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

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An Important Matter

The *Liberty* magazine for the first quarter of 1917 contains the decision of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, granting full religious liberty to our people. It also contains the arguments which were made before that court, setting forth our views upon religious liberty. This is the first decision of a supreme court which has recognized our religious rights under the Constitution to work or carry on merchandising on Sunday. This important decision ought to be placed in the hands of every judge and lawyer in the country.

Almost all of our conferences have a limited amount of religious liberty funds on hand, and so are unable to send this special issue to all of these prominent men of the legal profession. Let all our people plan to give a liberal offering on Religious Liberty Day,—the fourth Sabbath in February, so that the conferences can do this important work. Cannot some of the churches, home missionary societies, and young people's societies undertake this work locally? The *Review and Herald* has the names and addresses of all these men in every State, and will mail this special number of *Liberty* to individual addresses at 5 cents per copy.

The *Liberty* magazine is doing a wonderful amount of good in molding public sentiment and breaking down legal barriers and prejudice. Now as never before is our opportunity to work. Now is the time to become a subscriber for *Liberty*, as the special club rates are offered, enabling subscribers to secure a yearly *Liberty* magazine subscription at 25 cents.

C. S. LONGACRE

In Tune With God

"All stringed instruments quickly get out of tune. The action of the atmosphere, and the constant vibration in playing, relax the strings so that they need to be retuned very often, sometimes many times a day.

"Man is like a violin. He soon gets out of tune with God. The wear and tear of life, and the demoralizing atmosphere which sin creates, so affect his disposition that he needs to be brought into harmony with God every morning. It is not surprising, when we consider the subtlety of sin and the weakness of the flesh; rather it is 'strange that a harp of a thousand strings should keep in tune so long.'

"Nothing else will bring the believer into touch with God as soon as a little taste of the divine Word. For devotional purposes the Psalms are perhaps the best, because they cover so wide a range of experience. Here we find aspiration and confession, joy and sorrow, adoration and praise. Here we behold the calm confidence which grows out of a sublime faith: 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.' Again, we meet the bitter anguish which comes from ingratitude or unrequited love; or the ecstasy of sins forgiven, as

He Knows

I know not what will befall me!
God hangs a mist over my eyes;
And o'er each step of my onward path
He makes new scenes to rise,
And every joy, He sends me comes
As a sweet and glad surprise.

I see not a step before me,
As I tread the days of the year;
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His mercy shall clear;
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near.

For perhaps the dreaded future
Has less bitterness than I think;
The Lord may sweeten the water
Before I stoop to drink;
Or, if Marah must be Marah,
He will stand beside the brink.

It may be there is waiting
For the coming of my feet
Some gift of such rare blessedness,
Some joy so strangely sweet,
That my lips can only tremble
With the thanks I cannot speak.

O restful, blissful ignorance!
'Tis blessed not to know;
It keeps me quiet in those arms
Which will not let me go,
And hushes my soul to rest upon
The bosom which loves me so.

So I go on not knowing;
I would not if I might;
I would rather walk in the dark with God,
Than go alone in the light;
I would rather walk with him by faith,
Than walk alone by sight.

My heart shrinks back from trials
Which the future may disclose,
Yet I never had a sorrow
But what the dear Lord chose;
So I send the coming tears back
With the whispered word, "He knows!"

—Selected

"It is better to let God hold us than to try to hold on to Him."

in Psalm 32; or the passionate plea for mercy, in Psalm 51; or the shout of triumph, in Psalm 68. It is doubtful whether there is any experience in life for which we cannot find a duplicate in the Psalter, and, noting how the man after God's own heart behaved in similar emergencies, we are unconsciously led into the same feeling."

Could any words be more appropriate as an introduction to another admonition to procure the Morning Watch Calendar and form the Morning Watch *habit*? For your own soul's sake, and for others' sake, we again invite you. For the joy and comfort, for the strength and victory, and for the added power for service that will come to you we *urge* you to make haste.

"Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong, Or others, that we are not always strong?"

True, the year has already begun. Wait till next year to begin? Wait? Does any one dare say that? Another year without the joy of daily fellowship with Him? To some who read these lines it is "now or never."

M. E. KERN

East Michigan Conference

Office Address, Holly, Mich.
President, A. J. Clark

The New Year

We are just commencing a New Year, and I wish to express my appreciation for your cooperation in the year that has just closed, and have you with me consecrate yourself anew for the mighty task that we have before us in the finishing of the work, and to make the year 1917 the best year of all our experience.

We enter upon the new year with the opportunity to give our message to the world unmolested, free from the hand of persecution, and in a nation that is at peace with the other nations of the world. Our Heavenly Father is certainly gracious to us in giving us these named blessings. Little do we know, however, how long these blessings will be ours. It may be that the year that we are just entering will mark the beginning of the time of trouble to the people of God. Can we not enter heartily into the work and make it truly our business during this year to give this third angel's message to our friends and neighbors? Can we not make our business—our home cares, our farms, or in whatever we may be engaged in this world for a livelihood—really a secondary thing in our life, and can we not consecrate our lives and our means as we never have before to the work of God?

We surely are near the end. It is true that we have heard this statement for years, but, brethren and sisters, it was never as true as it is today, and may the Lord impress this upon our minds. Can we not make it a definite thing in our lives this year that we will study the Testimonies more than we have in the past, and that we will be more faithful in the study of the Word of God? If we have been negligent in the payment of our tithes, can we not during this year be more faithful along this line? Can we not make the mission fund a systematic benevolence in our lives, giving systematically every week a certain sum for the furtherance of this work? It is my earnest wish

that you may all have a very prosperous and happy new year, and an experience in the things of this message deeper than that which you have ever enjoyed. I wish to solicit your prayers that the Lord will bless in the directing of the work, and that we at the office may be able to say that we see the desire of our hearts for our field.

Let us remember all the workers connected with the work, and also pray for our children and the young people in our field,—let us prepare to meet our God.

A. J. CLARK

East Michigan Volunteers

What Do You Say?

When Henry Martyn landed on the shores of India, he made this entry in his journal, "I desire to burn out for my God." Are we so fired with zeal, as youthful soldiers of that grand army known as God's "peculiar people," that we are ready to "burn out" for our God?

The three so-called greatest maxims in the philosophy of human life are said to have been uttered by the great Greek, Socrates, when he said, "Know thyself," by the illustrious Roman, Marcus Aurelius, when he said, "Control thyself," and by the greatest Commander of the forces of the universe, the Redeemer of mankind, who gave up His precious life for you and for me, when He said, "Deny thyself." This is the divine command.

Let me ask just three questions of each one of you, my young friends, you who have enlisted as volunteers under the Great Commander. Do you know your *real* self? Are you controlling yourself? Are you *denying yourself*, for Jesus' sake?

Many of the loyal veterans in this noble army, who are triumphantly marching on to victory in **Christ**, can answer these questions in the affirmative. I now have in mind one dear self-sacrificing old lady in one of the churches in our conference who has been definitely proving this by her faithful Christian activity as expressed in soliciting offerings for foreign missions during many years. She has been enjoying special blessings in return for active service in the Harvest Ingathering campaign even the past few months, notwithstanding the fact that she is in her ninety-first year. One day, not long ago, she was called to the funeral of a relative in another town. And what did this dear old lady do but take a bundle of Harvest Ingathering *Signs* under her arm and distribute them on the trains as she was going and returning from that funeral! Oh, young people, are we alert to our unbounded privileges? Are we, who are in the best years of our life, physically speaking, as wide awake to every opportunity that presents itself to us for service? Let us prove that we are, by making every day of this new year count, as never before, for Christ and for the giving of the message God has so graciously entrusted to us. Nothing is to hinder the closing of this work—the proclaiming of "The Advent Message to the World in This Generation." "God's work must be done. If we are in the way, He will remove us," said Bishop Moore, and he was right. God grant that not one of us may get in His way, but may we each day pray our Heavenly Father in Jesus'

name to purely purge away our dross and take away all our sin, that we may constantly be unobstructed channels through which this present life-giving truth may flow on to all whom the influence of our lives touches.

Surely, this is a grand age in which we are living. If ever there was a time when the following words of the poet rang true, that time is right now:

"It is time to be brave,
It is time to be true,
It is time to be finding
The things *you* can do."

A fine letter from one of our Junior Volunteers recently reached the conference office, and I know you, too, will be interested in it. This letter, which has the real Seventh-day Adventist Missionary Volunteer ring reads thus:

"I promised at campmeeting I would save all my money. For tithes I had twenty-one cents. For missionary money I had two dollars and twenty-one cents. So altogether I had two dollars and forty-two cents. *I did not spend one cent for candy or gum.* I am eleven years old. I have sold two books and given away some of the *Little Friend and Instructor.*"

Your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary so much appreciates these letters. This is only one of the many encouraging ones. May she not hear personally from every Junior and Senior Volunteer before the month of January closes?

The East Michigan Conference Missionary Volunteer Department Goal for 1917 has just been worked out and sent to us from the Union office. Here it is:

STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT MEMBERS			
Junior, 22.....	Senior, 30.....	Total, 52	
VOLUNTEERS READING THE BIBLE THROUGH			
Junior, 44.....	Senior, 60.....	Total, 104	
READING COURSE CERTIFICATES			
Junior, 66.....	Senior, 90.....	Total, 156	
CONVERSIONS			
Junior, 55.....	Senior, 75.....	Total, 130	
OFFERINGS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS (Aside from Sabbath school offerings)			
Junior, \$350.....	Senior, \$950.....	Total, \$1,300	

You will note each item in our goal for 1917 is marked higher than for 1916, and this is as it should be, for "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us." At the Fall Council, it was decided to make the senior goal \$3 and the junior \$1.50, per member, the entire mission goal for the North American Division Conference Department of Missionary Volunteers being \$35,000, that of the Lake Union, \$7,700, and East Michigan's share of this as specified above.

"It takes a little courage,
And a little self-control,
And some grim determination
If you want to reach the goal."

Shall we not, as young people, be an encouragement of those who should be added to the splendid number already working along the various lines of our M. V. goal, will you not do all in your power to enlist them *at once*? How soon will you pay your part of the \$1,300? In other words, are you ready to "burn out for God" in praying, working, and giving for this

cause more and more each day of this new year, 1917? Shall we not, as young people, be an encouragement to those older "in the way" by our loyal support? Again, I ask, what do you say?

"At the end of life we shall not be asked how much pleasure we had in it, but how much service we gave in it; not how full it was of success, but how full it how love was served. Life is judged by love; and was of *sacrifice*; not how happy we were, but how helpful we were; not how ambition was gratified, but love is known by her fruits."—*Hugh Black.*

Let us hear from you.

E. LOIS CARMICHAEL

Concerning Our Colporteurs

Brother C. R. Lawrence writes: "I thank God for a part in this great work, although I feel unworthy. But as I give myself to Him, He gives me strength to work for others, and I know no better way to help others than to place the printed page into their hands. I am living in a place where there are all classes and nations represented, and I consider it a privilege to labor for them. I thank the Lord continually."

H. H. Clark writes concerning his first sale: "My first sale was made Monday. I had worked till noon and was refused entrance by one man. At the next house I found them at dinner. The man came to the door and in a hearty way invited me in, and also to dinner, for which I was very thankful. We discussed the affairs in which he was interested. As he rose to leave the table, I said, 'Well, now you are ready for me to state my business, I suppose,' and proceeded to canvass the man, his wife, daughter, and two children. During the canvass several more children, six in fact, came in from school, and all became interested quick in the pictures. The father saw their interest, and before I closed my canvass, asked my price. Turning immediately to the bindings, I explained prices, size, and time, and turning to his wife, asked if she did not want that for a Christmas present, at which the man said, 'We'll take it,' and so my first sale was made."

The following is a word from our brother, C. B. Graham: "Never before have I enjoyed the colporteur work as I do today. I feel grateful that I am permitted to have a small part in this great work. Oh, that many more would see the importance of laboring with Christ for the salvation of others. I am determined, with His help, to stand by the work, and triumph with the message."

E. V. Sykes, who is working in Detroit, writes: "I am glad I have a part in the colporteur work. While it may be a humble work, I find it a very effective way to get the message in the homes. I have just come back here to work, but I have had some precious experiences already, and found some souls hungering for a better knowledge of God's Word."

Brother Clarence Budd has joined our corps of workers and met with excellent success the first week out. We extend to him a hearty welcome and wish him much of God's blessing.

A. E. Miner, of Jackson, is planning to take up the work, too. I am sure that these two brethren will

greatly strengthen our forces, and that the angels are pleased to see new ones engage in the worthy work.

The Annual Colporteur's Institute will be held at Jackson this year. We are looking forward to this time, believing that great good will result from a study of the problems that come in the book work. Dear reader, do you feel that still small voice of duty calling you? I desire to get in touch with a number who want to do real missionary work. W. A. BERGHERM

Home Missionary Volunteer Convention

Jan. 5-7, 1917

A Home Missionary Volunteer Convention will be held at Durand, January 5-7, the opening service being set for Friday evening, at seven-thirty. The members of the following-named companies and churches are cordially invited to be present: Bancroft, Chapin, Chesaning, Corunna, Durand, Elsie, Fenton, Flint, Flushing, Greenbush, Hazelton, Howell, Linden, Maple Rapids, Ovid, Owosso, St. Johns, and Vernon. Let any others living in the vicinity of Durand attend, if possible. We want to see you. You are urged to come for the first meeting and to remain the full time.

This convention is for the purpose of considering the best methods for promoting all the lines of Home Missionary Volunteer campaign work in our conference. Come and help formulate workable plans for effectual missionary service.

O. M. KITTLE
Home Missionary Sec'y;
E. LOIS CARMICHAEL
Missionary Volunteer Sec'y.

Have You Read the Bible Through?

If all those in the East Michigan Conference who finished reading the Bible through during 1916 send their names and addresses at once to the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, at Holly, Michigan, each will receive one of these beautiful William Miller Cards of Honor, and the names will be placed on the East Michigan roll of Bible Year members.

CONF. M. V. SEC'Y

Southern Illinois Conference

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President, E. F. Peterson

Our Conference Workers

Our conference workers are now located as follows: Elder C. W. Curtis at Centralia with work at several points south to look after; Elder E. N. Sargent at Peoria with the problem of developing the work there, the second city in the State; Elder P. C. Hanson and Miss Rika Wohlers at Bloomington with a growing interest to foster; Elder Louis Drews, our German minister at East St. Louis, just beginning work in our conference; Brethren C. J. Smith and J. O. Ferris at Witt to bind off the interest, also to begin work after January 1 at Hillsboro, Litchfield, or other near-by points; Miss Mary B. Craig at Decatur, holding Bible readings with considerable interest; Brother A. L. Van Fossen, with home address at Springfield, but busy in the field with our colporteurs; Miss Grace Evans, residing at Springfield, but

spending most of her time among the churches encouraging and developing the Sabbath schools, church schools, and Young People's Societies; Brother H. E. Moon, conference and tract society sec-treas., occupied in the many details connected with his work at the office; Mrs. R. A. Logan and Miss Mae Lewins our two stenographers kept busy at the office with correspondence, filling mail orders and renewal of magazine and periodical subscriptions. Our faithful colporteurs and church school teachers leading out in their chosen work we count as among the conference workers and will perhaps at some future time designate by name and location. The writer engages in whatever is necessary in office and field to develop the work along even lines, so that all phases of the work will receive proper attention.

As these workers labor and pray for definite results, may all of God's people unite in prayer and supplication for the crowning of their efforts with success.

E. F. PETERSON

Centralia Church School

We are wondering if the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD, especially those of the Southern Illinois Conference, would not be pleased to hear how our church school at Centralia is progressing. School began September 4, with Miss Cora Anderson as teacher. We had an enrollment of eight pupils to begin with, but now have ten. The Lord has blessed our efforts here and we feel to praise Him for it.

The school has more than doubled its goal in the Harvest Ingathering. Two days were given in which all the children could work with the papers. One day was spent in the city here, giving all the smaller ones an opportunity to work. The following week the teacher and some of the older ones drove to Sandoval (about six miles) and worked that place. Both days' work brought in a nice little sum for missions. At present the school has raised \$12.50. The Thanksgiving program was greatly enjoyed by the parents.

We appreciated the visits of Elders Peterson and Curtis, also Elder Drews of East St. Louis, during the week of prayer, each giving a talk to the children which was much appreciated.

We are so thankful for the church school. We are grateful to those who have helped us by their prayers and financially to get started here. We are still struggling with the little means to pay the teacher and other expenses of the school, and would be glad of assistance from any one who has a burden for the school.

This is our first attempt at carrying the burden alone. Last year the business was all done at Springfield. We are getting some good experiences, however, and the Lord is blessing. We want to thank the brethren and sisters who helped us and gave pledges at camp meeting, and wish them many rich blessings.

MRS. J. C. ALDRIDGE,
Sec'y of Board.

Witt

Another advance step was taken in the progress of the work at Witt, Sabbath, December 16. Nine per-

sons were baptized. As there was no place for baptism at Witt, we went to Hillsboro, ten miles distant, where we were allowed the use of the First Christian church through the courtesy of the pastor. There were five other candidates for baptism, but on account of illness and other circumstances they were compelled to wait until some future time.

Brethren C. J. Smith and J. O. Ferris will have charge of the work there for some time yet. A treasurer and missionary secretary were elected, however, and this, with the Sabbath school organization perfected some time ago, will provide for the work until it is deemed best to organize a church with a full corps of local officers. We shall look forward to the developing of a strong enduring work at Witt.

E. F. PETERSON

Northern Illinois Conference

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President, J. H. Schilling

The Moline Convention

The Home Missionary Convention held at Moline brought courage and hope to many hearts. There was a good attendance, and a deep interest manifested in the preaching and teaching that was done in the interest of the home missionary and young people's work.

The beautiful church building had been nicely decorated, and everything possible done by the church to arrange for the accommodation of many visitors from Aledo, Rockfalls, Davenport, and Galesburg.

I feel sure that the church of God is now entering a new movement, that of arising to finish the work by systematic, persevering, faithful house-to-house work; to hunt out and help the honest in heart to find the way that leads to eternal life.

Professor C. A. Russell cooperated strongly with the local conference workers in the effort, and his labors were much appreciated.

Other conventions are to be held at Streator, December 29-31; Aurora, January 12-14; Rockford, January 19-21.

C. J. TOLF

South Wisconsin Conference

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President, P. A. Hanson

Educational Work

It was my privilege to spend the week of prayer with the churches at Fort Atkinson, Moon, and the school of Bethel. I believe I can truthfully say this was one of the most pleasant weeks of prayer I have ever spent. We had well attended meetings at each of these places, and the Lord was near to us. The students at Bethel gathered twice daily for special meetings; in the morning for general meeting and in the evening for the reading and devotional service. It was a pleasure to meet with these young people and to be associated with them for a brief time during this annual occasion. On Friday, I visited the school at Moon. I found a good, substantial grade of work being done and a well-filled school. On Sabbath, when the annual offering was taken, \$59.32 was contributed. This was considerably more than the previ-

ous year and evidence to me that the brethren at Moon, like those of our companies in many other places, realize that the Lord is finishing the work. Besides visiting the churches at these places, I also took occasion to look into the work of the schools at Bethel and Fort Atkinson. I found things going nicely at each of these places. Our educational work seems to be on a good, solid foundation this year, and the Lord is greatly blessing in the work the teachers are doing for the children. I am glad to report at this time that the outlook for South Wisconsin reaching its Missionary Volunteer goal is very bright. It looked for a time a little doubtful about our one thousand dollars for missions from the young people's department, but two substantial gifts last week make the outlook very hopeful for this and other items of our goal. I hope our friends in South Wisconsin will hurry and place their orders for the new Morning Watch Calendar and enroll for the Bible Year, Morning Watch, Standard of Attainment, and the Reading Course for 1917. Let us make 1917 the banner year for South Wisconsin.

G. R. FATTIC

Oneida

Having covered the territory allotted us for the Harvest Ingathering work, we began a series of meetings on the Oneida Reservation, November 15. From the first the roads were very bad, but we were favored by a number of regular attendants. The interest has been good, with the average attendance about twenty-five. Several are seriously considering obeying the Lord at this writing. We are closing the meetings, and the work will be followed up for several weeks by house-to-house work. The outlook for the future here is encouraging, but the conditions are such that it requires much faith and patient labor to cause these souls to realize the importance of obeying God.

E. E. TROWBRIDGE

E. L. PETERSEN

News Items

The Sabbath school department of South Wisconsin decided to make the last thirteenth Sabbath of the year a \$2 day.

During the month of November the sales of our loyal colporteurs amounted to nearly \$1,000. This demonstrates that winter canvassing is a success.

Some new colporteurs have entered our ranks, Brother Ben Merickle of Oconomowoc and Brother and Sister Madigan of Lodi, Wis. They are enjoying many good experiences in their work.

Brother E. E. Franklin, while visiting at Sparta during the week of prayer, learned of three people keeping the Sabbath as a result of books placed this fall. Such experiences as this give our colporteurs courage to pursue their work with diligence.

The date of our annual Colporteur's Institute will be February 16-24. Announcements relative to this meeting will be made later.

A cheering report of Harvest Ingathering work comes from the little company at Neenah. Four people disposed of 185 papers and received \$25.

"Acts of the Apostles" would make a splendid gift. Red leather, \$2.

The new series, Present Truth, begins January 1, 25 cents per year. Order at once so as to begin with the first number.

The *Watchman* for January is out. Have you seen it? It is the best yet. \$1 per year.

We are pleased to tell you that seventeen young men and women earned scholarships the past summer in the South Wisconsin Conference. Six for Emmanuel Missionary College, five for Swedish Seminary, three for Bethel, two for Clinton German Seminary, and one for the Danish-Norwegian Seminary. Are you not glad?

The South Wisconsin Tract Society wishes at this time to thank one and all for their patronage and for their patience and kindness. We have made some mistakes but we are striving to reduce them to a minimum. We solicit your continued good will and prayers for the work at the office. Our aim and prayer is to do the work of God in such a way as to accomplish the most good. If you have any suggestions to make be free to do so, at the same time giving some idea of how they may be put into operation. We are very anxious to build up the work by right methods to that high standard set by God for all His work. We wish you one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

W. J. WALTER,
Sec. South Wis. Tract Society.

Bethel Institute

South Wisconsin Teachers' Institute was held at Bethel, December 19-21. I believe I speak advisedly when I say this institute was one of inspiration and help, and that every one that attended goes back to his field with renewed courage, determination, and spirit.

G. T. FATTIC

Madison Sanitarium News Notes

Miss Grace Jennings, who was formerly connected with the nurses' training school, has again taken up the same work.

Elder L. H. Christian made the sanitarium a short visit and spoke at the young people's meeting.

The cold weather has not chilled the Harvest Ingathering spirit in the sanitarium church and family. Over \$400 has been secured.

Mr. George A. Brown of Canada is spending the holidays with his wife who is a patient at the sanitarium.

Mr. P. L. Larson and Elder H. H. Hicks have been spending some time of late working in the interests of a free-from-debt-Bethel, Jan. 1, 1917, and are meeting with success.

News Notes

Brother Alfred Holland, of Beldenville, writes that early in the fall while soliciting in the Harvest Ingathering, a business man gave him fifty cents, but later on, seeing him in town, called him across the street and said, "I want to give you a dollar for missions." Such experiences are encouraging.

From Bashaw Lake comes the report that every Sabbath-keeper there is a reader of the *Review and Herald*. May this good work spread through the entire conference.

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President, J. J. Irwin

Clear Lake

There have been twenty-seven of our members out working with the Harvest Ingathering papers, and we have broken our thermometer quite badly. Our goal was \$72, which was \$2 per resident member, and we have about \$15 over that amount. Our mission funds show up nicely as we have reached our twenty-cents-per-week-per-member and some \$20 over, and we have the thirteenth Sabbath offering to come in yet. Our tithe is quite a little over \$600. Surely the Lord has done wonderful things for the Clear Lake church, and we are enjoying much of His blessing from the experiences which we have had.

CHRIS J. NELSON

Indiana Conference

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The 1917 S. S. Training Course

The new Sabbath School Training Course book, "Learning to Teach as the Master Taught," is ready for our Sabbath schools. Only thirty-five cents is the price, and each officer and teacher should order as soon as possible, as the course begins early in the new year.

Who does not wish to improve his work? Surely every conscientious person desires greater attainments, in order to do the work the Lord gives him to do, in the most influential way. It is with much satisfaction that we can bring to our Sabbath school people such a book as the one we are now to study. Who could be a higher example than its subject? Certainly *no one* can say the price is too large; for with this new book, the course still includes "Testimony Selections upon Sabbath School Work," which many already possess. Outlines of study will be found in the *Sabbath School Worker*, as usual.

"Learning to Teach as the Master Taught" is written in simple language, easy to understand, and is very interesting.

Do not let any one procrastinate in obtaining the books, even though not teaching at present. Many in our schools should be preparing for service, ready to take the places of those who must step out by and by. There is *so much* need of improvement in our teaching. More independence should be cultivated so that papers need not be in sight while teachers stand before their classes. Especially is this so while teaching the younger pupils. The Master used illustrations freely. We should seek to teach as He taught.

Will not superintendents *at once* work up this matter in their schools?

To delay means to forget, and this we can not

afford to do when we need so much the help the course affords. To those who shall faithfully pursue the course, an appropriate certificate will be granted. Let us think with candor upon our needs, and this opportunity.

MRS. LEE S. WHEELER,
State S. S. Sec.

Beechwood Academy Notes

All of the students, with two exceptions, are spending their holidays at home.

Mrs. Hitchcock is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents at Otter Lake, Mich.

Members of the faculty will visit some of the churches in Indiana during the vacation.

School will open seven-thirty Wednesday morning, January 3, and students should plan to reach the school Tuesday afternoon, the 2d.

Mr. Jesse E. Dortch has arrived at the school to work as stenographer in the office, and take some class work.

Some of the boys from the carpentry class have been tightening windows, and fixing doors to make the building more comfortable.

The average age of the Beechwood Academy students is seventeen. The average of the boys is seventeen and one-half, the average of the girls, sixteen and one-half.

A number of classes can be entered to advantage at that time. Any of the Bible classes, the general history, sight-singing, bookkeeping, botany, and other classes offer you an opportunity. Write to the school for further information.

Since the opening of school September 9, we have enrolled thirty-one students. Our actual membership on the closing day for the Christmas vacation was thirty-one students. Not one single student has left school for any cause whatever since school opened.

Professor Lamson will begin an evening class in the study of the Testimonies Wednesday evening, January 3, at seven-thirty. This class is open to members of the Boggstown church, and quite a number have signified their intention to be present. The first book to be studied will be Volume V.

The elders and the churches will soon receive letters from the school relative to the students' aid fund. We trust that the Indiana elders and leaders will cooperate fully in the efforts of this school to assist worthy students in Indiana to obtain a Christian education.

The church and Sabbath school at the academy have passed the 10 cents a week for the Sabbath school goal, and the 20 cents a week per member for the church, since the beginning of school. We have not reached our goal in the Harvest Ingathering.

Young man, young woman, do not waste the precious hours of this winter in staying around the fire at home doing nothing to prepare yourself to give this message to the world in this generation. Come to Beechwood on the 3rd of January and stay until spring, and use these hours and days in fitting yourself for higher service for the Master.

Maxwell

I am enjoying my school here again this year. The children seem to enjoy studying during these wintry

days while the snow flakes are dancing in the air.

All like the Junior Reading Course. We have finished two books and the pupils have written the reviews.

Our Harvest Ingathering goal has been passed. We are thankful for the many good experiences we had while out with the papers.

Our J. M. V. Society proves very interesting from week to week. The children are giving away papers and some have had missionary talks with their friends.

Truly this is a great work we have committed to us,—to train the youth for a place in God's cause.

IRENE PRESNALL

West Michigan Conference

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President, Wm. Guthrie

Appointments

The Lord willing, I will meet with the churches in West Michigan as follows:

Allegan, January 12-13. First service at 7:30 P. M. the 12th. Service the 13th at 10:30 and 1:30. Please bring lunches and remain for both services on Sabbath. Near-by churches are invited.

Glenwood, January 18, 19. First service at 7:30 P. M. the 18th. Services the 19th at 10:30 and 1:30. Come the 19th prepared to remain for both services. I shall be glad to have the friends of Decatur with us on the 19th if possible.

Otsego, January 14. Service at 10:30 A. M. and 1:30. I shall be glad to have as large an attendance as possible at both these meetings. Elder S. B. Horton will be with me at Allegan and Otsego.

WM. GUTHRIE

FOR SALE.—Farm consisting of 140 acres, 2 miles from Elkhart. Write to owner for particulars. Elsie A. Long-acre, R. F. D., Elkhart, Ind.

WANTED.—Single man for the winter to do chores and cut wood. Also two men to board themselves and cut wood. Address W. A. Ford, R. F. D. 1, Fenton, Mich.

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L. G. MOORE

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Since coming to this conference October 10, it has been my privilege to visit a number of churches and companies in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. By the help of the Lord, I was able to nearly double my goal of forty dollars in a very short time, besides having many interesting and profitable experiences.

We have been holding meetings at Barryton since October 26, and the Lord has blessed us here. I have baptized six dear souls and others expect to be baptized in the near future.

Brother Hugh Stearns has just been here to start Brother F. R. Johnson in the canvassing work. The Lord has blessed Brother Johnson since entering this work.

H. M. KELLEY

Mesick, Grant, Cleon, and Frankfort

I spent the first Sabbath of the week of prayer with the church at Mesick. There was a good attendance of all the brethren and sisters, and they entered heartily into the services. Separate meetings were held for the youth and children, and the Spirit of the Lord was present in a large measure in the children's meetings. The readiness with which they took part in their meetings indicated the effect that their splendid church school is having upon these young minds and hearts. Surely the brethren and sisters of the Mesick church have great reason to be thankful for the training their children are receiving in their church school. The churches that do not maintain such an institution for the training of their children are certainly taking great risks.

Monday morning I left Mesick and went to the Grant church. These brethren are a little out of the way in their location, geographically, and consequently do not have the privilege of a visit very often. They did appreciate my coming. They had the appointment well circulated and there was a good attendance at all the meetings both of the outsiders and the church members. The good Spirit of the Lord was present in all of the meetings and the outsiders took part in the services as well as our own people. There seems to be a good interest at this church and it is evident that

some meetings ought to be held there this winter if possible. They are also making a sacrifice to give their children the benefit of a church school training, and the school they have is well repaying them for their efforts in this direction.

From Grant I went to the church at Cleon and remained there two days. This is the old home of Elder J. J. Irwin, president of the North Wisconsin conference. Deaths and removals have reduced their numbers until there are very few left. We had some good meetings but the weather was very stormy so that the attendance was small. The brethren of this church are also calling for some meetings to be held at a place near where they think good would result.

The last Sabbath and Sunday of the week of prayer were spent with the Frankfort church. I found the brethren and sisters there in a very good condition spiritually. They are earnestly endeavoring to interest their neighbors in the message. They are getting results, and without doubt a public effort should be held in Frankfort soon. The services were all well attended and the Lord added His blessing. The church at Frankfort is unfortunate this year in not having a church school. It seemed too bad to see their neat, well-equipped school building not being used. It is to be hoped that they will unitedly begin to plan early so as to be sure of a school next year.

The work at Cadillac, my home, is onward. There were several new Sabbath-keepers as the result of the effort here last summer. Some began to keep the Sabbath as the result of reading the many full reports of our sermons in the daily papers. There is a Sabbath school here of between twenty-five and thirty members, and we expect to organize a church in the very near future.

F. J. HARRIS

Mio

God is still gathering out His people to scatter His truth. The latest new church to be organized is at Mio, Mich., with a membership of nineteen. This work was started by a family moving into this new field, having a burden for the finishing of the work.

I was called to this place to bind off the work, and as a result, this company of believers are rejoicing in the third angel's message, and were organized Nov. 4, 1916, by Elder E. A. Bristol, assisted by Elders Harris, Piper, and the writer.

F. E. FENNER

Notice

Those who have finished reading the Bible through the past year should send in their names to the office so I can order them the Bible Year bookmark.

If you have not already done so, order a Morning Watch Calendar. It gives you an outline for reading the Bible through. Now is the time to begin your study.

CAROLYN RASMUSSEN

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Who can govern himself. —Horace