

Lake Union Herald

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

VOL. IX

BERRIEN SPRINGS, MICH., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1917

No. 51

Lake Union Conference Directory

Office Address, 3145 Lyndale St., Chicago, Ill.
President, L. H. CHRISTIAN, Office Address
Secretary and Treasurer, A. N. ANDERSON, Office Address.
Field Agent, J. B. BLOSSER, Berrien Springs, Mich.
Ed. and Y. P. M. V. Secretary, C. A. RUSSELL, Berrien Springs, Mich.
Medical Secretary, W. C. DUNSCOMBE, M. D., Wabash Valley Sanitarium, La Fayette, Ind.

Executive Committee

L. H. Christian	A. J. Clark	W. C. Dunscombe
A. N. Anderson	C. S. Wiest	J. B. Blosser
W. A. Westworth	E. F. Peterson	O. J. Graf
Wm. Guthrie	J. J. Irwin	C. A. Russell
J. H. Schilling	E. A. Bristol	H. O. Olson

The Day of His Coming

The day of His coming is hastening near,
'Tis witnessed in deed and in word
By those who are counting the future as dear,
Awaiting the day of the Lord:
For by His assurance the ransomed in light
Their King in his glory will see,
And shine as the morning that riseth so bright
On mansions forever to be.

Ah, day of His coming, how near is the time
When mercy no longer is near,
How dreadful the trumpet, yet grand and sublime,
That calleth our record so clear;
For earth in her beauty, far stretching away,
With everything under the sun,
Shall pass in her journal when cometh the day
Proclaiming His mystery done.

Then biding His coming a query I see,
While plodding life's journey below:
What manner of record is written for me
By angels in glory who know?
So, let me each moment, while ling'reth the day,
Tell others the message and why
It beareth the careless and earthly away
To beautiful dwellings on high.

O. P. WILSON

A Challenge to Seventh-day Adventists

Every serious, vital crisis has two handles—one a challenge, the other despair—and each one will in spite of himself grasp it by one of these. Weak men fall in the hour of trial while men of strength meet obstacles with courage, counting them as stepping-stones to victory. By the delusive teachings of world peace the present age had been dragged into a dream of false security. The majority thought as stated by Joseph Cook, "That the nineteenth century made the world into a neighborhood and the twentieth century will make it into a brotherhood." "Commerce had killed famine. Science had killed pestilence. Religion had killed war." When in 1914 the Titanic War burst upon the earth, millions whose hopes and dreams were utterly blasted gave up in despair. They bewailed, "The failure of Christianity," "the disappointment of socialism," and "the futility of international law." They discovered what they might have known all along that during the last 3,000 years only 229 have been years of peace.

The governments of earth did not despair. They grasped the present crisis as a supreme challenge, as a very struggle

for existence. Mighty nations who in the quiet arts of peace had well nigh forgotten the crime of war and were wholly unprepared sprang to arms in a day. Conscription was introduced. Hundreds of military camps grew up in a fort night. A million wheels of civilization and progress were shifted over night to the service of war. Instinctively men seemed to divine that humanity had come to what President Wilson in his message to congress the other day called "A supreme moment in history." Sacrifices are now made, the very figures of which sound staggering. To-day more than 25,000 men are killed, wounded or taken prisoners every twenty four hours. In the first three years of the war at least 5,000,000 men were slain and not less than 6,000,000 are now in the military prisons, many of whom endure great suffering, both physical and mental. And 5,000,000 lie wounded in the military hospitals. Fifty million men have been called to arms, and over ninety billion dollars have already been spent. The cost of the war at this time amounts to one hundred and thirty million a day or more than fifty thousand dollars every minute. Of course the sacrifice in money is nothing compared to the horrors of famine, pestilence and groveling passions.

A Challenge to the Church

To the church of Christ this world struggle presents a mighty moral challenge. Each one will meet it in his own way. The Catholics are sending thousands of priests to the front and have gathered millions of dollars for relief work. The Y. M. C. A. alone asked for 35 million dollars and secured 51. To Seventh-day Adventists this present crisis brings a new era. It is to us the greatest challenge in all our history. War did not take us by surprise. We had expected it for almost a generation. Yet never before have we come to such a time as this. It remains to be seen how we will meet the crisis. Consider that for half a century we have declared that when this time of trouble began we would sound the third angel's message to all mankind. We have said that our love for the message would send us and our sons and daughters to the ends of the earth. We preached and published and testified that when this day came our farmers would sell their farms, our workmen would leave their shops, and we would all as one man give ourselves with our children and our possessions to the one cause of sending the last invitation of mercy to a dying world. And now the crisis has come. Every Seventh-day Adventist must face the challenge squarely and in the fear of God. We cannot escape unless we surrender. If we fail to-day God will select others for the work of His everlasting gospel.

The Lake Union

To Seventh-day Adventists of the Lake Union Conference the present struggle is a direct and telling challenge. Our district is the cradle of Adventism. Here more than in any other part of the earth have the above stated professions and promises been made. And ours is, not an old burnt over territory, but a large, throbbing, needy, promising field, with a population of 15,000,000. In one conference of this Union there are 51 counties without a single Sabbath school, church or other organization, and with one or two exceptions, so far as we know, without a solitary Adventist. In another conference there are 58 counties without a church and 27 counties in which according to our records no evangelistic work has been done during the last thirty years. We have cities in this field of more than 75,000 people where no

strong work has ever been done for the third angel's message. There are open doors on every hand. People are hungry for the truth and willing to accept it. In the first three quarters of this year we won 1568 new converts. Our churches should have help. But we are sadly short of workers, and we are short of workers because we are short of tithe.

At a meeting of our conference presidents in Chicago, Nov. 20, we decided to present these facts to our people and to request all to pay a large and full tithe at the close of this year. We hope this appeal may be read by every Seventh-day Adventist in the Lake Union, as the need is urgently pressing. We greatly appreciate the devotion of our people who are faithful in paying tithe. God is blessing them in their liberality. There is a sweet spiritual joy in returning to the Lord His own. But many professed Adventists pay no tithe. In one of our largest conferences only eight members out of thirteen pay any tithe at all, and a large number of these eight do not pay a full tithe. Another conference reports five out of eight as tithe-payers. In yet another conference the proportion is even smaller. This reveals a fearful unfaithfulness. We believe that it will bring

The Displeasure of God

Upon those who are untrue. Study the following from the Testimonies: "They do comparatively nothing to what they might. They are withholding and robbing God, for they are fearful they may come to want. This is one of the reasons that as a people we are so sickly and that many are falling into their graves. The covetous are among us." "If those who profess to love the truth are holding on to their riches God will come closer and scatter their means: He will come near to them with judgment. He will in various ways scatter their idols. Many losses will be sustained." "That which should have been devoted to the advancement of the work and cause of God, but which has been withheld may be intrusted to a reckless son and he may squander it. A fine horse, the pride of a vain heart may be found dead in the stable. Occasionally a cow may die. Losses of fruit or other crops may come." Vol. 2 pp. 199 and 661.

The tithing system is of heavenly origin and belongs to both Old and New Testament times. Abraham paid tithe to Melchizedek, the Priest of the Most High God. Gen. 14: 18-20. When Jacob as a penitent returned to God after his vision of Christ as the Ladder at Bethel, his first vow was to pay God an honest tithe—not on a surplus of wealth, but if the Lord would give him "bread to eat and raiment to put on." Gen. 28:20-21. Moses ordained that Israel should pay tithe. Lev. 27:30. King Hezekiah led in a great reform in the payment of tithe before the Babylonian captivity and Nehemiah did the same after the captivity. 2 Chron. 31:4-12; Neh. 13:10-13. Christ commanded the payment of tithe as one of the things that "ought to be done." Matt. 23:23. Paul taught that a tithe belongs to Christ as head of the Melchizedek priesthood (Heb. 7:4-9) and enunciated this eternal principle of the divine economy that in the new dispensation as in the old: "The Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14. The Prophet Malachi, whose last day predictions warn directly of our days, faithfully portrays the duties and the blessing of the tithe. Mal. 3:8-10.

Some will withhold their means until it is too late. Concerning the experience of these we read as follows in Early Writings: "I heard some mourning like this: the cause is languishing. God's people were starving for the truth and we made no effort to supply the lack. Now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go and heaped up treasures in heaven." As ministers and church officers we have a very solemn responsibility in this question of paying tithe. Our duty is vividly told in these words from the Spirit of

Prophecy: "Let the church appoint pastors or elders who are devoted to the Lord Jesus, and let these men see that officers are chosen who will attend faithfully to the work of gathering in the tithe. If the pastors show that they are not fitted for their charge, if they fail to set before the church the importance of returning to God His own, if they do not see to it that the officers under them are faithful, and that the tithe is brought in, they are in peril. They are neglecting a matter which involves a blessing or a curse to the church. They should be relieved of their responsibility, and other men should be tested."

Close the Year Honestly

God has granted us a measure of material prosperity and we have little of the distress that rules in Europe. But already our boys are being taken to the front. They are tested every day. God also watches us who are free to see if we will faithfully help His cause with tithes and offerings. Many of us pay store bills and close up other accounts to the end of the year. Ought we not first of all settle our accounts with the Lord? The books of heaven will soon be closed for this the greatest year of all history. Should not every Seventh-day Adventist close this year honestly before the Lord? Thus we may begin 1918 with faith and joy and a clean conscience. Wishing you all the blessing of heaven and a happy New Year, we are,

Your brethren in Christ,

L. H. CHRISTIAN

E. A. BRISTOL J. J. IRWIN

E. F. PETERSON C. S. WIEST

A. J. CLARK J. H. SCHILLING

WM. GUTHRIE W. A. WESTWORTH

To Adventists Who Are Drafted

Some of our young men are asking how they shall answer the questions to non combatants in Series 9 of the new draft regulations, which read as follows:

Series IX.—Religious Conviction Against War

INSTRUCTIONS.—Every registrant must answer the first question. If he answers "no" he need not answer the other questions, or sign his name. If he answers "yes," he must answer ALL the questions, and sign his name.

Q. 1. Are you a member of a religious sect or organization whose creed forbids you to participate in war in any form? If so, state the name of the sect and the location of its governing body or head.

A. 1.

If your answer is "no" do not answer any other questions and do not sign your name.

Q. 2. State the date and place of organization of your local church.

A. 2.

Q. 3. State number of adherents of such sect in the United States.

A. 3.

Q. 4. When did such sect adopt opposition to war as a part of its creed?

A. 4.

Q. 5. When, where, and how did you become a member of such sect?

A. 5.

Q. 6. Give the name and location of the particular local congregation of which you are a member.

A. 6.

While each one must answer for himself we give these as suggested answers:

To No. 1. Yes. The Seventh-day Adventist church, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., A. G. Daniells, President; W. A. Spicer, Secretary.

To No. 3. Eighty-one thousand.

To No. 4. In 1863, directly after the organization of our General Conference.

To No. 5. By confession and baptism.

All our brethren can secure proper answers to questions 2 and 6 from the elder of their local church. Concerning these draft rules a reliable writer gives this information which our young men should preserve:

"Advisory Boards are provided to be present with Draft Boards to advise and assist registrants in interpreting the Questionnaire, filling out answers, etc. If a registrant is in doubt, or needs help, especially in an appeal, he should get advice from well-known and reliable lawyers. If he appeals, and it should go beyond the District Board, he should have his claims properly set forth in form of a brief, under legal advice, and in brief, clear, legal diction, and the claim supported by affidavit testimony.

"The Local Board should issue certificate, Form No. 1007 (page 152 Selective Service Regulations) for final classification of registrant. And certificate, Form No. 1008 (page 153, S. S. R.) for exemption from combatant service, instead of 174 as in the old."

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Holidays in the Camps

The daily press abounds with notices concerning Christmas gifts for the training camps. Seventh-day Adventists do not make as much of Christmas as other churches do, yet we believe in harmony with the instruction given us through the Spirit of Prophecy that a small Christmas tree and simple gifts for our children are right and helpful. We try to make the holidays not a period of worldly feasting, but a time of joy and cheer and glad reunion around the fireside. The Lord loves happy homes and sunny children. But some of our young men can not meet with us at home. About forty Adventist boys are at Camp Custer with not a few at Camp Grant and in other cantonments. We believe that our people should remember these boys with some Christmas or New Years box of useful gifts during the holidays. Every church from which a boy has gone to a training camp should send him some remembrance as a church during the holidays. It is perhaps impossible for those who have not visited the camps to know how lonesome and monotonous life there becomes for the boys.

We spent last Sabbath at Camp Grant in Rockford. We had a good visit with our young men with the exception of Lee Foote from Wisconsin, who was home on furlough. Our boys in Camp Grant are well treated by the officers. They are trying to be faithful and true in every way. If any brethren desire to send a gift to some of our soldier boys, but haven't the name and address of some one, they can send the money to their local conference office. It will then be used either in providing holiday gifts for our brethren in the cantonments or to purchase literature for them.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Gather Up the Fragments, Let None Be Lost

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1917 is rapidly drawing to a close with the advent of the new year. No doubt every member in the Lake Union Conference will voice the sentiment that this has been the most interesting and the most successful campaign we have yet had. Some entered the campaign with fear and trembling inasmuch as the demands for money had been so heavy on the people by the relief and patriotic organizations. But from the start the members in the Lake Union Conference have gone out prayerfully and of good courage and the Lord has abundantly blessed their efforts.

The reports are now in up to the first of December, and show the Union \$4000 ahead of last year. When the reports are all in for the month of December we feel confident that we will have gathered in several thousand dollars more than we did a year ago.

Practically thirty thousand more papers have been ordered by the churches in this union this year than were ordered in the campaign last year. We trust that every church has made good use of all the papers they have ordered. Two weeks still remain before the campaign closes. This will give every church an opportunity to use up all their papers. There may be some who have not quite reached their goal, who can take the remaining papers at their church and go out and make it while still there is time. There may be others who lack only a few cents or a dollar of having received enough money. We would suggest that they take what papers are left at their church and endeavor to secure enough to make up the difference.

These beautiful papers have cost a great deal of money to prepare and the very best use should be made of them. May we not be able to report for the entire Lake Union that every single paper that has been ordered has been disposed of? Let us not have any papers stored away in the basements of our churches. Let all papers still remaining be gathered up and used to the best advantage before the old year closes. Let none be wasted. Let us take advantage of the two remaining weeks to dispose of every paper that has been ordered. The campaign should not be considered closed until every last paper has been used. And who knows but that the very last papers to be handed out may be the ones that will accomplish the most good. "Let us gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost," or wasted.

J. L. MCCONAUGHEY

Every Day

Several times I laid my fountain pen aside because it began to blot; it was so disappointing to have it bedeck the page with big splotches of ink. But I soon learned that the pen was not ruined; it was only empty and needed refilling. That was all, but that made all the difference there is between the useful and the *worse than useless* article.

This set me thinking. What if God should lay me aside when I blot the page for the day with mistakes? How often I have looked back over the record blotted with sins of commission and omission—with unkind

It is not too late to give a Morning Watch Calendar to the friend to whom you forgot to send one. Do it today.

words and neglected duties that filled the evening reflections with bitter regret! How often I have failed! How often I have disappointed God when He has tried to use my life for writing in another heart His message of loving care! And again and again an accusing conscience has whispered to my despairing heart: You failed to let God fill you to-day.

A new year lies before us! Its pages are still white. But they must all be filled as God turns the leaves. Now if we really desire to fill each page with a record of which our Master can approve, we must let Him fill us daily for service. If He does not fill us daily, we cannot succeed; if He does, we cannot fail. He must direct our feet and strengthen our hands for work. This is the spiritual law of cause and effect; and we cannot escape it.

The psalmist knew this law for he declared, "Thy words have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." What he did, we must do in order to live right and to serve successfully. Our Master and Saviour when on earth followed the plan recommended by the psalmist. He studied the scriptures; lived in perfect harmony with them; and He was an eminently successful worker—not one failure stained His wonderful record. He "spake as never man spake;" He knew how to comfort the sorrowing; He had power to heal the afflicted; He was able, through God, to finish the work He came to do.

So the real question you and I are facing is: Will we pay the price of success during 1918? Will we hide enough of God's word in our hearts to serve Him acceptably? Every day we should study the Guide Book—eat this bread of eternal life—for our spiritual life is as dependent upon prayer and Bible study as our physical life is on air and food. And we should study the Bible from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21, for it is all the word of God, and "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." From cover to cover the Good Book is filled with the help we need for living the victorious life. Do you desire to become a successful Christian worker? Then will you not join with hundreds of other young people in reading the Bible through during 1918?

M. V. DEPARTMENT

Notice

All who have satisfactorily completed the study of "Learning to Teach from the Master Teacher" are entitled to a Training Course certificate. Only this requirement is made:

Write a statement setting forth ten distinct points in the book which have been helpful to you.

Send the statement to your conference Sabbath school secretary.

Sign your full name and give address.

A certificate issued at Washington and signed by the secretary of the General Conference Sabbath School Department, also by the Sabbath school secretary in your conference, will be sent to you.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The new Bible Year Leaflets, both Senior and Junior, may be secured from your Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. Order early so that you will be ready to begin the Bible Year on January 1, 1918.

South Wisconsin Conference

Office Address, Room 305 Ruh Bldg., Fond du Lac, Wis.
President, C. S. Wiest

Week of Prayer

It has been our purpose so to distribute our laborers during the week of prayer that as many of our churches as possible could be visited. Elder Gaede was at Lena, Underhill, and Milwaukee; Brother Johnson at Milton Junction, Janesville, and Beloit; Elder French at Portage, Sparta, and LaGrange; Brother Walter at Fond du Lac and Oshkosh; Elder Ferris, Green Bay, New London, and Appleton; Brother S. C. Hannon, from the French Department, at New Franken; Brother Trowbridge at Marshfield, Wausau, and Granton; Elder Tindall at Racine and Milwaukee; Brother Lorntz at Milwaukee, Raymond, and Sheboygan; Brother Swenson at Milwaukee and Racine; Brother Tolf at Madison and Milton Junction; Sister Bell at Hebron, Whitewater, Milton Junction, and Oakland; Elder Wiest, Madison, Milton Junction, Fond du Lac, and Marshfield; Brother Belding, Oxford, Portage, Richland Center, Blue River, Hillsboro, Victory; Brother Franklin at Baraboo, Hillsboro, DeBello, LaFarge, Waterloo, Victory; Brother Berthelson, Moon and Stevens Point; Sister Serina Larsen, Racine and Kenosha. Professor Russell spent half of the week at Bethel, and Elder Christian spent Friday and Sabbath, the 14th and 15th, at Madison.

Sister Christianson was unable to do anything during this week of prayer on account of her illness. She is at the present time under medical care at the Sanitarium.

I hope that all these laborers have been a great blessing to the churches.

C. S. WIEST

Bethel Academy Notes

Miss Grace Anderson, a former student of Bethel Academy, is here visiting.

Monday and Tuesday the regular six weeks' tests were given.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen and Miss Jensen of Marshfield, visited the school on Wednesday, December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Witzel of Viola, Wisconsin, have been visiting relatives and their daughter Bernice at this place.

The Academy has purchased a new piano to accommodate the increasing number of musical students.

The question of Christmas vacation was taken up in chapel the other day, and the vote for vacation was unanimous.

Professor Russell of Berrien Springs is spending the first half of the week of prayer with the students and faculty at the Academy.

The music students gave their long postponed musical Tuesday in the worship room of the boys' dormitory.

An increasing interest is shown at the services in the school house east of Arpin. Two members of the ministerial band have obtained another school house three and one half miles north of Bethel, where services are to be held next Sunday evening.

Finances

I desire to say a word in reference to our twenty-cent-a-week fund. Our November statement has just been placed on my desk, and I find that sixteen churches have reached their full quota on this fund up to December 1. Fifteen of these have raised more than their entire quota for the year. Thirty-nine churches are behind on this fund, some being very materially in arrears; others not so much. The total amount that these thirty-nine churches are yet to raise on the twenty-cent-a-week fund is \$7,243.34.

Perhaps for your information it would be well to have these published, so that you can see the need of your church. You will therefore note below the different churches that are still behind on this fund for the year 1917:

CHURCH	SHORT	CHURCH	SHORT
Almond	\$88.26	Albion	\$99.33
Appleton	25.51	Birnamwood	279.82
Bethel	960.96	Clintonville	305.67
DeBello	89.20	Fish Creek	61.07
Grand Rapids	240.83	Green Bay	287.79
Granton	94.21	H. M. Grove	51.50
Hintz	41.51	Kickapoo	112.44
Kenosha	21.37	LaGrange	252.63
LaCrosse	46.21	Underhill	82.49
Milton Jct.	99.63	Milwaukee Scan.	77.40
Marshfield	109.02	New London	466.52
Neeah	22.44	Oneida	156.50
Oakland	210.90	Oshkosh	267.31
Oxford	260.83	Poy Sippi Eng.	256.31
Plainfield	290.76	Robinson	177.84
Raymond	31.52	Sand Prairie	85.65
Sheboygan	332.69	Sparta	131.67
Starr	458.89	Stevens Point	114.93
Waterloo	228.11	Welcome	193.79
Wausau	129.43		

Doubtless there are some of you who are not living where your membership is, and perhaps the very church of which you are a member needs your special financial support at this time. Will you not send a liberal offering to the church treasurer or to the conference office, telling us where you are a member, and we will then give the church credit for the amount that you send in. We must come out on this fund and I am sure that if we all lift this is not impossible.

It is needless for me to emphasize the great need of our hearty response. We have a definite obligation to do everything in our power to help swell the mission treasury. Fields are wide open and men are standing ready to answer the call, as soon as we say "Go," and provide the means. Can you not give as much as \$5, \$10, or \$100? We have no excuse for not helping in this day. If we ourselves are too poor to give, we can surely go out and raise as much as \$5 with the Harvest Ingathering papers. Many hands make light work. Small streams make large rivers. Let us all close up the year honest with our Lord in paying a faithful tithe and a liberal offering. C. S. WIEST

People Ready for Our Books

I am very thankful I have a part in this colporteur work. During the past few weeks I have enjoyed many rich experiences. Surely the Lord prepares the hearts of the people for the colporteur and his message. We cannot forecast the future and know just what the

results of our work will be, but we have every reason to believe that sometime the books we have sold will be read and honest hearts will find the truth. One man could not wait until the regular time of my delivery but left the money with a merchant for the book to be delivered last week. He came to town several times before the day set thinking perhaps I had come with the book. When people wait for the message, surely we ought not to neglect to offer our services and devote our time and energy to the work. We solicit the prayers of all seeking the Lord's coming and trust others will join our colporteur band in South Wisconsin. J. C. FRANK

North Wisconsin Conference

Office Address, Room 5, Ashland National Bank
Building, Ashland, Wis.
President, J. J. Irwin

November

	Tithe	2%	Miss.		Tithe	2%	Miss.
Antigo				Jim Falls	48 35		16 02
Ashland (Eng.)	125 32	9 63	30 53	Knapp	19 45	1 20	17 61
Ashland (Scand)	16 97		7 11	Ladysmith			
Barron	9 00		15 50	Lucas			
Bashaw Lake	111 24	1 00	136 34	Maiden Rock	37 34		5 55
Bear Lake	24 25		11 18	Merrill	32 66	3 21	29 80
Beldenville	62 57		45 00	Menominee, M.	84 40	64	12 14
Bloomville	59 72		11 82	Orange			
Bone Lake	55 35		32 42	Plum City	122 04		14 21
Bruce	17 60		1 62	Polar	20 18	1 47	5 60
Chippewa Falls	17 88	12	8 85	Pound			
Clear Lake	75 90		50 70	Prentice	30 90		40 70
Clearwater L.	17 75	2 99	63 96	Rhineland	7 30		3 23
Conference Ch.	11 36	77	29 76	Rice Lake	11 80		6 11
Crandon				Spooner	68 64	4 05	14 69
Cumberland	28 40	1 28	14 53	Superior	195 48	3 58	98 49
Hancock, M.	63 40	6 45	15 74	Trade Lake	11 50		6 15
Hines	11 21		3 46	Walderly	145 18	3 42	65 07
Iron River, M.	6 75		20 89	Washburn	73 46	4 92	29 08
Individuals	159 15		99 97	Zeba, M.	6 90		4 30
				Total	\$1849 40	45 33	957 63

Elders' Meeting

The Elders' Meeting for North Wisconsin was held this year at the Walderly School, November 28 to December 2. I have attended a good many elders' meetings and have enjoyed much of God's blessing in connection with them, but this was the best in spiritual uplift and the far reaching effect that will come from it that I have ever attended.

A goodly representation of our elders were there and all entered heartily into the spirit of the meeting, planning for the different departments of the work.

The Home Missionary Work was considered at the first of this meeting and a large part of the time was given to this important topic. Then the interests of the Walderly school were considered, some splendid counsel being given us by the leaders present. The mission funds were considered. It was thought that it would be possible for us to raise the full 20 cents per member, and all seemed determined to do this.

Sabbath was an especially good day. Elder Christian spoke on the possibilities of doing great things for God in these days of great opportunity, and when he closed made a call for all of the students who had fully decided to follow the Lord where ever he should lead, even to foreign fields. Practically the entire student body rose to their feet. This was a very inspiring sight, and then, as the different classes of peo-

ple were called, a similar response came from all who were in the room.

During the meeting the students heard us discuss the possibilities of our getting the school out of debt, and on Sunday they had a meeting by themselves and talked the matter over. When we met in the afternoon they presented a plan. They had voluntarily placed themselves under the burden of raising about one fourth of the debt we should have after the first of January. This brought an enthusiasm into the meeting such as is rarely seen. Hearts were touched by this splendid sacrifice and a determination came to the elders present to finish the work.

Monday morning the workers departed, feeling glad for the blessings received. It seems that it might be said of us that here was "a band of men whose hearts God had touched."

J. J. IRWIN

Northern Illinois Conference

Office Address, 116 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill.
President, J. H. Schilling

November

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Aledo	108 25	2 09	107 20	Galesburg	64 45	4 00	159 20
Aroma Park	67 69	2 06	74 92	Harvey	25 25		28 49
Aurora	99 39		29 34	Hinsdale	453 80	3 78	207 08
Belvidere	16 40	2 77	6 52	Joliet	167 04	5 17	98 73
Broadview	154 54		61 83	Kankakee	32 43	2 51	27 84
Brookfield	97 25		91 69	Moline	161 94	5 78	112 29
Chicago/				Onarga	17 37	1 15	7 94
Bohemian	36 70	68	47 75	Ottawa			
Dearborn St.	182 87	9 56	189 27	Pitwood			
Englewood	174 53	18	100 74	Pontiac	31 62	17	84 56
German	293 25	1 81	132 20	Princeton			
Humboldt P.	193 75	1 90	190 98	Rock Falls	19 30	1 40	9 31
46th Street	402 78	4 48	744 39	Rockford	43 36	1 40	122 07
North Shore	194 94	7 32	149 70	Sheridan	116 70	5 54	253 03
S. Side Scan.	70 06	76	43 48	Streator	138 16	5 40	71 83
Swedish	222 10		359 40	Stockton	344 92	4 05	89 18
West Central	326 72	8 36	82 13	St. Anne			10 65
Italian	140 78	1 93	194 02	Waldron			
Individual	56 50	91	20 16	Watseka	46 97		11 00
Elgin	33 15	1 65	52 09	Conference			
Freeport				Total	\$4584 96	86 90	3971 01

Another Sheep Found

It may be hard for us to have faith that God hears our cry in behalf of our loved ones when there seems to be no result such as we hope to see, but lately a sister of Streator, Ill., sent us a letter from her boy, who has been serving in the regular army in Hawaii for more than a year, that illustrates how God can and does work for his children.

He writes: "Dearest mother, I have the greatest news I could have for you. I am a Christian to-night. I accepted Christ this evening while coming home on the train. Four or five days ago I was out walking in the evening, and while walking I was asking myself what was going to be my reward—death, or life everlasting. I was so impressed that I went back immediately and began to study 'Bible Readings.' The more I read the more I was convicted."

He then relates his experiences in finding our church in Honolulu and counseling with some of the leading brethren in regard to the keeping of the Sabbath and baptism; and adding: "I feel happier than I ever have before. I expect trouble but it does not trouble me at all. I feel able to stand anything. You must pray for me."

C. J. TOLF

Southern Illinois Conference

Office Address, 304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill.
President, E. F. Peterson

November

	Tithe	2%	Miss.		Tithe	2%	Miss.
Astoria	6 08	1 22	2 25	Martinsville	64 32	54	13 49
Bloomington	22 07	2 29	127 40	Maevstown			
Bluford	50 98	6 56	4 61	Madison—St. L.	38 15		5 42
Brownstown	35 00	1 00	9 04	Mattoon	6 92	30	5 86
Cartersville	43 91	6 87	8 86	Noble	21 37	1 29	9 00
Centralia	18 71	6 86	6 04	Peoria	102 75	50	67 24
Charleston	53 30	4 00	23 90	Pana	3 35		1 07
Danville	43 96		18 35	Quincy			
Du Quoin	41 84	4 49	13 99	1st Springfield	128 86	9 32	151 85
Decatur	148 01	10 25	163 47	2d Springfield	51 86		9 03
East Alton	4 00		4 88	Shelbyville	29 09		4 63
Farmington	18 50	1 07	19 50	Stewardson	5 45	1 05	20 89
Foosland	94		37 09	Twin City	67 54	9 65	12 04
Herrin	37 33	4 35	37 19	Witt Company			
Kingman	167 79	3 82	12 79	Individuals			
Lovington	24 37	22	19 81	Conference	330 76	19 07	262 81
				Total	\$1567 21	94 72	1071 50

Let Us Finish Right

The hour glass of time has nearly run its course for the year nineteen hundred seventeen. The yearly record will soon be complete as far as time is concerned, but have we accomplished all we expected during the year? If not we ought speedily to "redeem the time" and round out the year as full as possible with completed achievements for God.

Less than two weeks remain, not a long period measured by hours but long enough to change the destiny of great nations, and, likewise in our work, the eternal destiny of many persons. Let us gather up the loose ends of unfinished tasks and close the year by presenting to our Lord the best service we can render.

It may be the writing of a postponed missionary letter; making a missionary visit; mailing out or distributing tracts or other literature; the carrying out of some good resolve; going out in the Harvest Ingathering work; paying a pledge to missions; paying a faithful tithe, *ad infinitum*, but whatever the lack let us put forth the necessary effort to complete the year's work. Let us follow in the steps of our Master who finished the work given Him to do. There is a satisfaction in finishing what one begins. It is a mark of success to complete work begun.

E. F. PETERSON

Week of Prayer

The week of prayer began in the midst of a regular blizzard so that the attendance at the first two meetings was small from all reports, but a good spirit was manifested by those present. At the time of this writing I have visited the Springfield and Decatur churches. Those who came out in spite of the storm and severe cold were amply repaid for the effort made to be present at the services in the blessings received.

The first offering to be reported was from one of our isolated sisters who takes real pleasure in doing her part to sustain the cause of God in the mission fields. Her offering was one hundred dollars. We are hopeful that the offerings made during the week of prayer will surpass any record of the past.

We believe also that the earnest prayers made for

personal victory and fitting up for service, and for the unconverted and backslidden have come up before God as sweet incense and will be answered in His own good way and time as far as is consistent with His will.

E. F. PETERSON

News Notes

We were favored with the council of Elder L. H. Christian at a recent meeting of our Conference Committee. His presence with us was appreciated.

We now have a good supply of the Morning Watch Calendar for 1918. It is a beauty. It has some new features that will, no doubt, be appreciated. The price is the same as formerly, 5 cents each. Order now.

The Church School Teachers' Institute will be held at Springfield January 9-13.

Miss Blanche Wilson, of Sidell, and Mr. Ray Logan, of Bluford, were recently united in marriage. Our best wishes go out to them for a happy and successful life.

Elder W. A. Spicer's new book, "Our Day In The Light of Prophecy," is now ready. This is a subscription book. For further particulars concerning prices and discounts, address the Tract Society or Brother A. L. VanFossen.

Miss Mae Lewins who has faithfully served as stenographer in our Conference Office for more than a year past has accepted a similar position with the Indiana Conference in their offices at Indianapolis.

As many are, no doubt, aware, the subscription prices of many of our periodicals will be increased beginning January 1. Many are taking advantage of the present prices by renewing their subscriptions now. We hope many others will send us their renewals and subscriptions before the first of the year when the new prices go into effect.

Indiana Conference

Office Address, 417-421 Castle Hall Bldg., 230 E. Ohio St.,
Indianapolis, Ind.
President, Wm. A. Westworth

A Fire at the Wabash Valley Sanitarium

Friday evening, December 14, while almost the entire family were attending the week of prayer service in the Sanitarium parlor, a fire was discovered about eight o'clock in the center of the Nurses' Dormitory. The men hastened to the building at once, but found the fire had already made such headway that there was no hope of saving the building, and all energies were bent toward saving the several nearby cottages. This required very heroic efforts, but the fact that the roofs were covered with snow and that there was no wind made the efforts successful.

The dormitory building was a total loss, as well as about \$1,400 worth of contents belonging to the Sanitarium. In addition to this, the matron and sixteen others lost everything they had in the building, amounting to \$3,000 or more. Only two were in the building at the time, one a nine-year-old girl who was awakened by the smoke and ran to the Sanitarium building to give the alarm, and the other a nurse who was burned about the hands and was compelled to jump from a second-floor window in night clothing to escape the

flames. She received apparently no permanent injury, and is recovering nicely.

When the fire occurred, every room in the Sanitarium was filled, and very special efforts had been necessary to find room for guests who had come the same day. This made it a real problem to take care of the homeless ones, but finally all were made comfortable for the night. The helpers are now taking their meals in the patients' dining room an hour and a half before the regular patients' meal hours. It has been necessary also to discontinue the training school classes until after the holiday vacation because the nurses' text books were destroyed and other class room material. Aside from some of these inconveniences, the work is moving straight forward without a word of discouragement from those who have lost everything, and with almost no evidence to guests that the institution and its workers have suffered such a calamity.

There is a very unusual spirit of unity in both the faculty and the family, and different visiting brethren have spoken of the unusually good spiritual atmosphere in the institution. A special effort has just been made, with the result that every member of the family is faithfully paying tithe. The whole family is divided into prayer bands which hold earnest meetings every week after the regular prayer meeting. The week of prayer has been a season of earnestly seeking and receiving God's blessing. All these things lead us to believe that in some way, which we may not yet fully understand, the recent circumstance is one of God's wisdom, and not of His displeasure.

Aid has been given in a very encouraging way by our brethren and sisters and friends both here and elsewhere, and this will provide some of the most imperative needs of those who saved nothing except the garments they were wearing. Bedding is urgently needed, and it has been suggested that many in our churches would be glad to send in blankets, comforts, sheets, and other articles of bedding, besides giving help in other ways. All such should be addressed to The Wabash Valley Sanitarium, LaFayette, Indiana.

O. C. WARNER

Wabash

For several weeks prior to the camp meeting which was held at Wabash last August, Elder T. S. Hubbard was engaged in work in that city, having secured the large auditorium in the public park. A good interest was manifested, and with the help of some Bible workers, Elder Hubbard did much to arouse a good interest in the camp meeting. During the time of the camp meeting, a large attendance was present, and Elder Hubbard remained to follow up the work. The result of the work that has been done was seen on Sabbath, December 1, when in company with Elder Hubbard, we organized a church of eighteen members. A few of these came from the North Manchester church, the organization of which had dwindled down some years ago, but the large majority of this church was made up of new members who had embraced the truth during the work that has been carried on in the past few months. There are several other interested ones, some of which are keeping the Sabbath, and Sister Nellie M. Stevens is left to follow up the work

in caring for the company and holding Bible readings with interested parties.

It seems to us as though there is a good future for the work in Wabash, as it is the center of a community that has been practically unworked, and we solicit your earnest prayers for this new church, and the interested ones, that they may grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth. W. A. WESTWORTH

Annual Institute

Our annual institute will convene at Middletown Dec. 28 to Jan. 6. The church has secured the use of the hotel, and extends a very cordial invitation to our evangelical colporteurs to attend the entire ten days.

Middletown is about ten miles east of Anderson on the electric line and is centrally located in the conference. On entering Middletown, do not get off at the station, but remain on the car until Fifth St. is called, which is practically at the hotel.

Elder W. W. Eastman, General Secretary of the North American Division, has promised to be with us a part of the time. Elder Hubbard, pastor of the Indianapolis church will be with us during the entire session and conduct the evening services. There will be preaching every evening. Elder Westworth will give the opening address Friday evening at 7:30. Brother Blosser, the Union Secretary, and Brother Maris, the West Michigan Secretary, will be with us to assist in general instruction.

Programs will be printed, suggesting topics that will be assigned to experienced workers. These programs will be closely followed throughout the convention, which will be of great importance and special interest to every worker.

Expenses, including traveling, board, and room, will be allowed the regular workers. Those who will be entering the work the first of the year will be allowed all expenses except car fare, which later will be refunded by allowing an additional percent of profit on sales. Only those who attend the entire convention will be allowed their expenses. The purpose of the institute is to improve our efficiency for the work in these solemn hours, and to receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and not a time of recreation and pleasure.

We urge that all whom the Master may be calling to a place in his work, avail themselves of this exceptional opportunity for training and efficiency in God's cause. E. M. FISHELL

Monon

After reading Sister Hadley's Harvest Ingathering report I thought I would send in my report. I am almost seventy years old but I do love to get out and sell our literature. I have used 144 Harvest Ingathering papers and have collected \$13.25, and while working with the magazines have sold twenty-seven Gospels Primers, four "Christ our Saviour," two "Those Bible Readings," and one other small book; still I don't feel satisfied, and wish I had more Harvest Ingathering papers. MRS. R. J. CARSON

Send the Morning Watch Calendar with your New Year greeting this year instead of a card.

If every young man carefully remembers the following he will be sure to succeed: "What is done in business must be well done; for it is better to accomplish a small amount of work than to half do ten times as much."

"God has given to every man his work of making Christ known to the world."

North Michigan Conference

Office Address, 510 Petoskey St., Petoskey, Mich.
President, E. A. Bristol

November

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Alpena.....	30 32	05	59 59	Mio.....	90 88		11 62
Alden.....	36 83	2 92	26 64	Mecosta.....	3 60	02	7 11
Barryton.....	33 90		3 30	Menominee.....			
Cleon.....				Midland.....	44 66		9 83
Colfax.....	5 27		6 65	Miscellaneous..	124 68	5 29	23 32
Clare.....				Mt. Pleasant.....			
Cadillac.....				Omer.....	11 32	1 01	3 93
Coleman.....	13 62		26	Onaway.....	67 12	3 83	42 68
Cooks.....				Petoskey.....	157 96	5 39	49 92
Conference.....	168 36	2 90	82 50	Reed City.....	14 46	2 22	20 23
Denver.....				Riverside.....	86 30	7 26	9 39
Eastport.....	27 20		5 00	Rothbury.....	140 75		20 79
Edenville.....	84 70	2 04	683 22	Scottville.....	13 60	1 92	3 55
Escanaba.....				Shelby.....	30 40	1 21	18 13
Estey.....	11 93		10 15	Soo.....			
Frankfort.....	109 48	12	29 60	Star City.....			
Gaylord.....	43 95		1 00	S. Ste Marie.....	25 91	82	10 40
Gladstone.....	6 55		8 07	Traverse City..	243 97	7 50	46 19
Grant.....	69 01			Whittemore.....			
Harris.....	92 00	1 30	39 37	Wildwood.....			
Horr.....	39 75		17 65	Wilson.....			
Mesick.....	70 96		28 90	Total	1899 44	45 80	1278 99

Total Mission offerings received for eleven months are \$8,020.49. Our quota for entire year is \$10,847.20. To reach our goal, we need during December \$2,826.71.

News Notes

Miss Rasmusson returned to the office Friday, having visited the school at Dublin. Miss Cowles is teaching there this year.

Due to the serious illness of his brother, Elder Bristol has been in Washington, D. C., the past week.

Has that pledge been paid that you made at camp meeting this year? We are anxious to have all these in by December 25.

Order lesson quarterlies and Sabbath school supplies at once.

Are you going to enjoy the weekly visits of the 1918 *Review*? It will contain weekly studies from the Testimonies, special articles by our leading men, and also will report the most important General Conference ever held by Seventh-day Adventists. These reports alone will be worth the price of the paper for the entire year. If ordered now it will cost you only \$2.25 per year, or \$1.25 for six months. Beginning Feb. 1 the advance prices go into effect. Then, too, with every *Review* subscription for 1918 will be furnished free a copy of *Present Truth* each month as it is published. Are you going to miss these good things?

Prices are going up on books and periodicals. If you wish to take advantage of present rates, you must improve the few days that are left before 1918.

Don't forget your club of *Signs Weekly*. You will save 20 cents on every subscription if your order is mailed to us before January 1.

The LAKE UNION HERALD is still 50 cents a year. This issue will save you the price of your subscription many times if you take advantage of the above announcements.

Brother I. E. Emerson, of Carp Lake, and Brother and Sister Baker, of Kingsley, believe in the *Signs Weekly* as a soul winner. Brother Emerson gave us an order recently for a club of 13, and Brother and Sister Baker a club of 12 for one year. These are larger clubs than most of our churches are using. "Are these faithful workers getting results?" I hear you ask. Just write them about it and you will receive one of the most inspiring letters you ever read. Brother and Sister Baker have sold several hundred of our small books, such as "World War," etc., since the camp meeting. Sow the seeds of truth and you will reap a harvest of souls.

You will be interested in the following letter dated Dec. 5, received from Wm. I. Coleman, who has sold more than a thousand "World War" the past few weeks:

"Dear Brother: The Lord has certainly blessed my efforts today. I sold a book at nearly every house. I worked nine hours and sold 65 books, value \$32.50. This breaks my record.

"I firmly believe these books will do a good work. The people are in a state of mind where they do not know what to think about this war. Several who bought a book this forenoon told me this evening that they liked the book better than anything they had ever read."

The people want the truth and when it is brought to them they read it the same day it is put into their hands. We have used nearly 9000 copies of the "World War" in North Michigan, and still the territory we have has hardly been touched.

Sister Burt, of Onaway, is having remarkable success with the Home Circle Library. In 60 hours she took orders valued at \$89.50.

Sisters Ernst and Clark are the two oldest workers we have, but in spite of the fact that they have sick ones at home to care for, both have been devoting a part of their time to the Lord's work and he has richly blessed their efforts.

Brethren Friday and Lamb are working the territory north of Petoskey. Both are having rich experiences. Brother Friday took orders last week valued at \$115.75 in 41 hours.

The last message is going with rapid pace, and more laborers are needed in the harvest fields. Many golden grains will be lost unless we improve every moment before darkness settles entirely over the earth.

Edenville, Midland, Mt. Pleasant

Elder Bristol was called to Washington, D. C., on account of the serious illness of his brother, and I was asked to fill his appointments at Edenville, Midland, and Mount Pleasant, Nov. 30 to Dec. 7.

The brethren in these churches had arranged for three services each day and Elder W. H. Anderson from Africa occupied the time telling of the needs of the mission fields and incidentally related some thrill-

ing experiences he has had during the twenty-two years he has labored in the land of Ham.

I am sure that all who heard Elder Anderson have a broader vision of the work to be done in the regions beyond and a greater determination to do all in their power to assist in the finishing of the work. Elder Anderson said with emphasis that after having spent so many years in the "dark continent" with the full realization of the mighty task before us, yet his faith was never stronger in the prospect of the work being finished in this generation. Surely we have never felt fully what it means to stand on the brink of eternity with an unfinished work holding us back. Is it not time, brothers and sisters, that we get under the load as never before?

H. M. KELLEY

West Michigan Conference

Office Address, 8 Pearl Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.
President, Wm. Guthrie

November

	Tithe	2½	F. M.		Tithe	2½	F. M.
Albion	37 10	4 42	18 67	Grand Rapids	227 74	12 05	220 17
Allegan	46 37	7 15	56 90	Greenville	97 59	5 68	34 97
Allendale	44 65	5 11	17 00	Hartford	14 40	2 15	5 82
Bangor	17 51			Hastings	130 65		22 68
Battle Creek	2331 54	13 81	336 48	Holland	67 23	3 86	32 23
Bauer	65 21	7 42	46 18	Holton	18 89	1 88	6 30
Bedford	31 60	5 62	9 51	Homer	11 45	05 8	08
Belding				Howard City	15 15		9 91
Benton Harbor	50 10	1 82	51 58	Indiana Harbor	44 35	6 43	39 40
B. S. College	804 43	22 72	955 83	Kalamazoo	195 78	2 41	32 44
Ber. Spr. Vil.	301 65	4 09	65 52	Kent City	47 87	2 58	32 32
Bloomington				Kinderhook			
Brookfield				Lakeview	51 21	15	56 66
Buchanan	6 10		10 92	Lyons			
Burlington				Maple Grove	46 10	2 72	24 35
Bushnell				Mendon			
Byron Center				Monterey			
Carlton Center	80 68	3 24	33 05	Muskegon	65 48	2 78	116 33
Carson City	53 47		14 97	N. Liberty, Ind.	67 27		7 28
Cedar Lake	12 00		7 00	Otsego	141 62	14 53	33 83
Cedar Springs			7 00	Palo	14 25	50	4 60
Charlotte	308 01	5 73	29 45	Paw Paw	73 86	6 10	11 82
Clifford Lake	64 48		55 34	Portland	22 55	1 15	4 89
Coldwater				Pottsville	59 35	1 60	38 88
Covert				Quincy	33 83	5 42	5 35
Decatur				Rom. Harbor			
Dimondale	44 32	8 31	25 67	Sand Lake	24 78	1 77	23 93
Douglas			58 40	South Bend			
Eaton Rapids	2 00	40	7 40	Sturgis	20 36	96	4 74
Edmore	205 06	12 01	35 74	Thré Rivers	63 76	9 99	12 83
Elkhart, Ind.	41 32	10	21 29	Trufant	40 58	2 82	26 40
Fremont				Union City	20 06		9 88
Frost	135 03	1 16	21 57	Urbandale			
Glenwood				West Leroy	39 62		13 57
Gowen				Wright	67 46	5 11	170 47
Grand Haven				Individuals			
Grand Ledge	34 40		2 54	Totals	6440 27	195 80	2838 14

Missionary Material

The use of the *Signs* weekly and monthly as missionary mediums has impressed me greatly of late. The members in West Michigan are not making appropriate use of these strong agencies for the winning of souls. With a constituency of nearly 3000 we are taking only about 900 *Signs* weekly. We should be taking ten times this number. Here are a couple of interesting items from letters.

"I have been receiving the *Signs of the Times* since the first of the year and do not know who has sent in my subscription. I am a missionary Baptist preacher, but like to read the truth whenever I find it."

"I am sending in one yearly subscription to the *Signs*

of the Times, and also one yearly subscription to the Signs Magazine. I have not been taking them, but have been getting them of some Adventist neighbors. I like them fine, and think what they advocate is all right, so concluded I would send in a subscription of my own."

Many more such quotations could be given.

Beginning Jan. 1, 1918, the price of both the weekly and the monthly will advance 50%. All orders received during December are at the old rate. Signs weekly, \$1 per year, clubs of five to one address 80 cents, to separate addresses 85 cents. This will appear on a better grade of paper in 1918. Signs Magazine, single \$1 per year, five to separate addresses \$3, 50 and 60% commission to agents. Why not send this magazine for a year to five friends as a present. Only \$3. Can you think of a better gift for the money? I do not know of a single regular magazine agent in West Michigan, do you?

Please take this matter up in the churches next Sabbath. Try to make clubs at least equal to your membership. Act right now. Write to us about it. Order through your tract society.

LYLE C. SHEPARD

East Michigan Conference

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

News Notes

Eld. C. L. Taylor, of Emmanuel Missionary College, spent Sabbath and Sunday at Adelpian Academy, and gave valuable assistance during the first two days of the week of prayer.

Notwithstanding the severe weather of last Sunday evening, about 1,200 people, mostly men, attended the meeting in Arcadia Hall, Detroit.

Our people in Holly and Detroit enjoyed very much the privilege the latter part of last week of hearing Eld. W. H. Anderson relate some of the conditions under which mission work is carried on in Central Africa. It is interesting to note the real transformation that the gospel makes in the lives of the heathen and that the message is onward in those dark lands.

The Saginaw church recently sent in another large list of subscriptions to the Signs Weekly, this time one hundred and thirty names. They have now sent the Signs to a very large number of people in or near Saginaw, and it is to be expected that some of those reading the paper will see the truth and be saved by it.

Eld. S. E. Wight, of the Southern Union, was in Holly a few hours Tuesday of this week.

Adelpian Academy Notes

Although the Science department has been benefited greatly by the new laboratory, and the splendid science equipment installed, and still being added to, it is not the only department being strengthened. Numerous books are being added to the library for the benefit of the Bible, History, and English classes, and also a number of inspirational books are being secured. The History classes are also rejoicing over a splendid set of maps on ancient and European history that are being acquired.

The Academy laundry, which, during the entire history of the school has been inadequately housed and furnished, has been now given a large first floor room, and is being provided with necessary equipment for good institutional work. The most important item so far added has been a new Mateer Laundry Washing Machine, which is operated by the same motor that does the pumping. The laundry is equipped with cold water, hot water, and live steam, so the work is handled with much greater efficiency than heretofore.

Thanksgiving was a very pleasant day at the Academy. All classes met, but for shortened periods, and then all assembled in the Chapel where a special Thanksgiving program was held. At one o'clock home students and teachers gathered in the dining room where a well planned and prepared dinner was served by the Domestic Science class.

The whole school has been divided into fourteen prayer and correspondence bands for the purpose of keeping in touch with East Michigan boys in the various cantonments. Correspondence began a week ago in the organized way. Each band writes to a different soldier each week. The Adelpian Academy boys are mostly in Camp Custer, but a few are divided among the camps in Texas, Alabama and Ohio.

Much interest is being manifested by the students and teachers in community singing. Suitable books have been provided for the school, and one chapel period a week is allowed for this purpose.

Among the visitors of the past week were: Professor Russell, Elder Guthrie, and Miss Bell of West Michigan, Mrs. Goff of Midland, Miss Edith Clarke of Sault Ste. Marie, Mr. Whitmore of Middleton, and Miss Pearl Clarke of Wisconsin.

January Signs Magazine

Bigger, brighter, better than ever before. Selling agents ought to do well with it even at the new 15 cent price. Any one of the three new features—page of answers to health questions, page of short answers to Bible questions, page of significant church movements—will be worth 15 cents plus to many readers. Then there are the great powerful sermon articles by some of our best denominational writers. For example: Who Sired Autocracy; (Spalding)? Ancestral Apes and Patriarchal Polliwogs (Haynes); A Challenge to Skeptics (a mathematically precise prophecy—"70 weeks"); How Graham Closed His Factory (Sabbath) Tracing Mormonism's Pedigree, and others.

The Cross and its Shadow

Elder Haskell's latest book—A special help on the Sabbath school lessons for next quarter.

Special Holiday Offer

Do you want an excellent help on your Sabbath School lessons next quarter—something that will open to you the whole sanctuary question in a most interesting and lucid way? Are you looking for an appropriate Christmas gift for a relative or a friend? If so, here is something of interest to you: As a Holiday Special we are going to sell 1000 copies of this wonderful book at one-third the regular price of \$1.50. The book contains 388 pages, bound in beautiful green cloth, marbled edges, well illustrated. Not more than three

copies to one individual at this specially reduced price of 50 cents per copy, postage extra 8 cents. Order from your tract society.

Watchman in Demand

A business man in Baltimore, Md., writes: "Please advise me if there is any news dealer in Baltimore, Md., from whom I may procure *The Watchman* for the months of October, November and December 1917 and thereafter. I received from a friend a copy of your September issue, and as it in great part agrees with my recent religious instructions, I would gladly hear more of the same." Let our people everywhere become responsible for a few magazines each week.

A Larger Vision

As I was sitting at my desk
A day or two ago,
Strange things kept running through my mind—
I could not work, and so
I gazed out o'er the chimney tops,
Stretched far as eye could see,
And thought of all the people there,
Who did not know of me.
I pondered on this quite a while,
For I had always thought
That I was quite a little more
Than others God had wrought.
My vision, then, grew broader still,
It seemed so queer, you know,
For I could see o'er all the world,—
Saw millions come and go.
It made me feel, to tell the truth,
Just like a speck of sand,
That helps to make the whiteness of
A stretch of shining strand.
And then my visionary mind
Just seemed to carry me
Above the earth and into space,
Where I could really see.
I saw the countless solar groups,
But long my eyes did roam,
Before I saw the tiny dot
On which I had my home;
On which the thousand millions were
Each at their Maker's call,
On which the busy city stood,
Where I had felt so small.
All things were on so grand a scale,
No mind could e'er conceive
Their greatness and their magnitude,
Their perfect harmonies.
So when my thoughts returned from space,
Where all seemed but a dream,
They were not based on self at all,
But on our Lord supreme.

ERNEST WONDERS

Have I any right to expect or demand of other Christians or even of preachers or missionaries, any service or sacrifice for Christ that I am unwilling to give myself?

The work of winning the world to Christ is my

work as fully as it is the work of anyone else. Let me not avoid it nor shrink it.—J. Campbell White.

Obituary

COMBS.—Mildred Nash Combs, the youngest daughter of Brother and Sister E. Nash of Kokomo, was born in Howard County, Indiana, August 28, 1888, and passed away November 30, 1917. She was raised a Seventh-day Adventist, and baptized into the faith at the age of eighteen. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband and daughter, mother and father, five sisters and three brothers. In the death of Sister Combs, the large family circle of Brother and Sister Nash was broken for the first time, and it was surely a very sad occasion. But the knowledge of the blessed hope cheers the hearts of those that were bereaved, and the expressions of sympathy and friendliness which came from the neighbors and friends show that our sister was held in high esteem by those who knew her. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

W. A. WESTWORTH

Canvassers' Report for the Week Ending

December 7, 1917

Indiana*							
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Raymond Brooks.....	BR	50	22	86 00	.....	86 00	.....
H. P. Brodt.....	BR	25	4	14 00	1 50	15 50	43 50
F. C. Colton.....	GC	66	25	87 50	.....	87 50	.....
Walter Gettys.....	BR	81	12	51 50	.....	51 50	.....
A. E. Goodman.....	GC	67	6	25 00	24 20	49 20	52 45
Clinton P. Hall.....	BR	52	9	33 50	.....	33 50	.....
O. L. Hackney.....	BR	61	17	61 50	4 50	66 00	.....
†Mrs. O. L. Hackney.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 50	12 50	.....
C. C. King.....	BS	51	18	66 00	.....	66 00	.....
†Wilber Moore.....	BR	25	16	63 00	.....	63 00	.....
C. R. Shepard.....	GC	30	4	16 00	.....	16 00	14 00
		521	133	504 00	42 70	546 70	109 95
Southern Illinois							
G. W. Kimberlin.....	BR	39	8	32 00	.....	32 00	.....
Jerry Suda.....	BR	64	10	36 00	4 95	40 95	199 00
O. A. Morse.....	BR	38	11	41 00	2 75	43 75	1 50
Francis Teas.....	BR	37	18	64 00	3 00	67 00	.....
L. F. Harrison.....	BR	37	22	78 00	2 25	80 25	.....
A. P. Lager.....	BR	32	11	40 50	3 00	43 50	69 50
		247	80	291 50	15 95	307 45	270 00
East Michigan							
Clare Botimer.....	HM	41	14	36 00	8 50	44 50	1 25
R. A. Benjiman.....	BF	12	6	13 50	1 50	15 00	.....
Floyd Meyers.....	GC	15	4	17 00	1 00	18 00	34 00
J. Pengelly.....	BR	44	12	50 00	23 25	73 25	6 75
E. V. Sykes.....	BR	33	6	23 00	11 00	34 00	1 50
		145	42	139 50	45 25	184 75	33 50
West Michigan							
C. M. Joslyn.....	Misc	26	14	23 50	.....	23 50	10 75
C. F. McCoy.....	BR	26	2	8 00	6 25	14 25	.....
H. Kent Nelson.....	HM	25	6	15 00	6 75	21 75	14 75
R. J. Lawrence.....	BR	14	6	22 00	75	22 75	75
G. A. Potter.....	BR	...	21	75 50	75	76 25	.....
		91	41	144 00	14 50	158 50	26 25
North Michigan							
L. G. Lamb.....	BR	41	11	40 50	1 75	42 25	5 75
A. P. Friday.....	BR	41	27	98 50	12 50	111 00	4 75
Mrs. E. E. Clark.....	GC	9	3	10 50	4 25	14 75	.....
Mrs. Mabel Burt.....	HCL	22	...	54 00	.....	54 00	.....
		114	41	203 50	18 50	222 00	10 50
Northern Illinois							
E. A. Clough.....	BR	38	6	24 00	4 50	28 50	.....
Mrs. E. A. Clough.....	HW	4	8	5 75	.....	5 75	.....
Ruby Helm.....	VW	9	50	25 00	.....	25 00	25 00
A. M. Tatton.....	BR	37	5	21 50	4 00	25 50	.....
		88	69	76 25	8 50	84 75	25 00
*Two weeks †One week							
35 Agents		1206	406	1358 75	145 40	1504 15	475 20

LAKE UNION HERALD

ISSUED WEEKLY BY THE
Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

PRICE, FIFTY CENTS A YEAR

Printed by Emmanuel Missionary College Press
Berrien Springs, Michigan

Entered as second-class matter, November 3, 1908, at the post-office of Berrien Springs, Michigan.

All Subscriptions should be sent to your local conference tract society office.

All matter intended for publication should be sent to the editor, LAKE UNION HERALD, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Statement of Twenty-Cents-a-Week Fund for Eleven Months Ending November 30, 1917

	MEM.	REQ.	PD.	SHORT	OVER
E. Michigan	1702	16,225 75	17,707 23	.....	1481 48
Indiana	1675	15,968 34	14,319 29	1,649 05	.....
N. Illinois	1660	15,825 34	18,391 96	.....	2566 62
N. Michigan	1042	9,933 75	8,020 49	1,913 26	.....
N. Wisconsin	752	7,169 05	6,127 42	1,041 63	.....
S. Illinois	759	7,235 80	7,870 76	.....	634 96
S. Wisconsin	1891	18,027 51	16,039 38	1,988 13	.....
W. Michigan	2658	25,339 60	19,951 86	5,387 74	.....
Total	12,139	115,725 14	108,428 39	11,979 81	4,683 06
Net Amt. Short			\$7,296 75		7,296 75

There will be no paper next week. This number completes Volume IX, and the paper bearing date of Jan. 2, 1918, will be the first number of the tenth volume; in other words, the HERALD is about to enter its tenth year of publication. We cannot help but think of what has been accomplished in those ten years. The first thing that comes to mind is the wonderful advancement of the colporteur work during this time, which has been constantly kept before our readers. Other departments have been thoroughly organized and made effective as never before. Nearly all of our schools are out of debt and other financial obligations are well on the way of being liquidated. Tithes and offerings have increased by a greater ratio than in any other like period in the history of the work of the third angel's message.

During most of this time the HERALD has reached about half of the homes of the believers in the Lake Union Conference, and we cannot help but feel that much more would have been accomplished had there been a greater percentage of our people keeping in touch with the work in this field.

If you have enjoyed our weekly messages and reports and know of others in your church who do not receive it, can you not become the means of making our usefulness greater? Other periodicals bearing upon various branches of the work have been pushed forward and are doing a great work, and let us not forget that the work in this Union, from which so much is expected, depends in no small degree upon the united interests, hopes, and efforts of its twelve thousand members.

F. O. R.

College Notes

Mr. William A. Scharffenberg of Washington Missionary College spent several days at Berrien Springs, on his way home for the holiday vacation. Mr.

Scharffenberg is manager of the *Sligonian*, the school paper of our college at Takoma Park.

Mr. Fred Vaughn has been entertaining Mr. Forrest E. Bliss of Logansport, Ind.

On the evening of the eighth Professor Thurber lectured on India and Burma. Stereopticon pictures helped to give concrete ideas of the religious inclinations, home life, and social relations of the native of these dark lands.

Mrs. Rathbun made a business trip to Kalamazoo over the week-end and on Monday visited English classes in the Normal school there.

Miss Lola Brown left on December 10 for her home in Atlanta, Ga., on account of illness.

A new freight depot is being built at the college station by the Interurban Company.

Week of Prayer meetings are being graced by a very solemn, earnest spirit. Professor Howell is leading out at the college. Professor Taylor is visiting churches during the week.

The latest to enroll are Clarence H. Buzzell of Kalamazoo, Mich., and S. S. Scribner.

Professor Thurber was called to Ohio Thursday morning to attend the funeral of his father.

Gilbert Knox was called to his home at Nashville, Tenn., and left Thursday.

The holiday vacation begins December 20 at 10:45 A. M. and closes December 31 at 6:30 P. M. Most of the students in the dormitories, many of whom have been separated from home for the first time this year, will make good use of this opportunity as it permits them to be with parents and friends at home over two Sabbaths.

Since last week's report on the College Harvest In-gathering fund the thousand dollar mark has been more than passed. Brother Green, the treasurer, reported in chapel a morning this week that the fund had reached \$1000.48 including the funds gathered by members of the College church who were not members of the school. As it required less than fifty dollars more for the school alone to go over the \$1000, a collection was at once taken which brought \$73.03. The total amount raised by students and teachers in the school now stands at \$1031.51

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.

COOKING OIL AND SHORTENING.—Mazola Oil, two five gallon cans for \$18.00 F. O. B. Chicago, Detroit, or Holly. Single cans \$9.25. F. O. B. Holly. Wesson Oil \$.75 per can higher, F. O. B. Holly. Snowdrift Shortening, No. 20 Pails (net weight, 17½ lbs.), \$4.60 each, F. O. B. Holly. Adelpian Mercantile Co., Holly, Mich.

FOR SALE.—One block from Graysville Academy, 4 roomed house, 5 acres land, blacksmith shop, well equipped with tools and supplies. Business good but prefer farming. Will sell or exchange for farm near church school. H. B. Mowry, Graysville, Tenn.

WANTED.—A man to work on farm for the winter, one who likes stock. If everything is satisfactory will give work for summer also. H. C. Woelfle, Spring Arbor, Mich.