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

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The Burden

"O God," I cried, "why may I not forget?
These halt and hurt in life's hard battle
Throng me yet.
Am I their keeper? Only I? To bear
This constant burden of their grief and care?
Why must I suffer for the others' sins?
Would God my eyes had never opened been!"
And the Thorn-crowned and Patient One
Replied, "*They thronged Me, too; I, too, have seen.*"
"Thy other children go at will," I said,
Protesting still.
"They go, unheeding. But these sick and sad,
These blind and orphan, yea, and those that sin
Drag at my heart. For them I serve and groan.
Why is it? Let me rest, Lord. I have tried"—
He turned and looked at me: "*But I have died.*"
"But, Lord, this ceaseless travail of my soul!
This stress! This often fruitless toil
Thee souls to win!
They are not mine. I brought not forth this host
Of needy creatures, struggling, tempest-tossed—
They are not *mine.*"
He looked at them—the look of one divine;
He turned and looked at me. "*But they are Mine.*"
"O God," I said, "I understand at last.
Forgive! And henceforth I will bond slave be
To Thy least, weakest, vilest ones;
I would no more be free."
He smiled, and said, "*It is to Me.*"
—Lucy Rider Meyer

A Sacred Pledge

We desire to quote as follows from the *Review* of December 9, 1912:

"Ever since the opening of the campaign for the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons,' to pay off the debts of our educational institutions, there has been a constant and pressing demand on the part of our people generally to know whether or not this move would actually remove our debts. Everywhere the question has been asked if the leaders, those who have been mainly responsible in the past in creating these debts, had really repudiated this unsound policy, or whether they would proceed

to make new debts as fast as the old ones were paid off.

"Sister White has written during the last two or three years about the reproach of debts, and the repeated warnings to shun them as we would shun disease, even leprosy, and having heard many earnest appeals from ministers, conference committees, and school boards to rise up and roll away the *Reproach*, the people have justly demanded that the debt-making policy of the past be abandoned, and that from now on we proceed to raise the money to pay our way as we go. Officers of the General, Union, and state conferences, and especially of our schools, have assured the people everywhere that this would be done. Nothing short of this assurance would have enabled us to do what has been done during the last two years in the work with 'Christ's Object Lessons.'

"Feeling down deep in their hearts the sting of the reproach of our debts, and having some degree of assurance that the debt-making era of the denomination had closed, the people have been working loyally and courageously during the last two years to wipe out the debts of the denomination.

"But notwithstanding all that has been said and written about the evil of debts, notwithstanding the many promises to stop making debts, and notwithstanding the earnest, loyal efforts of our people to lift the great burdens resting upon them, there has been a strong tendency to go on making new debts. As far as this has been done and become known, it has discouraged the hearts of our people.

"In view of the present situation, it is but just that the position and determination of the General Conference Committee should be clearly understood. Neither the Committee as such nor any of its officers are responsible for any new debts that have been made during the last two years. They have resolutely adhered to the policy outlined in the recommendations of the recent council, and printed in another column. That policy is to conduct our work on a cash basis, pay off the debts already existing, and hereafter decline to become responsible for financial obligations which they have not created by their own action.

"We are quite aware that it will not be an easy task to stand uncompromisingly by this policy. But it is right, and it is the only way we shall ever get free from the burden of debt now resting upon us. Therefore it must be maintained.

"It should be understood that in no way are we casting reflections upon any one who has been responsible in past years for the obligations that rest upon us. None of us can cast stones, for we are all more or less guilty. But we have learned a more excellent way. We are reforming. We see as we never have before the evils of debts. We acknowledge the unfairness, the injustice, of one man, or a few men, creating obligations for others to carry, without first obtaining their consent. We recognize the fairness of the proposition

that those who pay the debts must be consulted about making them, and that those who make them on their own responsibility should have the privilege of paying them.

"But in our efforts to establish and maintain a cash policy we must not abandon a progressive policy. We must not lose sight of the great work to be done for the world, and settle down to do nothing but pay our debts. This has not been done. As already pointed out, the contributions of our people to missions have been as large during the last two years as in any two preceding years in their history.

"The Committee has stated its position in plain terms in these recommendations to be published, that all the people may know where we stand, and the end for which we are working. Recent communications from the Spirit of prophecy on this point are very plain and reassuring. The following is addressed especially to the General Conference Committee:

"The Lord would not be glorified by your placing a yoke of debt upon the General Conference. In a special manner He has wrought to break from the necks of His people the binding yokes of debt which they have worn so long. The conference must not again tread the same path they have trodden."

"In another communication a most emphatic warning is given as follows:

"By working on wrong plans men have brought debt upon the cause. Let not this be repeated. Let those at the head of the work move carefully, refusing to bury the cause of God in debt. Let no one move recklessly, heedlessly, thinking, without knowing, that all is well."

It is the policy outlined in the above quotation from the *Review* that we are trying to follow in the Lake Union. We regard this as a pledge made to all our people. It is because of this that we are trying so hard to pay up our academy debts and other liabilities. In North and South Wisconsin, in Illinois, and in West Michigan our brethren hope to pay every dollar of school debt this year. At the Bethel Academy the teachers started a campaign to pay the last \$1,000, and they have the money. If our brethren in South Wisconsin lift hard in December, Bethel will stand entirely free: Our leaders in every conference are working at this same thing. God is giving success.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Parents and Children

As we have visited our people here and there and talked with parents and children our hearts have become deeply impressed with the need of a change in many homes. We have neither the wisdom nor the experience to teach these fathers and mothers. But the Lord has given us instruction which fits every case. In some homes the parents are harsh and distant, in others they are lax and indulgent. We are made very sad as we see what the children in some homes are permitted to do. The lack of religion, too, is woefully apparent in some homes. There are Adventist families where daily worship and even Sabbath worship is unknown. We believe such families will be lost. As parents we do need to consider these things. We will

ask our brethren to read this from the Testimonies. (Volume 1, page 384. Read the whole chapter.)

"I have been shown that while parents who have the fear of God before them restrain their children, they should study their dispositions and temperaments, and seek to meet their wants. Some parents attend carefully to the temporal wants of their children; they kindly and faithfully nurse them in sickness, and then think their duty done. Here they mistake. Their work has but just begun. The wants of the mind should be cared for. It requires skill to apply the proper remedies to cure a wounded mind."

"Some parents raise many a storm by their lack of self-control. Instead of kindly asking the children to do this or that, they order them in a scolding tone, and at the same time a censure or reproof is on their lips which the children have not merited. Parents, this course pursued toward your children destroys their cheerfulness and ambition. A spirit of 'I don't care' seizes them and they seek that pleasure and enjoyment away from home, away from their parents, which they do not find at home. They mingle with street company, and are soon as corrupt as the worst."

"Upon whom rests this great sin? If home had been made attractive, if the parents had manifested affection for their children, and with kindness found employment for them, and in love instructed them how to obey their wishes, they would have touched an answering chord in their hearts, and willing feet and hands and hearts would all have readily obeyed them."

"Parents sometimes excuse their own wrong course because they do not feel well. They are nervous, and think they cannot be patient and calm, and speak pleasantly. In this they deceive themselves and please Satan, who exults that the grace of God is not regarded by them as sufficient to overcome natural infirmities." "The mother can and should do much toward controlling her nerves and mind when depressed; even when she is sick, she can, if she only schools herself, be pleasant and cheerful, and can bear more noise than she would once have thought possible. She should not make the children feel her infirmities."

"Kindly instruct them, and bind them to your hearts. It is a critical time for children. Influences will be thrown around them to wean them from you, which you must counteract. Teach them to make you their confidant. Let them whisper in your ear their trials and joys. By encouraging this, you will save them from many a snare that Satan has prepared for their inexperienced feet. Do not expect them to be perfect or try to make them men and women in their acts at once." "Throw around your children the charms of home and of your society. If you do this, they will not have so much desire for the society of young associates." "Because of the evils now in the world, and the restriction necessary to be placed upon the children, parents should have double care to bind them to their hearts, and let them see that they wish to make them happy."

"Parents should not forget their childhood years, how much they yearned for sympathy and love, and how unhappy they felt when censured and fretfully chided. They should be young again in their feelings, and bring their minds down to understand the wants of their children. Yet with firmness, mixed with love,

they should require obedience from their children. The parents' word should be implicitly obeyed."

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Reporting

In churches where there is a church missionary society and also a Missionary Volunteer society, perplexity has sometimes arisen over the matter of reporting. This has doubtless grown out of the fact that the organization of the two societies may not have been thoroughly understood.

The elder of the church is naturally the leader of the church missionary society, although the church may elect another individual if it sees fit to do so. The church missionary secretary, formerly called librarian, is the secretary of the society. In the young people's organization the leader and secretary are respectively assistant leader and secretary to the church missionary society officers. Thus these leaders in church work can counsel together in planning the missionary activities of the church.

Before the church missionary secretary sends to the conference her report of missionary work done she should receive from the M. V. secretary a report of all work done by the Volunteers during the time for which the report is made. Thus the work done by the entire church is put down together. These reports from all our churches in every conference finally reach the headquarters of our work where they are compiled and published.

The M. V. secretary also sends a report of the work done by the young people to the conference. These reports are sent quarterly through the Union office to the Department at Washington. Thus it is possible to keep in touch with the missionary activities of our army of Volunteers. At headquarters this latter report is never added to the former, hence there can be no such thing as an inflated report. If this simple plan be followed out there can be no more confusion in the matter of reporting.

C. A. RUSSELL

Northern Illinois Conference

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President, J. H. Schilling

Harvest Ingathering

The Harvest Ingathering campaign is still on in our conference. Our people are working hard. Quite a number of our churches have already reached their goal of \$5 per capita. Other churches have gone away beyond half, so we have a very good prospect of most of our churches reaching their goal of \$5 per member by the end of this year. We are certainly very much pleased with the hearty cooperation of our people on this line of work. It is certainly a great encouragement to the officers of the conference to see the members throughout the field take hold of the various lines of work as so many do here in this conference.

One feature is especially interesting and worthy of note,—many of our sisters who have large families, four or five children, have found time to go out and work faithfully in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Some of these sisters have gone beyond their goal. In

one church a sister with four small children has turned in \$15. One sister who was going from house to house, doing well, was not satisfied with that but thought that she would write a few letters. She wrote three letters and as a result received \$2. Reports of this kind certainly cheer the soul. If there are any in our conference who have not had hope and faith enough to go out and work like these dear sisters mentioned above, I hope that by this report they may be encouraged to go out and do likewise.

Here I might mention the fact that in our financial report for the month of October in the LAKE UNION HERALD, the columns were not footed, so that those who looked over the report not taking time to count up the columns did not get much benefit out of the report. I hope that after this we shall not make this mistake. Our tithe amounted to \$4,640.80; our two-per-cent to \$107.18, and our foreign missions \$2,383.66. The Lord certainly blessed in all three of these classes of financial help. May He bless our dear people for their loyalty to our cause.

Our workers are all very busy in holding lectures and in personal work. The spirit among them is excellent and the prospect for a goodly number of souls to be baptized yet this year is most encouraging. We earnestly solicit the prayers of our people for the success of God's work in this conference.

J. H. SCHILLING

Tri-City Sanitarium

On Wednesday evening, November 29, at six-thirty, occurred the marriage of Miss Lucile Brannon to Mr. John Birdwell at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Todd, in Moline. Elder Schilling performed the marriage ceremony which was witnessed by a few friends, the only out of town guest being Miss Lelia Patterson of Hinsdale, who remained over Sabbath at the sanitarium. Mrs. Birdwell will continue her work as teacher in the church school and Mr. Birdwell has charge of the men's treatment-rooms at the sanitarium.

Sister Webster arrived in Moline the first of the week from Chicago, to assist with the week of prayer meetings.

Mrs. Mary Mapes of Davenport was brought to the sanitarium Monday where she will remain for treatment for a few weeks. Her sister, Mrs. Emma Aldrich, of Geneseo, Ill., was with her the first few days but returned to her home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. F. W. Bingham of Clinton, Iowa, who underwent an operation at the sanitarium sometime ago was able to return to her home Sunday afternoon.

A Word from the Field

The prospect for a large force of workers in the Northern Illinois Conference looks bright. I was very much encouraged as I visited different places last week. At every place I found one or more whom the Lord is definitely calling to enter His work at this particular time.

At Peoria I met Brother Mitzelfelt, who is at the present time engaged in coal mining. He plans to enter the work in early spring.

Brother Fenton Hibben, who is running a bakery

wagon at Streator, feels that the Lord is calling him to distribute the real bread of life instead. As soon as he can secure someone to take his place he will enter the canvassing work.

Brother E. A. Dunn of Ottawa, a trained nurse, who is running treatment-rooms in that city has for a long time felt that he should enter the colporteur work and plans to do so as soon as the way opens.

At Sheridan I spent a day at the Fox River Academy. Here I met with the students at chapel time on Thursday. I found them to be an earnest class of young people who will make splendid workers. They need our prayers.

At Hinsdale I found two young men who plan to canvass for scholarships next summer. Letters are coming in from others who are expressing their desire to enter this precious work. Now is the time, if ever there was a time. Opportunity's door is open wide. Prosperity is on the increase. The Lord is pleading with His chosen people as never before to make use of this time in getting His truth before the people.

J. C. KLOSE, *Field Miss. Sec'y*

Fox River Academy Items

Our corn is husked and other outside work is being pushed to completion before severe winter weather comes.

We expect to have our second car of coal stored in the big bin before this reaches our patrons.

Dr. Riley Russell spent Sabbath, November 25, with the Academy family. His talks were a treat of good things from the mission fields.

A representative of the Anti-Saloon League spoke to the students Sabbath afternoon, November 25.

Elder P. C. Hanson spent Thanksgiving day with his son Myrle who is attending school here. He spoke to the students at the chapel hour the next morning.

Were you one of the young people who missed our Thanksgiving dinner? If so we are sorry for you. The whole school family joined in doing justice to the good things prepared. The afternoon was spent in games and other recreations.

"By's bread" as it is familiarly called is proving very popular. The students all declare that the bread Mr. Byron Young is making is much better than that purchased from the bakery.

Norman Marsh and Grant Hoxie, both of the Aledo church, recently enrolled for the winter term of school.

Mrs. Frieda Huber-Paul has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Avery, for the past week.

The winter term of school opened December 6. This is a good time for the young men who have been helping with the farm work to enter school.

What will you do young man? Are you going to hide your talent in the ground or perhaps beside the heating stove this winter or are you planning to take advantage of the opportunities offered at Fox River Academy and gain other talents?

For calendar or other information address the Principal.

W. L. AVERY

"Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three—all they have now, all they ever had, and all they ever expect to have."

East Michigan Conference

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President, A. J. Clark

Ingathering Experience

As I read the good reports from the Harvest Ingathering work, I thought it might be a source of encouragement to other readers of the HERALD to read the following report.

I am a busy housewife with several small children, so my work in this line is quite circumscribed, but I always take a few Harvest Ingathering papers each fall and mail to friends, asking their aid in this work, and in this way I receive several donations. Among the ones from whom I have solicited is a lifelong acquaintance, a man of means who believes the truth but makes no profession. My sister and I have sent him papers and invitations to help for three successive years. The first year we received two hundred dollars, which was far beyond what we expected, although we had made the matter a subject of earnest prayer before extending this friend an invitation to help. Last year he sent us three hundred dollars, and this year we have just received four hundred dollars for Harvest Ingathering and an extra hundred dollars to be used in our own church as most needed.

We feel so grateful to God because our small efforts are so greatly blessed that we pass this experience on to encourage others in this good work. Let us remember this friend at the throne of grace that he may be led to give his heart to go with his treasure laid up in heaven.

MRS. R. E. MARSH

Edenville, Mich.

A Good Report

I had my first experience this fall selling papers. Accompanied by one of the sisters, I drove out into the country. We sold \$2.50 worth. My husband suggested that I go out the next day alone and sell the eighteen papers we had left. I feared I could not do it. I started out in the morning and did not return until night. I had sold all my papers and had good experiences. I then ordered fifty more, also ten of the *Little Friend*. We both went out and sold them.

Then came the Harvest Ingathering. I said, "I can sell papers, but to give one away and ask for a donation is another thing. I fear I can never do it." A sister went with me. We began Monday afternoon and worked until Thursday noon. We gathered in \$10, and such a blessing came with the work. One dollar was the most we received at one place and three cents the least.

At an old house where beet-weeders lived, I was met by four bright children outside. When I told them I wanted to see their parents, they made way for me to get in. The parents could not read the paper, but a girl of fourteen could. She was attracted by the cover. They gave me ten cents.

I enjoyed the work. I had many blessed experiences. I am a member of the Arbela church, and a reader of the LAKE UNION HERALD.

MRS. C. E. CLARK

"A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed."

West Michigan Conference

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President, Wm. Guthrie

General Meetings

If the Lord wills there will be a general meeting at Muskegon Sabbath and Sunday, December 23, 24. The friends at Holton, Fremont, and Grand Haven are invited to be present. We most earnestly request the officers of the above churches to come prepared to remain for the full two days' work, as very important matter concerning our work will be considered. There will be a service at 10 A. M. and 2 P. M. each day.

A similiar service will be held at Edmore Sabbath and Sunday, December 30, 31, and the churches at Clifford Lake, Cedar Lake, and Stanton are invited to attend. The officers are especially desired to be present for all services from 10 A. M. Sabbath to 7:30 P. M. Sunday.

Bring your lunches so we will not need to go home for dinner.

WM. GUTHRIE

A Last Opportunity

We are nearing the end of the year and with it we are also nearing the end of a splendid opportunity to secure the *Review and Herald* for one year for \$2. On Jan. 1, 1917, the price of this good paper will go to \$2.25 per year. Dec. 16-23, has been set apart as *Review Week*. During that week we ought to receive from 200-500 subscriptions at the West Michigan office.

You cannot afford to be without this good paper. Send in your subscription the day you read this note. Delay may mean that you have lost your opportunity for the \$2 rate.

WM. GUTHRIE

Three Rivers

We came to Three Rivers after the temperance campaign and election. It was difficult to get a suitable place for meetings, but we finally secured a new hall, which is quite well located. We have been holding meetings about three weeks, and are now presenting the Sabbath question.

Our attendance has not been very large, although we have done all we know how to do by way of advertising. We have been given good space in the daily paper, and are now covering the town with the Sabbath Review extra. Some seem very much interested, and we believe there are honest ones who will take their stand. Remember the work in Three Rivers in your prayers.

J. M. HOYT
C. W. LEE

Every Sabbath school officer and teacher should remember Decision Day, December 16. If you have not heard about it, ask your superintendent.

South Wisconsin Conference

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Bethel Academy's Harvest Ingathering Again

It is done. Bethel Academy has passed its quota on the Harvest Ingathering by more than thirty-three per

cent. The two whole-day campaigns, together with what efforts were made besides, brought our total up to \$165.49, which is \$45.49 above our quota, counting our total enrollment plus the number of teachers as a basis.

Some other figures worth counting are: This is an average of \$2.54 for every individual who took part, and of \$2 for the entire school enrollment. The largest amount raised by any one student was \$3.25. The goal was reached by a united effort. Over ninety per cent of the school engaged in the work. Everybody was enthusiastic. Considering the average age of our students, we think their work was good.

But the real cause of the thankfulness is that there is in this experience a foundation for spiritual service. We are learning to look forward to a field of work for the Master, and even in school we are building up a life service.

For the first time in its history, Bethel Academy has passed its quota on the Harvest Ingathering.

H. T. ELLIOTT

Selection of Sabbath School Officers and Teachers

Some Sabbath schools have had the experience of electing officers, and after the election find they are not qualified for their work. The school then cripples along and exists the best it can until that officer's term expires. Frequently such conditions prevail because due consideration, counsel, and prayer are not given to the matter of selecting teachers and officers. There is an important and responsible work in the cause of God. The Spirit of prophecy has given us many plain statements on this subject which should be considered in view of the election of officers which is soon to take place. Below are quotations on this subject taken from "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work."

"For Christ's sake let the teachers and the leading workers (officers) in your Sabbath school be men and women who love and fear God; men and women who realize the solemn responsibility of their position, as those who are watching for souls and must render an account to God for the influence they exert over those under their charge." Page 28.

"The leaders in our (Sabbath) schools should be men and women of quick intuition, who have the Spirit of God to aid them in reading character, who have managing ability, who can understand different phases of character, and display tact and wisdom in dealing with varied minds. There are many who can fill the place of superintendent in name, but what is needed are men who can fill the place in every sense of the word. There are many who can go through the form cleverly enough; but they fail to impart courage and hope, to inspire thought, to quicken energy, and to impart such life that the school shall become a living, growing power for good." Page 94.

"In selecting officers from time to time, be sure that personal preferences do not rule, but place in positions of trust those whom you are convinced love and fear God, and who will make God their counselor. Without the love and fear of God, however brilliant the intellect may be, there will be failure. Above everything else, select those who, in the simplicity of their

souls, are walking in the truth, who love and fear God, and take their lessons in His school." Page 84.

Where there is a church organization the officers of the Sabbath school should be nominated by the committee that brings in names for church officers, and then voted upon by the church. The teachers are appointed by the Sabbath school officers or by the Sabbath school board, which is made up of the Sabbath school officers, the church elder, and others they may select to act with them as counselors. Much wisdom and care should be used in the selection of teachers.

"All through our ranks are needed men and women who have learned at the feet of Jesus what is truth, and how to present it to others. It requires holy men, men who have humility, who are abiding in Christ, to be educators of our youth in the Sabbath school." Page 71.

"Every teacher in the Sabbath school should be a follower of Christ, and those who have not identified themselves as the disciples of Christ, showing by a consistent life that they are Christians, should not be invited to become teachers in the Sabbath school, for they have need that some one first teach them the foundation principles of the love and fear of God." Page 54.

"Those whose duty it is to select teachers should be guarded and not urge those into the school who are not fitted to exert a good influence. How is the teacher's behavior? Is he punctual? Is he cleanly and neat? This should have attention; for these qualities are essential in a teacher." pp. 95, 96. "It is essential that care should be taken when placing men and women in positions of trust. You should know something in regard to their past life, and the character that has been developed." Page 26.

"Those who are selfish, peevish, dictatorial, coarse, and rough, who do not carefully regard the feelings of others; should never be employed as teachers. They will have a disastrous influence upon their students, moulding them after their own character, thus perpetuating evil." Page 81.

The Lord has a high standard in all things. Let us not be discouraged because of this, but strive to reach that standard, not lowering it in any way, and by faithful endeavor reach it just as He gives it to us. Because of the qualifications mentioned which officers and teachers should have, we are not to get the idea that only the experienced are to hold such positions.

"The Lord would have teachers in the Sabbath school work who can give their whole hearted service, who will increase their talent by exercise, and make improvement on what has already been attained. The Lord would have working Christians in His church; for the worker has fewer temptations than those who have little to do. The Lord calls for young men and women to gird themselves for lifelong, earnest labor in the Sabbath school work." Page 53.

MAY BELL

Fond du Lac, Wis.

Sanitarium News Notes

Mrs. Arthur Belding and Mrs. F. H. Johnson of Fond du Lac are patients at the sanitarium.

A. N. Anderson, Lake Union Conference auditor, is

spending a few days here auditing the sanitarium books.

Elder P. C. Hanson, formerly of this conference, but now laboring in Bloomington, Ill., spent two days at the sanitarium and spoke to the church and family. His messages were much appreciated.

Prayer bands have been organized and plans laid to reach every member of the family during the week of prayer.

Mrs. Riley Russell and son Robert, of Soonan, Korea, are spending some time at the sanitarium.

New patients are arriving every day, and God is blessing in the sanitarium work. A strong feeling of unity and cooperation is seen on every hand.

Bethel News Notes

Mr. Merlyn Mayo of Birnamwood has enrolled for the year.

Miss Minnie Palmer has reentered school, after having been compelled to drop her work on account of illness.

Elder P. A. Hanson spent a few hours at the school Monday.

Miss Rosalie Holverson was a Sabbath guest of Miss Broient.

The school reached its goal in the Ingathering campaign, and passed the mark with an amount of a third of the goal.

The third tuberculin test was given the academy cattle last week. Dr. Abbott pronounces the herd to be in perfect condition.

A series of meetings being held in Arpin, gave the school a chance to help in a temperance effort during one meeting. The town is already commencing its campaign to keep Arpin dry.

South Wisconsin

Harvest Ingathering Report

| | Mem. Working | No. Papers | Receipts |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|----------|
| Appleton | 12 | 119 | \$37 03 |
| Bethel | 14 | 204 | 18 36 |
| Berlin | 6 | 56 | 10 80 |
| Chippewa Falls | 3 | 34 | 16 60 |
| De Bello | 11 | 32 | 8 47 |
| Eau Claire | 45 | | 132 85 |
| Fish Creek | 11 | 10 | 2 25 |
| Fond du Lac | 29 | 123 | 94 50 |
| Grand Rapids | 1 | 5 | 7 50 |
| Hundred Mile Grove | 4 | 56 | 11 11 |
| Kenosha | 5 | 14 | 3 15 |
| Madison | 29 | 900 | 237 26 |
| Marshfield | 9 | 4 | 40 |
| Milton Junction | 12 | 37 | 4 08 |
| Milwaukee (German) | 18 | 278 | 85 44 |
| Portage | | | 17 20 |
| Poy Sippi (Eng.) | 1 | 10 | 2 00 |
| Raymond | | | 7 00 |
| Sheboygan | 66 | 539 | 89 53 |
| Sparta | 1 | 21 | 3 20 |
| Waterloo | 2 | 30 | 5 05 |
| Wausau | 4 | 68 | 13 35 |
| Individual | 2 | | 5 00 |

Have a heart that never hardens, a temper that never tires, and a touch that never hurts.—*Charles Dickens*

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Walderly Academy Items

Our school received rich spiritual blessings from the elders' meeting that was in session here from November 23 to 26.

Elder Christian was with us to give his counsel in laying plans for the work of our new conference. He gave several talks, our students finding those given Thursday evening and Sabbath especially helpful. Nearly every person in the crowded chapel on Sabbath expressed himself as pledging entire consecration to God and His work.

Professor Russell's accounts of how the school work is progressing throughout our Union were given the most interested attention. Friday evening he gave an inspiring talk on the subject of "Prayer."

Brother Blosser was with us to represent the book work. His last address to our students emphasized the need of responsible young people for our work.

Brother Mace recounted many encouraging incidents in connection with our home missionary work. We shall long remember his reading, "The Lord Had a Job for Me."

The workers of our own conference were here to represent their respective lines of work and become acquainted with our school. Elder Irwin was the last to leave, having personally directed the entire program.

Nor did our blessings stop with things spiritual. Some very practical temporal helps were the gift of one brother of means, installing a complete water system in the girls' dormitory; the pledging of fifty dollars by workers and friends of the school to furnish an engine for pumping the water; and the gift of a two hundred pound box of books which Brother Mace is shipping us from South Bend.

We have already raised more than seventy dollars during the Harvest Ingathering campaign and are of good courage in working toward our goal.

Our latest student to date is Melvin Rosen of Clear Lake, who was enrolled last Tuesday.

The Misses Waterbury and Miss Alice Scott were fortunate in having their fathers here as delegates to the elders' meeting.

News Items

We are favored this week with the help of Brethren Mace, Blosser and Russell. Brethren Mace and Irwin visited Bear Lake, Ashland, Washburn, and Superior. Brethren Blosser and Shepard visited Bone Lake, Fred-eric, and Webster, and Brethren Copeland and Russell are visiting Clear Lake and Bashaw Lake.

We received an order from the missionary secretary at Merrill for eight weekly subscriptions to the weekly *Signs*. This is an example worthy of imitation by other secretaries.

Brother Claude Morris writes: "I am out in the field again and the Lord has blessed my effort. I am very thankful for this, also for the good experiences I had last week. I will mention one. I came to a well-to-do

farmer's home, and thought it would be a good place to leave the truth. I asked the Lord to open the way and give me wisdom in presenting the book. The man did not seem to pay much attention to the canvass, so I had to leave without the order. I walked on about a quarter of a mile, and was busy giving another canvass when the gentleman's little boy (whom I had previously canvassed) came in and told me that his father would like to see me. I returned to their home, feeling that the Lord had answered my prayer; which He had, as the man told me he had changed his mind and would take the book in the half-morocco binding. I think this proves to us that the Lord is the chief worker in the canvassing work."

Now is the time to renew subscriptions to our periodicals, as the price will be raised January 1. Any subscriptions received previous to that time can be renewed at the present rate.

Brother Elmer Erickson, who is canvassing in Lincoln County for "Great Controversy," writes that he is having many good experiences, and the Lord is blessing the work in that field.

We are glad to receive reports from our Sabbath schools, all getting their report in on time except three. Let each of our schools ask the question, "Were we late?" From these reports we are able to see the advancement of our work both in perfect attendance and in the amount raised for missions. Let us push as we have never pushed before to make this quarter the banner quarter of this year in the number of souls won for the kingdom as well as the amount raised for missions.

Thus far we have eight schools, six church schools and two family schools. From the reports that have come excellent work is being done and a good spirit is manifest in each school. Most of these schools have organized a junior Missionary Volunteer Society. We trust that the people of the Lake Union will remember our work before the throne of grace.

In the plans for the week of prayer almost every church in the conference has been visited by a conference worker, and encouraging reports are coming in to the office as the result of these meetings.

The tract society still has a good supply of Harvest Ingathering *Signs*.

We have just received this note from the Washburn church: "Rejoice with us. Our thermometer is quite badly broken. We have gathered in over seventy dollars and the end is not yet." Last year the Washburn church collected about eighteen dollars, and a large part of this money was the work of a minister there. This year they have no minister, but after careful consideration they decided to set their goal at sixty dollars, and this is the result.

This paragraph was taken from a letter of a sister who has been doing a little work with the Home Circle Library prospectus. "I have delivered all the books. My daughter took part of the orders. She went out with the prospectus twice when I was ill. I lost one order on account of sickness, but found a buyer for the book right away. I have received so much blessing from the work, and so many openings for more work if I were to stay."

Brother J. A. Swenson, who has been laboring near Prentice, called at the office one day this week. He is

visiting the Scandinavian churches at Ashland and Washburn during the week of prayer.

There are still some unpaid pledges in the office, and we feel anxious that all of these shall be paid before the close of the year, if possible, that we may be able to raise the full twenty-cents a week in this conference.

Indiana Conference

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

November

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Beechwood Academy News Notes

The week of prayer meetings are being held at the academy and much blessing is resulting from the renewed consecrations of the students. The meetings are being held at the chapel hour so that the students from outside the Home may have the benefit of the services also.

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated at the school in an unostentatious but pleasing way. School was in session during the forenoon, closing a little early. Dinner was served in the dining-room for students, teachers, and guests. The afternoon was spent on the lawn in games and happy relaxation. Among those who were at the school were Elder and Mrs. Westworth, Miss Shepard, Mr. G. F. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee, Mr. and Mrs. Ridgeway and family, and a number of the parents of the resident students, besides several of the friends and neighbors.

We are being blessed with such beautiful fall weather that the boys and girls can still work and play out of doors without discomfort.

In view of the much-discussed coal famine, we feel very satisfied with our coal pile and the weather, which is helping it to last. The coal was purchased last summer at just half what it costs now. This, together with the nice supply of potatoes and apples in

the basement, helps us to look on the bright side of the "high cost of living" cloud.

The second semester opens the 17th of January. At that time several classes will organize. Bookkeeping, Botany, Civics, opening at that time, present an opportunity for spending the winter in profitable study. Arithmetic, any of the Bible and History Classes and Literature may be entered to advantage. Those who plan to enter at that time would do well to come when school opens after the holidays, January 3, in order to get a good start. At that time a new month begins. Further information will be given on request.

Nearly all of the students are planning to be at home during the holiday vacation which begins December 20.

The radiators are being put in shape, so we hope that wet ceilings and cold rooms will be things of the forgotten past. The settling of the building had put some of them out of line and they had to be straightened and adjusted.

Southern Illinois Conference

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Pledging and Paying

At camp meeting and other times when appeals are made for the different branches of the work; many are moved upon by God to make pledges to answer the calls made. It surely is pleasing to God to see His people manifest such a liberal spirit in giving their means to support His work in the earth. Many pledge who do not have it in hand at the time the call is made, but trust in God to help them earn it so they can pay on or before the promised time. It is right to make vows or pledges as stated in the Bible: "Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about Him bring presents unto Him that ought to be feared." Ps. 76:11. There are those among us who do not get out to camp meetings and other gatherings where calls are made, and consequently make no pledges or large gifts to the cause of God. The following given us through the Spirit of prophecy covers this class: "The followers of Christ should not wait for thrilling missionary appeals to arouse them to action. If spiritually awake, they would hear in the income of every week, whether much or little, the voice of God and of conscience, with authority demanding the tithes and offerings due the Lord.—*Testimonies, Vol. IV, p. 474.*

The giving of pledges is but the beginning, though, of our duty. It is a solemn and sacred matter to make a pledge to the cause of God. This is plain from the following scriptures: "If a man vow a vow unto the Lord, or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth" (Num. 30:2); "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin, neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?" (Eccl. 5:6); "It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make enquiry" (Prov. 20:25); "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which

is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a freewill offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth." (Deut. 23 : 21-23).

Some, after pledging, excuse themselves in some way from paying. Let all such be admonished by the counsel of the Spirit: "God works through human instrumentalities; and whoever shall awaken the consciences of men, provoking them to good works and a real interest in the advancement of the cause of truth, does not do it of himself, but by the Spirit of God which worketh in him. Pledges made under these circumstances are of a sacred character, being the fruit of the work of the Spirit of God.

"But when the immediate presence of the Spirit of God is not so vividly felt, and the mind becomes exercised in the temporal concerns of life, then they are tempted to question the force of the obligation which they voluntarily assumed; and, yielding to Satan's suggestions, they reason that undue pressure was brought to bear upon them, and they acted under the excitement of the occasion; that the demand for means to use in the cause of God was overstated; and that they were induced to pledge under false pretenses, without fully understanding the subject and therefore they wish to be released. Have ministers the power to accept their excuses, and say, 'you shall not be holden to your pledge; you are released from your vow?' If they venture to do this, they become partakers of the sin of which the withholder is guilty." —*Testimonies, Vol. IV, pp. 473-474.*

Every year there are pledges made to the church or conference which are not paid. Many pledges have been made this year and a number have been paid but let us make a special effort to redeem every unpaid pledge which is due this year before Jan. 1, 1917. The cause needs the money and we need the blessing coming from keeping our vows.

E. F. PETERSON

West Frankfort

We closed our tent meeting in West Frankfort, October 29. The results were not all that we hoped for, but we are glad to report that three adults took their stand for the truth. We organized a Sabbath school of ten members. Sabbath, November 25, I visited this company again and four adults went forward in the ordinance of baptism. Those who have taken their stand are seeking others and have several more interested in the principles of present truth. I was connected with the tent effort and could not go out in the Harvest Ingathering until November. I have visited Herron, Marion, and Vienna. At the last named place I received \$15 which nearly completes my goal. While at Vienna the believers were organized into a Sabbath school numbering thirteen. Pray for the work in this part of the field.

C. W. CURTIS

News Notes

Elder P. C. Hanson writes that two persons were baptized at Bloomington November 4, and with two others were taken into the church there.

Elder C. W. Curtis, in a recent letter, says there are

four to be baptized at West Frankfort as a result of the work done there by Elder Nethery and himself.

Brother E. Jackson, a former canvasser in this conference, was visiting friends in Springfield recently.

Brother Van Fossen spent some time with Brother Ora Morse, of Centralia, in getting him started in the colporteur work. We are sure his friends will watch his reports with interest.

Miss Grace Evans has been visiting our church schools at Centralia, DuQuoin, and Carterville.

Brother Fred Lewis, of Peoria, is a new recruit to our corps of canvassers.

Now are the harvest days for the home workers who have either the Home Circle Library Prospectus or the World's Crisis Library Prospectus. Are there not some others who would like to take up this work? These prospectuses speak for themselves. We have a very helpful little leaflet entitled "Small Books as Soul Winners," containing testimonies relating to this work and some very helpful suggestions concerning how to go at it. We will be glad to send this to any who request it.

Obituaries

PETERSON.—Johannes G. Peterson was born in Eastergothland, Sweden, Aug. 20, 1865, and died Sept. 5, 1916, at Battle Creek, Mich., where he had lived for over twenty years. He accepted the faith under the labors of Elder A. O. Tait, and has been a faithful supporter of the third angel's message for many years. He leaves two brothers, one sister, and an aged mother to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted at the Tabernacle by Elder Blake and the writer.

R. A. HART

ROOSE.—Margaret Henson was born in Leadville, Co., Dec. 14, 1882. She died at Orleans, Mich., Oct. 6, 1916. She leaves a husband, three children, and other relatives to mourn. She was a faithful devoted Christian and though she was isolated she had a Sabbath school in her home attended by several of her neighbors. Her faithful efforts will be remembered and God will reward her. Words of comfort were spoken from Job 23:10. She sleeps in the Orleans Cemetery, awaiting the Life-giver's call.

WM. GUTHRIE

HERRON.—Missouri T., wife of John Herron, was born in Rockland, Ky., March 28, 1827, of French Huguenot stock. She was married to Mr. Herron in 1855 at Brookston, Ind., where she resided till a few years ago. Six children were born to this union, three of whom yet live. Her husband died in 1863. She accepted the third angel's message in about 1887 under the labors of Elders J. M. Resse and J. S. Shrock and ever remained true to the same. She quietly fell asleep Sept. 24, 1916, aged 89 years, 5 months and 26 days.

W. A. YOUNG

BLOUM.—Mrs. Catherine Bloum was born in Belmont, Alsace Lorraine, Nov. 7, 1827, and died Oct. 21, 1916, aged 88 years, 11 months, and 13 days. Together with her husband she came to America in 1864. Their first home was at Ottawa, Ill. In 1868 they moved to L'Erable, and in 1872 to Irwin. In 1895 they moved to Kankakee where she lived and was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church until her death. In 1875 she accepted the third angel's message under the labors of Elders D. T. Bourdeau and R. F. Andrews. The present truth was her comfort and joy. She died with the firm belief in the soon-coming Saviour, and a hope in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. She leaves to mourn, a husband, one son, and other relatives and friends.

ADOLPH JOHNSON

MERRILL.—Russell, son of Brother and Sister Wm. Merrill, died at Covert, Mich., Nov. 17, 1916, aged two years. His winning ways made him a great favorite with all who knew him. His loved ones are comforted by the assurance of meeting him in the morning of the resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matt. 19:13-15; 18:10.

W. M. HERD

WILSON.—Lyman Wilson was born at Bowne, Mich., Aug. 7, 1859, and died at Bouer, Mich., Nov. 19, 1916, aged 57 years, 3 months, and 12 days. In May, 1886, he was married to Elizabeth Kautenberger at Bouer, Mich. To this union one girl was born. Brother Wilson had been in sympathy with the truth for many years, but not until two months before death did he fully surrender to the Lord. He sleeps in Jesus until the resurrection morning, awaiting the call of the Life-giver. The funeral which was largely attended, was held in the little home church at Bouer. Elder Wm. Guthrie spoke words of comfort, the writer assisting in the service.

W. H. SHERRIG

JENSEN.—Mrs. Kersten Jensen (*nee* Peterson) was born in Denmark, Jan. 1, 1848, and died at Oshkosh, Wis., Nov. 16, 1916. She came to America, a widow with two little children, in 1883, and that year was married to Jacob Jensen of Fremont, Wis. In 1884 they accepted the truths taught by Seventh-day Adventists, joining the Poy Sippi church, where they held membership until last April, when their membership was transferred to Oshkosh. Besides her faithful companion, Sister Jensen leaves to mourn, a daughter, a brother, two sisters, and other friends. We laid her to rest in the hope of meeting her on the resurrection morning.

P. A. HANSON

TOWER.—Laura L. Mallette was born at Ypsilanti, Mich., Feb. 18, 1829, and died at her daughter's, Mrs. O. E. Huston, Sept. 27, 1916, being 87 years, 7 months, and 9 days old. When thirteen years of age she moved with her parents to Barry County, and at sixteen years of age taught the first school at Woodland. In 1846 she was married to Harvey Tower, and to this union were born eleven children. Five sons and three daughters survive to mourn their loss. In 1875 Sister Tower and her husband accepted the third angel's message. He died ten years ago. Her amiable life and godly council will be greatly missed. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Ps. 116:15; Rev. 14:13, to a large and attentive congregation. Interment at Flower Creek Cemetery.

W. C. HEBNER

HUNT.—Nathan Hunt, son of Henry and Elizabeth Hunt, was born near Richmond, Ind., Sept. 3, 1835, and died at his home near Maxwell, Ind., Nov. 9, 1916, aged 81 years, 2 months and 5 days. Brother Hunt accepted present truth in 1888, and loved the message dearly. When Indiana was about to locate its academy, he offered a fine farm as a gift, if the school would locate at Maxwell. He, together with his wife spent some time in Battle Creek in 1894-95, attending classes in the ministers' school, of which Elder J. H. Durland was principal and the writer one of the teachers. He leaves to mourn, his companion, several children, and a large number of friends.

J. G. LAMSON

CARMAN.—Maria Louisa Potter died at her home near Potterville, Mich., Sept. 20, 1916, aged 87 years, 6 months, and 3 days. She was the devoted wife of Brother John F. Carman, now in his ninetieth year. She leaves a son and three daughters. The Carmans were pioneers in Eaton County, Michigan. The village of Potterville was founded by Sister Carman's parents. Brother and Sister Carman accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith in 1854, under the labors of Elder J. B. Frisbie. Their home became the stopping place of all the active, pioneer laborers among Seventh-day Adventists. One of the rooms in their commodious house became known as "Elder White's room." The funeral of this aged servant of the Lord was largely attended. A number of persons had a part in the exercises. Elder G. C. Tenney conducted the Scripture reading; Rev. Pohly,

Methodist, read the sketch; Congressman Smith, Rev. Van Auken, Presbyterian, and the writer made brief addresses. Sister Carman rests from the labors of an active, eventful life; her works do follow.

L. T. NICOLA

TRUESDALE.—Mary M., wife of Lewis M. Truesdale, died at Marion, Ind., Aug. 17, 1916, aged 65 years, 4 months, and 10 days. One daughter, and the husband yet remain. Sister Truesdale accepted present truth in 1895 and has continued faithful in her service in the church. Many friends and neighbors attended the funeral and burial. Truly we sorrow not as those who have no hope.

W. A. YOUNG

STRUBLE.—Lucretia Grinnell was born in Barre, New York, and died at her home in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Sept. 27, 1916, aged 73 years, 11 months, and 11 days. She leaves a life-companion, one son, and three daughters. She was truly a mother in Israel, having cared for many orphan children in her home. She fell asleep in full hope of a part in the first resurrection.

C. A. RUSSELL

BOYD.—Mrs. Ruth Campbell-Boyd died Oct. 11, 1916, at the home of her daughter, in LaFayette, Ind., at the age of 63 years, 11 months, and 6 days. In 1874 she was married to Howard Brooks and to this union were born three children who yet survive. A few years ago she married Nelson Boyd, who remains to mourn his loss. She gave her heart to the Lord at an early age, in Michigan under the labors of Elder J. O. Corliss. She was laid away at Battle Ground, Ind., to await the call of the Life-giver.

W. A. YOUNG

VERZAIN.—Alex Verzain was born in Vetre, France, Aug. 25, 1831, and died October 24, 1916, aged 85 years, 1 month, and 28 days. In 1851 he came to New York state, and two years later to Ottawa, Ill. He was a charter member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Ottawa, and was a faithful attendant. He was married Sept. 26, 1867, to Martha M. Lawrence. To this union were born seven children. He leaves to mourn, a wife, five sons and one daughter. During the last summer he learned to read, which was a great enjoyment to him. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Matt. 13:44-46.

J. C. HARRIS

Before God's footstool to confess

A poor soul knelt and bowed his head.

"I failed!" he cried. The Master said,

"Thou didst thy best—that is success."

Business Notices

WANTED.—A neat Seventh-day Adventist man and wife who can milk, and do general farm work. A good opportunity and home for the right ones. Reference required. For particulars write Mrs. M. Boettcher, R. F. D. 1; Mosinee, Wis.

WANTED.—To rent a farm on shares, with church privileges; would like church school privileges also. Take possession in the spring. Wisconsin preferred. Louis Specht, Stoughton, Wis.

WESSON COOKING OIL.—Five gallon cans, \$7.50; two cans \$14.00; Snowdrift shortening (solid) \$9.50 per 60-pound case (5, 10, or 20 pound pails) f. o. b. Chicago. Apply for prices in barrels and half barrels. Prices subject to change without notice. Adelphian Mercantile Co., Holly, Mich.

WANTED.—Single man to work on stock farm by the month or year. Must be industrious, good milker, and used to general farming. Address M. F. Madigan, R. F. D. 2, Lodi, Wis.

WORK WANTED.—Sister A. J. McDowell of Leslie, Mich., would like work in a factory or as a domestic. Her son fourteen years old also desires work. He can do type-writing or farm work. He would like to arrange to work where he can go to school if possible. If you are in need of help, please give this your attention. Wm. Guthrie.

FOR SALE.—On account of poor health, will sell my 87 acre farm four miles from Marinette. Some sandy soil, some black with clay bottom, has a little slope. Good out-buildings. Good for dairying. Near good market, main hard road. Will sell with live stock and implements. Will sell cheap. H. F. Balke, R. F. D. 1, Marinette, Wis.

Chart of the Week

A double chart, painted on thin tough paper, showing the position of the week and the Sabbath in one hundred sixty different languages, giving the original terms used, and the English translation. A very valuable help in presenting the Definite Seventh Day; an argument that cannot be controverted. Size of each section 19x46 inches. Price postpaid 35 cents. Order through your tract society.

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending

December 1, 1916

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| R. J. Watson | BR | 38 | 8 | 26 00 | 4 50 | 30 50 |
| P. R. March | BR | 17 | 9 | 27 00 | 1 00 | 28 00 |
| O. A. Morse | BR | 34 | 15 | 45 00 | 1 50 | 46 50 |
| Edward Drury | BR | 35 | 9 | 28 00 | 1 50 | 29 50 |
| Katherine Drury | BR | 39 | 31 | 96 00 | 10 70 | 106 50 |
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| †H. H. Clark | BR | 36 | 8 | 24 00 | 1 50 | 25 50 | |
| Paul Schuster | BR | 7 | 2 | 7 00 | | 7 00 | |
| E. V. Sykes | BR | 22 | 6 | 20 00 | 3 00 | 23 00 | 1 50 |
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| M. F. Madigan | BR | 22 | 12 | 41 00 | 25 | 41 25 | |
| Ferd. Passer | GC | 40 | 7 | 24 00 | 11 00 | 35 00 | 75 |
| Mrs. E. M. Bisbee | BR | 39 | 5 | 15 00 | 6 75 | 21 75 | 1 50 |
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| C. M. Joslin | PG | 20 | 2 | 6 00 | | 6 00 | 6 00 |
| *John E. Kidder | PG | 58 | 21 | 68 00 | 3 50 | 71 50 | 12 50 |
| J. T. Worrell | BR | 43 | 8 | 24 00 | | 24 00 | 4 00 |
| Lucene Wright | BR | 2 | 7 | 21 00 | | 21 00 | |
| Robt. Boothby | BR | 24 | 5 | 17 00 | 70 | 17 70 | |
| | | 157 | 43 | 136 00 | 4 20 | 140 20 | 22 50 |

Northern Illinois

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| D. J. Graham | BR | 24 | 7 | 22 00 | 1 00 | 23 00 | |
| A. M. Tatton | BR | 22 | 6 | 19 00 | 4 25 | 23 25 | |
| E. A. Rideout | GC | 40 | 10 | 32 00 | 3 75 | 35 75 | |
| W. J. Harris | BR | 50 | 11 | 32 00 | 50 | 32 50 | |
| G. D. Bennett | HW | 17 | 11 | 10 25 | | 10 25 | |
| | | 136 | 34 | 105 00 | 9 50 | 114 50 | |

North Michigan

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| C. Jack Mitchell | BR | 23 | 9 | 28 00 | | 28 00 | |
| A. P. Fridav | BR | 42 | 24 | 72 00 | | 72 00 | |
| F. R. Johnson | BR | 9 | 8 | 24 00 | | 24 00 | |
| | | 74 | 41 | 124 00 | | 124 00 | |

North Wisconsin

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| *Elmer Erickson | GC | 69 | 3 | 9 00 | 10 00 | 19 00 | |
| C. A. Peterson | BR | 3 | | | | | 3 00 |
| Claude Morris | BR | 24 | 10 | 32 00 | 1 50 | 33 50 | |
| | | 96 | 13 | 41 00 | 11 50 | 52 50 | 3 00 |

*Two weeks †Week ending Nov. 24

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| | | 1357 | 444 | 1247 65 | 107 60 | 1355 25 | 394 25 |
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Report of Home Missionary Work for the Third Quarter 1916

| | E. Mich. | Indiana | N. Ill. | N. Mich. | N. Wis. | S. Ill. | S. Wis. | W. Mich. | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| Number of Churches | | | | | 30 | 30 | | 71 | 131 |
| Membership | 343 | 1734 | | 1000 | 652 | 748 | | | 4477 |
| Number reporting | 49 | 672 | 68 | 118 | 22 | 170 | 306 | 103 | 1508 |
| Churches holding mission meetings | | | | | 2 | | | | 2 |
| On Sabbath | | | | | | 4 | | | 4 |
| On fourth Sabbath | | | | | | 10 | | | 10 |
| Isolated members reporting | | 300 | | 4 | 1 | 155 | | | 459 |
| Letters written | 70 | 271 | 218 | 159 | 6 | 325 | 391 | 154 | 1594 |
| Letters received | 39 | 88 | 138 | 86 | 1 | 128 | 160 | 76 | 716 |
| Missionary visits | 260 | 474 | 2128 | 250 | 27 | 351 | 786 | 434 | 4710 |
| Bible readings | 60 | 165 | 529 | 60 | 15 | 104 | 225 | 102 | 1260 |
| Subscriptions taken | 7 | 36 | 109 | 31 | | 104 | 272 | 27 | 586 |
| Papers sold | 1886 | 777 | 735 | 332 | 36 | 635 | 4633 | 159 | 9193 |
| Papers mailed loaned or given away | 4167 | 4479 | 4666 | 2025 | 384 | 3666 | 8483 | 2640 | 30510 |
| Books sold | 119 | 804 | 262 | 85 | 2 | 281 | 646 | 47 | 2246 |
| Books loaned or given away | 150 | 170 | 205 | 124 | 14 | 297 | 763 | 94 | 1817 |
| Tracts sold | 26 | 366 | 568 | 163 | | 49 | 454 | 53 | 1679 |
| Tracts loaned or given away | 4148 | 2455 | 9724 | 589 | 161 | 1765 | 5258 | 1294 | 25394 |
| Hours of Christian help work | 269 | 745 | 2019 | 466 | 55 | 400 | 898 | 468 | 5320 |
| Articles of clothing given away | 287 | 140 | 499 | 119 | 24 | 461 | 644 | 63 | 2237 |
| Number of meals provided | 115 | 43 | 218 | 92 | 5 | 274 | 628 | 140 | 1515 |
| Treatments given | 5 | 166 | 686 | 22 | 11 | 196 | 119 | 33 | 1238 |
| Signers for temperance pledge | 2 | 11 | 21 | 4 | 2 | 155 | 9 | 27 | 231 |
| Offerings for home missions | 57 96 | 16 53 | 116 78 | 43 46 | 20 83 | 24 25 | 97 61 | 51 76 | 429 18 |
| Number of conversions | 12 | 5 | | | | 5 | 25 | 7 | 54 |
| Subscriptions to Present Truth | 84 | | | | | | | | 84 |
| Boquets of flowers given away | 70 | 18 | | 14 | | 5 | | 6 | 113 |

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Mrs. Lou Kirby Curtis Editor

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

The Morning Watch

Thousands are observing the Morning Watch. Other thousands would be doing so could they but once experience the peace and sweetness that comes to the one holding communion alone with God. No soul can grow strong to resist temptation without prayer. No one can hope to become a successful soul-winner without power for witnessing. Prayer is power. Through it the human instrument connects with the dynamo of heaven. The Master Mechanic turns on the current and the human instrument on earth charged with power, moves in direct obedience to His will.

The invitation of our Father; the example of our Elder Brother; the longings of our own soul all constitute a mighty appeal to prayer. What more fitting time for quiet uninterrupted heart communion than the early morning prayer? The cares and burdens of yesterday forgotten; the duties of today before us. We must have guidance and power. "Ask and ye shall receive." "Ye have not because ye ask not." "Ye ask and receive not because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." "If we ask anything according to His will He heareth us."

As a reminder in the absence of the Morning Watch; nothing equals the Morning Watch Calendar with its beautiful gem from the treasure house for each day. For the year 1917 these gems are all selected from that sweetest of all hymnals, the Book of Psalms. Not only do we expect every one of our Volunteers to secure a calendar before the beginning of the new year, but every home among our people should have this little treasure-trove of inspirational memory gems. The new calendar is ready for delivery and may be ordered in the regular way. Price five cents. Why not every church elder take it up with the members of his church and place an order thus early so that the new year may be started right.

C. A. RUSSELL

College

The week of prayer is bringing many rich blessings from the Lord. Nearly every student has dedicated or rededicated his life to the finishing of the Master's work. Many definite victories over sin have been obtained.

Elder Meade MacGuire has been with us this week. His earnest words have helped many to get a better understanding of the love of God and how to let Christ live in them the life which is free from sin.

The following students are entering school at the beginning of the winter term: Erma Henise, Ethel Harrison, Oliver King, Ruth Johnson of Barber Mills, Ind., and E. Yosef Myers of Kingston, Jamaica.

Cy De Vry, the man who has charge of the Lincoln Park Zoo of Chicago, will give the first number on the lecture course the evening of Dec. 16.

Elder W. A. Westworth stopped at the College a few hours Wednesday.

A goodly number of our young men have gone to the churches near by in West Michigan and Northern Indiana.

Notice to Sabbath School Workers

All who have satisfactorily completed the study of any part or all of the studies of the present series of the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course are entitled to a certificate. Only three requirements are necessary:

1. Send your name and address to your conference Sabbath school secretary.

2. State whether or not you have completed the three studies included in the course. If you have not taken all the studies, name those which you have taken. The three studies are as follows: "The Seven Laws of Teaching," "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," Training Course Articles in the *Sabbath School Worker*.

3. Write a short paragraph setting forth the points on each study which have been of greatest help to you.

The Certificate is issued in Washington, and the above information must be sent to the General Conference Sabbath School Secretary that the Certificate may properly be made out.

Three Necessary Books

"There are three books which I think every Christian ought to possess.

"The first, of course, is the Bible. I believe in getting a good Bible, with a good plain print.

"Then next I would advise you to get a Cruden's Concordance.

"Thirdly, a Topical Text Book. These books will help you to study the Word of God with profit. If you do not possess them, get them at once; every Christian ought to have them."—D. L. Moody in "Pleasure and Profit in Bible Study," pages 53, 54.

The above statement may be used by colporteurs for "Bible Readings" with profit. Cut it out and paste it in your prospectus to use when occasion offers itself.

C. J. TOLF

"The logbook of Columbus is said to have borne repeatedly the entry: 'This day we sailed on.' That is all. Behind lay defeat; ahead lay hope; aboard ship seethed distrust. In the face of fear and suspicion and tradition Columbus sailed on. The lesson is one for life."