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Church Treasurers and Auditors

Tithes and offerings are sacred money. We are not only to be honest in bringing these to the treasury, but the treasurer is to handle them with accuracy and care. Not a little is written concerning the responsibilities resting upon church elders and deacons and Sabbath school superintendents. Less is said about the work of the church treasurer, yet this position is an unusually important one. The treasurers are not only to receive the money, but they are to help the elder in encouraging the church members to be faithful. A good church treasurer will do much to increase the gifts of the church. To be a church treasurer is no easy task. It requires not a little work to keep the books according to our present system. We greatly appreciate the careful work which some church treasurers are doing.

The Lord has told us that we are to provide things honest in the sight of all men. Every account of our union and local conferences is audited each year. It is also a custom with us to have the local church treasurer's books audited. In some instances the conference treasurer does the church auditing, but in most places the church selects one or two reliable members to audit the books. No church treasurer ought to be satisfied to have this omitted. We are now at the close of another year. Church elections have been held in most places. We hope that in all our churches the treasurer's books have been carefully audited and certified. This should not be neglected.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Why Do Adventists Give More Than Others?

On the train the other day we met a minister of a large popular church. We told him how much our members gave to missions per week in this field, and greatly surprised, he blurted out, "Why that is more than our church gives in two years." A local paper in a place we visited boasted of the fact that there had been an attendance at their Sunday school the preceding Sunday of 123 and they had given 123 cents to missions. We thought of our Thirteenth Sabbath Dollar Day. Statistics show that there is no church in the country that gives nearly as much to foreign missions as do Seventh-day Adventists. Doesn't it sound a tri-

ple inconsistent for ministers to accuse us Adventists of being "under the law" and then in the next breath commend us for giving six times as much to missions as their church members who are "under grace"?

Why do Adventists give more than others? It is not that they are better by nature, nor is it because they have much wealth. The source of this liberality is that we believe and give a special definite message. The chief reason why our people give more to missions is that they believe firmly in the soon coming of Christ. There is no doctrine that will help a church as much as the hope of the early return of Jesus. Moody says, "The church is cold and formal. May God wake us up! And I know of no better way to do it than to get the church to look for the return of our Lord." Another writer states, "There is no truth, according to my observation, that has so stimulated men to consecration and work for Christ as the truth of the Scriptures concerning the coming of the Lord Jesus."

The apostles gave the message that Jerusalem was to be destroyed in their generation. In harmony with this message the Christians in Jerusalem sold their property and helped the cause of Christ. It would have been inconsistent to have held on to property in Jerusalem and at the same time declared that the city was doomed. Those who really believe that the coming of Christ is at hand will freely give of their means to sustain the cause. Never in one year have we seen as clear signs of the end as during 1917, and never have Adventists given as much to missions. We have good news for all our faithful people in this field. While the reports are not yet fully completed we are assured that this large union has raised not a little more than its twenty-cents-a-week. We will give a more complete report later.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

Do It During January

When he was but a boy, the parents of one of our conference presidents accepted the truth through reading the *Signs of the Times*. This worker now in the full vigor of manhood is doing noble work for God, both as an executive in his conference and as a writer for the *Signs* itself. A faithful lay member in California delivered a copy of the *Signs* every week to a widow who for months showed absolutely no interest in it, but the word in season aroused her curiosity. She read, was convinced, and took her stand with us. That was thirty years ago. Her son, a mere boy at the time, is now serving on the circulation staff of this soul-winner. You no doubt have heard of that church that was raised by means of a copy of the *Signs* that was sent to an interested party in the old country, who after reading it, mailed it to a relative in America with the result mentioned.

Stories such as these could be told all day long and still the supply would not be exhausted. What better evidence that God is using the weekly *Signs* in a big

way could anyone wish for? Its influence is greater than anyone imagines. It goes where the living minister can not always go—right into the home. It is ready to deliver its message when those who receive it read its columns. "Instant in season, out of season," truly.

Many because of prejudice or lack of time will not attend our public hall or tent meetings. The *Signs* is just the thing for such persons. This, all agree, is the best season of the year for the circulation of our periodicals. In view of the record of the *Signs*, and the interest that there now is in the things which it teaches, and its ability to perform work that can be done in no other way, you surely will wish to renew your personal club before the first of February when the price will be raised. Perhaps after carefully considering the matter you will wish to increase its size. "More *Signs*—more souls."

By the way, please help pass on the word at once that our people can pay for their clubs by the quarter when they subscribe for ten or more copies. Thank you.

ERNEST LLOYD

School Report

Church Schools

CONFERENCE	SUPERINTENDENT	SCHOOLS	ENROLLED
E. Michigan	Mrs. F. H. Williams	20	291
Indiana	Edith Shepard	29	269
N. Illinois	Augusta Blosser	20	288
N. Michigan	Carolyn Rasmusson	15	158
N. Wisconsin	T. S. Copeland	11	125
S. Illinois	Grace Evans	9	119
S. Wisconsin	Mrs. M. E. Franklin	20	267
W. Michigan	Lotta Bell	23	563
Total		144	2080

Higher Schools

SCHOOL	PRINCIPAL	ENROLLED
Adelphian	T. W. Steen	92
*Battle Creek	W. J. Blake	45
Beechwood	J. G. Lamson	63
Bethel	H. T. Elliott	95
Cedar Lake	R. U. Garrett	63
Fox River	W. L. Avery	47
Walderly	E. A. von Pohle	53
Broadview Swed. Sem.	H. O. Olsen	76
Emmanuel Miss. Col.	C. L. Benson	242
Total		776
Grand Total		2856

*Total enrollment 244

C. A. Russell, *Ed. Sec., Lake Union Conference*

East Michigan Conference

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Elders' and Workers' Meeting

The Elders' and Workers' Meeting for the East Michigan Conference will be held at Holly, Michigan, January 23-26 inclusive. I am asking some of the workers to prepare papers on topics, and shall call on others of our workers to lead out in the discussions. The following are the subjects with those that will lead out in the discussions of the same.

"What Should be the Attitude of Our Elders Toward

Home Missionary Work?", paper by Elder O. M. Kittle, discussion led by F. A. Quackenbush.

"Our Greatest Need Today," paper by Elder H. B. Westcott, discussion led by T. M. Summerville.

"What Will Bring Unity into Our Churches?", paper by Elder A. V. Morrison, discussion led by E. L. Peterson.

"How Can We Increase Attendance at Prayer Meeting?", paper by Frank Dudley, discussion led by Mrs. Agnes E. Webber.

"The Object of Reporting," paper by Elder N. H. Pool, discussion led by Tillie E. Barr.

"How Can We Improve the Order in Our Churches?", paper by J. O. Ferris, discussion led by F. A. Webber.

"Our Children and Youth." This topic will be divided into three divisions, (a) "Our Schools," by Prof. T. W. Steen, (b) "Our Young People's Societies," by E. Lois Carmichael, (c) "Recreation for the Youth," by Professor D. C. Newbold.

"Social Gatherings for Our People," paper by Elder L. T. Nicola, discussion led by J. E. Patzkowski.

"Greater Advancement in Our Work," by Elder L. H. Christian.

The evening preaching services and Sabbath morning service will be divided between Elders Christian, Wellman, Cotton, and Clark. I sincerely hope that every worker will be prepared with his paper, or the work assigned to him. I know that this is a short notice, but I believe, brethren, that with the two weeks you have, you will be able to have something very interesting for our meeting, and let us pray that it will be one of the best ever held in the East Michigan Conference.

A. J. CLARK, *President.*

Kalamazoo Canvassers' Institute

Jan. 25 to Feb. 3

Those who come to Kalamazoo to the Institute will find the headquarters at Elder Horton's, 1211 March St. To reach this place take a Washington car from center of town and get off at March.

To get the full benefit of the institute it is necessary that we come the first day and stay clear through.

Old canvassers and new ones, please remember this, and that there will be a spiritual feast as well as instruction in salesmanship for all who attend. So lay aside every weight that doth so easily beset you and come up to the feast. You who plan to come please write me at once at Berrien Springs so that we can arrange your entertainment.

W. B. MARIS

Detroit, Second Church, Colored

Another year of these troublous times is in the past. And as we face a rapidly changing future, we should as a people be thankful for the many blessings that our great King has been and is pouring out upon us, as we go forward in faith with His conquering cause.

The church here, though poorly housed but with changes now in sight, has prospered year by year for the past five years along all lines. The membership has grown from about a dozen to nearly seventy, with the several funds advancing from less than \$250 a year to quite \$3000 this year, including school and other funds not mentioned herein.

The several funds are as follows: Tithes \$1646.35; Sabbath school offerings \$347.61; Harvest Ingathering \$184.89; church expenses, \$459.57: for missions and other causes \$186.90; total \$2827.32. The amount to missions, on the basis of 52 members, as rated from the first of 1917, is more than 20 cents per week per member, with a per capita tithes of \$32.92, and a per capita total of \$56.50.

We had a rousing tent meeting in the city last summer, which has caused many to begin to study this last message, some of whom have already united with the church.

Trying to do better every day and hoping to win many to the truth, we are yours for the finishing of the work.

WM. H. GREEN

638 30th St.

Evangelistic Effort in Detroit

The tenth Sunday night lecture of the effort which Elder A. V. Cotton is holding in the Arcadia in Detroit was given on January 6, and though a snowstorm raged until a very short time before the meeting began an encouraging crowd was in attendance. His subject was on "The Coming Struggle Between Capital and Labor," and a good proportion of those in attendance were men.

For three Sunday nights in succession, the weather has been cold but notwithstanding this the numbers that are coming convince those who are bearing responsibilities in connection with the effort that there are many honest souls in this great center of population who are hungering and thirsting after the truth.

One fact that stands out prominently is that residents of these large cities in America will come out to hear the gospel truth for this time as has been demonstrated during this series of meetings. That the success of the effort here will mean much to the entire cause is evident from the fact that for many years past the multitudes in this city have had their minds poisoned by scurrilous write-ups that have appeared in the public prints, and it has taken constant, prayerful work on the part of Brother Cotton and those associated with him, which means practically the entire membership of all the churches here, to secure the confidence of the people, and disabuse their minds of what they had previously read about our denomination.

The people attending the meetings are very responsive. They appreciate what they are hearing from the Bible, and Brother Cotton is very much encouraged, and will continue with more determination than ever. The membership of the cause here has done remarkably well toward helping to keep up the interest. Not only do the members of the choir attend regularly every Sunday night, but they also attend the choir practice three times a week, and many of those not in the choir are in their places in the Arcadia at an early hour every Sunday.

New life has come into the churches here, and they are working earnestly toward making the effort a success and in giving the warning message to the people. Officials of the conference declare that the effort is also having a good effect among the churches in other parts of the field.

But with all the success we have thus far had we

need to be constant in our prayers, and we ask the readers of the HERALD to continue to hold us up before the Throne of Grace that a rich harvest of souls will come as a result of the work now being done here, and that our people will continue to rightly represent the exalted character of the message they have embraced. Brother Cotton will take up the Sabbath question February 3, and after that we expect that people will begin to make decisions for the right. Some who have been regular in their attendance at the Sunday night meetings have started to come to the Sabbath services at the churches, which is an indication that they are giving serious consideration to the message they are hearing.

WALTER L. BÜRGAN

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Sabbath School Notes

The following Sabbath schools reported before January 8: Aroma Park, Brookfield, Broadview, Bohemian School, Southside, German 1, German 2, Northshore, Italian 1, Italian 2, Elgin, Galesburg, Harvey, Joliet, Kankakee, Kingston, Moline, Ottawa, Onarga, Pontiac, Princeton, Rock Falls, Stockton, Sheridan 2 (village school), and Watseka.

Of these schools the following reached their goal of one dollar per member on the thirteenth Sabbath: Brookfield, Southside, Kankakee, Moline, Onarga, Rock Falls, Pontiac, Stockton, Sheridan 2, Elgin, Galesburg, and Joliet.

Sheridan 2, Onarga, Stockton, Elgin, and Moline more than doubled their goal of one dollar per member. Sheridan 2 and Onarga tripled their goal.

From the twenty-five schools that have reported we have \$1151.79 Thirteenth Sabbath offering. Our goal is \$1500, and I believe we will get it, as some of the largest schools have not reported yet.

MRS. CLEORA WEBSTER

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A Colporteur's Experience

Last April while visiting Frankfort, I became interested in the *Present Truth* campaign, which was being introduced to the church by Elder Townsend. I had been an inactive member since coming into the truth, and seeing the great need of the work around my own home, which is on a farm nine miles north of Elk Rapids, I decided to enter this campaign.

Upon returning home from Frankfort, I took the matter up with several of the members there who became as interested in this work as I. We sent in an order for one thousand copies of the *Present Truth* and dividing the farming community between us, we began the work of carrying the message to our friends and neighbors by the use of the printed page. The Lord certainly blessed us in this work and several people became interested in the papers. I remember one lady who told me that she could hardly wait until I came with each succeeding number of the series.

Having gained a good experience in personal work with the *Present Truth*, I decided about the middle of September to try selling our small books. I ordered 200 "World War" and devoted only a part of the time to the work. Since the latter part of September I have sold over twelve hundred of these books of which nearly 800 are cloth binding. I have sold these books to doctors, lawyers, bankers, preachers, priests, and to all classes of people.

The Lord certainly blessed me in selling these books and I had many interesting experiences. I found people interested in the truth everywhere. In fact I sold books to people by stating that the "World War" was published by Adventists after every other inducement to get them to purchase had failed.

I found that the majority of those interested had become so from reading our literature from time to time, which had been sent or given them. Besides finding people interested in the truth I found Seventh-day Adventists interested in getting into the work of selling our literature to others. For instance, a man at Manton with whom I talked has sent in an order to the tract society for several copies of three different books to sell. He said that he knew our literature contained the truth and was desirous of helping to carry this message to others.

The time is certainly at hand when a great work can be done through personal efforts. The people are stirred everywhere by the signs of the times and are willing to give up the cares of this world when they receive the message. We can give them the message through personal work. People who will not go to hear a minister nor study the word of God will listen to us as we endeavor to show them the times in which we are now living and many have become interested through reading our literature consisting of tracts, books and the *Present Truth*. "What do these things mean?" "What lies in the future?" are questions within the minds of every thinking man and woman.

In selling "World War," I have been asked these questions many times. It seems that people are turning to Seventh-day Adventists for the answers to these questions. But according to the Bible, we can expect this. "Ye are the light of the world." "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14.

We as a people have the blessed privilege of having this light shine and we must keep our lamps trimmed and burning that they may be seen by those around us. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." There is need for us to let our light shine wherever we are. All around us are those who are in darkness concerning the coming of the Lord. Let us enlighten these souls and hasten the coming of our Lord.

WM. COLEMAN

Gladstone and Nahma

The ingathering work at the above named places is encouraging. We have done some work in both places during the week of prayer and previously. We received \$30 from five persons. Two ladies gave us ten dollars each and quite a number a dollar each. Surely the unseen ministers have gone with and before us and have impressed hearts. We are certain that

there are great opportunities for the worker if the ingathering work is faithfully done. Openings will be presented us for Bible studies and getting the truth before the people.

One instance which occurred at Gladstone three years ago is worthy of note. At the time of the Harvest Ingathering campaign the writer began a systematic canvass of the place, usually giving a short canvass at the door. One lady invited me in and it was soon discovered that they were much interested in the study of the scriptures. We appointed Bible studies and as a result the lady with her mother and daughter are fully identified with us, and a brother of the lady, an intelligent man of fifty years, has been investigating the message for the past few months, and has recently decided to keep the Sabbath. These experiences have been a source of great encouragement to us.

During the week of prayer the Lord came very near to us, and the little company at Nahma has been greatly strengthened. Some new ones among the French people are interested. The different nationalities represented in our company at Nahma are Swedish, Finnish, French, Norwegian, and Belgian, and with the young people and children we had nineteen in all in attendance last Sabbath. We greatly rejoice to see the glorious message finding its way to the hearts and homes of the different nations and tongues.

R. J. BELLOWS

Personal Work

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." Vol. 9, p. 117.

The Harvest Ingathering work has proved a great blessing, both to the needy missions, and also to our own people as affording an opportunity of coming in personal contact with our neighbors. How many the writer has heard make the remark: "I never enjoyed anything more in my life than going out with the papers and meeting with the people, and talking this truth to them, and telling them of the work that is being done." If the truth is burning in our own souls we will have many opportunities of telling the people of this glorious truth, and I believe the Spirit of the Lord, and good angels go before us and prepare the hearts of the people for our coming and they feel impressed that we are sent to them by the Lord, and they will gladly listen to us. Some of the richest experiences that the writer has had have been in this personal work, going from house to house, not missing Catholics, nor any others.

I believe the Lord wants us to do a thorough work, realizing that we are "debtors to all men," and that we are to meet all in the judgment, yes, and then we have so short a time to do the work that must be done, or we ourselves will be left with those we did not seek to save.

What can be said that will awaken all our people to the importance of this personal work? Some of our people are doing a good work, and with a real love for lost souls for whom Jesus gave his life, are learning something of the blessedness of going to our

neighbors with this heaven sent reading with hearts filled and talking with them of these things that are so precious to us, and find many ready to listen, and in some cases the people are very glad to have us pray with them, and they feel that indeed the Lord has sent us to tell them these things.

I believe the Harvest Ingathering work can be profitably kept up all the year, or, at least, this personal work should be kept up till the Lord comes. How can the Saviour say, "well done" to those who have not done something, and done it well?

As we see the evidences thickening all around us that the time for work for these dear souls will be forever past in just a little while, will not all our dear people arise at once and do what they can to prepare the people for what is soon coming on the earth? May the Lord fill our hearts with a love for lost souls and we take hold of the work as never before.

J. C. HARRIS

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Beechwood Academy

One of my New Year's "resolves" was to be more faithful in reporting for the HERALD during 1918 than I was during the last half of 1917, so here is my first for this year.

Beechwood Academy enjoys the novel distinction this year of enrolling as many students as at any previous year and losing more than ever before. A letter from Professor Mächlan, under whose leadership the school was started, stated that according to the best of his remembrance the highest enrollment during his administration was seventy-two, and this number we have equalled in 1917, with good prospects of exceeding that number before the year closes.

When it is generally known, however, that we can house only forty students allowing two to each room, it can readily be seen that a large enrollment means three or four students in one room, and this is not conducive to good discipline or good lessons, to say nothing of some other items in which school life must give a proper and wholesome training. For this and other reasons over one third have gone out from us. It is too bad that a conference which has the resources in children and means that are present in Indiana should not have a well located, well equipped, well manned, and well filled academy, of at least one hundred pupils. Whether or not it will be my great privilege to have a part in such a plan for Indiana it is hard to foretell, but I hope most earnestly that some one will arise and speak the encouraging words "go forward."

For the first time in my twenty years of denominational school work, every student went home for the holidays, and every teacher took advantage of the unusual situation and "vacated." Prof. and Mrs. Hitchcock visited parents and friends in Michigan; Miss James spent the time at her home in Chicago and with friends in Berrien Springs; while Mrs. Lamson and I took advantage of an invitation to attend the Mid-winter Convention at Hinsdale Sanitarium. This was a most enjoyable and profitable time for all

concerned I am sure. The friends at the Sanitarium made it possible for me to receive some much needed treatment, and I did my best to repay them by helping in the meetings of the convention. Professor Russell was chairman each day and he is no novice at that work. The various departments reported at different meetings, the Rescue Home, the Samaritan Inn. The City Work of the Freshman nurses as well as the regular work of the institution were reported and commented on most entertainingly. As my part of the program I discussed such themes as "The Return of the Jews," "The Word was Made Flesh," "The Authority of Law," and others, and among the patients as well as the sanitarium family, I found some interested listeners.

One very bright spot in the week was December 28, 1917. This was the 25th anniversary of our wedding day. Brother and Sister Julius Paulson and Doctor Mary Paulson made up a little dinner party and we were privileged to have with us that day, beside those mentioned, Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Russell; my mother, Mrs. D. H. Lamson; my sister, Miss Mary E. Lamson; and Mrs. L. K. Curtis, who also had assisted in celebrating our fifteenth anniversary ten years ago at Berrien Springs, when we were teachers together at Emmanuel Missionary College.

Friday, the 29th, I had my first visit to Broadview Swedish Seminary at a time when it was in session. Here I found a chapel well filled with an earnest company of young men and women, eagerly preparing themselves for the Master's service. I had the privilege of speaking to them of the history of our present system of denominational schools, and assured them that hardships seldom hinder progress, but, on the contrary, difficulties develop character and power such as a smooth easy time will never do.

Now we are back at Beechwood and the "youngsters" are coming on each train, apparently as happy to get back as they were to go. We start off on the second semester with courage.

J. G. LAMSON

South Wisconsin Conference

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News Notes

Elder A. F. French spent Sabbath and Sunday, January 5 and 6, with the Marshfield church. Being so near to Bethel he also visited the Academy there.

Elder C. S. Wiest was with the Eau Claire church the first Sabbath in January, and also at the business meeting of the church on Saturday night. Quite a number of outside people came in for the preaching service which followed. Quite an interest seems to prevail at Eau Claire. Elder Wiest also attended the business meeting at Marshfield Sunday afternoon and preached there Sunday night.

At the last meeting of the Conference Committee it was decided to unite all of our Milwaukee churches for one central effort. The brethren have rented a hall in the center of the city to hold a meeting every Sunday night. There will be other meetings held in the various churches and halls of the four languages in which we are working in Milwaukee.

The Fond du Lac church was not able to hold their meetings last Sabbath on account of the scarlet fever epidemic which seems to prevail in the city.

Brother E. E. Trowbridge expects to conduct a series of meetings in a school house near Shennington.

Encouraging reports are coming in to the office in reference to our twenty-cent-a-week fund. It seems quite evident that this conference will have fully reached its twenty cents a week for the year 1917.

Many reports are coming from those who have completed their Bible Year and Reading Courses. If others have finished, the Missionary Volunteer Department would appreciate this information.

Mission Funds, Etc.

As soon as possible we hope to give the readers of the HERALD full information regarding our churches and also our conference concerning our mission fund. But, for your encouragement, I will say that from all appearances this conference has fully reached its quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. Our treasurer is working hard to get the correct statement, and as soon as we have all the reports from the churches, and the statement completed, we will send it out to the various churches and it will also be published in the HERALD.

I wish to say a word in reference to the two per cent. Those who have been following the treasurer's statement as published month after month in the HERALD, will have also noticed that this conference is falling short on the two per cent. With this fund we are supplying our tent and camp meeting equipment, and with the small amount that is coming in month after month, we will not be able to meet the necessities to increase our camp meeting equipment and also to buy tents for the field. I hope the brethren in all our churches will begin to pay the two per cent so that we will not be behind in our conference needs. If you do not fully understand the meaning of this fund, we shall be glad to give you the full information.

C. S. WIEST

The Slacker

He said he was thirty-one. A raid was made upon his home, the family Bible was consulted and it was found that one figure in the date, 1887 had been changed. The 7 was changed to 6 of course. Did it make any actual difference in his age? Likewise the writer of "The Slacker" article, which appears in the February *Signs Magazine*, reasons that the true seventh day Sabbath, which was established for all time, is none the less the Sabbath, even if a man or a group of men at a later time substitute another rest day. The message is in a pleasing form in the February *Signs Magazine*.

West Michigan Conference

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Change of Date

Please take notice that the Workers' and Elders' Meeting for West Michigan will be held February 14-18 instead of February 8-12.

Be sure to mark the new date as we want every

elder and all the conference workers present from the first to the last meeting.

WM. GUTHRIE

1917-1918

The year just closed has been one pregnant with great events looking toward the closing of the records of this age. It has seen nations of the old world sicken and tire of war. Some have dethroned their kings without the loss of blood only to plunge later into a civil war with countless factions which threaten to dismember the nation. Unrest and war are seen on every side. Even South America with its hitherto peaceful tendencies, staggers under the contending elements clamoring for war. Most of the nations of earth, if not actively engaged in the war, have at least declared themselves against the practices of the central powers.

In the midst of this confusion and turmoil we have a great work to do. The past year has witnessed an onward movement in this Conference. Our workers have done earnest and faithful work and the Lord has blessed their efforts so that more than 200 souls have been baptized during 1917. We praise the Lord for this and feel sure it is partly due to the earnest prayers of our brethren in the churches. May the day soon come when in each family there will be daily prayers for the success of the faithful workers in the field. Such devotion means much in favor of finishing the Lord's work in this generation.

The year 1917 witnessed a substantial increase in our Mission fund and a large increase in our tithe. The latter is due in part to the increase in prices but we trust is caused by a more substantial increase in our list of tithe payers. We have received a slight increase in the two per cent, but not enough to meet the increasing demands for our home work.

We feel sure that the new year, 1918, will witness a deeper consecration, a larger increase of funds, and a richer harvest of souls than has yet been enjoyed by the West Michigan Conference. To this end let us unitedly work and pray from now to the close of the year. The year is already big with possibilities. It is the watching, waiting child of God who will receive the blessing resulting from devoted service.

WM. GUTHRIE

Correspondence Notes and Items of Progress

This school year gave us an increase of 140 children in our enrollment, 560 children were present on opening day. Our corps of teachers has been increased from 24 to 33.

The new Grand Rapids school building on Prince Street will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the new year. This is a nice modern building, well heated and lighted, with sufficient playground for recreation.

The last reports from the Greenville church school teacher were encouraging. She says they will have the best school building in the conference. If the loyal co-operation extended by the patrons in giving their time to erect this building is an indication they will surely succeed.

Last year we granted 27 eighth grade certificates. This year we have 49 students enrolled in the eighth

grade. This item should be of interest to the academies.

Eight new sets of maps, put up in good cases, have been placed in the following schools respectively: Muskegon, Carlton Center, Charlotte, Battle Creek, Frost, Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo, and Bauer. Several other schools have promised to place an order soon. Two other schools have brought out some old sets of maps and repaired them so that they can do acceptable service.

Charlotte and Kalamazoo received globes this year as a premium with the club of *Christian Educator*. The former was the result of the efforts of a member of the school board, the latter the efforts of the teacher.

Miss Herr, secretary of the Parent Teacher Association in Battle Creek writes, "You should certainly have been here last Thursday night when our Parent-Teachers' meeting was held. The program was surely excellent.

"Did I tell you about our paper campaign? Already about six thousand pounds have been sold bringing in the neat little sum of about \$30.00. Each evening a collection is taken too, so that we now have enough to pay for our shrubbery and more.

"A special meeting was appointed for December 20 to be held at the school house. It is planned as a social evening. I think we shall have the children's work on exhibit on their desks for the benefits of the parents who find it hard to come to see us on school days.

"On November 28 my boys and girls gave a program in our room and about twenty mothers and one father made us happy by their presence."

Another teacher writes: "This is something you will be glad to hear. We had parents' meeting last night. The elder acted as chairman. Our patrons are interested and agreed to a regular meeting on the third Saturday night of each month. We took up several important questions. We used chapter one of "Counsels to Teachers" for our devotional study.

"In studying our punctuality record, we secured the promise at least of co-operation in correcting the fault. We have had eighteen tardinesses in this two weeks. Then we were able to come together on the matter of pupils going directly home from school. Both parents and myself found out some things about habit of loitering which we did not know. I wonder, if all our Conference teachers are 'wise' to this loitering habit common to church-school pupils. We took up the question of the library and I expect a response to our petition for books."

From the Training School we learn: "We completed our Parent-Teacher Association organization two weeks ago at a specially called meeting. We were favored with Professor Russell's counsel upon the matter of constitution for the same, and the parents are pleased with the plan of the meeting. A president, and a secretary-treasurer, were elected and these two officers together with the regularly employed teachers of the Training School constitute the executive committee of the association. We have met and appointed sub-committees on library, on domestic scientific equipment, and on financial assistance."

Our regularly appointed school boards will understand

that the Training School does not have a board appointed by the church the same as in other church organizations.

LOTTA E. BELL, *Superintendent.*

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Canvassers' Report for the Week Ending

January 4, 1918

West Michigan

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
†H. O. Butler	OD	65	31	66 00	21 00	87 00	7 50
*John E. Kidder	HM	49	15	37 50	10 50	48 00	33 50
*J. E. Herrington	HM	33	11	27 50	5 75	33 25	4 20
H. Kent Nelson	HM	18	5	12 50	1 50	14 00	6 50
R. J. Lawrence	BR	7	7	25 50	50	26 00	15 50
R. E. Coppock	BF	7	2	5 00	1 00	6 00	.....
C. F. McCoy	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....
		179	71	174 00	41 25	215 25	67 20

Indiana

Raymond Brooks	BR	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	196 50
Fred Possman	BR	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00
*Fred Kaufman	BR	37	11	39 50	.....	39 50	146 00
Wilber Moore	BR	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	220 00
		117	11	39 50	.....	39 50	576 50

Northern Illinois

E. A. Clough	BR	62	13	51 50	6 00	57 50	201 75
Ruby Helm	WW	19	37	18 00	.....	18 00	8 00
A. M. Tatton	BR	13	41	.....	.....	.....	171 50
G. Vas	Misc	96	110 18	110 18	110 18
		190	91	179 68	6 00	185 68	491 43

*Two weeks †Four weeks

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Once again reverberates the echo of that S. O. S. sounded in number one of this volume of the HERALD. The books are reaching the camps and bringing their warmth of good cheer because someone has heeded the call. If you have forgotten, let this echo awaken your interest, and *do it now*.
C. A. R.

Prof. M. E. Kern writes: "While in Iowa recently I learned of one of our young men who had given up the truth, and who ran away and joined the army. When on sentry duty he picked up a copy of *The Watchman* Magazine and read it. There was something in it that touched his heart, and he wrote back to his home, asking for forgiveness for the past, and his determination to be fully consecrated to the Lord." Magazines like the *Watchman* and *Signs* monthly are causing many to think seriously about their souls' salvation. Are you doing your part to help increase their circulation?

College News

Mr. Ernest Weaver, who has been a student at the college for the past five years but who is now preceptor and teacher at Bethel Academy, visited the College while in town on business Tuesday.

The Student Movement staff, who have waited long and patiently, now have the neatest and most artistically furnished little office that they could desire, located just opposite the book store. The money to equip this office was obtained from the proceeds of the first one thousand copies sold of "A Lesson in Surrender" which was written by Howard Wilcox and donated to *The Student Movement* for that purpose.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson from Springfield, Ill., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fattic Sunday and Monday while on their way to Battle Creek. Mr. Johnson was a student at the college during its early days at Berrien Springs and has since been a book-keeper in the Wisconsin Tract Society office.

Brother G. H. Curtis, secretary-treasurer of the Southern Union Conference, made a hurried call at the College January 8 in search of a book keeper for their conference office. N. L. Taylor expects to be on his way to that field in less than two weeks.

Loyal Minier, a former student, and his wife were guests at the home of their aunt, Mrs. J. H. Hall, Friday and Sabbath. They are on their way to Battle Creek where the former will take up his duties as night clerk in the Sanitarium.

Arabella James, who finished with the class of '17,

visited her sister, Golda, Thursday and Friday. Miss James is preceptress and teacher of English in the Beechwood Academy.

Miss Edith Shepard, Educational Secretary of Indiana, was here on business January 2 and 3.

Professor Haughey's Greek and Hebrew classes took him by surprise Monday morning when they met for five minutes before chapel and presented him with a new traveling bag as a token of esteem and appreciation of his untiring effort in their behalf.

Ennis Moore, who has about recovered from his long siege of typhoid fever, spent Thursday and Friday with the boys of North Hall. He is planning soon to enter the ministerial work again in the Indiana conference.

Ministerial Band

The company that goes to Station 32 to hold meetings Sunday nights is composed of five members: Almon Balkins, Clayton Keiser, Frank Howard, Rena Klooster, and Lena Brown. The one going to Station 30 has six members: Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Stuart Thompson, Grant Hosford, Essie Burgess, and Inis Morey. These stations are stops along the Interurban line that can be reached within a few minutes ride. Miss Brown and Miss Morey conduct a children's meeting in their respective school houses, just preceding the regular services. The interest shown by these children, who number from fifteen to twenty in each place, is certainly inspiring. The entire attendance averages in each locality between thirty-five and forty-five each week. They are now taking up the study of the prophecies and the people show a wholesome enthusiasm. The Sunday afternoons are spent by the members visiting the homes and getting acquainted with the people, while some family Bible readings are being given.

An Embarrassing Situation

When some new "drafts" appeared before their commanding officers one Friday afternoon a short time ago and asked to be excused from service on the following day for religious reasons, they had no idea that the request would prove more embarrassing to their superiors than to themselves. Official Washington, upon being appealed to, reiterated our nation-old policy of religious liberty for all by issuing a general order to excuse from Sabbath service all who kept the day as a day of rest. Read all about it in the February *Signs Magazine*—a "soldier number."

Business Notices

WANTED.—A single man to work on farm by the month or year. H. C. Woelfle, Spring Arbor, Mich.

WANTED.—A place to work in a private home or institution, house work or garden. Mrs. A. J. McDowell, Pelican Lake, Wis.

WANTED.—An efficient stenographer who has had experience in office and secretarial work. Wabash Valley Sanitarium, LaFayette, Ind.

WANTED.—By the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, LaFayette, Indiana, consecrated Seventh-day Adventist to take charge of outside work at the Sanitarium. Must understand care of vegetable garden and flower garden and raising of fowls, etc., and have some experience in managing help.