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

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The Call to Work

Across the vista of the years
God's work for man has moved along,
Advancing on through smiles and tears,
Through balmy breeze and tempest strong.

The last great message to the world
Is now proclaimed by angels three.
The gospel banner now unfurled
Carries the motto, "Set men free."

For seventy years this work has run,
To all the world the gospel's gone,
In all lands 'neath the shining sun
The light of truth begins to dawn.

And now, when nations of the world
Are grappling in the throes of strife,
When man 'gainst man together hurled
Give to their country's good, their life.

When men are asking what it means,
If this is Armageddon true,
And why across these peaceful scenes
The tide of blood is rushing through.

Now is the time for every man
To volunteer to work for God,
Take hold and do what e'er he can,
Walking within the steps He trod.

The time is short, the fields are white,
The sun is sinking in the west,—
Awake! arouse before the night
Settles at last the world's unrest.

Do not delay another day,
Today, He says, Go work for Me.
And whatsoever is right He'll pay,
His helping hand will succor thee.

Do not be idle, go to work,
You have a talent God has given;
Never single duty shirk,
And you're assured, a home in heaven.

J. W. MACE

Report of Mission Funds for 1916

We know that all the readers of the HERALD rejoiced last week to learn of the large mission offering which our brethren gave the past year. It is certainly encouraging to see how faithful and liberal many of our people are. The leaders in the conferences and

churches have done noble work. It strengthens our faith and it gives us joy to think of the many missionaries that this large offering can support in foreign fields. Some items concerning the funds for 1916 will be of interest. Two years ago Wisconsin was behind \$11,468 on the twenty-cents-a-week. One year ago the Wisconsin Conference was short \$5,174. This year the South Wisconsin Conference is ahead \$5,080. The tithe in all of Wisconsin during 1915 was \$38,679. Last year the tithe in Wisconsin was \$46,548. South Wisconsin paid a larger tithe for the last six months of 1916 than all of Wisconsin did for the same months in 1915. There is an increase of tithe in every conference. The tithe in the entire Union is over \$28,000 larger for 1916 than for 1915. In the state of Indiana alone the tithe has increased \$9,000. This is gratifying. Indiana is becoming one of our leading conferences. It is also cheering to see the increase of tithe in our smaller conferences. Southern Illinois and North Michigan show an increase in tithe of over \$2,000 for each conference. The Harvest Ingathering funds in this Union a year ago amounted to \$14,108. The Harvest Ingathering funds for 1916 were \$19,748. The Harvest Ingathering for Northern Illinois this year amounted to \$4,878, an increase over last year of \$1,800. West Michigan and East Michigan have been especially fortunate in securing a large mission offering and a heavy tithe. The brethren in these conferences have shown their liberality by giving freely of their means to help the work in the smaller conferences. North Wisconsin made a showing that will surprise many. Their gifts on the twenty-cents-a-week were so large that they will secure a substantial return for the indebtedness of the Walderly school. The total amount raised on the twenty-cents-a-week was \$132,951. This is an increase over last year of over \$9,000. Our return money on the twenty-cents-a-week in this Union will be \$43,188. The debt on the Bethel Academy of nearly \$9,500 will all be paid. Cedar Lake and Fox River Academies will also be free, though there is a little more yet to collect for the latter. The East Michigan Conference does not owe a dollar. Several other conferences are almost out. One more year like this would nearly clear up every thing in this Union. Is that not worth all the sacrifices and toil it costs? We could give many more figures and facts, but these are sufficient. We desire to thank our people most heartily for their faithful devotion to this work. We believe that God will accept these tithes and offerings as gifts of love from His people and make them a blessing to the cause.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

"He who looks often upon the cross of Calvary, remembering that his sins placed the Saviour there, will never try to estimate the degree of his guilt in comparison with that of others."

Efficient Service

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

"Give a portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Eccl. 11:6, 2.

Our efforts are largely spasmodic, our service rather intermittent. By such efforts we can never hope to effect any very decided reformatations. Morning, noon, and night, we must be on our guard. We must watch for souls as they that must give an account.

We are never to become weary in well doing. We must never think that we have done all that God requires of us. We must never feel that we have reached a stopping place. "Give a portion to seven (seven represents completeness) and also to eight." Always go on to do better. This is to constitute the basis of our activities.

Give a portion: It might be very profitable to study just what this means. Whatever our occupation, whatever line of work we are engaged in, wherever we may be, we can and we must give sympathy, show kindness, extend courtesy to every soul with whom we come in contact. We are to let them see and feel the grace of Christ in action. This is a ministry within the reach of all and it must be made of paramount importance.

"There are many ways in which church members may give the message to those around them. One of the most successful is by living helpful, unselfish, Christian lives. Those who are fighting the battle of life at great odds may be refreshed and strengthened by little attentions which cost nothing. Kindly words simply spoken, little attentions simply bestowed, will sweep away the clouds of temptation and doubt that gather over the soul. The true heart-expression of Christlike sympathy, given in simplicity, has power to open the door of hearts that need the simple, delicate touch of the Spirit of Christ."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 30.

If one has given himself to Christ for service, and dedicates every entrusted talent anew each morning to this blessed ministry, he will find opportunities on every hand to witness for Christ. We must constantly remember that the right attitude maintained while performing the more menial tasks will open the way for work in advanced lines of Christian service. It is results that we are seeking, and we know that right causes produce right results.

F. W. PAAP

Oral Hygiene

We are living in an age when people are beginning to give more attention to preventative medicine. We now study to avoid disease by the practice of good hygiene. In a few short articles that I hope to provide for the LAKE UNION HERALD, I shall endeavor to present some of the principles governing the hygiene of the mouth.

The famous Dr. Osler said that he was of the opinion that more physical deterioration was produced by defective teeth than by alcohol. Among the various disorders traced to neglected teeth are found

anaemia, rheumatism, neuritis, appendicitis, melancholia, stomach, bowel, and heart disorders. It often takes an X-ray examination of the roots of the teeth to reveal the obscure pus pockets which cause septic poisoning. As soon as the defective teeth are extracted, the untoward symptoms begin to clear up.

Many people whose teeth are white and shapely, suffer from diseased gums. They are annoyed by a bad breath, bleeding, sore gums, and on examination find that the borders of the gums have shrunk from the edges of the teeth, leaving an exposure of the roots of the teeth where the enamel ceases. The teeth become loosened and puss pockets form about the roots. Massage to the gums is beneficial in this condition.

Tartar forms upon the teeth because of diminished alkalinity in the oral secretions. This may be the result of constipation, lack of exercise, sunlight and fresh air, or overeating. At any rate, it is of constitutional origin and the cause should be found and removed. A pinch of soda added to the water for cleansing the mouth, helps to neutralize the acid.

Hard, dry foods polish the teeth and prevent the accumulation of tartar. They also exercise and strengthen the tooth itself. Teeth deteriorate that are not exercised by chewing hard foods.

Fifty-seven varieties of germs have been found growing in the mouth. It makes a very good garden spot for this low order of plants to grow in because of the warmth and moisture always found, as well as plenty of food in the mouths of those who neglect to cleanse away the food after meals.

Particles of meat lodged between the teeth encourage germ growth. As germs grow, they elaborate toxins that stain the enamel of the teeth and finally produce decay. Fruit acids keep down bacterial growth.

As a nation, the Japanese are noted for their beautiful teeth. They are also noted for the care they give them. In their hotels they furnish their guests with a new tooth brush each morning. And, on looking into the back yards in the early morning, whole families may be seen with tooth brushes, charcoal and alum rinsing water, starting the day right.

Not only should the toilet of the mouth be made before breakfast, but the most essential time of all is just before retiring. The reason for this is because the germs grow better when undisturbed. So the mouth should receive particular attention night and morning.

A coated tongue should be scrubbed in order to remove the bacterial growth that has accumulated in the night.

A dentist should be consulted every six months, and by giving proper attention to the general health and local hygiene, one may avoid many of the conditions above mentioned.

ANNA B. DURRIE, M. D.

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A Blessing Received or Lost

A blessing may be in reach of the most needy and yet be lost by the neglect of the one to whom it was sent. Some of the most precious blessings when

brought to our notice demand some form of service as the price of their reception. Such is the blessing that comes from having won a soul to Christ. But no matter how nearly that soul comes to deciding for Christ, if the decision is not made the blessing is lost to the worker and remains lost forever. Other souls may be won and other blessings gained but the blessing that would have come with the winning of that particular soul can only be won by leading that soul to a definite decision for Christ. How careful, therefore ought we to be in all our work for God!

We first hear of Jesus and His precious truth and promises, then we give ourselves to Him and apply in the regular way for admission into the church, promising our support to the best of our ability in helping to advance all its interests as well as opening our hearts for the reception of its blessings. By and by there comes to our attention service which we do not understand or which may not be just to our liking and we neglect or ignore the plan and by our example cause many others to do the same, thus greatly injuring the effectiveness of said plans and probably preventing the conversion of one or more souls. If we seek to understand the plan and devote ourselves faithfully to its performance, then those who so habitually follow our example would do the same and success would crown the efforts of all and a blessing as well.

If the reader will allow, I will be glad to apply the above principles to the two-per-cent plan now being presented to our people for the purpose of eliminating the expense of sending out a solicitor to secure these funds, and also that *every member* may have the blessing each month of bearing his share in meeting the expense of securing tents, chairs, and other equipment for the year's tent and hall efforts in winning souls. Each member as an integral part of the whole should bear a part of the expense of the whole just in proportion as his earnings are a part of the earnings of the whole body. In no way can this be done better or with less expense than by a systematic method such as the two-per-cent. By this plan each member may have a part which amounts to just two cents of each dollar he earns. It should be sent in each month with the tithe. By this method there would be no expense in gathering the money. When this is done the conference committee will be free to devote all their energy to soul-saving, and if more two-per-cent comes in than is needed for home expense, it can be used for our foreign missions. We need at this time \$800 with which to purchase new tents. Can we not look for a large number of our people to adopt the paying of two-per-cent at once?

WM. GUTHRIE

Field Secretary

West Michigan has secured as field secretary for the book work Brother W. B. Maris of Southern Illinois. He has been a faithful colporteur for fourteen years, and has demonstrated that his heart is in this work, and that it is a practical success, having supported himself and family while canvassing. I trust that the people of West Michigan will give him a hearty welcome, and as he visits the churches cooperate with him in securing a good company of workers who will

soon be taking our valuable books to the homes of the people. He will locate his family at Berrien Springs, Mich., and mail will always reach him there.

J. B. BLOSSER

December

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Albion	23 93	2 79	66 15	Grand Rapids ..	433 21	9 06	230 52
Allegan	85 47	3 52	54 30	Grandville	9 51	1 51	18 55
Allendale	15 00	2 00	21 32	Greenville	110 63	7 41	60 59
Bangor	16 00	.....	10 20	Hastings	32 20	53 62	51
Battle Creek	2214 65	17 26	1860 21	Hartford	29 86	3 81	47 19
Bauer	111 76	1 06	66 91	Holland	86 3	33 16	66 02
Bedford	181 30	8 00	49 74	Holton	60 18	41 42	50
Belding	22 50	.....	25 00	Homer	17 25	1 34	46 71
Benton Harbor ..	32 07	1 42	58 80	Kalamazoo	239 53	2 98	274 25
Ber. Spr. Vil.	76 79	.....	68 57	Kent City	33 10	.....	53 51
B. Spr. College ..	657 13	31 90	328 16	Kinderhook	5 75	.....	4 03
Bloomington	34 10	.....	.....	Lakeview	192 05	.....	27 37
Brookfield .....	.....	.....	.....	Lyons	9 02	.....	6 40
Buchanan .....	.....	.....	.....	Maple Grove	34 81	4 17	22 61
Burlington .....	.....	.....	.....	Mecosta .....	.....	.....	100 00
Bushnell	25 65	.....	67 45	Mendon	137 96	96 64	48
Byron Center	8 37	1 07	3 32	Monterey	17 06	26 33	28
Carlton Center ..	51 06	2 53	43 60	Muskegon	113 38	5 58	51 95
Carson City	70 14	1 85	79 94	Otsego	277 14	11 15	175 62
Cedar Lake	379 07	491 78	99 88	Palo	17 60	1 25	13 80
Cedar Springs	2 00	.....	5 42	Paw Paw	50 22	2 01	1 86
Charlotte	102 91	2 08	86 03	Portland	46 36	2 70	31 61
Clifford Lake	86 54	.....	6 71	Pottersville	63 90	8 15	48 96
Coldwater	29 10	.....	16 75	Quincy	35 30	2 74	12 58
Covert	17 29	.....	17 63	Rothbury .....	.....	.....	.....
Decatur	67 42	.....	70 38	Sand Lake	98 76	11 24	18 62
Denver .....	.....	.....	.....	Shelby .....	.....	.....	.....
Diamondale	47 63	5 79	18 42	Sturgis	34 45	.....	9 66
Douglas	108 60	.....	45 95	Three Rivers	15 02	.....	14 53
Eaton Rapids	12 83	1 13	37 90	Trufant	42 52	17 68	85 50
Edmore	114 57	4 27	33 60	Urbandale	21 16	.....	36 19
Fremont	11 91	56 54	76	Union City	7 75	.....	17 71
Frost	42 08	.....	11 08	West Leroy	29 85	.....	35 10
Glenwood	114 48	50 96	70	Wright	80 33	8 03	330 52
Gowen	1 10	22 3 50	.....	Individuals	111 53	1 58	4598 82
Grand Haven	20 25	.....	29 04	Totals	\$7292 22	247 44	10119 28
Grand Ledge	14 80	.....	38 31				

Sabbath School Honor Roll

The Sabbath school secretaries have been very faithful in sending their reports of the past quarter on time. Out of a total of seventy-three Sabbath schools the following sixty-two reported within the allotted time:

Albion, Allendale, Allegan, Bauer, Bedford, Berrien Springs College, Berrien Springs Village, Bangor, Benton Harbor, Brookfield, Carlton Center, Carson City, Charlotte, Cedar Lake, Cedar Springs, Clifford Lake, Coldwater, Diamondale, Decatur, Douglas, Eaton Rapids, Edmore, Frost, Fremont, Grand Ledge, Grand Rapids, Grant, Grandville, Grand Haven, Glenwood, Gobleville, Hartford, Hastings, Homer, Howard City, Holland, Holton, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Keeler, Kinderhook, Lakeview, Maple Grove, Mendon, Monterey, Morley, Muskegon, Niles, Nunica, Otsego, Portland, Pullman, Quincy, Sand Lake, Sebewa, Sturgis, Three Rivers, Trufant, Twin Lake, Union City, Urbandale, Wright.

The list is becoming so long that next quarter will be reported the names of tardy schools.

EDNA L. WALKER

An Interesting Experience

Recently we received a letter at the conference office addressed to Seventh-day Adventists, Grand Rapids. It proved to be from a Salvation Army captain stationed in one of our near-by cities. He had accepted of present truth through reading and desired to know the names of Adventists in his city.

Last Thursday, I had the privilege of calling on this brother at his barracks and talking with him about the truth. He has studied our doctrines for about two years and is now keeping the Sabbath. First he got hold of some tracts and papers, then he was visited by a canvasser. He had the following of our books, "Heralds of the Morning," "Coming King," "Helps to Bible Study," "Bible Text Book," and "Daniel and Revelation." I took his order for "Bible Readings" and "Christian Sabbath."

We had Bible studies on the Sanctuary and Tithing. The brother has a fair understanding of the principal Bible doctrines, gained largely through reading, and he requested baptism.

Our literature does contain a message for this time which the honest in heart will accept. How such experiences as this should inspire our people to be faithful in scattering the printed page.

LYLE SHEPARD

South Wisconsin Conference

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President, P. A. Hanson

South Wisconsin Notice

We greatly regret to inform our brethren in the South Wisconsin Conference that Elder P. A. Hanson, the president of that conference has been obliged to lay down his work because of ill health. Elder Hanson brought this question to the attention of the Union committee at its annual meeting January 16. We quote as follows from the minutes of said meeting:

"The Chair called attention to the ill health of Elder P. A. Hanson, president of South Wisconsin Conference, which has made it necessary for him to lay down the burden in that field. Elder Hanson desires to return to College Place, Wash., where he thinks he can recuperate to the best advantage.

The members of the committee all recognized the valuable work done by Elder Hanson during his stay in Wisconsin, and advised that he be released in order that he might build up his health. Upon motion of W. A. Westworth, it was

Voted, That we hereby express to Elder P. A. Hanson our confidence in him and our appreciation of his work; that we deeply regret that his ill health has demanded of him the laying down for a time the burden of official work; and further, that we communicate these sentiments to the South Wisconsin Conference and to the North American Division Conference, and urge that such steps be taken as will enable Brother Hanson to go where he can most rapidly recuperate and get back into the work. It was further voted that we extend to Elder Hanson an invitation to return to the Lake Union Conference and make this his field of labor upon his recovery."

At a meeting of the South Wisconsin Conference January 23, Elder Hanson handed in his resignation to take effect at once. The South Wisconsin Conference committee requested the writer to take general charge of the work in their field until we can secure a conference president. Our brethren in Wisconsin are very sorry to see Elder Hanson leave. He has done much to build up the work in that conference.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Annual Institute

Arrangements have now been completed for our annual colporteurs' institute to be conducted at Milwaukee, February 16-25. We are promised Union and local help and thus feel assured you will be well repaid in attending this meeting. Anyone planning to enter the colporteur work cannot afford to miss this splendid opportunity to become acquainted with the work and workers and receive a preparation to enter this service. This is a short course in Christian salesmanship and Bible study given by men of long years of experience in the work. The trained man is the successful man. The Lord is calling for efficient workers and the one entering the field with our large subscription books, understanding plans and methods of successful work begins at a decided advantage.

We want everyone who feels that the Lord is calling him to service to embrace this opportunity to prepare. Accommodations in board and room will be provided free and your fare to the institute and field of labor will be refunded when you have sold and delivered \$150 worth of books.

The church is located at 865 Fifth Street. When you come to Milwaukee, take any car, transfer north on Third Street. Get off at Lee and walk two blocks west to Fifth Street. The first meeting will be called Friday evening, February 16, at 7:30 P. M. We trust all can be on hand for this meeting. We will want to know just what number to plan for and will appreciate it if you will write telling us it is your plan to meet with us.

E. E. FRANKLIN

News Items

Miss Bell visited the Sabbath schools of the Milwaukee churches Sabbath, January 20. During this visit plans were made for a convention a few weeks hence.

Many are enrolling to take the Sabbath school Worker's Training Course. There is room for more.

The educational department offers its services again to those who wish to locate where they can receive the benefits of a school for their children next year.

Our people who know of favorable opportunities for Seventh-day Adventist families to locate where they can have school advantages, will please notify this department.

Examinations are being given this week in the schools throughout the state. Some reports are already coming in, and the indications are that the students will reach a high percentage in their standings for the midyear examinations.

Professor Elliott was a caller at the department office this week.

The Oneida school reports an increase in attendance of ten students since the new year began. Some of these are coming from families not members of the church and from the public school. Mrs. E. K. Peterson is teaching this school.

Brethren Belding and Franklin are attending the convention in Washington, D. C.

Misses Anna Janke and June Hickok were callers at the office last week.

"Awake, awake, before it is everlastingly too late!"

Northern Illinois Conference

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President, J. H. Schilling

Encouraging Report

The loyalty and cooperation of our dear people in the Northern Illinois Conference in all the campaigns that were launched, are highly commendable which the following figures clearly show.

In the Ingathering campaign our people gathered \$4,882.43; that is \$2,023.89 more than in 1915. This is a very fruitful ingathering and surely could not be exceeded by many conferences in the Division.

The total amount for missions in 1916 reached the grand total of \$18,455.55; this is \$626.53 more than last year.

Our tithe reached the amount of \$39,514.73 which is \$5,035.70 more than in 1915. This raise in tithe clearly shows that our people have become more loyal and faithful to the good old God-given system of support for our laborers. All our workers certainly appreciate this hearty stand by our people.

A more detailed report may interest the reader. Our average on the twenty-cents-per-week was twenty-two cents. Our average Ingathering was \$3.05, and our average tithe was \$24.

Twenty Cents per Capita per Week

3 churches gave 35 to 52 cents
8 churches gave 25 to 34 cents
7 churches gave 20 to 24 cents
9 churches gave 15 to 19 cents
6 churches gave below 15 cents

Harvest Ingathering per Capita

1 church gathered \$6.15
4 churches " between \$5 and \$6
6 churches " between \$3 and \$4
9 churches " between \$2 and \$3
7 churches " below \$2

Tithe per Capita

3 churches paid between \$ 35 \$47
4 churches paid between \$ 30 and \$34
4 churches paid between \$ 25 and \$29
10 churches paid between \$ 20 and \$24
6 churches paid between \$ 15 and \$19
6 churches paid below \$ 15

As intimated above these figures speak for themselves. They show that the spirit of the most hearty cooperation exists, and not only that, but also the strong determination, to not only assist the work very materially in its onward march, but also to advance it more rapidly and to finish it more quickly. With such an army of earnest and loyal people behind them, the workers feel like putting forth greater effort than ever before for 1917 in order to make it the banner year for the Northern Illinois Conference. New energy and enthusiasm has filled the heart of every worker in this conference. Each one is laying plans and praying to make his part of the work succeed. What might be called a holy competition has taken hold of the laborers, and may God direct that they may through His help and the guidance of His Spirit, accomplish what Providence has already decided to be their share of the work. It was through God and the power of His Spirit that the Apostles succeeded, and

it is only through the same help and power that we can succeed.

I am sorry to say that the number of souls brought to Christ is not as large as we had hoped for. On account of the incorrectness of some reports, we cannot tell definitely how many have been baptized and taken into the church. The number no doubt reached the two hundred mark. We are determined to raise this number to three hundred this year.

Believing that we as workers shall have the same cooperation of our dear people during 1917 as we had during 1916, we herewith promise the Lord and His people a more unreserved consecration to the work we all love.

J. H. SCHILLING

Fox River Academy Notes

Our third car load of coal was stored in the bin last week.

An academy stand-by has departed. Old age has occasioned the death of "Maude," our faithful driving horse.

Several of the boys have worked for the Deep Water Ice Co., the last two Sundays.

Since the snow has spoiled the skating, coasting is the popular pastime during the recreation hour.

The plaster in the dining room is being repaired, preparatory to the new coat of kalsomine.

Miss Lamson just returned from a business trip to Beechwood Academy.

Elder Sargent of Southern Illinois Conference was a welcome guest for a few days last week.

Classes in agriculture, botany, and bookkeeping have recently been organized.

Many corners in the dormitory are more comfortable and attractive since the gift box arrived from the churches in the Southern Conference.

Misses Myrtle Hill and Ruth Bush have been called away on account of sickness in their homes. We are anxiously looking for their return.

Julius Galbraith of Endeavor, Wis., who was called home during the fall term, has returned to his school work.

Among our new students we are pleased to list Victor Marsh, who has come to finish the year's work previously begun. His brother Frank has returned home to take his place on the farm, after finishing the first half year's work.

Southern Illinois Conference

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President, E. F. Peterson

A Good Report

Many of our people are anxious to know the results obtained in the conference during the year 1916. We feel to praise God for His attending blessings and the liberality of His people in this field.

On the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund we raised \$3,789.64 more than our quota for the year. This was due largely to two large gifts which came to us through the year, one of \$2,000 and the other \$1,200, but aside from these two amounts we still raised more than \$600 over our quota for the year. The Harvest Ingathering funds for the year were \$1,397.61 which was

an increase of \$656.51 over the previous year. Our Sabbath school offerings were \$3,341.87, making an increase of \$253.94 over 1915. The annual or week of prayer offering was \$485.04, which was an increase of \$35.78 over 1915. Altogether our offerings to foreign missions were \$10,664.04. The funds showed quite a substantial increase over the year before; the amount paid in being \$14,512.20 against \$12,548.85 in 1915. The amount of the two-per-cent paid in during 1916 was \$910.77 against \$843.10 during 1915. These results I am sure are encouraging, but as we enter the new year we have a trifle over one thousand more as our quota than for last year, so this means good returns on the part of each one in order to reach our goal. Let us set our hands to the task early in the year so as to relieve the necessity of such a strenuous effort during the closing months of the year.

Our book work also, according to the report received from the Review and Herald Branch at South Bend, showed an increase of more than \$2,400 on total business for the year. Our gain over 1915 on subscription books was 13 per cent and on total business 12 per cent. And this too was realized notwithstanding the fact that we helped out other fields by letting some workers go to act as field agents. I am sure we all rejoice as we see how the Lord has blessed Brother Van Fossen and his faithful band of workers. Let us remember them in prayer during the coming year.

In the evangelical work advances were made, although we are not satisfied with the results obtained, but shall press on to greater things the coming year. Between sixty and seventy were baptized during the past year. These with quite a few others who joined us on profession of faith were added to our membership. At the present time we have many openings for meetings to be held and our workers are working with might and main to meet the calls. As workers we shall try to do our part and we hope during the year to be able to increase our laboring force by at least two or three more workers, but this will depend upon the amount of tithe and two-per-cent that is paid by the church members. Our aim for the coming year is one hundred and fifty souls won for Christ and added to our membership.

A few statements in regard to our field will no doubt be of interest to the readers of the HERALD. The Southern Illinois Conference comprises sixty-eight counties and the city of Peoria with an estimated population of 2,500,000. We have twenty-nine organized churches in seventeen of these counties, and organized Sabbath schools in six other counties, leaving forty-five counties where we do not have work started at all other than the work our colporteurs are doing. There are twenty-seven counties where we have no record of any meetings ever being held. Then there are some twenty more that have just had a series of tent or hall meetings, and many of these held fifteen to eighteen years ago. We have towns and cities numbering in population from a few up to 75,000 where practically nothing has been done. It is very evident from the above conditions that we have a great work to do. This situation surely calls for faithfulness on the part of every loyal believer in the message for this time. Let us pray that God may raise up other laborers to enter the harvest field, and as we pray let us labor

diligently and render to the Lord's treasury the tithe and offerings which are so much needed at this time. We appreciate the efforts of those who have been faithful during the past year and we solicit the hearty cooperation of all during the coming year.

E. F. PETERSON

North Michigan Conference

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President, E. A. Bristol

Elders' Meeting

The annual elders and workers' meeting will be held at the Mount Pleasant church, February 20-22. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, at 7:45 P. M. After Tuesday the following program will be followed:

8:30-9:00	Devotional
9:00-10:30	Convention topics
10:45-12:00	Bible study and question box
12:00-1:30	Dinner
1:30-2:30	Convention topics
2:30-4:00	Convention topics and discussion
4:15-5:30	Convention topics and discussion
7:45	Preaching

We expect to have with us Elder G. B. Thompson, Elder L. H. Christian, and others from abroad. All are expected to take part in the discussion, and papers are being prepared on each topic.

Those remaining throughout the entire session will have their railroad expenses defrayed by the conference.

E. A. BRISTOL

Colporteurs' Institute

The North Michigan colporteurs' institute will be held at Onaway, Mich., March 2-12. We expect to have with us, aside from our local conference help, Brethren Blosser, Mace, and W. A. Bergherm. The usual arrangements will be made for those who attend. Let all avail themselves of this opportunity to get a better knowledge of the ways and means to finish this important work.

HUGH STEARNS

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Beechwood Academy News Notes

The second semester of school at Beechwood Academy opened on the 17th of January with a membership of thirty-three students.

Lewis Mundy of Bloomington came to the academy last Tuesday to enter school.

Mrs. George Rader and her daughter Marguerite moved into the east side of the farmhouse last week.

Mr. Arthur L. Bayley, of the Florida Conference, spent the week-end with his brother-in-law, Professor Lamson. He came up from Nashville, where he had been attending a bookmen's convention at the Southern Publishing Association.

The second class in the study of the Testimonies met last Wednesday evening in the chapel. The attendance at this highly profitable class is constantly increasing. The study was continued in Volume V and in "Early Writings."

Lake Union Comparative Summaries
for 1916 and 1915

Conference	Colporteurs	Hrs.	Val. 1916	Sales Per Hr.	Val. 1915
Indiana	32	17,475	20,151 60	1 15	24,549 70
S. Illinois	24	22,343	24,003 57	*1 02	24,073 25
N. Illinois	40	13,766	14,551 43	*1 00	12,044 43
S. Wisconsin	44	20,528	20,073 80	97 }	12,851 85
N. Wisconsin	18	3,717	3,199 25	82 }	
N. Michigan	24	8,209	6,730 60	*82	6,292 05
W. Michigan	15	8,570	7,148 56	*82	8,222 45
E. Michigan	19	12,066	10,148 80	*84	11,523 06
Total	216	106,674	105,984 70	*98	99,546 89
Total for 1915	202	109,748	99,546 89	90	

*A plus should be added.

I am thankful to our Heavenly Father for the degree of success that has attended the work during the past year as shown by the above report. Considering the many changes in field secretaries in the early part of the year, and the fact that our conferences have been so fully occupied in financial and other matters, I believe the above is evidence of a healthy growth. Compared with last year, there is not so much gain indicated, but last year there was a large gain over the previous years; so in holding our own and making some gain we should be encouraged.

The Outlook

Institutes have been planned for each of the conferences, also in each of the eight schools of this Union. Already two of these have been held. In Indiana a company of eighteen attended, about the same number attended in Southern Illinois. Reports from the field secretaries indicate that there is prospect, in most places, for a good attendance in those yet to be held. The interest among students in our schools is strong and we expect a goodly number to go out from them.

Plans and Policy of the Department

We recognize that the local conference and its corps of workers are the ones upon whom the responsibility rests for promoting and fostering all lines of missionary endeavor, and my work as Union secretary is largely cooperative, educational, and advisory. My time would not permit me to do much of the work among the churches in recruiting, or helping individual colporteurs, and what time could be spared after attending camp meetings and institutes has been devoted largely to the weaker conferences. It requires a strong and persevering effort to secure and hold a large company of colporteurs who will devote their time to this work, and of necessity this can best be done by workers in the local conference who are in close touch with the churches. A strong, healthy faith in this work must be created and maintained in our churches if the best talent is to be secured for this work.

J. B. BLOSSER

"We know not the time when He cometh,
At even, or midnight or morn;
It may be at deepening twilight,
It may be at earliest dawn.
He bids us to watch and be ready,
Nor suffer our lights to grow dim;
That when He shall come He may find us
All waiting and watching for Him."

Canvassers' Report for Week Ending

January 19, 1917

Southern Illinois							
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. L. Wilson	BR	32	10	36 00		36 00	
A. D. Kaufman	BR	36	10	42 00	9 00	51 00	9 00
G. W. Kimberlin	BR	35	9	31 50		31 50	
P. R. March	BR	31	11	38 50	2 25	40 75	
R. J. Watson	BR	36	5	17 50	1 50	19 00	144 00
Edward Drury	BR	33	8	30 00	2 25	22 25	
C. W. Saunders	BR	26	5	19 50	1 50	21 00	
Mrs. C. W. Saunders	BR	14	8	28 00	3 00	31 00	
Rav Carter	BR	21	4	14 00		14 00	
O. A. Morse	BR	42	13	45 50	4 50	50 00	
A. P. Lager	BR	35	7	28 50		28 50	129 00
		341	90	331 00	24 00	355 00	282 00
*Indiana							
M. G. Bish	BR	69	25	87 00	1 50	88 50	
C. F. Colton	BR	40	22	79 00	3 35	82 35	
W. L. Dickerson	GC	61	34	128 00		128 00	
C. C. King	DR	30	12	45 00		45 00	10 00
W. H. Plake	BR	47	14	58 00	1 50	59 50	
Fred Possman	BR	6	1	3 50		3 50	3 00
W. B. Ware	BR	55	14	53 00	1 50	54 50	3 75
T. A. Stottlemeyer	BR	21	6	21 00		21 00	
		329	128	474 50	7 85	482 35	16 75
East Michigan							
E. V. Sykes	BR	28	8	38 00	4 00	42 00	22 75
J. Pengally	BR	30	6	21 00	19 10	40 10	
F. W. Brainard	BR	40	4	14 00	11 30	25 30	
Dora Patton		19			21 00	21 00	
Clarence Budd	BR	5	2	7 00		7 00	6 60
C. B. Graham	PPF	23	2	5 00		5 00	21 00
		145	22	85 00	55 40	140 40	49 75
South Wisconsin							
H. F. Bernitt	BR	52	9	34 50	22 50	57 00	75
W. A. Griffith	BR	30	17	64 50		64 50	
Amelia Robertson	GC	17	4	14 00	1 00	15 00	
Mrs. E. M. Bisbee	BR	30	4	16 00	10 00	26 00	
		129	34	129 00	33 50	162 50	75
North Wisconsin							
Beulah Johns	BR	34	4	14 00	3 50	17 50	
Claude Morris	BR	36	14	53 00	3 00	56 00	
		70	18	67 00	6 50	73 50	
Northern Illinois							
D. J. Graham	BR	25	6	21 00		21 00	17 25
A. M. Tatton	BR	23	5	16 00	1 00	17 00	
E. A. Rideout	BR	20	3	10 50	5 25	15 75	1 00
		88	14	47 50	6 25	53 75	18 25
34 Agents		1102	306	1134 00	133 50	1267 50	367 50

Business Notices

HELP WANTED.—Emmanuel Missionary College desires to employ two experienced young men on the farm, beginning work March 1. Write for particulars. Fred Green, Berrien Springs, Mich.

FOR RENT CHEAP.—Eighty-seven acre farm for cash. Renter must furnish all live stock and machinery. For particulars address H. F. Balke, R. F. D. 1, Box 191, Marinette, Wis.

WANTED.—A single man to work by the month on a farm, one that can milk, a good hand with a team. To commence work at once. For further particulars address David Stevenson, Ashley, Mich.

FOR SALE.—Shoe repair shop. Well equipped with up-to-date machinery. Good business opportunity with church and church school privileges in town of 3,000. Good reasons for selling. Chas. F. Shepard, 124 S. Farmer St., Otsego, Mich.

WESSON COOKING OIL.—Five gallon cans, \$7; two cans \$13.50; Snowdrift shortening (solid) \$8.90 per 60-pound case (5, 10, or 20 pound pails) f. o. b. Holly. Apply for prices in barrels and half barrels. Prices subject to change without notice. Adelpian Mercantile Co., Holly, Mich.

NURSERY STOCK.—Send for our new and descriptive catalog of hardy northern grown nursery stock. A large stock of Asparagus and Rhubarb plants for spring planting, one and two years old. Our Strawberry plants were never better. Fountain Valley Nursery, Box 80, Poy Sippi, Wis.

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Mrs. Lou Kirby Curtis - - - - - **Editor**

Our people who have questions on medical subjects are invited to send them to the HERALD. Dr. Dunscombe has kindly offered to answer them.

Elder G. G. Roth, superintendent of the French work in North America, intends to visit our French churches and companies in Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois in the near future.

A copy of the new 1917 *Instructor* Temperance Annual has just reached the office. Its coming is a reminder of our new privileges and duties in behalf of temperance during the present year. While there has been a reduction in the number of pages, the contents have been so carefully selected and perfectly condensed, the issue has been improved in force and power rather than injured. In this instance, necessity seems to have resulted in a decided improvement. We, therefore, have a better number this year while the prices remain the same as before.

The following resolutions were passed by the North American Division Conference Committee at its autumn session:

Whereas the Morning Watch has been greatly used of God to deepen the spiritual life of our people, young and old,

We recommend, That all our workers observe the Morning Watch and encourage all our people to do the same; and that our ministers endeavor to see that new converts and all church members are supplied with the Morning Watch Calendar.

Words of Appreciation

I desire to express my appreciation and pleasure in receiving a copy of the Colporteurs' Special Number of the HERALD, which I have read,—and reread several of the articles it contains. The arrangement in general, and neatness of type and illustrations make it an honor to the cause its purpose is to serve.

Veedersburg, Ind.

C. C. KING

College

The students had a very pleasant time at the faculty reception last Saturday evening. After about half an hour spent in visiting, we had a program which con-

sisted of two piano solos by Mrs. Huffman, speeches by Professors Graf and Haughey, a reading by Mrs. Rathbun, and a song given by the faculty male quartette.

Prof. W. E. Howell was with us Wednesday and Thursday. The burden of his heart is "How to increase the efficiency of our schools to supply the needs of the field."

Wednesday afternoon Professor Howell met with the graduates and the juniors. He gave them some very instructive talks and pointers to success in our work.

Mr. Earl Lawson is visiting at the College.

The ice house is being filled with a good supply of ice from Lake Chapin.

A system has been arranged so that the clock now rings the electric bells in the dormitories as well as those in the College building.

North Wisconsin Conference

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Our Institute

The North Wisconsin annual colporteurs' institute will be held at the Bear Lake church, Chetek, Wis., February 23 to March 4. Several have already expressed their intention to attend this convention. There must be many in this conference whom the Lord is calling to step out and enter this work. One brother wrote me that he had wanted for many months to enter the colporteur work but that he had felt he was not qualified to do the work. Finally he started out. The first week this brother was in the field, and he had never had any previous experience or training, he sold books to the amount of \$83. That only shows what the Lord can do if we will step out and work for Him. Another brother went out when the thermometer registered ten to twenty-five degrees below zero and tramped from house to house in the country. The Lord blessed his work so that his sales were over \$1.44 an hour. These are not isolated cases. I might relate many similar ones. Are there not those in this conference who can arrange to attend this institute and enter the field afterwards? God will bless you in so doing.

The brethren at Chetek have arranged to meet the trains and entertain the canvassers free of charge during the convention. I should like to correspond with any who can arrange to attend this institute.

L. C. SHEPARD

When the Lord gives us a work to do, let us not stop to inquire into the reasonableness of the command, or the probable results of our efforts to obey it. . . . We need greater faith.—*Vol. VI, p. 466.*

"You will not be any poorer if you smile along your way,
And your lot will not be harder for the kindly things you say,
Don't imagine you are wasting time for others that you spend:
You can rise to wealth and glory and still pause to be a friend."