wis.
President, P. A. Hanson

News Notes

The Fond du Lac Sabbath school is now in possession of a much-needed missionary map of the world as a result of the faithful work of four sisters in the church in selling *Life and Health*.

Professors Fattic and Elliott have just returned from a trip among the schools and churches at Merrill, Marshfield, Moon, and Poy Sippi.

Mr. E. E. Franklin of Indiana visited at the office recently.

Do not forget the Standard of Attainment examinations due in March. Send applications for questions to the Missionary Volunteer department at once.

Mr. F. H. Johnson of the office enjoyed a visit from his father, Mr. James Johnson of Granton, Wis.

Elder P. A. Hanson returned to the office after a very pleasant trip, having held meetings with the churches at Merrill and Prentice. He baptized four people at Prentice, as a result of the labors of Elder A. W. Erickson of Ogema.

Obituaries

KLEISTER.—Nora Pine, daughter of George M. and Ester C. Pine, was born Feb. 26, 1869. She was married to Clarence Kleister, Dec. 19, 1869. Three children were born to this union. These with the husband, five sisters, and one brother survive. She died suddenly Jan. 28, 1916. Several years ago she accepted the third angel's message, and was a member of the church in LaFayette, Ind. Interment at Marion, Ind.

W. A. YOUNG

MILLER.—Jacob Miller was born near Berlin, Germany, May 10, 1835, died at Patricksburg, Ind., Nov. 21, 1915, aged 80 years, 6 months, and 11 days. The family came to the United States when he was one year old. He was married to Catherine Gephart, Aug. 16, 1855. Fourteen children were born to this union, of whom nine are yet living. He became a believer in the message many years ago. He died in the love of the truth. Words of comfort by the writer.

W. A. YOUNG

MOODY.—Joseph Moody was born at Richfield, Ohio, in 1832. He served in the Civil War in Co. I, 125 Illinois Vol. Infy. He died Jan. 22, 1916, being 83 years of age. He and his wife united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at the Indiana Soldiers' Home in 1914. Five days later, his wife, Lyda Moody, departed this life, being 84 years of age. Their appreciation of the blessed hope, set forth in present truth was unbounded. At each funeral words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

W. A. YOUNG

MARSH.—Olive Marsh was born in Massachussetts, August 15, 1830, and died Jan. 22, 1916, at the age of 85 years, 5 months, 7 days. When a child she went with her father to Ohio, later she came to Illinois, and for the past five years made her home with her niece, Mrs. E. M. Newlan. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

P. C. HANSON

CUSTER.—Mrs. Mary Ranstead Custer was born in St. Joseph County, Indiana, June 15, 1862, and died in South Bend, Ind., Feb. 17, after an illness of about a week. She accepted present truth fourteen years ago and was one of the charter members of the South Bend church. Hers was a consistent Christian life. A husband, four daughters, one sister, and three brothers survive her. Interment was at Crumstown, Ind. Services were conducted by the writer.

E. F. PETERSON

ERWAY.—Frances E. Barr-Erway of Edenville, Mich., died Feb. 12, 1916, aged 29 years, 1 month, and 26 days. Her husband, three children, parents, two brothers, and five sisters are left to mourn. At the age of fifteen she gave her heart to God. Her faith was firm to the end. As the hours of the holy Sabbath drew on, she fell asleep, soon to awake we fully believe, to enter that rest that remains for the people of God. A very large congregation listened to words of comfort from Rev. 14:13.

M. C. GUILD

HARDING.—Mrs. Arminda Livonia Harding, nee Smith, was born in Huron County, Ohio, July 13, 1845, and died at Corunna, Ind., Feb. 24, 1916. She was married to Albert Harding in 1863. To this union were born eight children, four of whom survive her. In 1884 she united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church to which she was true and faithful until death. Services were conducted by the writer. Interment at Corunna by the side of her husband.

E. F. PETERSON

GOODWIN.—Mrs. Mary E. Goodwin died Feb. 17, 1916, aged nearly seventy years. May 5, 1886 she was married to Silas Goodwin in Ohio. Later they moved to Bay City, Mich., where Sister Goodwin accepted the truth and was baptized one year ago. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

H. W. WESTCOTT

WATROUS.—Jennie A. Watrous was born at Wyoming, Ontario, Canada, Dec. 24, 1858, and died at her home in Dimondale, Mich., Feb. 11, 1916. A husband and five children mourn their loss. Her daily life was a continual witness for God. The writer spoke words of encouragement to the assembled friends and relatives from Rev. 14:8-16.

B. L. POST

PAGE.—Alja Z. Page was born in Clinton County, Mich., May 23, 1880, and died Feb. 14, 1916. He was married to Rosa M. Belknap Nov. 18, 1907. He accepted the faith of Seventh-day Adventists about ten years ago, and though called upon to suffer much he bore it patiently. He leaves to mourn a wife, father, mother, and one brother. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

A. V. MORRISON

HULL.—Mrs. Emma E. Hull was born near Lovington, Ill., Aug. 19, 1861, and died Feb. 8, 1916, at the age of 54 years, 5 months, and 19 days. Oct., 1881, she was married to James L. Everett. To this union nine children were born, six of whom with their father, survive. In early life Sister Everett accepted Christ and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, remaining faithful until death.

P. C. HANSON

ANDERSON.—Niels Anderson was born in Denmark, June 3, 1827. He died at the home of his son H. P. Anderson at Pine River, Wis., February 6, at the ripe age of 88 years, 8 months, and 3 days. At the age of thirty-three, while still in Denmark, he was married to Karen Anderson. To this union were born eight children, two daughters and six sons, only four of whom survive; three having died in infancy, and Mary, the only daughter to attain maturity, died about three years ago. Of the four surviving sons three were present at the funeral, the other one, B. L. Anderson, is a missionary in China.

At the age of forty the deceased immigrated with his family to America, locating in Waushara County, Wisconsin, where he remained until the time of his death. He was reared in the Lutheran Church and continued a member of that body until after coming to America, where, under the labors of Elder J. G. Matteson, he with his wife accepted the faith of the Seventh-day Adventists and in this faith he remained faithful until his final departure.

His last illness which terminated in death was of short duration, covering a period of about five weeks. His mind was clear, and in reply to the inquiry as to his hope of eternal life, he gave a clear answer with full assurance that all was well. He trusted and loved his Saviour, and had faith in His soon coming and in the glorious resurrection. He was buried near Poy Sippi, Wis. The writer spoke words of comfort from Gen. 25:8.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending

February 25, 1916

Southern Illinois

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
A. P. Lager.....	BR	46	11	33 00	20 50	53 50	.....
C. F. Woertz.....	BR	25	8	24 00	.....	24 00	.....
C. W. Saunders.....	HM	23	5	10 00	.....	10 00	.....
Hugh Stearns.....	BR	48	17	54 00	21 00	75 00	.....
G. W. Kimberlin.....	BR	46	7	22 00	.....	22 00	.....
P. R. March.....	BR	23	3	9 00	5 25	14 25	.....
Jerry Suda.....	BR	25	14	44 00	1 50	45 50	.....
I. S. Falconer.....	BR	39	14	44 00	.....	44 00	.....
Grace Emerick.....	BF	21	11	16 50	2 50	19 00	.....
Lena Emerick.....	BF	21	10	15 00	75	15 75	.....
A. D. Kaufman.....	BF	31	15	23 50	.....	23 50	.....
R. J. Watson.....	BR	48	24	77 00	5 25	82 25	.....
Edwin Drury.....	BR	41	23	70 00	1 50	71 50	.....
Katherine Drury.....	BF	42	18	28 50	13 50	42 00	.....
		479	180	470 50	71 75	542 25	.....

Indiana

Harry Summers.....	BR	45	15	53 00	75	53 75	.....
Henry Larimer.....	BR	30	1	5 00	.....	5 00	1 00
Maude Stivers.....	BF	19	10	15 00	75	15 75	5 00
E. L. Young.....	BR	41	14	43 00	.....	43 00	.....
M. S. Grimm.....	BR	40	2	6 00	.....	6 00	.....
A. R. Wilson.....	BR	23	8	25 00	60	25 60	60
W. H. Plake.....	BR	35	2	6 00	1 50	7 50	80 25
W. A. Bergherm.....	PPF	35	17	34 00	.....	34 00	.....
W. B. Ware.....	BR	37	4	13 00	.....	13 00	.....
C. F. Colton.....	BR	37	21	63 00	2 25	65 25	.....
C. C. King.....	BR	40	11	34 00	.....	34 00	.....
		382	105	297 00	5 85	302 85	86 85

West Michigan

*Jas. Lowry.....	BR	14	42 00	1 50	43 50	1 50	.....
*J. H. Mann.....	BR	7	21 00	.....	21 00	54 00	.....
Chas. Johnson.....	BR	5	15 00	1 70	16 70	.....	.....
*C. M. Joslin.....	PG	9	27 00	.....	27 00	39 00	.....
C. A. Roose.....	BR	10	30 00	5 00	35 00	13 15	.....
*W. H. Roose.....	BR	14	48 00	23 95	71 95	43 95	.....
*H. Kent Nelson.....	PG	5	18 00	2 75	20 75	92 75	.....
*E. M. Phillips.....	HM	14	28 00	8 25	36 25	2 65	.....
Jno. E. Kidder.....	PG	7	21 00	85	21 85	.....	.....
C. F. Swisher.....	BR	1	3 00	.....	3 00	1 00	.....
		86	253 00	44 00	297 00	248 00	.....

Northern Illinois

Gilbert Barber.....	BR	43	19	61 00	75	61 75	.....
Roy Van Vuren.....	BR	38	15	50 00	75	50 75	.....
Eugene Davis.....	BR	27	11	37 00	.....	37 00	.....
H. Youngberg.....	BR	12	5	16 00	2 25	18 25	.....
J. W. Hofstra.....	BR	22	4	12 00	.....	12 00	.....
G. F. Angell.....	BR	38	5	16 00	6 75	22 75	.....
Ruby McWilliams.....	HM	30	7	15 00	9 75	24 75	.....
		210	66	207 00	20 25	227 25	.....

East Michigan

F. W. Brainard.....	BR	28	15	46 00	2 45	48 45	5 45
C. B. Graham.....	GC	41	15	50 50	8 70	59 20	4 50
F. E. Nurnberger.....	GC	43	18	56 00	4 25	60 25	13 00
Dan De Long.....	BR	28	13	43 00	.....	43 00	.....
L. L. Otis.....	HM	37	10	21 00	2 40	23 40	.....
Eugene Sykes.....	BR	36	13	45 00	1 50	46 50	12 50
		213	84	261 50	19 30	280 80	35 45

Wisconsin

W. A. Griffith.....	BR	39	22	73 00	.....	73 00	.....
Claude Morris.....	GC	38	14	44 00	3 00	47 00	.....
*Henry Bernitt.....	BR	83	20	67 00	17 00	83 00	.....
		160	56	184 00	20 00	204 00	.....
51 Agents		1840	577	1673 00	181 15	1854 15	370 30

*Two weeks

Business Notices

WANTED.—Woman or girl for general housework. Family of two. W. J. Wilton, R. F. D. 8, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

WE TOLD YOU SO! The expected rise in the price of cooking oil is here. We have to get \$6 a can, or \$11 for two cans now for Wesson oil. Adelphian Mercantile Co., Holly, Mich.

WANTED AT ONCE.—Reliable man with good farm experience, must be good milker and teamster. State full particulars in first letter. Church privileges. Nils Benson, R. F. D. 1, Cambridge, Wis.

The Priceless Lesson

I've learned as days have passed me,
Fretting never lifts the load,
And that worry, much or little,
Never smooths an irksome road;
For you know that, somehow, always,
Doors are opened, ways are made,
When we work and live in patience
Under all the crosses laid.

He who waters meadow-lilies
With the dew from out the sky,
He who feeds the fluttering sparrows
When in need of food they cry,
Never fails to aid His children
In their stress, though great or small,
For His ears are always open
To their faintest far-off call.

—Evening Star

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The net profits on the *Signs of the Times* weekly for 1915 amounted to \$2,048.83. The Board of Directors of the Pacific Press Publishing Association voted to turn all the profits on the paper back to the conferences. The amount due each conference is based on the volume of business done with the *Signs* during the year. In harmony with this plan the conferences in this Union received the following sums: Northern Illinois, \$25.80; Southern Illinois, \$15.45; Indiana, \$25.53; East Michigan, \$50.67; North Michigan, \$14.84; West Michigan, \$68.94; Wisconsin, \$38.71.

College

Mr. John Christiansen has assumed his duties as farm manager.

Miss Madeline Gramer enjoyed a short visit from Miss Laura Walker of Jackson.

Mr. Orville Ayars expects to leave for his farm near Kalamazoo in the very near future.

Mr. Sam Petersen left recently for his home in Wisconsin.

Miss Lucile Jackson visited Misses Beebe and Mallernee last week.

Miss Gladys Gray of Indianapolis was entertained by Miss Olive Woodard.

Miss Bertha Allen is entertaining her aunt, Mrs. J. Hutchinson Hall.

Mr. A. E. Clarke recently entered the College. Mr. Clarke is from St. Johns, N. B.

A report of the work done by the Ministerial Band was given at the young people's meeting February 26.

Those Contributing to the College Debt Fund Lately Are as Follows:

Joseph Collard	\$50 00	Lena Amba	\$ 4 00
C. A. Fowler	1 50	A Friend	2 10
Mr. Robinson	2 00	Edward Foster	5 00
Eunice Mallernee	2 00	Romana Holmes	10 00
Durward Williams	3 00	F. S. Porter	10 00
Floyd Denslow	5 00	A. N. Anderson	5 00
Carl Pruitt	5 00	Myrtle L. Judd	7 00
Ruth Beebe	4 00	Edith Christiansen	5 00
Mary Teters	13 34	Elsie Longacre	75 00
Russell Harrison	15 00	Orville Dunn	2 00
Mr. & Mrs. B. Snyder	5 00	Ruth Meleen	1 00
A. A. Davis	5 00	S. W. Hastings	5 00
G. W. Brassington	5 00	H. Hildebrand	1 00

S. W. Hastings	5 00	H. T. Weaver	1 50
Grace Morrison	9 00	West Michigan Conf.	11 50
L. J. Rice	10 00	Otho Doll	5 00
Alta Clapper	10 00	N. L. Taylor	10 00
A Friend	03	Eva Pitcher	1 00
J. B. Frank	5 00	Elder E. F. Peterson	13 00
Vina Miles	3 00	Francis Ammon	5 50
Jessie Boist	5 00	Euretta Tinker	5 00
George Mamby	1 00	C. C. King	10 00
Mae Henise	2 00	W. H. Wakeham	6 35
Lucene Wright	5 00	Mrs. Dowling	1 00
Miss Berg	1 00	W. W. Helvie	1 00
H. Jones	3 00	Ethel Armstrong	4 00
Celia Boo	5 00	Minnie Hooker	5 00
J. O. Ferris	5 00	Anti-Slang Ass'n	3 50
Sarah E. Peck	10 00	Lulu Ferris	15 00

"With My Song Will I Praise Him"

In our day, solo and quartet singing has become very popular. In the selection of songs, the first consideration with many is the tone. Has it a pleasing melody? While the melody is very important, the words should receive as great, or even greater care than the music. I am sorry to say that I have observed a growing tendency among people who profess to believe the Lord is soon coming to select almost any other words to sing rather than those which teach the blessed truth that Jesus is coming again. Such soul inspiring hymns as "How long, O Lord our Saviour, wilt Thou remain away?" are seldom heard today. Why do we not sing these grand old advent hymns that inspired the hearts of advent believers fifty years ago? Is it possible brethren, that we are losing the advent message out of our hearts and lives?

In the selection of hymns, solos, duets, and quartets, that which should receive primary consideration is the words. Do they teach important gospel truth? Are they appropriate for the occasion?

Another no less important consideration should be, Who shall be selected to sing? I answer, the truth of God in song can only be made effective in the conversion of souls, when sung under the influence of the Holy Spirit. The hearts of the singers must be all aglow with the love of God. When the love of God is shed abroad in the hearts of the singers by the Holy Spirit, then our truthful gospel songs will be accompanied by the Spirit to the heart and understanding of the hearer, with almost irresistible power for good.

The devil knows full well the power of songs containing gospel truth when rendered by those whose hearts are all aglow with the love of souls. Thereby souls are admonished, encouraged, uplifted, convicted and converted; and God is glorified.

CHAS. P. WHITFORD

Orlando, Fla.

Living in an Atmosphere of Cheerfulness

A man's house should be on the hill top of cheerfulness and serenity, so high that no shadows rest upon it, and where the morning comes so early, and the evening tarries so late, that the days have twice as many golden hours as those of other men. He is to be pitied whose house is in some valley of grief between the hills, with the longest night and the shortest day. Home should be a center of joy, equatorial and tropical.

—Beecher