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

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each one of us. He may see that some of us shall not live through this year. We don't know, but He knows and His way is best. Seventh-day Adventists today need a deep individual experience in the things of God. Day by day and hour by hour we must let the Lord have His way with us. This will bring peace and prosperity for time and eternity.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

## A Beautiful New Year's Gift

In view of the present war situation many people do not give holiday gifts this year as in former years. The Lake Union and other conferences, as well as our brethren generally, try to economize in every right way. But this week an appeal is being sent out to all Adventists in this field in behalf of the Wabash Valley Sanitarium. The nurses' dormitory at this institution burned down Dec. 14. Our helpers there are without a home and are destitute of other things. We hope all will remember this need with a generous New Year's gift.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

## If God Had Had His Way—?

There are few sadder words in human language than the phrase: "What might have been." To think of this often brings discouragement. We should not spend our time in vain regrets yet it is well to consider how different things would be if God had had His way. If the Lord had had His way, Adam and Eve would never have sinned, and the world today would have blossomed like the garden of Eden. If God had had His way with Israel Jerusalem would have stood forever. If God had had His way with the Reformation no Protestant state churches would ever have been established and Catholicism would have vanished from the earth. If God had had His way with us as Adventists the gospel work on earth would have been finished years ago and the faithful ones would have been in the kingdom. This is plainly stated on page 197, Vol. 2, of the Testimonies.

But we need to bring this question closer home. It does not aid us much to think of what this world would have been, or what the Jews could have done if God had had His way with them. Nor is it especially helpful to consider what the Seventh-day Adventist church might have accomplished up to this time if God had been permitted to lead as He desired. But it is well to think of what our own local church would be today if God had had His way with us as elders and leaders and with us as individual members. Many a church that now is small might have been large and prosperous if God had had His way. Some churches that are now in difficulty might have been in peace and sweet fellowship if God had had His way. When we ask the question, however, if God had had His way we must be careful lest we apply it to other members of the church rather than to ourselves. Indeed the most important application of this question is if God had had His way with me what would I have been today? What work would I have been able to accomplish up to the present time? How would this last year have been? Would I have led more people to Christ? Would my offerings have been larger and my tithe more honestly returned to God? We cannot undo the past. But now a new year lies before us. What it will bring of sorrow or joy, of failure or success, our Father in Heaven only knows. He has His own loving plans and purposes all outlined for

## S. O. S.

When the call for help is flashed out across the waters, somebody who stands ready to lend assistance hears the call and quickly responds.

An S. O. S. is sounding from the camps. Young men, the cream of American manhood, have been called to the colors from the farm, the shop, the school. The days are short, the evenings long. The Y. M. C. A. "huts" have the latch-string always upon the outside. Within is warmth and light and good cheer. The sign of the red triangle is as a beacon of hope to the soldier boy. The "hut" is his writing room, his reading room, his library, his club-house, his church.

Very gladly do the Y. M. C. A. secretaries receive contributions of books for the library shelves. While we are endeavoring to place in these libraries a few selected new books, hundreds of books now upon our book shelves, perhaps almost forgotten, or at least which might be spared to cheer and brighten the long winter evenings so far from the home fires, might be taken down and sent to our camp representatives. Thousands of volumes could thus be used, for if more are sent than can be judiciously placed in the 14 or 15 Y. M. C. A. buildings at Camp Custer and Camp Grant they may be sent on to one of the many camps in the South where our constituency is so small that they must of necessity draw from such fields as the Lake Union.

This plan has been suggested by the General M. V. Department with the approval of the N. American Division Conference. We in the strong Lake Union should gladly swing into line and "do our bit," and

more—our best. Let the matter be taken up in our churches, a call be made by our elders or M. V. leaders, the books be collected at once and shipped by prepaid express or freight to our camp representatives.

Books from Michigan and Indiana should be sent to Mr. Harry Lundquist, Battle Creek, Michigan, care of Tabernacle. Books from Wisconsin and Illinois should be sent to Mr. Byron Butterfield, Camp Grant, Illinois, care of Y. M. C. A. headquarters.

Books of a doctrinal character should not be sent as they may not be placed in the libraries. The following list is suggested. Other interesting and helpful books may be received, such as books on biography, history, travel, etc.

Christ's Object Lessons  
 Ministry of Healing  
 Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing  
 Steps to Christ  
 Desire of Ages  
 Patriarchs and Prophets  
 Return of Jesus  
 Shadow of the Bottle  
 Soul Winning  
 Alone With God  
 Quiet Talks—Gordon (any volume)  
 Man of Valor  
 The Hand of God in History  
 Coming King  
 Story of Pitcairn Island  
 Blessed be Drudger  
 Temperance Torchlights  
 Real Prayer  
 What a Young Man Ought to Know  
 M. V. Reading Course books in present or past courses (except doctrinal ones). C. A. RUSSELL

### A Splendid Accommodation

We have been pushing the Harvest Ingathering Campaign with all our might for some time and this of necessity has prevented our doing what we desire to do with our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs* weekly.

We started out to reach a 100,000 weekly circulation, but we are considerably behind. If we could have a good, full, free, month to devote to this interest we feel confident that all our people will rally and we shall make a record.

The Pacific Press in replying to our request for an extension of time writes as follows: "It means quite a little to us in the way of dollars and cents when we have to make a concession of this kind, but we are glad to accommodate the field and we believe that it will be appreciated by our people to the extent that one of the biggest campaigns we have ever waged will be carried on during the month of January."

This means a great deal and we do appreciate it, and with the old prices remaining till February 1st, 1918, shall we not grasp this wonderful opportunity of getting the truth before the people before it is everlastingly too late.

Hundreds of our people should take clubs of ten, which will cost them \$8.00 a year, and hundreds more should take clubs of five, which will cost them \$4.00 a year. Let every church take a club, and those already

taking a club might increase it. The *Signs of the Times* does bring people into the truth, and that is the all-absorbing question with Christ's followers. "The Christian is moved by an inexpressible desire to win souls to Christ." Now is the time to work. "Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in glory." *Education, p. 264.* We fondly hope that this exceptional opportunity in this extremely perilous time will be fully improved.

F. W. PAAP

### South Wisconsin Conference

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

### Madison Sanitarium Notes

Dr. Mary Paulson and Brother Julius Paulson made a short visit December 22 on their way home from a visit to the Mayo clinic at Rochester, Minn. Dr. Mary Paulson gave a very practical talk to the family,

Brother Henry Heller of Eau Claire is redecorating our dining room and other parts of the main building

Dr. W. T. Lindsay recently made a business trip to the Mayo Hospital in Minnesota. Brother Larson accompanied him to have an operation performed on one of his eyes, which has proved beneficial.

We are happy to report that Sister D. B. Christianen has been healed by prayer while here as a patient, of an incurable trouble of the nerves in her face, which has caused her great suffering for many months.

The Sanitarium family greatly enjoyed a visit by Eld. L. H. Christian during two days of the week of prayer. Many blessings came to us during the week as we earnestly sought God for His help.

Brother C. J. Tolf visited the Milton Junction church the last three days of the week of prayer and reports an earnest time of seeking God.

The cold weather reminds us of our need of more bedding for the nurses' dormitory. Have any of our Wisconsin sisters any that they can send us?

### Indiana Conference

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

### Wabash Valley Sanitarium

The Sanitarium is enjoying a very unusual patronage for this time of the year. Two new patients came in this afternoon and we are having considerable difficulty in rooming them. We now have eleven gentlemen patients.

Elder Taggart and wife are visiting us this week-end from DuQuoin, Illinois. Elder Taggart was formerly president of the Northern California Conference.

Dr. Dunscombe has been away taking post graduate work since the first of the month. Dr. Satterlee is taking Dr. Dunscombe's place while he is away and is doing very satisfactory work.

Elder Hubbard was with us helping with the week of prayer services. We are having some excellent meetings.

We are allowing vacations to a large number of the training classes during the holidays.

November

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Academy	57	40	10 32	Ligonier	124	34	11 65
Anderson				Logansport	55	43	2 00 19 74
Barbers Mill				Marion	109	16	02 16 66
Bicknell				Maxwell	81	21	9 91 8 11
Bloomington	25	43	7 41 9 37	Michael			
Boggstown	98	68	51 22	Middletown	158	81	39 57
Conference	307	80	13 68 146 45	Mt. Vernon	21	18	1 66 6 30
Connersville				Mt. Zion	22	49	4 51
Elnora				Muncie	46	29	33 24
Elwood	62	76	2 77 27 89	New Marion			
Farmersburg	63	05	4 08	New Harmony			
Fortville	40	43	2 60 23 75	New Hope	24	38	4 48 7 40
Fort Wayne	122	31	9 34 48 40	New Palestine			
Grass Creek	64	93		Noblesville			
Greenfield	3	38	25 14 87	N. Manchester			
Hartford City	94	16	5 41 67 01	Northfield	5	60	6 85
Honey Creek				North Vernon	13	90	1 97
Idaville				Oolitic			
Indianapolis				Pleasant View			
East Side	102	49	1 98	Patricksburg			
23d Street			39 17	Peru	49	21	21 44
Colored	138	02	5 01 24 49	Richmond	110	27	17 81
Union	780	41	47 92 728 73	Rochester	17	69	20 5 76
Inwood				Salem			
Jasonville	61	35	9 04	Seymour			
Jefferson	29	35	8 90	Soldiers' Home	25	10	19 46
Jonesboro	36	94	7 20	Sunman			
Kennard	48	16	5 27	Terre Haute	49	30	35 17
Kokomo	172	75	4 50 47 69	Unionville			
Knox				Waldron	5	10	2 66
La Fayette	49	68	24 51	Wabash Co.	32	22	10 99
Lebanon				Wolf Lake	56	61	3 00 50 28
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As we have entertained many canvassers and others in the Lake Union, I thought some would be interested to know how the work is going here. It appears that the trouble and distress of the world has put new life in the work here, and the people are turning to us to interpret the times for them.

This became so pronounced that I secured the theatre and gave a lecture here on the times, and we could accommodate only about half of the crowd, so a few days ago we gave another one with another overflow house, so now the owner of the theatre has asked us to go ahead with the prophecies and he will furnish the theatre free.

We have been invited to work on the Food Conservation Committee, and I have been asked to give a number of lectures for the Liberty Loan, Red Cross, and Y. M. C. A. work, which has given us a wonderful chance to present the truth in regard to the times in which we are living.

I believe our brethren should seek the opportunities while the people's hearts are ready to receive. Pray for the work here.

CHAS. BLACKBURN

Richmond

This year our school opened with ten children in attendance. A little later three others entered. Now all the Sabbath school children of school age are in the church school.

The children have been very enthusiastic about the Harvest Ingathering work. The conference goal was \$5.00. We have raised \$33.15. We plan to reach \$35.00. The parents and church elder have encouraged and helped the children in this work.

The evening before Thanksgiving, the children to-

gether with three older persons in charge went to four different homes with baskets of food. Some grocery men helped to fill the baskets.

We are endeavoring to come up to the standard in school equipment. One of the patrons has given us a pencil sharpener. Another member made a cupboard for magazines and bulletins. The church bought Comstock's Nature Handbook. The school and sewing society have raised \$10.85 for maps.

We are thankful for the way the Lord has blessed in our work here.

INEZ BIRD

North Michigan Conference

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

Missionary Volunteer Work

Our conference goals for the year 1918 are:

Young people converted	30
To read the Bible through	25
Standard of attainment certificates	10
Reading course certificates	30
Reporting members	150
Instructor subscription list	180
For Missions—India	\$400

I am sure every young man and woman in this conference will want a part in helping to reach these goals. We need your prayers if we are going to do it, and we can reach it if we will, and we will.

CAROLYN RASMUSSEN

Cheboygan

We moved here in November, and began to hold Bible readings and visit with the people. At the beginning of the year we are planning to organize a Sabbath school of eleven members.

I returned to Onaway yesterday, and baptized a dentist there who has lately accepted the truth. We are expecting that his wife will take her stand soon. The Baptists kindly granted us the use of their baptistry for this service.

We believe that a good work can be accomplished here, and are in hopes that by spring a church may be organized.

F. E. FENNER

Home Missionary Department

Among the Churches

During the last three weeks the writer has been traveling through Clare, Gladwin, and Isabella counties. It is my desire to come into close touch with all our churches, companies, and isolated members.

We plan during these long winter months to take the counties of our Conference by course and visit every family wherever it is possible. During this tour I was forced to eliminate Harrison and Coleman. These towns I will take in later.

It is a source of very great encouragement to learn of the large amount of work being done in missionary lines by our isolated brethren. Our churches and companies are also doing a great deal more work than they are receiving credit for.

We are sorry that this is the case. None need re-

gret very long for the remedy is entirely in our own hands. If all isolated members would report their missionary work on the regular report blanks to their missionary secretaries at least once each month, and the members of our churches and companies report through their regular channels each week, we would see results in North Michigan that would astonish us.

Many subscriptions were taken on this trip for the *Review and Herald*. A large number of our brethren are taking the *Review*. Subscriptions were received for the LAKE UNION HERALD, *Signs* and *Watchman* magazines.

#### Sabbath School Lesson Quarterlies

Our isolated brethren would find it an excellent plan to send their subscriptions to the Tract Society office for the Sabbath school lesson quarterly. The price per year is twenty cents. When it is so easily obtained and mailed to you at so small cost it is sad indeed to find some of our brethren without a quarterly, and out of touch with our Sabbath school privileges.

#### Missionary Reports

A full and early report of our local missionary activities is urgently requested. These reports are to be made by individuals through the church missionary secretaries. If you are an isolated member belonging to the Conference church, or to none at all, you are requested to report at the end of this quarter to the Conference Home Missionary Secretary, 510 Petoskey Street, Petoskey, Mich.

All these reports are desired during the first ten days of January. A world-wide report of our home missionary work is under preparation by the General Conference to be rendered at the coming General Conference session next spring. A full report for 1917 is required, and it must be supplied by our local conferences immediately at the close of this quarter. Let every individual member, church elder, and missionary secretary do his duty in the matter of reporting. Let us see, brethren, how favorable a report North Michigan can make.

#### Organize for Service

Every organized church should support either a church missionary society or a society of missionary volunteers or both. The average church is not working up to its full capacity. There is often much latent, idle talent in the church. If the church were awake, and had a clear vision of its mission in the world, we would see live missionary agencies within her giving the message of warning to the world. Is your church standing in its appointed place in the missionary program of to-day? Is your church making itself felt in all the community where it is situated? We should get under the burden for souls and make this winter, and the year 1918, a period of great missionary activity. Let the leaders lay broad plans for the winter's campaign and then may the membership of our churches follow their leaders to the finishing of God's work.

E. C. TOWNSEND

To some men experience is like the stern light of a ship, which illuminates only the track it has passed.

Moths do not destroy the garments that are in use, nor do sins corrupt a busy life.

## North Wisconsin Conference

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

### Retrospective and Prospective

Many evidences of the Father's tender care over us as a conference and individuals have been seen during the year that has just gone into eternity. His prospering hand has been over the work and we have seen many precious souls turn to the Master as a result of the efforts our workers have put forth. In the material things we have seen marked gains. The tithe has increased substantially and the mission offerings have been such that, although the reports are not all in, we are sure the twenty cents per week point has been passed.

The new year with its history yet to be made is before us and the recording of victories or defeats by us will be determined by our relations we maintain with the source of all strength. God is anxious that we shall have victory. He has sent angels here to help us secure the victories and if we fail it will be ourselves to blame and not the Father.

We speak often of setting goals for our work, and that is well; we should have something definite to work to. Then too at this season of the year we are apt to make resolves and pledge ourselves to something better. Why not this year set our goal as to how many souls we can bring to the Master? Should we be satisfied to set our aim at less than one? Is there a person in the conference that can not accomplish that much? With the great supply of literature that we have, and furnished so cheaply, we can easily convince people of the truth of the message, and let us do what we can to get the light of truth before all our friends and relatives.

May we see great results from our efforts this year.

J. J. IRWIN

### News Notes

The Tract Society has received a number of orders for periodicals from those who wish to take advantage of the present prices before the advance is made. There are only a few days left in which to act to get the benefit of these low prices.

Elder J. J. Irwin and Brother Copeland are attending the Teacher's Institute at Waldery this week.

One small church reported \$99 received on the Harvest Ingathering.

The following churches have sent in already more than the twenty cents a week for the whole year. Ashland English, Conference, Hancock, Knapp, and Superior. Most of the churches expect to make up their full amount this month. We trust that all who have made pledges to the mission fields will remember these pledges before the close of the year.

Brethren Wikander and Hillman are starting a new series of meetings at Ironwood and report some interest and have hopes of organizing a church there. These workers in Ironwood have had splendid success with the Harvest Ingathering.

**Week of Prayer**

Elder Irwin divided his time between the churches at Hancock and Menominee, Michigan. At Menominee he reports some very interesting and good meetings. At Hancock the people were interested in our campaign to eliminate our conference debt. They showed their interest in a practical way by pledging \$125.

Brother Copeland reports good meetings held at Minoqua, Rhinelander, Polar, and Ashland. The companies at Minoqua and Rhinelander though very small are quite active in home missionary work.

L. C. Shepard divided his time between the company at Hefford Junction and the churches at Merrill and Bloomville. At Hefford Junction there are four Sabbath keeping families. One of these have just recently begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of literature furnished them by our people. At Merrill they were working hard to get ahead of their mission goal of twenty cents a week per member. Bloomville has a very active and enthusiastic Young People's Missionary Volunteer society who are doing a great work distributing our literature in the community.

Nearly all the churches in the Conference were visited by one of the conference workers during the week of prayer and we hear of good meetings that were held, and trust that this week of prayer will mark the beginning of a new experience in the Conference. Some of the churches are reporting splendid annual offerings and the prospect looks encouraging for the Conference to raise its full amount for missions.

**Colporteur Work**

During the year 1917 our literature sales in this field have amounted to about \$10,500. Of this amount Brother Claude Morris has sold a little over \$1,800. His average sales per hour are \$1.25. In speaking of his work and the many blessings he has received he drops remarks like these: "The Lord always pays me well when I am working for him." "There is no question but that a man can make a living in this work if he will only work for the Lord as he would for a man." (Brother Morris has five in his family.) Our annual colporteurs' institute will be held this winter from Feb. 22 to Mar. 3. If there are those who are interested in the colporteur work and would like to join with Brother Morris in his work of placing the light of the third angel's message in the homes of North Wisconsin, they should write to Brother L. C. Shepard, 5 Ashland Nat. Bank, Ashland, for further information regarding the institute.

**Northern Illinois Conference**

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

**Sabbath School Convention at Broadview**

On Sabbath, Dec. 1, we had a very profitable convention here. Sister Cleora Webster was with us and led out in the meetings. The Brookfield Sabbath school was invited and a number walked nearly two miles to partake with us in the blessings.

In the forenoon teachers' meeting Sister Webster gave the officers and teachers very timely instruction. The importance of simplicity was especially empha-

sized. The superintendent should during the week be simple enough to ask God just how He wishes the Sabbath school to be conducted the next Sabbath. Teachers also ought to feel the burden of knowing just in what manner God wants them to teach the lessons. Then our Sabbath schools would become what God wishes them to be.

The Convention proper began right in the Sabbath school. Papers were read on "How to study the Sabbath school Lessons," a paper very much appreciated, and on the "Home Department." The latter showed how wonderfully God is blessing this branch of the Sabbath school right in our own Conference.

The hour for the forenoon service was occupied by Sister Webster whose talks on various phases of the Sabbath school work inspired us to greater activity. We were admonished to give of our means as freely as God has given us; not merely a collection but an offering that will mean a sacrifice to us. How it would swell our offerings if all would make "a covenant with God by sacrifice!"

In the afternoon several subjects were discussed by papers on the same, such as the work of the superintendent and the secretary, how to interest the children, and other subjects were thus made clear.

The good meetings were surely appreciated by all. The Spirit of God was felt in our midst and it gave us a greater burden for our Sabbath schools and a desire to do more work to promote its interests.

ADOLPH BLOMSTEDT

**East Michigan Conference**

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

**Effort in Detroit Still Encouraging**

The Lord is continuing to bless in sending the multitudes of Detroit to hear the message for this time. On Sunday night (December 2) an audience of 3500 heard Elder A. V. Cotton give the Biblical answer to the question, "Where are the Dead." This was Elder Cotton's fifth Sunday night lecture in the Arcadia, and incidentally his largest crowd. He has entered into the great fundamental doctrines that our denomination holds, and it is remarkable to study the interest of the people as they eagerly drink in the soul-stirring truths which the Bible contains for them.

Our small books are still being sought after, and it does not take the workers long to find willing hands to accept the 1,000 copies of the "Present Truth Series" which are given away at each meeting.

With the increase in attendance the offerings are also growing, the total given on this night being \$117.50. The total offerings for the first five Sunday nights amounted to \$497.

The sixth meeting was held on Sunday night, December 9, and the subject of the sermon was "Spiritualism." The night was cold, the thermometer registering below zero. It was snowing and a strong wind made things more disagreeable, yet 1200 braved the elements to hear the discourse.

While Elder Cotton is having success in getting large crowds to come and hear him, he is also using the newspapers to advantage in reaching the masses that do not attend. On Saturday, December 1, the

*Times*, one of the afternoon papers in Detroit, offered to publish in its Monday edition the sermon of the minister receiving a plurality of votes from its readers as to which minister should have his sermon published. Elder Cotton has been the winner the past two weeks. His sermon on "Where are the Dead?" took up about two columns of the paper's space, while that on "Spiritualism" ran a little longer.

At least a column report of the sermon has been published in the *Free Press* every week, except the first, which is paid for at a special rate, and many requests are being received for more literature from persons reading these reports. Much good seed is being sown, which some day will bear fruit for the kingdom. The *Free Press* has a circulation of 165,000, while the *Times'* circulation is around 40,000.

We ask that the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD continue to pray for the success of the effort in Detroit.

WALTER L. BURGAN

### November

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Ann Arbor.....	37 51	4 16	9 1	Ithaca .....	135 27	90	34 75
Alaledon.....	62 94	5 30	34 39	Jackson.....	344 15	7 59	201 47
Alma.....	114 57	4 21	46 69	Jefferson.....	60 15		13 12
Arbela.....	28 20	16	12 71	Luce.....	29 41		25
Adrian.....				Linden.....	16 92		11 13
Bancroft.....	37 18	6 71	9 67	Lapeer.....			
Belleville.....	57 09			Leslie.....	66 58		27 35
Bay City.....	148 57	2 61	72 49	Lansing.....	222 71	05	109 29
Breckenridge.....				Memphis.....			
Brent Creek.....	15 40	1 83	2 78	Marine City.....			
Bunker Hill.....				Napoleon.....	63 90	1 31	15 68
Clio.....	8 00	3 03	19 15	N. Branch.....	20 82	3 62	38 95
Chesaning.....	14 64	25	12 62	Ola.....			
Chapin.....				Owosso.....	36 46	2 35	14 25
Dansville.....	35 53	5 08	15 32	Oxford.....	109 80	1 80	29 12
Detroit E. S.....	15 86		18 73	Otter Lake.....	104 60		
Detroit W. S.....	117 19		43 12	Pontiac.....	85 83	2 73	18 69
Detroit Tr. Ave.....	730 64	4 05	53 80	Pt. Huron.....	22 77	1 22	12 90
Detroit No. 2.....	178 17	5 10	199 59	Prattville.....	49 07	1 79	19 85
Detroit Servian.....	6 40		1 00	Rapson.....	47 00	8 00	27 81
Durand.....	9 48	1 45	10 56	Reese.....	13 35		20 61
Elwell.....				Riverdale.....	123 53	08	5 92
Elkton.....	40 74	1 95	38 14	St. Charles.....	143 04	10	37 80
Elmwood.....				Saginaw.....	81 43		147 80
Fairgrove.....	58 82			Sandusky.....	2 75		4 68
Fenton.....	6 10	1 22	15 79	St. Johns.....			
Flint.....	167 91	7 55	95 67	St. Louis.....	57 60	4 98	5 26
Flushing.....				Sumner.....	42 27		11 51
Gibson.....			6 28	Vassar.....	83 96	2 20	20 63
Greenbush.....	23 19	40	8 07	Willis.....	55 18	11 03	
Hillsdale.....	28 40	1 52	6 71	Westphalia.....			
Highland Park.....	14 00			White Lake.....			
Hazelton.....	243 24		10 54	Individuals.....	49 49	1 23	38 28
Holly.....	287 87	11 34	136 99	Total.....	\$4643 93	118 90	1757 31

## West Michigan Conference

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President, Wm. Guthrie

### News Notes

Miss Edith Wilbur, for a long time connected with the General Conference office at Takoma Park, is now assisting us in our work in the office.

Prof. and Mrs. A. N. Attebury, formerly business manager of the Southern Junior College, Ooltewa, Tennessee, paid their respects to our office. They are now located at Valpariso, Indiana.

Miss Elizabeth Evans, who for some time has been successfully conducting treatment rooms in Ionia, Michigan, called at our office on her way to the

South on business. She reports a good interest in Ionia, and the prospects are good for a growing company in that place.

Every church should rally to the opportunity of subscribing for the good old *Review* before the price change goes into effect, February 1, when it will be \$2.50 a year instead of \$2.25. For \$4 it can be had for two years. We most sincerely hope that our brethren who do not take this paper will become acquainted with it now. Kindly send your subscription to the office of the tract society in Grand Rapids at once.

From now until February 1, the *Review* family group clubbing rate of \$5.50 will prevail, and includes, for one year, the *Review and Herald*, *Youth's Instructor*, *Life and Health*, *Christian Educator*, *Sabbath School Worker*, *Liberty*, and *Present Truth*,—a \$6.95 value for only \$5.50. Send your order to the tract society at once.

## Colporteurs Institute

In these last days when men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after the things that are coming upon the earth the services of the colporteur are greatly in demand. Who but he can gain access to 95% of the homes at which he calls and sit down quietly with the high and low alike and tell them of the nearness of the end in a way that brings conviction to their hearts? The wealthy welcome him; so do the poor. His books carry the message for which their hearts have been longing, and as he delivers the message of hope to them in a straightforward way and closes the door behind him, they are made to feel that a man of God has been in their presence. Like the disciples of old, when they walked with Christ on the way to Emmaus, after the resurrection, they exclaimed after he had gone, "Did not our hearts burn within us?" How the heart of the colporteur is watered as he sits by their side and unfolds to them the beautiful chain of truth contained in the book that he carries! How his heart warms toward them as they show an interest in the truth! He sees the working of divine agencies on their hearts as they eagerly reach out for the pen to sign their name and make theirs the book that tells them of God's plan.

Great events are just before us. The 1,000,000 people in West Michigan territory must hear the message over and over again until the honest in heart are brought out. We have had a wonderful year, but nothing like we must have in 1918. "The last movements will be rapid ones." We must have more help to fill the calls that come to us from all over the field for colporteurs.

For this reason we have decided to hold a colporteurs institute at Kalamazoo, Mich., from Jan. 25 to Feb. 5 to train canvassers to visit the people and sell them our books. 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 carfare. This will be refunded by allowing an additional per cent of profit on sales.

As the purpose of the institute is to equip and make

more efficient workers for these solemn hours, we will expect the workers to be on hand the whole 10 days to have their expenses allowed.

Bear in mind that we expect to meet the Holy Spirit on this occasion, and we must come prepared for earnest work. The best of help will be there. We cordially invite all those who think the Lord can use them to come up to the feast. As many as are thinking seriously of entering this branch of the work, get in touch with me at once so that your entertainment can be looked after.

W. B. MARIS

*Berrien Springs, Mich.*

## Southern Illinois Conference

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

### Notice

The annual Colporteurs' Institute for Southern Illinois will be held at Noble, Illinois, January 18 to 27.

Brother Blosser, the Union Secretary, Brother Klose, Northern Illinois Field Secretary, Brother Rans from the South Bend office, Brother Moon, our Tract Society Secretary, and Elder E. F. Peterson are among the instructors that will be with us at this institute.

Every one who is expecting to take up this branch of the Lord's work should avail himself of the training this institute will afford. The Noble church has extended these workers a hearty invitation and will furnish entertainment.

In order that you may not miss any part of this convention be sure to be on hand Friday, January 18. Conveyances will be there to meet us and take us to the church four miles into the country.

A. L. VAN FOSSEN

### Among the Churches

During the week of prayer I had the pleasure of meeting with the Noble, Danville, and Twin City churches, returning home to spend Sabbath with my home church at Bloomington. Although the weather was severe the meetings were quite well attended, and all seemed to realize the great need of getting nearer to God, reconsecrating themselves anew to his service, and faithfulness in sustaining His cause in the earth. May God bless His people as they live consistent lives, sacrifice, and give their means for His work.

P. C. HANSON

### Decatur

Sabbath, December 22, was a high day for the Decatur church. Their commodious house of worship was dedicated to the Lord, free from debt. Elder L. H. Christian preached a sermon Friday night, December 21. He also delivered the dedicatory sermon Sabbath afternoon. Elders M. G. Huffman of Emporia, Kansas, formerly of this field, William Woodford of Oakland, Illinois, the writer, and Brother J. L. McConaughey were present and took part in the services. Visitors were present from several nearby sister churches.

All present were pleased with the improved appearance inside the church, which had been newly decorated and carpeted at considerable expense. Now

that the debt is paid, steps will be taken to do more aggressive home missionary work. Brother McConaughey held one meeting with the church, urging them to inaugurate a vigorous soul winning campaign the coming year. This was Brother McConaughey's first visit to the Southern Illinois field since taking up his duties as Home Missionary Secretary of the Lake Union Conference.

The Decatur church had several goals in its Sabbath school and church work for 1917 and reached them all. Now a soul winning goal to be set for 1918 we believe is a step in the right direction. The Decatur church was organized in 1894 by Elder S. H. Lane. The church records from 1894 to 1904 are very meager. In 1904 Elder M. G. Huffman held a series of tent meetings, assisted by Mary B. Craig as Bible worker. As a result of this effort a number were added to the church. From the time of its organization until January 9, 1913, the church held its meetings in rented halls and rooms. In 1913 their present building was bought from the First Presbyterian Church of Decatur. In 1908 a building fund was started which had grown to \$800, when the building was purchased. By a heroic effort the church raised \$750 more, and the Conference made a donation of \$100 and loaned them \$2000, the rest being covered by another note. At the beginning of 1917 about \$600.00 was still owing. Early in the year the church voted to pay this debt before 1918.

We believe there are better days ahead for the Decatur church, now that they are out of debt. Elder Huffman remained over Sunday to speak on the subject, "Is Christ's Coming Near?" "Can We Know?" This topic was chosen on account of some sermons delivered just previous in the other churches of the city, in which this important truth was perverted.

E. F. PETERSON

In the last issue of the HERALD there appeared a special offer on the book "Cross and Its Shadow" giving the price as 50 cents plus 8 cents mail. This was an oversight and should read 60 cents plus 8 cents mail. Even at this it will be seen that this is a very special bargain for the regular price of the book is \$1.50. Place all orders with your tract society.

Beginning January, 1918, *Present Truth* will be changed to a monthly and the subscription price reduced to 15 cents, or seven subscriptions for \$1.00.

While the series thus far published can always be had in any quantities for regular missionary work at present wholesale prices, the 1918 issue will cover different subjects, and be furnished in bulk at the regular quantity prices.

One copy of each issue of the 1918 series will be sent free to all United States *Review* subscribers in order that they may have an opportunity of examining each number as it comes out, and thereby to know whether it will be adapted to immediate needs in their local missionary work.

The extremely low rate of seven subscriptions for \$1.00 is made to encourage our people to send large numbers of the paper to friends by the year, the plan that has brought most gratifying results in the past.

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Books Wanted

This is another call to help E. M. C. It is not for the college proper this time, but for the Normal Training School.

Because of lack of facilities, the normal director feels that the work of this department is not as efficient as it should be, and that the young people as thorough training as possible. It is hard to accomplish being trained for this important line of our work need plish this aim without equipment.

The training school has no library. Teachers may borrow from the college library, but this does not supply the need; for the college library is not especially adapted to children.

So this idea was evolved. Are there not S. D. A. homes into which the HERALD is sent, where the children are grown up and out in the work, whose school books are lying unused at home? We believe there are many of these unused children's books which would be a great benefit to the children and also to those being trained to be teachers.

Among the books most desired are our denominational children's books, as "Easy Steps in the Bible Story," etc., Junior Reading Course Books, Historical Readers and Geographies (these may be public school books), and books on nature study. All children love to read of animals, birds, and flowers, so such books would be most acceptable.

If anyone is in doubt as to whether the books he has would be useful to the Training School, he might write to the normal director, Katherine B. Hale, E. M. College, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Canvassers' Report for the Week Ending

December 21, 1917

\*West Michigan

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. F. McCoy	BR	36	4	14 00	13 00	27 00	15 50
F. W. Brainard	DR	76	15	58 50	2 50	61 00	2 00
J. W. Coppock	OD, BF	46	25	54 00	2 75	56 75	1 25
W. P. Coppock	BF	36	7	16 50	7 15	23 65	106 25
Fred R. Wiggins	ES	17	...	...	...	...	103 25
R. J. Lawrence	BR	25	15	53 50	1 50	55 00	...
H. Kent Nelson	HM	12	...	...	50	50	23 00
Faith E. Potter	BR	...	...	...	...	...	22 00
G. A. Potter	BR	...	...	...	...	...	44 00
R. E. Coppock	BR	19	3	10 50	2 50	13 00	...
		267	69	207 00	29 90	236 90	317 25

\*North Michigan

A. P. Friday	BR	14	2	9 00	...	9 00	59 00
L. G. Lamb	BR	8	...	...	4 75	4 75	2 50
F. R. Johnson	BR	14	3	12 50	12 00	24 50	3 50
Mrs. E. E. Clark	GC	12	...	...	7 25	7 25	...
Mrs. G. F. Ernst	PK	20	...	...	10 40	10 40	35 00
W. I. Coleman	WW	22	104	52 00	8 75	60 75	...
		90	109	73 50	43 15	116 65	100 00

South Wisconsin

H. F. Bernitt	BR	38	7	28 50	8 10	36 60	9 85
J. C. Frank	BR	47	12	42 00	11 25	53 25	2 25
E. Roberson	GC	45	1	4 59	9 00	13 50	58 00
Fred Breyer	BR	33	15	57 50	...	57 50	...
Jacob Schmidli	BR	20	3	10 50	6 00	16 50	6 00
Mabel Crandell	HCL	32	21	18 75	...	18 75	...
Mrs. H. Rothenbach	HCL	...	...	50 60	...	50 60	...
Miscellaneous		6	60	183 25	...	183 25	...
		215	39	395 60	34 35	429 95	76 10

Indiana

O. G. Albert	DR	20	8	29 00	...	29 00	...
H. P. Brodt	BR	1	1	3 50	75	4 25	25
*Walter Gettys	BR	34	3	10 50	...	10 50	170 50
A. E. Goodman	GC	22	3	11 50	6 72	18 22	6 05
C. R. Shepard	GC	6	1	3 50	4 75	8 25	...
		84	16	58 00	12 22	70 22	176 80

East Michigan

J. Pengelly	BR	44	...	...	75	75	247 25
Clare Botimer	HM	32	12	32 00	4 25	36 25	1 25
A. D. Irish	GC	6	3	11 50	75	12 25	4 50
E. V. Sykes	BR	39	2	7 00	5 50	12 50	54 50
R. A. Benjamin	BF	33	5	10 00	75	10 75	27 75
		154	22	60 50	12 00	72 50	335 25

\*Southern Illinois

†R. J. Watson	BR	81	10	35 00	75	35 75	539 00
O. A. Morse	BR	74	27	114 00	7 42	121 42	...
A. P. Lager	BR	53	14	49 00	3 00	52 00	235 50
G. W. Kimberlin	BR	68	15	52 50	4 00	56 50	...
S. E. Teas	BR	53	...	...	...	...	288 50
		339	66	250 50	15 17	265 67	1063 00

Northern Illinois

E. A. Clough	BR	29	4	16 00	4 00	20 00	18 00
Ruby Helm	WW	3	...	10 50	...	10 50	10 50
A. M. Tatton	BR	11	...	...	...	...	65 00
		43	4	26 50	4 00	30 50	93 50

North Wisconsin

Claude Morris	BR	66	32	114 00	8 25	122 25	...
Miscellaneous		...	...	23 00	...	23 00	...
		66	32	137 00	8 25	145 25	...

\*Two weeks †Three week

42 Agents	1258	357	1208 60	159 04	1367 64	2161 90
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WANTED.—A man to work on farm. Must know how to milk. C. L. Snyder, R. F. D., Whitmore Lake, Michigan.

WANTED.—S. D. A. lady who would keep house for a widower in the country with two boys, 11 and 12 years old. Oma L. Britton, Leslie, Mich.

FOR RENT.—My farm of 120 acres to rent to S. D. A. man March first. Half grain rent, half the cattle. Reference furnished and same required. Address D. C. Hurlacher, R. R. 6, Frankfort, Indiana.

WANTED.—To rent a farm 40 to 80 acres, cash or on shares, stocked preferred, with privelege to buy. Near a Seventh-day Adventist church and school if possible. Address David Roeper, 4879 N. Kilpatrick Ave., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED.—Furnished farm to work on shares, cows, teams, implements, near creamery, 80 to 160 acres. Have help, want church and church school, S. D. A. Will move this winter, south Wis. or North Ill. Address G. B. Baker, Washburn, Wis.

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. Adelphian Mercantile Co., Holly, Mich.