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Another Phase of the War Problem

With this war the history of our country has beyond all question entered on a new epoch. The same is true of all the world. Things will never be as before. We are really in the final perils of the last days. To the Christian Church and to the godly home the war brings new dangers as well as serious moral and spiritual problems. Of one of these an experienced Christian woman writes in a W. C. T. U. paper as follows:

"A camp of soldiers watching bridges and tunnels along a transcontinental line, or a vital industry that is menaced—soldiers who are young, fine looking, virile boys no better, no worse, than the average brave, happy-go-lucky, thoughtless American lad, educated in the non-essentials—ignorant as a baby in essentials—all in natty uniforms that follows every curve of the superb forms; a nearby town with numbers of adolescent girls, winsome and attractive, no better, no worse than the average American girl; educated as girls of her age are in non-essentials, ignorant and irresponsible as a butterfly in essentials—mothers but a trifle more intelligent in the matter of the most vital problems their sons and daughters must face—the whole village alive with that emotional enthusiasm which constitute the first stirrings of what will be real patriotic zeal later when it will look out through tear-filled eyes from gaunt hunger, suffering faces and cling with long-drawn, almost impossible sacrifice to a nation's honor. In ten thousand American localities these are the familiar elements of the most perplexing problem of the world's sad war today.

"Add to this the ever present sex problem of which we know next to nothing save a few seemingly unrelated and unexplainable facts, F-A-C-T-S, and we have a home war problem fraught with a danger so grim and gaunt that almost makes our heart stand still.

"What student of psychology will tell us what is the charm in the uniform which makes the girl who is all dignity in her relations with a civilian, ready to make street acquaintance with the same man when he shall have donned the uniform?

"As in the material world chemical elements in themselves seemingly innocent when united make a poisonous compound, so is the human. A passing smile between these two—our soldier boy and our high

school girl—a morning greeting—a moment's conversation—a stroll together down a town block—a lingering chat in the town park as the shadows fall—a more than ordinarily long handclasp—a frolic at the camp with others—a lone walk in a woodsy lane—a secret tryst, another and still another—then the company moves on and a sad young girl broods in silence till the passing days force upon her the certainty of the fatal truth and soon another unmarried mother of a 'war baby' is added to the pitiful group left in the locality of every military camp; while a young soldier 'somewhere in France' now and then regrets—but not sadly; for, to the average man the girl who is easy to make acquaintance is worthy to bear the results.

"Here is our home problem. It is inevitable. It is already with us and the results will continue to follow as surely as the night follows the day until parents, teachers, and public spirited people everywhere waken from their culpable apathy and unite in an aggressive effort for the enlightenment and protection of both boys and girls."

Another servant of God states the situation in these plain words.

"Perhaps the greatest evil of the present war is not the killed and wounded in battle, nor the expenditure in money to propagate this war, but the moral laxity of the nation through weak sentimentalism. Many western cities have tried to show their so-called patriotism by giving the soldiers a public dance. These public dances were widely advertised and thus brought from many communities scores of the women who take advantage of these opportunities. One social worker reported that at one of these public dances for soldiers, not less than a hundred such women were present.

"Another expression of sympathy that has degenerated into weak sentimentalism is the millions of cigarettes, cigars, and plugs of tobacco, that are donated to the soldiers,—'to show them a good time.' Other cities and commercial clubs are furnishing the soldiers with large sums of money, either in bulk or in installments; some buy presents to be sent in installments, especially tobacco."

While Seventh-day Adventists are a temperate people who believe in separation from the world, no godly father or mother or teacher among us will say that our youth are not in peril. We need to watch over our boys and girls with all possible care. They *are* in danger. We should write frequently to our boys in the camps and encourage them to live manly, clean and Godfearing lives. We must stand by them to the best of our ability, but under no condition should we encourage or permit our youth to attend the many balls and bazaars gotten up here and there for the soldiers. Let us help our soldiers, but let us not in doing so lower the standard of moral purity and Bible truth.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

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Week of Prayer

As the Week of Prayer is rapidly approaching, we as a people are brought face to face with the solemn realization that we are not only one year nearer the coming of our Master, but that we are living in the most perilous times the world has ever experienced, and the Week of Prayer, just before us—December 8-15, should be a time of heart searching and earnest consecration to God, such as we have never before experienced.

The world war, with all its terrors and internal unrest; the strife between capital and labor; the high cost of living, and amid all of these, the ever increasing tendency toward pleasure seeking, and the gratification of carnal passion, all call God's people to a self exmination, and to an earnest consecration which will bring us nearer to the Lord, and give us a victory which will enable us to go through to God's kingdom untarnished by these elements of sin.

We have been trying to plan our work so that as many of our companies as possible will have some help during the Week of Prayer, and the following assignments are made. Some of these may be changed, but as far as we can see now, these will remain. Just what days the various workers will visit the various companies, will be left for them to arrange with the local elders or leaders.

Elder T. F. Hubbard: Lafayette, Sanitarium, Soldiers Home, Frankfort.

Elder C. L. White: Barbers Mill, Hartford City, Muncie.

Elder M. J. Allen: Ft. Wayne, Wolf Lake, Ligonier.

Elder W. A. Young: Honey Creek, Idaville.

Elder J. W. Hofstra: Terre Haute.

Elder J. G. Lamson: Beechwood Academy, Indianapolis.

Elder G. W. Rader: Linton, Sullivan, Oolitic, Farmersburg.

E. M. Dudley: Logansport, Grass Creek, Winamac.

M., S. King: Shelbyville, Boggs town, Waldron.

Edith Shepard: Bloomington, Elnora, North Vernon.

Nellie Stevens: Wabash.

Jane Sweet: Fortville, Elwood, Noblesville.

Elder W. A. Westworth: Indianapolis, Anderson, Kokomo, Peru.

WM. A. WESTWORTH

News from the Canvassers

It is interesting to note the success attending our workers of late in delivering their books.

Brother Kaufman writes, "A few lines to let you know how the Lord blessed in our delivery. Out of 48 books I had to postpone only two. The people seemed to be anxious to receive their books. We are planning to put in more time and work when the weather permits."

Brother Goodman, who is one of our new workers and has just completed his first delivery, writes thus of his work, "I have lost only one order outright out of 37 books. Let us pray for one another."

Brother Young writes encouragingly of his recent delivery: "The Lord has blessed in a wonderful way. I lost only one order. The people took their books with good grace and seemed to be pleased with them. I know the Lord is working on the hearts of the people in a marked way which is one of the best signs of the nearness of the end."

Our readers will be glad to learn that we lack only \$900 of reaching our goal for 1917. The probabilities are that we shall go far beyond our goal, which is \$30,000, by the end of the year. Our men are working most commendably and we are sure this large number of books sold will result in the salvation of many souls.

E. M. FISHELL

Northern Illinois Conference

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President, J. H. Schilling

Moline

The work at Moline has moved steadily along this summer, though it has not grown with great strides. Aside from doing the work of chaplain at the Sanitarium, I have held meetings or Bible readings almost every night the past summer, and as a result have baptized sixteen here, nearly all of whom are new in the faith. Several others have united with this church by letter, so that at present the membership is over 100. The interest and attendance at our Sunday night meetings is growing, and we expect much more to result from these. Mrs. Webster has held many Bible readings, by which some have accepted the truth, and has helped materially in building up the life of the church by holding weekly ladies' meetings. We feel cheered at the prospects before this church.

I baptized two in Chicago who united with the Hinsdale church, and last Sabbath buried two in baptism at Aledo. Some at Galesburg are nearly ready for that ordinance, which we expect to have soon.

E. W. WEBSTER

North Michigan Conference

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President, E. A. Bristol

North Michigan Harvest Ingathering

Orders are still coming in for the Harvest Ingathering papers. Many of our isolated members are having a rich experience in this work and we have received some good reports of their success.

We have just learned that a contribution of \$600 has been received on the Harvest Ingathering, which we believe is the largest in the Lake Union, and second largest in the North American Division. We, no doubt, shall receive a more complete report later.

Have you reached your goal? If not, do not give up, for the Lord is blessing the work in North Michigan; and if every member will do his duty now, we can easily reach our goal which will mean much to our work at this time.

Brethren Townsend and Keiser worked among the business men of Petoskey November 20 and 21 and, in spite of the fact that a drive for the Y. M. C. A. was on last week, they received a total of \$35.50, not including the regular donation by the Conference bank.

Both of these brethren have now reached their goals. Many of the conference workers have already, or nearly, reached their goal. May each member in North Michigan continue to work and pray for the success of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

October

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Alpena.....	42 92	2 65	33 12	Mesick.....	52 70		34 88
Alden.....	14 70		75	Mio.....	73 38		50
Barryton.....	33 20		3 11	Mecosta.....			
Cleon.....	46 16	84	3 38	Menominee.....			
Colfax.....	21 30		6 53	Midland.....	55 71		7 80
Clare.....				Miscellaneous.....	121 99	4 14	30 25
Cadillac.....	59 29	4 19	32 97	Mt. Pleasant.....	28 28		1 22
Coleman.....	47 57	8 12	19 61	Omer.....	34 84	3 13	9 63
Cooks.....	74 17	10 59	156 62	Onaway.....	73 68	3 42	18 17
Conference.....	91 72	6 57	25 20	Petoskey.....	110 50	3 26	31 58
Denver.....	37 45	3 14	10 21	Reed City.....	10 00	2 00	5 82
Eastport.....	34 85		59 13 95	Riverside.....	20 00	2 00	5 97
Edenville.....	1331 83	257 74	565 87	Rothbury.....	18 50		2 00
Escanaba.....	10 00		11 50	Scottville.....	31 63	65	4 35
Estey.....				Shelby.....	119 16	3 09	28 26
Frankfort.....	37 90	25	10 19	Soo.....	20 50	1 40	
Gaylord.....	49 30	1 00	7 00	Star City.....	6 80		13 77
Gladstone.....	5 30		1 88	Traverse City.....	32 62	1 71	58 55
Grant.....				Whittemore.....			
Harris.....	65 64	1 55	25 02	Wildwood.....			
Horr.....	136 88		20 75	Wilson.....			
Total				2950 41 324 03 1248 41			

East Michigan Conference

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Evangelistic Effort in Detroit

We are sure that the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD will rejoice to learn that the Lord is greatly blessing in the evangelistic effort which Elder A. V. Cotton is holding in the City of Detroit. It was encouraging to our people who had the privilege of attending to see 2,500 persons in attendance at the Arcadia Auditorium Sunday night, November 11, who heard Elder Cotton lecture on the driving of the Turk from Europe and the oncoming Armageddon.

In the audience were business and professional men, who came to learn what the Bible says about the great war, and its relation to the return of Christ. It was the second lecture of a series which Elder Cotton is planning to hold this winter, and it was remarkable to be at a vantage point in the building, and notice the intense interest with which the people listened as the word was unfolded to them.

The eagerness with which the people took free copies of the Present Truth series bearing on the subject presented, and also the way in which many purchased copies of "The World War," was a good indication of the anxiety they have to know the meaning of the unsettled conditions now existing in the world.

The auditorium, where the meetings are being held, is in the down town section and is in keeping with the dignity of our work and the exalted nature of our message. We believe that God is smiling down on the efforts that are now being made to reach the multitudes in this great city with the message that is due the world to-day, and we ask the readers of the HERALD to pray that the Lord will give us wisdom and humility so that many souls may rejoice in the truth along with those who now love it.

WALTER L. BURGAN

North Wisconsin Conference

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October

	Tithe	2%	Miss.		Tithe	2%	Miss.
Antigo.....	12 10	1 00	50	Jim Falls.....	338 90		36 70
Ashland (Engl.).....	116 72	5 84	17 54	Knapp.....	25 14	4 03	2 00
Ashland (Scand).....	22 30		7 08	Ladysmith.....	3 00		2 85
Barron.....				Lucas.....	26 24		6 88
Bashaw Lake.....				Maiden Rock.....	13 90	1 58	
Bear Lake.....	67 94		40 46	Merrill.....	54 04	5 20	34 74
Beldenville.....	147 46		11 50	Menominee, M.....			
Bloomville.....	90 85		41 10	Orange.....	15 97	69	1 81
Bone Lake.....	63 53		11 83	Plum City.....	107 47		31 34
Bruce.....	20 60		15 30	Polar.....			
Chippewa Falls.....	29 89	1 45	18 95	Pound.....			
Clear Lake.....	134 41	17 00	71 24	Prentice.....	23 66		10 85
Clearwater L.....	163 06	9 36	37 33	Rhineland.....	8 00		2 66
Conference Ch.....	99 09	2 04	82 15	Rice Lake.....	10 60		15 49
Crandon.....				Spooner.....	84 72	10 37	11 66
Cumberland.....	45 32	3 73	5 96	Superior.....	187 45	2 54	92 94
Hancock, M.....	59 46	5 36	46 30	Trade Lake.....	2 56		4 41
Hines.....	24 75		10 99	Walderville.....	160 60		46 75
Iron River, M.....	10 15		16 77	Washburn.....	24 60	75	41 50
Individuals.....	44 50	2 00	21 30	Zeba, M.....	11 47		19 11
				Total \$2250 45 72 94 817 99			

West Michigan Conference

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President, Wm. Guthrie

West Leroy

A good many years ago, Sister White encouraged the brethren living in the vicinity of West Leroy to build a church. Many of the brethren thought they knew about what was wanted, and began to lay plans accordingly. When the servant of the Lord saw the plans which had been made, she said: "Launch out, and build a larger house." When the plans were completed, the building would comfortably seat two hundred. The servant said: "That will not be large enough to hold the members before the end."

Brother Smith, the writer, and several of our young men in the Battle Creek church are commencing a series of meetings in this community. Four meetings have been held, and a lively interest is manifest. We trust that we may have the prayers of God's people that the prophecy of the Lord's servant may be fulfilled at this time.

H. B. LUNDQUIST

The Week of Prayer

West Michigan churches will be visited during the Week of Prayer as follows:

R. J. Nethery; Ionia, Portland, Grand Ledge, Greenville.

O. L. Ice; Gobleville, Paw Paw, Decatur, Glenwood.
W. P. Elliot; Bushnell, Clifford Lake, Frost, Carson City.

S. B. Horton; Kalamazoo, Sturgis, Three Rivers, Mendon.

F. A. Wright; Edmore, Cedar Lake, Lakeview.

B. F. Williams; Hastings, Nashville, Carlton Center, Maple Grove.

L. C. Shepard; Pottsville, Eaton Rapids, Dimondale, Brookfield.

A. E. Serns; Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs Village, Hartford.

F. W. Johnston; South Bend, Elkhart, North Liberty, Goshen.

H. B. Lundquist; Bedford, Albion, West LeRoy, Urbandale.

O. F. Gaylord; Battle Creek, Allegan.

B. Hagle; Howard City, Trufant, Sand Lake, Cedar Springs, Kent City.

Wm. Guthrie; Charlotte, Otsego, Douglas, Byron Center.

N. M. Jorgensen; Muskegon, Fremont, Holton, Grand Haven, Nortonville.

Wm. Reefman; Holland, Monterey, Bauer, Allendale.

W. H. Sherrig; Grand Rapids, Wright.

U. S. Anderson; Bangor, Covert, Buchanan, Niles.

T. M. Krainean; Indiana Harbor.

O. S. Thompson; Quincy, Coldwater, Homer, Burlington, Union City.

Battle Creek

The Harvest Ingathering campaign is on in Battle Creek, and although nearly every individual above twelve years of age is engaged in labor of some kind here, quite a generous response from the young people was received for workers in this campaign.

For three years past the young people have had as their territory what is known as the Post Addition. It takes about a thousand papers to supply the homes there, providing a copy is left with every family, which, of course, is not the case with the Missions number; but it is toward that end that they have been working.

One of the most faithful workers is a young man who was baptized and connected with the church in August of the present year. He is a compositor on one of the daily papers, and is well acquainted in the city, having lived here a good portion of his life. He began his soliciting among his associates in the shop, and had the privilege of speaking of his religious convictions. A generous contribution was the result.

Another instance of a good work done, is that of a nurse at the Sanitarium. Although working ten hours a day, she collected \$33 in about three days' time. Another young woman, disposed of about a dozen papers and received \$6.85.

The courage of all is good, and all are desirous of doing their part.

FRANCES CASE

Climax

Nov. 6, I gave a stereopticon lecture on the World War before the Business Men's Club at Climax. The meeting was held in the Methodist church and the public were invited. Over three hundred were present and all seemed well impressed with the message. Coupled with views of the war, were some outlining the Eastern Question, various peace movements, and the coming of Christ. At the close of the lecture a number came forward who expressed themselves favorable to what they heard. Among them were leading business men, ministers, and a captain from Camp Custer. The superintendent of the Climax schools who is also president of the club said that he had paid fifty dollars to secure lectures that were not so good.

Thinking men realize that there is a deep meaning to the war and many of them are expressing themselves favorable to our message. The timely litera-

ture we have on this war should be spread as never before. Now is our opportunity. May God help us all to take advantage of it.

LYLE C. SHEPARD

West Michigan's Need

There are fourteen counties in West Michigan, comprising the West Michigan Conference, with a population of 648,694 according to the statistics of 1910. Included in this number are 2700 of the remnant people of Israel grouped, in round numbers, into seventy churches scattered throughout the conference. The conference has recently added seven counties on the north end of Indiana with a population of 311,943 making a total of 960,637, which by this time has without doubt reached a million people, who, in view of the crisis facing this world, will go down to eternal ruin at the coming of Jesus unless some one keeps the last message of mercy continually before them.

I appeal to the sober minded, thinking, praying members of the conference. Do you think that it is expecting too much that for every two churches there should be one of their number set aside, as a regular self supporting missionary colporteur, one that would work all the year round carrying the gospel to the people? This would give us thirty-five colporteurs, one for each seventy-seven members. While one man went forth with the words of eternal life seventy-six could carry on their regular occupations. Is this asking too much of a people who know in their hearts that there is absolutely nothing to look forward to in this old war bleeding, famine stricken, sin cursed earth; nothing for them to set their affections on, nothing left worthy of their time, their talent, their ambitions, but that which will bring salvation to perishing souls?

Dear reader will you not take this to heart? If it is impossible for you to offer yourself we plead with you that you will give the members of your church no rest until one of your number has dedicated his or her life to be one of the thirty-five colporteurs in West Michigan.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white already to Harvest." What is to done must be done quickly, or much of the precious grain will go into the ground.

Why not get out now with the Home Workers' Prospectus, or the new book, "World Problems," and get an experience before Christmas so that you can be ready to come up to the institute the first of the year for training. Let us get into touch with each other at once.

W. B. MARIS

Berrien Springs, Mich.

South Wisconsin Conference

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Educational Department

The past week it has been my privilege to visit three of our church schools in this conference, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, and Milwaukee. If the work of these schools is indicative of the work for the whole

conference the outlook for the schools this year is very encouraging.

We have at present twenty elementary schools, with a total enrollment of 267. At Green Bay it was a pleasure to see the co-operation manifested at the board and parents' meeting. This was held in the school room which is practically new, with good equipment. Miss Flora McChesney here teaches a school of twenty-seven children. At the time of the parents' meeting they pleasantly surprised the teacher by voting and raising funds for a new desk for her use. The library here consists of seventy volumes, besides an extensive library which the teacher owns and allows the pupils to use. The school is planning to buy a new book every month. I found the work of this school well up to the standard, and teacher as well as children busy and happy.

Sturgeon Bay was next visited. Here Mr. Carl Wilson has a school of seven. A visit to the well equipped manual training room in the basement of the building was a treat long to be remembered. The girls in the woodwork class are making miniature beds, while the boys are variously occupied in manufacturing coasters, sleds, and other useful articles. The general science class devised a telegraph instrument, and are now working on a steam engine. Teacher and pupils are doing their utmost to surpass the Harvest Ingathering goal as far as possible. The thermometer on the board showed that the goal set was \$12, and that \$14.05 had already been raised. The constituency of this school is well pleased with the work Mr. Wilson is doing at Sturgeon Bay. Present indications predict a very successful school year.

At Milwaukee I found our largest school in the conference. They have an enrolment of thirty-eight, all the grades being taught here. This school is quite cosmopolitan, at least five or six nationalities being represented from the four Milwaukee churches. The work of reconstructing the school room is so nearly completed that it is now being used. A beautiful sympathy and understanding exists here between Miss Johnson, the teacher, and her pupils. Enthusiasm in the Ingathering work runs high, they having already raised \$22.74 of their \$25 goal. Donations are solicited at noons and recess time, showing the interest of the children and affording an outflow for their exuberant spirits in the absence of a playground. The playground, however, is now in preparation and plans are being made for its equipment. Quite an extensive library has been compiled here. Due attention is given to all lines of the work, including a strong course in manumetal. For the next two weeks I shall visit schools in the western part of the conference.

MABEL E. FRANKLIN

Italian Work in Milwaukee

The Lord's work among the Italian people of Milwaukee is going slow but sure. We have had the privilege of having Elder R. Calderone from Chicago from Nov. 10 to 17. He preached the Word every evening, and surely the Lord has blessed us through him. Souls have been convicted by the Power above and five more dear Italian souls have decided to obey and walk with the Lord. On Sunday morning, before

Elder Calderone left us, he baptized four sisters and a brother and these were added to the church. We are thankful for the precious light we have received, and are glad to have decided to live for Jesus. Praise to His Holy Name. Pray for the work and workers.

MICHELE CALI

Bethel News Notes

Mr. Smeiska, who has been home on a short visit, has returned.

Mr. Janke spent the week-end at his home at Oxford.

Mr. Irving Borg has gone to his home in Clintonville on a short visit before his sisters go west.

Plans and pipes are being laid to supply the cottage with water from the tank.

Mrs. Franklin spent one day here last week, in the interest of the church school work.

The enrollment has now reached the hundred fifth mark. Earl Schmid enrolled Friday, and Chris Hanson is here, planning to enter school soon.

A very successful literary program was given in the assembly room of the ladies' dormitory Saturday evening.

A new cream separator has been purchased, which is much appreciated by the students, especially by those who had formerly been obliged to carry the milk to one of the neighbors to be separated.

A cordial invitation to attend the ministerial band was extended to the girls last Friday evening. The meeting was very interesting. Mr. Straight spoke on "The Book" while "Christ's Coming" was discussed by Kenneth Macauley.

Elder Lockin, President of the North Carolina Conference, visited us last week. He related to us his early experiences in the work in Wisconsin, and how he received donations for the building of our Academy.

The Conference donated an old conference building at Grand Rapids to Bethel Academy. Ten boys went down Monday morning to tear down the building. The lumber will be used to build a tool shed for the school.

On account of the illness of her sister, Miss Mary Borg has been obliged to drop her duties as matron. She will accompany her sister to the coast. Her place has been taken temporarily by Miss Hattie Rathbun.

Elder W. H. Anderson, a Missionary from Africa, visited us November ten, and gave us some very interesting talks on his work among natives, and their needs.

An enthusiastic group of students went out for the Harvest Ingathering a week ago last Thursday. Three companies went out with the papers, one to Grand Rapids, one to Marshfield, and the boys went out into the country. Everyone enjoyed the work, and another day will be spent in doing the same work soon. The amount raised was over \$113.00.

Among the recent visitors at the Academy were Mr. and Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Nelson of Poy Sippi; Mrs. Clark of Hillsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Schultz of Rhinelander, Mrs. Russell of Milwaukee, Mrs. Allen of Portage, Mrs. Jennings of Marshfield, the Misses Patricca Wilson and Esther Davis of Marshfield, and Miss Meta Hansen and Grace McCrillis of Marshfield.

The second meeting of a series was held in a school house east of Arpin on Sunday evening. The boys from the ministerial band are enthusiastic over this their first real effort.

Southern Illinois Conference

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President, E. F. Peterson

Colporteur Notes

We regret that sickness and other things have come into our ranks causing our numbers to look small, but God is wonderfully blessing those who remain, as the following quotations from their letters show:

A. P. Lager. "A short week this time. Had to come in to gather corn. I had the privilege of helping a man and his wife set up their new range, and then they were ready to give me an order for Bible Readings in leather binding." Brother Lager worked 27 hours with sales amounting to \$71.50.

Jerry Suda. "The Lord has been with me and blessed me in the work I have done in his vineyard." Brother Suda worked 54 hours with orders amounting to \$129.45.

S. E. Teas. "I rejoice in the Lord. He opened the way for me to reach three Catholic homes and gave me three orders for 'Bible Readings' from them."

Brother R. J. Warson has just finished delivering \$319.50 worth of books. He says, "I delivered an English half leather to a German Lutheran and he told me to bring him another copy in German. I also took another German order while delivering."

The Lord is blessing Brother G. W. Kimberlin in his work in Jersey county.

Brother O. A. Morse has finished working Jefferson county including the city of Mt. Vernon. He has now begun work in Clinton county.

The Lord continues to bless Brother L. F. Harrison in a marked way. Brother Harrison is working in Scott county and writes, "Oh! how I thank the Lord for His goodness to me the past week. His guiding hand has been in evidence all week long. I have prayed that He would show me some of the fruit of my labor, and, praise His Holy Name, I think He is going to do it by some of the experiences He has given me this week."

Dear reader, is not God speaking to you to go to work with the printed page, while probation is still open? In Neh. 2:6 we read, "So it pleased the King to send me; and I set him a time." How many times has the Great King asked you to set Him a time? Did you set a time? Did you keep your appointment? The Lord is saying now "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isa. 6:8.

The door is open for a great work to be accomplished—people are willing to listen to anything concerning prophecy. Now is the time to push such books as Daniel and the Revelation. Nearly all of Southern Illinois is yet waiting for this good book.

I shall be very glad to correspond with you relative to territory and set a date when I can be with you and help you get started.

A. L. VAN FOSSEN

304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill.

News Notes

Miss Grace Evans was in attendance at the Young People's Convention at Berrien Springs from the 22nd to the 25th.

Elder Peterson was called to Chicago last week to attend a meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee.

Elder A. J. Clark was a welcome visitor at Springfield last week. He spoke Sabbath, the 17th, to the members of the First Church.

Miss Rika Wohlers returned to Springfield last week after having spent ten days at her home in Bunker Hill where she succeeded in raising her quota on the Harvest Ingathering fund.

Now is the time to dig up your Home Library and World's Crisis Prospectuses. Many are already improving these beautiful November days in visiting friends and neighbors and securing orders for our helpful literature. If any of you should like to engage in this good work, we are ready to supply you with one of the above mentioned prospectuses at fifty cents, postpaid.

The Sabbath school quarterlies for the first quarter of 1918 are now ready to mail. Early orders are solicited.

Brother Francis Teas has again entered the colporteur work with headquarters at Winchester.

Miss Nancy Harmon, of Lewistown, is one of our successful agents for "World War." This book is continuing to have a good sale.

Many are improving these balmy November days in making up their quota on the Harvest Ingathering fund. We hope every church will push this work energetically so that it may have its quota in by December 1.

Missionary Volunteer and Sabbath School Notes

During the month of October the Juniors in our church school passed their Harvest Ingathering goal by \$7.66. They are not going to stop at this however but are still working.

Thirty-nine reading course certificates were issued to Juniors during the last quarter while six certificates were issued to Seniors. If you have not finished the Reading Course for 1916-1917 now is the time to do it.

Soul saving is the primary object of our organization of Missionary Volunteers. We are glad to report the baptism of thirty-five young people during the past quarter.

Up to date we have raised but \$258.79 on our \$450 Mission Goal for India. We are hoping to do more than make up the deficiency this last quarter. We shall if all are faithful in the Harvest Ingathering work and in the payment of our pledges.

Don't forget the Standard of Attainment examinations which will be held in December. The questions will be sent to all church elders and isolated members on request.

We started out at the first of the year with one hundred and forty-two reading the Bible through. What a splendid record it would be if all could finish! Let all who complete the reading send their names to the Conference M. V. Secretary.

Six Sabbath schools have been added to our list

making thirty-nine in all. We rejoice in an increase in membership of ninety-six.

Perfect Attendance Cards for 102 were filled out and ten members of the Sabbath schools merited Bible book marks.

GRACE EVANS

Obituary

Elder William Covert

Williamson Covert was born in the state of Indiana February 1, 1842, and fell asleep in Jesus at his home in Aurora, Illinois, November 2, 1917. During the past seven years he was pastor of the Aurora church, but on account of failing health he has been unable to act in that capacity more or less during the past year. His condition was not serious until about a week before his death, when he had a stroke of apoplexy, which left him unconscious until Friday morning at two o'clock, when he passed away.

Elder Covert has been a minister in the Seventh-day Adventist denomination for forty-five years. Most of this time he spent not only as pastor of the various churches, but also as president of the Lake Union and a large number of local conferences. He was the first president of the Indiana Conference, which was organized about forty-five years ago. In this capacity of president he served the Indiana, Tennessee, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Northern Illinois conferences. He was also president of the Lake Union Conference during the early part of its organization. One of these conference he served as president for nine years, another for eight years, and another for five years; which shows that his work was efficient and satisfactory or else he would not have been left in that position for so many years.

He also served on executive and directing boards of some of our most important institutions. For many years he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Battle Creek, (Mich.) Sanitarium, of Emmanuel Missionary College, Tri-City Sanitarium, Madison Sanitarium, and Fox River and Bethel academies. He was instrumental in establishing a number of academies in the conferences where he served as president.

Elder Covert was not only a good pastor and a good president, but also a good author. He has written a few books of rare quality and interest. During the time of his pastorate in the city of Aurora he raised the money with which to purchase the church for that congregation, and is the first one to be carried out of it.

He spent several years of his life in the vicinity of Kokomo, Ind. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Flora C. Covert, one daughter, Mrs. Dr. Satterlee of Danville, Ill., and two sons, Prof. Alvin C. of Montecello, Florida, and John of Battle Creek, Mich., besides several brothers and sisters; also a foster daughter, Mrs. Golden Covert-Williamson of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Even though he was 76 years old in years, he was considerably older in work. Since he became a member of our denomination, and served in the various conferences, he almost always lived two or three years in one. He worked with unreserved consecration to God and to His service. He worked almost as actively as in former years until a week ago. A few hours before he was struck down he was planning his campaign for the Harvest Ingathering, in which he was more than ordinarily interested. He had a great love for the work of Christ not only in the homeland, but also in foreign fields. He was a living missionary. It was on that account that he was always so successful in gathering funds for the foreign missions. He constantly thought of and prayed for the work in foreign fields, and when he asked for an offering he did it with an interest and with a spirit with which most of us could not because of our lack of interest. Notwithstanding the fact that his physical strength was beginning to fail him a year ago, he was successful last year in gathering the largest amount for our Harvest Ingathering of any one person in the United States. His interest

for this work was so great that he was oftentimes during recent weeks found weeping over and lamenting the fact that he could not do this year what he had done in former years. It was the hardest thing for him to lay off the burden and rest. But if any man ever deserved a quiet and peaceful sleep in Jesus, it was our beloved Elder Covert, a veteran soldier of the cross. We shall always remember him as one of our great workers in the Master's cause.

Elder Covert was not only a veteran soldier of the cross of Christ, but he was also a veteran of the army of the United States. He served his country faithfully in the civil war. He was a man of great patriotism as well as deep religious principles. Men of his courage are needed today; men who are not afraid to give their lives for their country and at the same time remain true to Christ and His service. May his example be amply followed by us all.

J. H. SHILLING

Canvassers' Report for the Week Ending November 16, 1917

Indiana						
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total Del
Clinton P. Hall.....	BR	31	11	41 50		41 50 31 50
Raymond Brooks.....	BR	37	20	74 00	75	74 75
M. S. Grimm.....	BR	29	5	19 50	4 50	44 00 1 50
C. R. Shepard.....	GC	30	6	26 50	2 25	28 75 2 25
A. E. Goodman.....	GC	43	8	30 00	9 70	39 70 3 00
Wilber Moore.....	BR	30				229 00
C. F. Colton.....	GC	35	8	28 00	1 50	29 50
Raymond Brooks.....	BR	30				203 00
H. P. Brodt.....	BR	40	17	62 50	3 00	65 50
Walter Gettys.....	BR	18				252 00
O. L. Hackney.....	BR	13				21 00
*C. C. King.....	BR	13	13	45 50		45 50
O. G. Alberts.....	DR	27	16	61 00		61 00
Marion Shippy.....						44 00
Miscellaneous.....						500 00
		376	104	388 50	21 70	410 20 1287 25
Southern Illinois						
L. F. Harrison.....	BR	31	14	50 00	2 75	52 75
A. P. Lager.....	BR	27	17	68 50	3 00	71 50 3 50
Jerry Suda.....	BR	54	32	114 00	15 45	129 45 8 00
S. E. Teas.....	BR	36	7	24 50	8 00	32 50 5 00
R. J. Watson.....	BR	49	6	24 00		24 00 346 50
O. A. Morse.....	BR	30	4	14 00	6 85	20 85 4 50
G. W. Kimberlin.....	BR	44	10	36 00		36 00 252 50
		271	90	331 00	36 05	367 05 620 00
South Wisconsin						
Chas. Antisdeli.....	BR	46	23	86 50		86 50
Fred Breyer.....	BR	20	15	55 50		55 50
H. F. Bernitt.....	BR	46	5	17 50	17 20	34 70 7 95
J. C. Frank.....	BR	31	8	28 00	1 50	29 50 1 50
J. A. Ellquist.....	PG	16	6	21 00		21 00
Mrs. H. Rothenbach.....	HCL		30	36 30		36 30
		161	87	243 80	18 70	264 50 9 45
East Michigan						
J. Pengelly.....	BR	50	14	57 00	23 75	80 75
Clare Botimer.....	HM	30	7	18 50	3 00	21 50 3 00
Floyd Meyers.....	GC	14	9	41 50	2 00	43 50 2 00
E. V. Sykes.....	BR	20	5	21 50	3 75	25 25 95 00
Mrs. P. Clinansmith.....	HW	4	12		7 25	7 25
R. A. Benjamin.....	WW	23			22 00	22 00 8 00
		141	47	138 50	61 75	200 25 108 00
Northern Illinois						
E. A. Clough.....	BR	79	15	59 50	10 50	70 00 131 25
A. M. Tatton.....	BR	51	13	62 50	10 00	72 50
Mrs. E. A. Clough.....	HW	4		9 00		9 00
		134	28	131 00	20 50	151 50 131 25
North Michigan						
A. P. Friday.....	BR	40	8	31 00		31 00 5 75
W. I. Coleman.....	WW	47		60 00		60 00
Mrs. E. E. Clark.....	GC	10	3	10 50	5 25	15 75
		97	11	101 50	5 25	106 75 65 75
West Michigan						
G. A. Potter.....	BR	34	7	24 50	2 50	27 00
W. P. Coppock.....	BF	33	24	49 00	2 50	51 50 2 25
C. F. McCoy.....	BR	18	2	10 50	4 25	14 75
		95	33	84 00	9 25	93 25 2 50
*Two weeks						
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Let us read our union paper,
And its message closely seek;
Keeping touch with all the items
Earnest workers send each week.
Up for service, let us hasten,
Never fearful of a dearth
In the letters from a worker,
Or the UNION HERALD's worth
Near each home and humble hearth.
Here's a duty then, my brother,
Every day where you may be,
Reaching out for him who falters,
Ardent then in service free;
Leave with him this little motto:
"Does your home our paper see?"

O. P. W.

Something New

With each new year our denomination has advanced step by step until to-day, under the guiding hand of God the work accomplished by Seventh-day Adventists is a marvel in its scope and character. Perhaps one of the greatest forces for carrying on the gospel work has been our publications, and in foreign lands where the colporteur has entered single-handed with the printed page whole companies have been raised up to stand with God's people.

The new January *Watchman* will contain some exceptional articles. One of them is, "The Great War—What Will be its Result?" This is a question on the mind of the world at large. Can it be answered? The cover is one of the most striking ever issued appealing strongly to every patriotic American citizen. An extra four pages has been added, making thirty-six pages of intensely interesting reading matter and profusely illustrated.

Such good magazines as the *Watchman* and the *Signs Monthly* should have an extensive circulation. They are most attractive and appealing and when properly presented will sell by the thousands. Let our churches rally everywhere to the call "The Lord gave the word: great was the company that published it." Ps. 68:11.

C. E. HOOPER

Send the *Morning Watch Calendar* to your friends this year instead of a Christmas card.

Important Notice

We have just received from the publishers the following schedule of prices. These new rates go into

effect January 1, 1918. You have from now until January 1 to secure the different periodicals at the old rate.

Review and Herald			Youths' Instructor		
Rate for	1917	1918	Rate for	1917	1918
1 year	2 25	2 50	1 year	1 50	1 75
6 mo.	1 25	1 50	6 mo	85	1 00
2 yrs.	4 00	4 50	Clubs		
3 yrs.		6 00	(5 or more)		
Church Officers' Gazette			1 yr. each	1 00	1 25
1 yr.	50	60	6 mo.	60	75
Clubs	35	45	3 mo.	35	40
Sabbath School Worker			Christian Educator		
1 yr.	60	60	1 yr.	1 00	1 00
Clubs	45	45	6 mo.	60	60
Liberty			Life and Health		
1 yr.	35	35	1 yr.	1 00	1 00
3 yrs.	1 00	1 00	6 mo.	60	60
5 to 50 copies of any issue to separate addresses, each					
	05	06			

You cannot afford to be without one or all of these different publications; especially the *Review and Herald*, *Youths' Instructor*, *Church Officers' Gazette*, and *Sabbath School Worker*. You should have these and as many more as you can possibly afford.

We have notice that the *Signs Magazine* will be \$1.50 January 1, 1918, so you had better send in your subscription for one or two years now or before January 1. In this way you will save 50 cents on one year's subscription or \$1.00 on a two years' subscription. Better send in your subscription now. You may forget it if you do not send it in at once.

We are living in most serious times and you will need to keep informed as to the onward move of the message and what is taking place from week to week. You should have the *Review*, the *Watchman*, or *Signs Monthly*, and *Liberty* to get the necessary information.

Business Notices

Approved advertisements will be published in the *HERALD* at the following rates: Forty words or less, fifty cents for each insertion, and one cent per word for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash must accompany copy for all advertisements.

FOR SALE in Southern Wisconsin, well equipped stock farm 147 acres, 15 timber, heavy clay soil, all upland, 4½ miles from R. R.; reason for selling, want to devote my time to missionary work. Write for particulars, M. F. Madigan, Lodi, Wis.

WANTED AT ONCE.—Man to work on farm by month or year; steady work to right man; also men to work in the woods, good wages; and young man or woman to work in store and learn trade, one with \$400 or \$500 capital preferred. L. W. Swan, Ludington, Mich.

WANTED.—A man 64 years old would like a place to stay for the winter where he could do chores or other light work for his board. I would like to correspond with any who could give such employment. Roy Townsend, R. F. D. 4, Leslie, Mich.

FOR SALE.—It happens that people in such parts of the country where land is expensive desire to purchase a cheaper farm. We are prepared to give reliable information concerning some land to the North in Wisconsin, which can be purchased at a very reasonable rate. We have no interest in the matter personally, but part of this property accrues to the cause of God when sold. Anyone interested in good, cheap land in Wisconsin should write to Elder C. S. Wiest, 304 Ruh Building, Fond du Lac, Wis.