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Suggestive Program for Goal Dollar Day

(Sabbath, August 24)

Song

Prayer

Special Song-"India"

"The Blessing of Giving"-M. E. Kern

"Our Young People and Missions"-C. A. Russell Special Music

"The Cry of the Blood"

Other Selections on Our Educational Enterprises from LAKE UNION HERALD

Dollar Day Offering

Benediction

India

(Tune: ''Juanita'') Far o'er the waters From dark India's coral strand, Where heathen darkness Shrouds in night the land, Comes a voice of pleading For the gospel's glorious light, That will pierce the darkness Of their heathen night.

Chorus

India, pleading India! Jesus died to set you free. India, bleading India! Our hearts yearn for thee.

We hear the pleading Of benighted womanhood, We know the bleeding Of hearts misunderstood. We would rouse from slumber In the name of Jesus given, Bear salvation's tidings And a hope of heaven.

Chorus

India, pleading India! Jesus died to set you free. India, bleeding India! Our hearts yearn for thee. Chorus No. 2 (repeat softly) India, my India! Jesus died to set you free, India, my India! Our hearts yearn for thee.

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The Blessing of Giving

The Bible says it is "blessed to give.". The sound of the word "give" should be as music in the Christian's ears, for "God so loved the world that He gave."

What is our Missionary Volunteer Aim?—"The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation." That expresses our purpose to obey our Lord's last command when on earth. But Oh, hasn't the church of God been slow in obeying this command? A missionary worker was telling the people of the awful blindness of the poor people of India and Thibet, how they made prayer wheels to turn and turn and grind out their prayers as it were. A little girl spoke up and said, "Why don't somebody tell them?" Sure enough. Why don't somebody tell them?

The Bible says, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" It is our blessed privilege to give money to send missionaries to tell them.

The divine program calls for the carrying of the Advent message to all the world in this generation. This is the greatest and most important undertaking in the world today. What a blessing to have a. active part in this program!

The salvation of the church depends upon her obedience to our Lord's command. The success of a Missionary Volunteer society depends upon its active interest in this great work. The Christian experience of an individual is measured by his genuine interest in the thing for which Jesus gave His life. Today we must think in terms of the world missionary conquest : "The resources of God are promised in their fullness only to those who undertake the program of God in its wholeness."

The world is in need of and is calling for what we have to give. Latin-America with its seventy millions calls loudly for someone to come and show them a better way. Africa, the dark continent, with its one hundred and fifty millions, seventy millions of whom are not included in the plans of any Christian missionary organization, sends up her mute appeal to the messengers of light. India with a population twice that of Africa, is calling.

There are so many villages in India, with an average of four hundred people each, that if Christ had begun to visit them when on earth and had visited one each day, it would still take fifty years to finish. But greater works than He alone could do, can His disciples do if they will give themselves and their all to his service.

The Mohammedan world with its two hundred millions is calling. This great apostate religion with its belief in one God, but not in Jesus as Savior, is perhaps the greatest barrier to Christianity. Then there is the great East—China, Korea, Manchuria, Japan, and Malaysia—with more than a third of the world's people, restless and in the midst of mighty changes. There are wonderful openings now, and every loyal Missionary Volunteer wants to help.

Shall we give? Ah, yes! Not because God is a pauper or a beggar. The gold and the silver is His. But He wants us to give because it makes us more like Him in character. He loved and He gave. If we love we will give. "A man may give without loving, but he cannot love without giving."

This year the Missionary Volunteers of the United States and Canada are endeavoring to raise \$40,000 for missions. Today is Goal Dollar Day when everyone is asked to bring a dollar to apply on the goal.

Some conferences are definitely planning to double their goal. Shall each individual not do the same? "God so loved . . . that He gave."

M. E. Kern.

Our Young People and Missions

Probably no mission field has been so constantly and prominently held before our young people as India. No land appeals more strongly. The "lure of India" is a common expression. Many have felt its charm.

Several of the Reading Course books have enkindled and fanned the flame of interest in this land of Brahma and the Caste System. Among these may be mentioned "The Christian Conquest of India," "In the Tiger Jungle," "Ann of Ava," and "Things as They Are." In this issue will be found a brief quotation from the latter book under the title, "The Cry of the Blood."

Not alone has our reading turned our attention in the direction of India, but we are bound to this land by the golden cords of friendship and affection. Several from this Union Conference are now doing valiant service in the front line trenches of missionary advance. Quotations and excerpts from letters received from some of these workers will be found in various parts of this issue.

Several years ago the Missionary Volunteers of the Lake Union Conference undertook to raise \$1,000 to be.sent to Elder and Mrs. M. D. Wood at Kalyan, near Bombay, western India. More than this amount was realized, and from that time on to the present a large and ever-increasing proportion of our M. V. missions money has gone to India. The idea of uniting the interests of the young people in the homeland with the field has grown until now one of the local conferences in this Union has a goal twice as large as the goal for the entire Union at that time.

A few quotations from correspondence received from workers in North India, our field, and from other sources will prove of interest.

"If we could give our young people a peep into the homes of the people of India, there would be no doubt in the mind of anyone of our great need along this line. A Hindu girl is supposed to be married before she is thirteen years old or otherwise she is considered disgraced. Should her husband die, no matter how young she may be, it is supposed that his death has been caused by some sin committed by her in a former birth, and she must therefore be punished. There were 395,000 girl widows in India when the 1901 census was taken, under fifteen years of age. . There were 119,000 child widows under ten years old, about 20,000 child widows under five years old, and actually 528 widows under one year old. When one knows the lot of the Indian widow, their condition is worse than that of a slave, their nice garments are taken from them, they are allowed but one garment to wear. In some parts of India they are allowed but one meal a day, and their very presence is counted an ill omen, and nothing but drudgery and curses await them. Even those who are older in years find the widow's lot well nigh unbearable. What then can we say concerning these little child widows?

"Very frequently in India we have girls suffering under these sad conditions turn to us for help. They are dying for a little bit of love, and we are compelled to tell them we can do nothing for them because we have no place where we can receive them. The situation tries the hearts of our missionaries beyond measure. Many times when a girl or woman wishes to become a Christian, it means lifelong persecution, or perhaps death to her, for the woman is not counted of much worth in India, and caste and religion is everything. It is absolutely necessary to provide a place where these women can come for refuge."

Pastor W. W. Fletcher speaks as follows concerning some of the definite enterprises given to the young people in different conferences in this Union. TRANSLATION OF VERNACULAR'SUBSCRIPTION

Books\$500.00

This item ought to prove an interesting one. At the present time we have no subscription books in the Indian languages. The "Bible Readings" has been published in a very small form and without illustrations. But we need something that could be sold by our colporteurs to all classes, Christian and non-Christian, and understood by all. It is proposed to publish a book on similar lines to "Coming King" that has been prepared by Elder R. F. Cottrell, and "Health and Longevity" by Dr. Selmon. These books will have to be translated into the Indian tongues. It is proposed to publish them in the Bengali, Burmese, Urdu, Marathi, Tamil, and Malayalam languages. The \$500 will probably not cover the cost of all this translating, but it will cover all we will be able to do in 1918.

station, but as yet very poor and insufficient accommodation has been provided for the boys. The amount asked for shows that it is proposed to erect only a very modest and inexpensive building.

WORKERS' QUARTERS AT KARMATAR.......\$324.44 At the Karmatar station we operate a boarding school for girls, a boarding and day school for boys, a dispensary, and evangelistic work. We have not sufficient native quarters, and some of the workers have to live in unsuitable and distant places. The money called for will enable us to provide two additional native houses on the Mission compound. C. C. Kellar and wife are in charge at Karmatar.

EXTENSIONS AT MEIKTILA......\$200.00 The Meiktila school is in a very flourishing condition, and this money is needed to provide extra classrooms. D. C. Ludington in charge.

NAJIBABAD BOYS' SCHOOL.....\$324.44 This is to take boys up to the seventh standard, and will be largely for boarders, and those chiefly the children of our Indian workers. Young boys are sent to boarding schools in India, especially Mission schools. Otherwise Christian parents would find it difficult to give their children an education. The Missions also find it a good plan to have the children under their control. This school is to serve for the younger boys in our North India Missions. R. P. Morris is in charge at Najibabad.

It is the purpose of Goal Dollar Day to awaken an interest in missions in general, and India and our M. V. enterprises in particular on the part of our young people. Let all'make this day what its name indicates, Dollar Day. All money thus contributed will be credited to the church on the twenty-five-centa-week fund. It should be checked M. V. missions by the church treasurer. Our 1918 M. V. goal for India from this Union is \$8,000. C. A. RUSSELL.

The Cry of the Blood

The tom-toms thumped straight on all night, and the darkness shuddered round me like a living, feeling thing. I could not go to sleep, so I lay awake and looked; and I saw, as it seemed, this:

That I stood on a grassy sward, and at my feet a precipice broke sheer down into infinite space. I looked, but saw no bottom; only cloud shapes, black and furiously coiled, and great shadow-shrouded hollows, and unfathomable depths. Back I drew, dizzy at the depth.

Then I saw forms of people moving single file along the grass. They were making for the edge. There was a woman with a baby in her arms and another little child holding on to her dress. She was on the very verge. Then I saw that she was blind. She was over, and the children over with her. Oh, the cry as they went over!

Then I saw more streams of people flowing from all quarters. All were blind, stone blind; all made straight for the precipice edge. There were shrieks as they suddenly knew themselves falling, and a tossing up of the helpless arms, catching, clutching at empty air. But some went over quietly, and fell without a sound.

Then I wondered, with a wonder that was simply agony, why no one stopped them at the edge. I could not. I was glued to the ground, and I could not call; though I strained and tried, only a whisper would come.

Then I saw that along the edge there were sentries set at intervals. But the intervals were far too great; there were wide, unguarded gaps between. And over these gaps the people fell in their blindness, quite unwarned; and the green grass seemed blood-red to me, and the gulf yawned like the mouth of hell.

Then I saw, like a picture of peace, a group of people under some trees, with their backs turned toward the gulf. They were making daisy chains. Sometimes when a piercing shriek cut the quiet air and reached them it disturbed them, and they thought it a rather vulgar noise. And if one of their number started up and wanted to go and do something to help, then all the others would pull that one down. "Why should you get so excited about it? You must wait for a definite call to go! You haven't finished your daisy chains yet. It would be really selfish," they said, "to leave us to finish the work alone."

There was another group. It was made up of people whose great desire was to get more sentries out; but they found that very few wanted to go, and sometimes there were no sentries set for miles and miles of the edge.

Once a girl stood alone in her place, waving the people back; but her mother and other relations called, and reminded her that her furlough was due; she must not break the rules. And being tired and needing a change, she had to go and rest for awhile; but no one was sent to guard her gap, and over and over the people fell, like a waterfall of souls.

Once a child caught at a tuft of grass that grew at the very brink of the gulf; it clung convulsively, and it called—but nobody seemed to hear. Then the roots of the grass gave way, and with a cry the child went over, its two little hands still holding tight to the torn-off bunch of grass. And the girl who longed to be back in her gap thought she heard the little one cry, and she sprang up and wanted to go; at which they reproved her, reminding her that no one is necessary anywhere; the gap would be well taken care of, they knew. And then they sang a hymn.

Then through the hymn came another sound like the pain of a million broken hearts wrung out in one full drop, one sob. And a horror of great darkness was upon me, for I knew what it was—the Cry of the Blood.

Then thundered a Voice, the Voice of the Lord: "And He said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brothers' blood crieth unto Me from the ground."

The tom-toms still beat heavily, the darkness still shuddered and shivered about me'; I heard the yells of the devil-dancers and the weird shriek of the devilpossessed just outside the gate.

What does it matter, after all? It has gone on for years; it will go on for years. Why make such a fuss about it?

God forgive us! God arouse us! Shame us out of our callousness! Shame us out of our sin!—"Things as They Are."

A Visit to Henzada District, Burma

Henzada District is that part of Burma where the great Irawadi River commences to break up into its delta. Naturally it is a very rich part of the province. Great rice fields abound as far as eye can reach, and beyond; also here and there valuable teak forests. It is a very populous part of Burma. Towns and villages are thickly dotted over the vast plain and along the river bank. It is said that for the Henzada District there are three hundred and fifty-seven people to the square mile, against an average of forty-five for Burma as a whole.

In company with Pastor Lowry, superintendent of the Burma Mission, the writer had the privilege of visiting this district. Leaving Rangoon in the evening by train, we arrived at six in the morning at Prome, the terminus of the line. Prome is a pretty town of about 20,000 inhabitants, situated on the banks of the Irawadi. With the neat houses and shady trees along the streets, the beautiful green of the lowlying hills not far away, we have a pleasant picture. At Prome we took one of the famous Irawadi Flotilla Company's steamers, and commenced our journey down the river. This trip was full of interest. Life was abounding everywhere—towns along the bank, boats on the river, rafts of timber, fishermen and fish, herds of cattle in the fields.

But here and there the scene is broken by the many pagodas rising up like so many monuments reared to departed glory. Near these pagodas are often seen the monasteries, where the yellow-robed Buddhist Priests move sluggishly about. In the early morning you can see them with large earthenware receptacles filing to and fro along the village streets receiving donations of cooked rice. It is an act of merit on the part of the people to give a little to each, perhaps only a spoonful. At one place as many as ninety-five of these priests were counted walking along with their bowls, getting their rice for the day. Buddhism with no God, and salvation only to be sought in self, with its fear and torments, is certainly a gospel of despair. Yet millions bow at these shrines before the image of a dead man.

But we have something better to tell. After a few hours' ride we reached the borders of the Henzada District, and soon arrived at Myanaung, a lovely little village where Brother and Sister Beckner, assisted by Saya U Chit Hla, our Burmese worker, are located. We were soon in the comfortable mission home. In the evening we had the privilege of meeting the interested ones, and of speaking to them of the blessed message. We are so glad to see what a good class of people are attending the meetings, and we are assured that the Spirit is moving on hearts. On the morrow, which was Sabbath, Brother Lowry led a Burmese brother and his wife, and another brother, down into the Irawadi, where the three were buried with their Lord in baptism. Perhaps three hundred people, mostly Buddhists, stood silently on the bank watching what was done, and listened to a short address by Brother U Chit Hla, who explained the meaning of the rite. We thank the Lord for this start in the Irawadi Delta. Others are studying, and we are assured that a harvest of souls will be gathered from among the millions of this great district.—J. T. Fulton, in Asiatic Division Outlook, Jan. 1, 1918.

Foundations Being Laid for a Strong Work in the Punjab, North India

When Brother Frank Loasby entered upon work in North India, he first devoted himself to acquiring the Urdu language. Before passing his third year's examination a few capable young men were brought together for a short course in training — a tent being pitched for their school room when needed, the school being held outside in pleasant weather. These pupils were drilled in the principles underlying the third angel's message with the view of their going into hitherto unentered territory themselves to teach the truth.

The following report just received from Brother Loasby tells something of the experiences of these newly developed missionaries in raw heathen villages.

"As you asked regarding the work in the out-stations, I may say that I have no reason to be discouraged by the progress shown. I do not think that I could really point to one out of the five men (besides the native assistant with them), as a man who is not doing good work. The teaching they have received seems to give them a new idea of the important Christian work as embodied in our particular message; and in saying this I do not wish to cast any aspersion on the work or methods of any other mission. We do not aim so much for quick results as we do for permanent results.

"Our workers have now been in their respective villages about seven months. When they reached their villages (we purposely sent them to villages where no Christian work had been done) they found considerable opposition. The people did not know what "Christians" were. One worker suffered considerably for lack of water, as he was not allowed to draw water from the village well himself, nor would anyone supply him. Now the people are quite well disposed towards him; and out of the same village one man has come whom we have placed in the canvassing work in the city of Jammu, on the borders of Cashmere. He has done as well as any man here in the canvassing work so far. Now I do not say that he was absolutely a raw heathen, as he had worked, on the railway and had heard something about Christianity; however, he is making good progress as compared with his former condition, and we believe God will make a good worker of him.

"In one village we have opened a little school for Christian boys and girls. The people of the place (Jandiala Sher Khan) have given us the use of a building for the schoolroom, and a room for the teacher. The school work will be intermittent at first, owing to the children working in the fields; but as the parents see the benefits attached to having their children able to read and write, they will be inclined to leave them in school.

"We have now over 200 people who identify themselves with us, and call themselves our Christians. Out of these forty at least are further advanced and are quite well instructed. None of these are Chris-

tians from other missions, all being people who did not profess Christianity until our workers went among them. These people have shown a definite interest by donating Rs. 70 from their last harvest. I know this does not seem so much compared with the big funds raised in America, but it at least shows definite interest. The second harvest will be gathered shortly, and we expect a larger offering.

"Now as to definite results in the way of baptisms. Not to call into question the methods of other missions, still, I think that too much wholesale baptizing is done. It sounds all right, and it makes a good report as far as reading is concerned, but there, unfortunately, it usually ends. Therefore, we have not been in haste to baptize. The first baptisms which have taken place in the Punjab (among Indians) in our mission took place in the canal on October 30. Several of the workers had asked for baptism, and so on the occasion of Elder J. E. Fulton's visit (from China) two of them were baptized. These were two men who were in my training school at Chuharkana, and are doing really good work in the field. The other three workers wait a little longer. I am, however, grateful to God for these small results, and trust they will be permanent.

"I was called up for military service, and called for examination by an army medical officer, and passed for active service, then posted to the 1st Punjab Rifles for duty at Rawalpindi. Just as I was about to leave for duty, however, I received a telegram telling me that I was exempted, being a minister of religion.

"I am at present preparing to leave Chaharkana to commence a new station at Chichoki Mullian, halfway between here and Lahore on the railway. This will provide for two main stations in the Punjab— Dr. Mann and the new one we are to open. We have bought land there, and I am now preparing for the building of the new bungalow, etc. I hope we can move in by the middle of January, 1918.

"In another week or so we shall be out touring the villages, I hope. The mission has just provided me with a very nice bullock tonga, in which my wife, child and I will take tours of a week or so in the villages. The tonga is made to sleep in, and is quite comfortable, having good springs. The building work will interfere with my touring somewhat, but I must do some; as touring through the villages, and keeping in touch with the workers, is a most necessary thing.

"I am paying considerable attention to vernacular book and paper work. I had just passed my third year Urdu examination at the time of the last Calcutta Conference, and was asked to edit the Urdu Signs of the Times. We are now printing and selling 8,000 copies bi-monthly. I am also getting out several tracts and small books in Urdu. One is just off the press, "The King's Dream," being an exposition of Daniel 2. I now have ready another on Daniel 7. Also, a small book in Urdu on the "History of the True Sabbath." I am also getting them all out in Punjabi. I have completed two numbers of a new Signs of the Times in Punjabi, and it will shortly be ready. This will be the first Punjabi literature we have ever published.

"I am glad to say that we are in the best of health, for which we are grateful to our heavenly Father."

Quotations from Letters Received from India

In the Bombay Mission there is a native worker by the name of Johns. Pastor W. W. Fletcher writes concerning him:

"Brother Johns is a Kanarese (native of Mysore) by birth, but accepted the truth in Bombay. He speaks the Marathi so well that he has been engaged to sell Marathi literature, and is very successful. I hear Brother Johns and his family spoken of very highly."

In the Burma Mission:

"Maung Ba receives a salary of \$100 a month. He is a well-educated Burmese who has taken a good stand for the truth. He is the head teacher at the Meiktila school.

"Pu Nyo is another very fine man. Also a teacher at Meiktila."

In the North India Mission-(West Michigan):

"R. Peters is head teacher in the Garhwal school. He accepted the truth while Brother Burgess was there."

A Hindu boy, A. Howard, who accepted Christ at the Garhwal school, is now supported as a student on the plains preparing to return to Garhwal to teach in our school. We are also supporting twenty-five girls and twenty-five boys—the boys will attend the school at Najibabad, and the girls will attend the North India Girls' School, which will be in course of erection at Hapur, United Provinces, the early part of 1918.

Extract from a personal letter from Elder R. E. Loasby to Professor M. E. Kern, reveals something of the practical problems to be solved by the missionary and his wife in finding dwelling quarters. Elder Loasby is located in Manmad, G. I. P., India.

"At present we are living in the native bazaar-no Europeans this side of the railway. We are in a native house, with natives living below us. It is not ideal. It is dangerous, for the plague is bad, and I have killed a number of rats in the rooms. For that reason the brethren want to get us out of here as soon as possible. But it was this or nothing when we came here. Wife just sat down and cried when she saw the filthy place. It did look very discouraging. Natives had lived here before us, and their filthy red pan juice was all over the walls and woodwork. I cleaned it well, but couldn't get it off. I got the walls limewashed after a fashion. I have found a fine location, fifteen miles from here, where we have bought an acre and a half of land, and I expect very soon to build a mud hut, which will be very comfortable. Of course, there will be no conveniences, for they can't be had in the jungle, but it will be better than what we have now. The walls will be made of mud one and one-half feet thick, with stone foundation so it will not collapse in the rains. The floors will be of beaten earth, with a thin coating of cement on top. The walls inside and out will be limewashed. A decent roof must be provided, otherwise rains in the monsoon will wash us away. The cost must be within \$360, as funds are short, they say."

"A vein of imperfection runs all through human achievement."

M. V. Foreign Mission Enterprises by Unions

Lake Southwestern Columbia Atlantic Central Northern North Pacific Pacific Southeastern	Philippine Islands Foochow and Amoy
South	Inca Union and Lake Titicaca
Eastern Canada	Manchuria
Western Canada	Africa

Goal Dollar Day

As we look back two short years, we can only marvel to see how the Lord has blessed the Missionary Volunteer department of North Wisconsin. Standing true to his post, every Volunteer has given undivided effort to make this work a success.

When we compare our work of the last quarter of 1916 with the first of 1918, we see the number of our societies has grown from four to seventeen, the number of our papers and magazines given away from 184 to 5,345. Surely we would be remiss in our duty did we not render praise to God for the advancement made in this short time.

Sixty-four precious souls buried with their Lord in baptism, tells a long story in a few words of how the Lord is pouring out His saving grace into the hearts of our young people. "Every young person in this conference for Christ," "The advent message to all the world in this generation" are some of the things stamped upon the heart of every loyal Missionary Volunteer.

Almost every goal was reached last year. Thanks to the Junior boys and girls for going "over the top" on their goals for missions. They were working for \$90, but reached \$127.50. The Seniors were working for \$300, and they more than doubled their goal. One society alone pledged \$200 and more than reached it. This same society has pledged \$250 this year to apply on the \$1,000 for India.

Just now we have come up to one of the most important days of the year, Goal Dollar Day. One thousand dollars for Burma stands on the height. To take this means a multitude of souls saved in the kingdom of God. In a solid mass movement let us "go over the top." We must not let the banner trail in the dust. Let us go forward with our hearts full to overflowing with the spirit of sacrifice and a love for souls in Burma and the victory is ours.

One boyish heart tells us how our goal can be reached. "Horace was six years old when he was given a puppy. This was a treasure to his youthful heart. One day while playing by the roadside, a man, who chanced to be passing, asked if puppy was for sale. Very quickly came the reply that it was not. The man being very anxious, offered one dollar for it. Just then Horace thought of his dollar for the Thirteenth Sabbath. He was thinking of the money andlooking at his treasure when the man told him to ask his mamma.

"Horace told his mamma the great problem troubling his heart. She told him if he would rather help other children to know Jesus than to keep the puppy for himself, he might sell it. With tears streaming down his face and holding puppy very close in his arms he told the man that he could have it. Very soon he took the dollar and handed up the treasure of his life."

We earnestly solicit the prayers of all of the readers of this article that the spirit of sacrifice may continue to grow deeper and deeper, that we may be able to do the part given us to finish this work.

T. S. COPELAND.

The Boys' School at Karmatar, India

Year by year our loyal Missionary Volunteers of Southern Illinois have been directly interested in the raising of money for some definite missionary enterprise. Goals have been set and without exception reached. Real sacrifices have been made that those less favored might have a knowledge of the gospel.

Early in the year we were asked to raise \$400 for the building of a much-needed boys' dormitory at Karmatar, India. Thus far we have not raised half of our goal. Surely we do not want those poor Hindu boys to be turned away from the school because there is no room to accommodate them. The following are extracts from a letter written by Brother Leech, who is in charge of the school. I am sure many more of our young people will want to donate to this worthy cause after reading these.

"You don't know how your letter cheered our hearts to think that at last our boys are to have a home fit to live in. What would our boys there think of going to school if eighteen had to live in a building with three small rooms ten by ten each, eating and sleeping in the same building? Yet our boys are thankful they can be in school, and are willing to put up with the discomforts and are even wanting to share their privileges with other boys less fortunate than themselves. Just a short time before we left, a boy came wanting to enter school, but I had to tell him we had no room. Then one of the boys spoke up and said, 'Ah, Sahib, let him stay. We will sleep a little closer together or I'll sleep on the table.' This shows the spirit in the school. All are gaining a real Christian experience, and although they are from heathen homes it would do you good to hear them take part in our morning and evening worship.

"We organized a Missionary Volunteer society in which they all take an active part, sending out literature to their heathen relatives and friends, distributing it among the villages near the mission, giving Bible studies to the heathen boys that attend the day school, and in many ways are real little home missionaries.

"I might tell you of one of our boys named Reugha. He came from a heathen home, his parents finally giving their consent so that he could have an education. Fearing that he might become a Christian, they warned him against it and made arrangements for his marriage to a heathen girl. Reugha took his stand for Christ and was baptized, his parents doing all they could against it. Finally they said, 'He is young now. Let him alone till he finishes school, then we will get him back in caste.' He finished the sixth standard last year, and they thought it was time for him to come home, so they brought heavy pressure to bear upon the boy to prevent his return to school. He was very much troubled and came to us often for prayer. He said they were performing all kinds of witchcraft and trying to cast the evil eyes upon him. About the middle of the school year, a man came from his village saying that his mother was very ill and they wanted him to come at once as they feared she could not live long.

"The boy was in great distress, wanting to see his mother, yet fearing it was only a truce to get him home. After having prayer he finally decided to go, leaving it in the Lord's hands to help him to stand Three days later he came back with his faithful. face beaming. The first thing he said was, 'God did help me to stand firm for Him. I know you were praying for me. Mother was not sick at all, but they had all the villages gathered together and a big feast made. They tried to make me eat with them and give up Christianity and come back into caste. When I would not, father threatened to beat me, then flew into a rage and said I should have none of the property, he would not arrange for my marriage, and I should be considered a stranger to them. Through it all God helped me, and when I went into the house afterwards, mother said, "It's all right, son, stand firm and all will be well." This from his heathen mother cheered the boy and I wish you might have seen his face beam as he told us of his victory.

"God is helping these boys to stand firm and we look to them for good, strong workers to help to give thegospel to India. While the young people there are raising means for a dormitory, I wish they would make the Karmatar boys' school a subject of special prayer, especially for these heathen boys who are making their decisions for Christ. While we need means, we need above all your prayers."

Now what can we do to make up for lost time and assure Brother Leech that he will have a suitable home for his boys? Goal Dollar Day is still in the future, and this will be a splendid opportunity to take a long leap toward our goal. It comes on August 24. This will be during our camp meeting, so we urge all our young people to come to camp meeting prepared to make it a real dollar day. Those who must remain at home can give their dollars to their local societies, or if they have no society, send it to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. Let us remember the Hindu boys with our dollars and with our prayers on Goal Dollar Day. GRACE EVANS.

West Michigan's Interest in India

Early in February each Senior and Junior Missionary Volunteer society set definite goals to be reached before the close of 1918. Among them was \$413 pledged by the children for the support of twenty-one little India boys in school for one year.

To date \$206 has been paid in, which is a splendid showing from our Juniors. Where did they get the money? Most of them earned it. From the gardens of the E. M. C. Training School was received \$8.68. The Bauer, Battle Creek, Muskegon, Wright, and Grand Rapids children sold mottoes and magazines which netted a good sum.

• In four months the Cedar Lake Juniors reached their goal of \$20. A few paragraphs from a letter written by their teacher shows how they earned some of the money:

"One lady crocheted two round rugs and gave them to me for the children to sell. They received \$1.25 for one and \$1 for the other. She sent me word the other day that she has another one for us. This will make three rugs she has donated for the school to sell.

"One little boy took one rug as he left school to sell, and in about ten or fifteen minutes back he came all out of breath to tell me he had sold the rug. He said, 'Guess how much I sold it for?' and then he showed me a check for a dollar.

"They are also eager to keep our little boy moving up the ladder. Most of the children are interested in missionary work and also in reporting."

The Senior societies have pledged \$2,337.38, which is \$137.38 more than the goal set by the Union for both Juniors and Seniors; but more than this amount will be needed as the price of building materials has advanced greatly since these goals were given us. Of this amount \$528.44 has been paid.

We are looking forward to Goal Dollar Day to help swell our fund. Special letters and articles direct from India have been sent to each society to be used in the program, August 24. I trust that as the dollars are being given some of our young people will give their lives to India. EDNA L. WALKER.

Working by Proxy in Burma

Yes, the Northern Illinois Missionary Volunteers are working in Burma! How? By proxy. They believe in the policy of "give or go," of "work or fight," of "doing their bit" for these millions of Burmese in heathen darkness.

The Northern Illinois Volunteers are this year supporting six native teachers at the Meiktila Technical School, which is being conducted by Don C. Ludington and wife. Besides these six native teachers, we are keeping up the office rent, the launch, and helping to better equip this mission school.

The following items show how the \$1,920 which we are aiming to raise during 1918 through the Northern Illinois Missionary Volunteers, is to be used:

Maung Ba (Native teacher) Salary 1 year\$	390
Pu Nyo " " " 1 "	307
Ma Ser. Mer """ 1""	234
Karan Station Man "1"	
Two other native teachers " 1 "	390
Office expense and rent	95
Upkeep of launch	100
Equipment of school	3 26
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through the M. V. Societies, and I am sure with the help of our Goal Dollar Day offering and the faithful efforts of the Missionary Volunteers in the soon-coming Harvest Ingathering campaign we shall "go over the top" and at least raise \$2,000 for our Burma mission this year. Last year we raised more than \$2,300.

We have our Goal Dollar Day only once a year, and I am sure each faithful missionary volunteer will have, earned or saved his dollar by August 24. This dollar should be given through your local M. V. Society, or if you have no society, send it direct to me. Then let us pray for our mission field as well as give.

Our relation to this needy field is well expressed in the following poem:

"The night lies dark along the earth, and we have light; So many have to grope their way, and we have sight; One path is theirs and ours of sin and care, But we are borne along, while they their burdens bear; Foot-sore, heart weary, faint they by the way, Mute in their sorrow, while we kneel and pray; Glad are they of a stone on which to rest, While we lie pillowed on the Father's breast. "Father, why is it that these millions roam, Lost, without light or sight, while we have home? Is it enough, to leave the door ajar, And hope that some may see the gleam afar, And guess that that is home, and onward urge their way, Hoping to reach it, haply, somehow, some day? May not I go and lend them of my light? May not my eyes be unto them for sight? May not the brother-love, Thy love portray, And news of home make home less far away?"

Our India and Burma Mission Fund

Every Missionary Volunteer in the North Michigan Conference should be thoroughly conversant with our mission goal this year. That is to say, we take it for granted that every society leader has properly and frequently laid this project before you from week to week in the society meetings.

The part we are to act in this mission program for 1918 is, in dollars and cents, \$382.94. Are we going to make it? What a foolish question! Certainly we shall make it. We have established the precedent of breaking every goal that has been set for our societies in mission offerings. We should easily make the \$400 mark this year.

Let every Missionary Volunteer leader and secretary see to it that the goal charts are properly marked to date, showing all funds raised by your local societies. When this is done, some of you are going to be greatly surprised to see how much you have raised, while others will be brought to a sense of their responsibilities by seeing how little they have done.

Look at yourselves through the mirror of 1917 and see how you squandered precious opportunities during the first six months, and how like slaves you drove yourselves to the task at the close of the year. We raised \$327.48 last year through our M. V. societies in North Michigan. Everyone considered that good for last year. But during the first six months only \$51.73 of the \$327.48 had been raised.

From the records of 1918 we have to date followed about the same course as last year. However, the first six months of this year shows a considerable gain over that of last year. But it is evident from the records that, as societies, you are waiting for some kind of a prod, such as the Goal Dollar Day campaign, or the camp meeting mission drive to stir you up to your sense of duty.

If this is the case, then we hope that you will not disappoint yourselves by failing to respond most heartily to the appeals that are made in the program outlined for August 24, 1918. Let every leader of the Missionary Volunteers in North Michigan bend every ounce of energy to make this the big day in your society to swell the mission fund for India and Burma. And then keep at it; everlastingly at it.

This special program is coming very quickly upon us. By the time the plan and program reach you through the HERALD we shall discover there will be no time to lose. It will take quick action. Let those in charge of program arrangements get the subjectmatter into the hands of those who are to take part. Have the track all cleared ahead for this special program.

If all our Missionary Volunteers would begin now to assume the financial burdens for missions by carefully setting aside from week to week a definite sum of money to this purpose, how surprised we would be to see how much we could give.

The reason we do not give more is because we do not plan to give. Giving with us is an incident, not a habit. Make giving a habit and our records will show up just as favorable for the first six months of the year as at the latter half. The strain on our pocketbooks will be much less, but our gifts to missions will be even greater than anything we have ever done heretofore. E. C. TOWNSEND.

Reasonable Service for Our King

"When the great end of the day comes, the greatest joy of all will be the joy of knowing you have tried to make somebody else's life happy. It is the flowers that you have made grow in unlikely places that will tellnot how much money you have made, not how big a house you have lived in, not how popular you were in the world of letters, of science, of finance, but-how many burdens have you lifted?" Thus writes Gypsy Smith in his beautiful little book, "Your Boys," in which he describes, with rare power and feeling, some of the thrilling experiences of our boys at the front. He says, "I shook hands with a boy a little while ago in Scarborough, and he said, 'I believe I hold the record for having lost most in the war. I have lost five brothers, my sister was killed in the war, and my mother died of a broken heart through grief, but, I'll give my next week's pay, sir, towards this new hut.'

"Another boy, when I was making my appeal, said, 'I've been wounded and I am discharged. I'll give my next week's pay,' and up jumped a war-widow and she said, 'I'll give my next week's pension.'

"I was talking in Doncaster, and I had a batch of wounded men from one of the local hospitals—a batch of twenty dressed in blue—and every one of them gave something; and when I looked round and said, 'Boys, why are you giving?' one said, 'Well, sir, we're grateful for what it did for us when we were there.'"

Are we as grateful for our wonderful privilege of

having a place in which we can worship God while we are engaged "at the front" in the great battle of life? Have any of us lost as much in the conflict for truth and righteousness as that young soldier boy and his comrades? Are we, as Missionary Volunteers, as anxious to provide new places of worship for others who must enter the conflict, as are our boys who are fighting for us "over there"?

In answer I hear a grand shout, "Yes," from the loyal hearts of our noble army of Volunteers scattered all over our conference. "We are thankful for what Christ means to us. We will provide means by which the power of His life may be felt in earth's remotest bounds."

Here is another exceptional opportunity for us to August 24 is Goal Dollar Day. Remember, give. our Christian soldiers who are representing us at the front in India are looking to the East Michigan young people for \$1,640 to apply on their operating fund. They are counting on that dollar you will give through the Young People's Missionary Volunteer society Goal Dollar Day. Let the dollars roll in from every church in the East Michigan Conference! If there is no Missionary Volunteer secretary in your church, communicate at once with the secretary of the Conference Missionary Volunteer Department. May we do our utmost August 24 to extend to the unenlightened millions of India the precious message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour, and in a tangible way, by our gifts, tell our faithful missionaries and those for whom they labor over there that "we are grateful for what it did for us."

E. LOIS CARMICHAEL.

"Stir me, O stir me, Lord, till all my heart Is filled with strong compassion for these souls; Till thy compelling 'Must' drive me to pray, Till thy constraining love reaches to the poles, Far north and south, in burning, deep desire; Till east and west are caught in love's great fire.

"Stir me, O stir me, Lord! for I can see Thy glorious triumph-day begin to break; The dawn already guilds the eastern sky. Awake, O church of Christ! awake! awake! O stir us, Lord, as heralds of that day! The night is past, the King is on His way."

An Answer to Letters

Many of our people have written asking if we will take War Saving Stamps on the Educational Fund. We will if the stamps have not been placed in books and registered. If they are registered, you may send, them and if they cannot be used we will return them Send to your local conference treasurer, stating that the same is for Educational Fund. I take this method of replying to the many inquiries in order to save time and postage. We greatly appreciate your interest in this work of training more workers. We must hasten before the harvest is past.

Today's South Bend paper refers to the action of a conservation officer endeavoring to close all shops on Sunday in order to conserve the food supply. It does not require any more to sustain one person if it is bought on Sunday than if it is bought at any other

time, but this good, but misguided man, feels that his gift of power must be made to serve in sacred as well as civil things, so he orders people to do their buying on other days than Sunday.

It is truly time to train our young people in the great principles of this message. Encourage the youth to come, and send us money to prepare for them.

Yours for the salvation of the boys and girls,

WM. GUTHRIE

Emmanuel Missionary College Plans for Enlargement and

Opportunity for Students to Work

At the recent summer meeting of the Board of Emmanuel Missionary College, plans were developed for enlarging the dormitories and college building, so as to accommodate the present attendance, and make provisions for an increase. For some time the school has been so crowded in the dormitories and classrooms, that it has been impossible to do proper work. The college buildings were not originally designed for the number of students nor for the character of work now being carried on, and better provisions have been long demanded.

At the time of the recent General Conference this matter was presented to the General Conference Committee. They appreciated our need and sanctioned the raising of seventy thousand dollars for increasing the facilities of the College, so as to provide more suitably for its work. The plans recently adopted by the Board are of the most economical nature possible. It would be desirable in many ways to erect one or two new buildings, but in the plans adopted the present buildings are to be used to the utmost extent.

These plans contemplate the erection of an addition of forty-eight feet to each of the north and south wings of the ladies' dormitory. This will make it possible to accommodate approximately one hundred and fifty young women.

Our young men have been scattered in houses and cottages around the place for some time. This is not desirable, nor for their best interests. It is planned to erect an addition to their dormitory that will make it possible to accommodate one hundred and twentyfive men.

The College chapel has already been divided horizontally so as to make two floors, providing a good library and two large classrooms on the second floor the first floor will still be used as chapel until the new one-story addition of 60×65 feet with a basement is made; then the old chapel will be divided into classrooms and thus provide accommodations for all our classes. The basement of this new addition is planned to afford room for physical culture.

Just as far as possible we desire to erect these additions to our buildings by student help. We contemplate erecting the addition to the men's dormitory, which seems the most imperative of all, this winter. This will give to young men who are wishing to attend the school, work which will not only be educational, but will afford remuneration that will assist them in meeting their school expenses.

In addition to this line of work, we need other help which should give to young men and young women more work than usual. So we think it safe to encourage students who need financial assistance in meeting their school expenses, to come and enter these lines of work. We can also offer some work in getting our buildings ready for school, at once. If there are those who could come now, render us this help and earn advance credit for the school year, we should be glad to correspond with them.

The demands of our cause are increasing so rapidly that we earnestly hope that every young man and woman, who should do so, will be in attendance at Emmanuel Missionary College this coming year.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

Harvest Ingathering Campaign

Just a word concerning the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. September, instead of October, has been decided upon as the time to begin this missionary campaign, believing this to be the most favorable time.

A very great responsibility to make this work a success rests upon the officers in our local churches. The burdens laid upon you are for such a time as this. You should begin without further delay and organize the church for aggressive work. The papers should be ordered in time, plans perfected, territory assigned, etc., so that the work may begin promptly, and the entire body make a simultaneous forward movement.

At the last General Conference it was recommended :

1. That our general goal be \$250,000.

2. That we ask our members to make their individual goal at least \$5.

3. That we aim to realize an average of twenty-five cents for each paper circulated.

While there are collections being made for many things this great missionary movement should not be neglected. There has never been an era of such financial prosperity as now. Wages are high, and money is plentiful, and if a strong, aggressive effort is made in each church a large sum will be raised for the advancement of the work in the regions beyond. The success of the campaign largely depends upon the cooperation of the local churches.

Shall we not individually take hold of this campaign and endeavor to realize the goals suggested at the General Conference? If each church will do its share, the goal of a quarter of a million dollars for missions will be realized. G. B. THOMPSON

West Michigan Conference Office Address, 8 Pearl Street, Grand Rapids, Mich President, E. K. Slade

Among the Churches

During the past week it has been my privilege to visit some of the churches and tent companies in the southern part of the conference. I spent a few hours with Elder Serns and his co-workers at the tent in St. Joseph and was pleased to discover a good interest in progress. Brother Serns spoke on the important subject, "The United States in Prophecy," to which the large congregation listened with intense interest. I was glad to see such a good attendance of substantial people there. At South Bend I found a splendid interest in the public meetings. Elder Johnston is having the largest attendance at the present time of any of our tent companies. It is very gratifying to know that so many are coming to the tent to hear the presentation of the last warning message in that important city. The workers in this place were of good courage and all seemed to be endeavoring to make the work a success.

After meeting with the South Bend church Sabbath morning, where I was pleased to meet for the first time the believers of that city, I went on to Elkhart and held a meeting with the Elkhart church. It was encouraging to observe the real interest on the part of the church members there in trying to carry on stronger work to give warning in that city. I hope that we may provide for stronger work there later.

From Elkhart I went to Gary and Indiana Harbor to visit Elder Krainean and assist in planning for his tent effort which is just about to open in the interest of the Roumanian people. It was my privilege to meet some of the believers there, and we have reasons to be hopeful for abundant fruit to come from this work in behalf of the Roumanian people.

I was much pleased to spend a little time with the tent company located in the country near Berrien Springs, where Brother R. U. Garrett and H. O. Butler are in the midst of a good interest. I feel certain that they will succeed in establishing several new believers as a result of this effort. They are beautifully located in a nice community.

Brother Garrett took me in his car to the building where Elder U. S. Anderson is carrying on a tent effort. Galien is a prosperous little village near the Indiana line. At this place I am glad to report a good interest and we have hopes, for abundant fruit from this effort. Elder Anderson is not very well and he feels the need of earnest prayers of our people that he may be strengthened and sustained for this work.

After spending several days in attending four important board and committee meetings at Berrien Springs, I was glad to return to the office, feeling that truly a good work is in progress in the southern section of the conference. E. K. SLADE.

Carson City

The work is onward in Carson City. We have a fine central location. We were impressed upon arrival here that our small tent would not meet the demands of the interest, and so we secured one of the 40×60 tents. From the first the attendance has increased until during the last few evenings our tent has been very well filled.

We have every reason to thank God for the interest manifested on the part of the public here. This is a solid Catholic community, but we believe that the ¹Lord has a faithful few who will walk in the light of this message.

Brother Allred, of Greenville, has united with us in the effort as tentmaster and to assist in the music. By the help of the Lord we expect to do great things for Him in this hour of golden opportunity. We earnestly solicit the prayers of all our people in behalf of the work here. B. F. WILLIAMS, W. P. ELLIOTT.

W. I. ELLIUI

Report of Labor

After the Allegan camp meeting, we pitched our tent at Long, Lake, where we held meetings until July 28. July 14 Elder Slade met with us and organized a church of eighteen members.

July 20 we celebrated the ordinances at the Lakeview and Howard City churches, and July 27 at Trufant church. Nearly all the new company at Long Lake met with us at Lakeview. We had an excellent meeting.

July 29 we moved our tent to Langston, and have held four meetings. At the first meeting only nine were in attendance, at the second thirty, and the tent was nearly filled at the third.

Our prayer is that God will use us in gathering in the honest of heart here. We ask the prayers of the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD.

B. HAGLE AND COMPANY.

Missionary Volunteer News

The M. V. Department now has a library of 100 volumes and a fine Macey bookcase. Many of these books are those of past Reading Courses, both Junior and Senior. This library is for your use. Books are loaned for a period of from two to four weeks, the borrower paying postage both ways. Here is a list of some of the books:

Complete Senior sets 6–12, Junior sets 9, 10, 11, complete set of Testimonies, D'Aubigne's "History of the Reformation," Fox's "Book of Martyrs," "Up from Slavery," "Recruiting for Christ," "The Measure of a Man," "Leadership," "The Bible in the Making," "Waymarks for Teachers," "Men of the Mountains," "Friends and Foes," "The House We Live In," "My Garden Neighbors," "Those Bible Readings," "Making Home Happy," "Making Home Peaceful," "Story of Pitcairn Island," "The King's Daughter," "Tiger and Tom," "A

Man of Valor," "The Boy Puzzle," "Little Stories for Little People," "The Second Mile," "Quiet Talks on Service," "Pastor Hsi," and other of our denominational books.

A new Junior society has been organized at Lacey, and July 13 Brother O. L. Ice organized a strong Senior society at Gobleville. Two other requests are in for Junior societies. Are there not other churches feeling the need of thus organizing their children?

At the camp meeting two books, "Thoroughly Furnished" and "The First Book on Birds," were not returned to the reading tent. We need these so will some one send them in at once?

Edna L. Walker

Happiness depends upon the treatment of what we have, and not what we have not. Happiness is made, and not found. It comes from within, and not from without.—E. J. Hardy.

East Michigan Conference Office Address, Holly, Mich. President, A. J. Clark

Pontiac

As most of the readers of the HERALD know, we were asked to change our field of labor from East Michigan to West Virginia. We are now in our new field, and expect to begin tent meetings August 6.

We are glad, as we look back over our labor in Pontiac, that we can report progress. There is now a church at this place of over forty-five members and several others are keeping the Sabbath, who have not yet joined the church.

Miss E. L. Young has done faithful and effective Bible work, and a number of her readers are observing the Sabbath and some are asking for baptism.

We have had two successful years of church school and the church is planning on a school this year. The prospects before the Pontiac church are good and we see no reason why it should not become one of the strong churches of the conference.

It seemed hard for us to leave our many friends, and we wish to assure them that they will always have a warm place in our hearts. We find our people here warm hearted, and faithful to the message, which helps us to feel at home.

We take this opportunity of bidding farewell to all our friends in East Michigan. Our present address is Fairmont, West Virginia, General Delivery.

Pray for us in our new field.

H. B. AND MRS. WESTCOTT

Caro

At camp meeting it was decided to have a tent effort in Caro, a city of four thousand people and the, county seat of Tuscola County.

We pitched our tent in a good, central location and the meetings have been in progress three weeks. The Sunday night attendance has been about seventy-five and during the week about fifty. There is a healthy interest.

We are using *Present Truth*² to good advantage, and have sold a number of our twenty-five cent books.

Pray for the work in Caro. '

MR. AND MRS. J. O. FERRIS MR. AND MRS. T. M. SUMMERVILLE

Otisville

We are glad to report to the readers of the HERALD that the Lord is blessing the work at Otisville.

We pitched our tent July 12 on the high school grounds, a very desirable location. Our attendance is on the increase. Last Sunday evening the Sabbath question was presented to more than a tent full of attentive listeners. We are coming to the place in our studies where people begin to make decisions, and where we need more of the Spirit of God. We earnestly ask that you remember us before the throne of grace, and that God will convict and convert hearts, that at His coming there may be some precious souls from this village waiting for Him.

> E. L. PETERSEN PHILIP SCHANK

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

Every Church to the Work

We have written to every church elder and missionary secretary outlining our plans for organizing our churches for this year's Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Our method of work in the past is not to be changed so far as individual effort is concerned.

We feel that our membership would rally in larger numbers to this work if they could be organized and have territory assigned in every church district. Accordingly we have asked the elder to create a committee of three to five members in every church by popular election. By virtue of the elder's office he is to act as chairman of this Harvest Ingathering Committee. Their work is to district the territory and assign every active member to a reasonable task which will be in harmony with the members and their capabilities. We are also expecting every committee member to lead out in this work in which he or she is directing the members. The act of leading in the work itself is always a true sign of leadership. The people will always follow such leaders.

Our campaign is to continue through the month of September only. Every church should be in readiness to enter the campaign during the first week in September. Every conference laborer has been assigned a definite goal in this campaign, much higher than that which is required of our lay members. We do not wish to call our ministry out of their fields of labor to work among our churches in an effort that is so well established as the Harvest Ingathering.

The sum total of our work is always taken from individual effort. If every member does his best and brings in something, however much or little, we shall break last year's records. We see no reason why any church should not organize for the work this year. But should some church become delinquent through the failure of its officers to organize, then let individuals get under the burden and do their work. Do not wait this year for some conference worker to come and start you out. Travel and expenses are very high. Do not ask the conference to spend on your churches large sums of money to get you started in a work that stands out boldly as your first duty.

We look to our leaders, the church elders, to do their part in organizing, and for fullest support to be given the elder by every member of the local committee. Then let our membership rally to the general call and God will bring us to certain victory.

E. A. BRISTOL.

North Michigan Conference

The fifteenth biennial session of the North Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp meeting at Cadillac, Mich., August 29 to September 9, 1918. The first meeting of the conference will be held at 9 A. M., Friday, August 30. During this session officers will be elected for the ensuing term and such other business will be transacted as may properly come before the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof. E. A. BRISTOL, President, C. N. KEISER, Secretary. North Michigan Conference Association

Notice is hereby given that the next annual session of the North Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the conference and camp meeting at Cadillac, Mich., August 29 to September 9, 1918, for the purpose of electing officers and a board of trustees and such other business as may properly come before the association. The first meeting will be called at 9 A. M. Tuesday, Sept. 3, 1918. Regular accredited delegates of the North Michigan Conference form the constituency of the North Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists. E. A. BRISTOL, President. C. N. KEISER, Secretary.

Northern Illinois Conference

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

Sabbath School Items

Seventy-three pupils of the Sabbath school were baptized last quarter. This is good.

Here are some names from the Northshore Sabbath school, to be added to the list given last week, who repeated all the memory verses at the close of the quarter without help: Virginia Mott, Evelyn Karr, Florence Karr, Clotilda James, Margaret McLay, and Florence Zoth.

Our present membership, including 184 Home Department members, is 1,974. Our last thirteenth Sabbath offering was \$1,733.57, and the total Sabbath school offerings were \$4,030.38. This is splendid, and we praise God that His people are "willing in the day of His power." God has promised for every dollar we give, that He will give us ten dollars in zeal and purpose.

The Home Department members in the following schools reached the goal of averaging one dollar per member: Aledo, Dearborn, Joliet, Kankakee, Moline, Stockton, and Watseka.

The Conference Sabbath school secretary visited the German No. 2 Sabbath school July 27. Truly it was a good place to be. This is a live wire school. The membership is twenty-three, and their mission offerings last quarter were \$80.19, which is 'twenty-six cents a week per capita. They are not satisfied, but expect to do even better this quarter.

MRS. CLEORA WEBSTER

Good Experiences

Gladys Adams writes: "Wednesday was a rainy day. I stayed in until about ten o'clock, and when it did not clear off, I decided to go to work. It was one of my best days. I gave ten exhibitions and received ten orders, six in the best bindings. Rainy days are the best days to canvass because you find the family all at home, with time to listen to the message contained in the books." Miss Adams' orders that week amounted to \$112.70.

Melissa West said: "I stayed overnight with a woman whose son is in France. She was comforted when I talked to her of our soon-coming Saviour. She said she believed His coming was near, and that she would take great pleasure in reading the book I left her. She thankd me for coming and said I was welcome any time I came that way."

There are many mothers with burdened hearts, longing for sympathy and light. Dear reader, have you ever wondered why the Government exempted ministers from army service? It is that they may continue in the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work, we are told, is equally important. "The intelligent, God-fearing; truth-loving canvasser should be respected for he occupies a position equal to that of the gospel minister."-Man. for Can., p. 29.

Mr. Balkins says: "It did my Netherland blood good to find some real Hollanders. One who gave me his order offered me the free use of his horse for my delivery." W. A. Bergherm.

Southern Illinois Conference Office Address, 304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill. President, W. H. Holden

How to Reach the Camp Ground

Both the Illinois Central and Wabash roads run into Sullivan. On reaching Sullivan, you can walk up town to Wyman Park, a distance of about one mile; or you can take the Whitfield Buss Line; pay the driver 25 cents, get a return trip check which will entitle you to a ride from the camp ground back to the station. Tell the driver to take you to the camd ground. If you prefer to ride only one way, the price will be 15 cents. This is by special arrangement made with Mr. J. B. Whitfield. Therefore be sure to support of our work in Mission fields abroad. tell the driver that you go to the camp ground at Wyman Park.

This is the last notice to be sent out before camp meeting. Once more we urge all to attend the encampment, August 22 to September 1. If you have not ordered your tent and fixtures such as cot, chairs, floor, table, and so forth, you should do so at once and send your orders direct to the Southern Illinois Conference, Sullivan, Ill., as our secretary-treasurer will be located in Sullivan by the time this notice reaches you. Be sure to bring your own bedding, a bedtick, and such necessary articles as you cannot rent on the ground.

We have received only two or three offers from men who wish to help pitch the camp. Once more, we send out the call, "Come over and help us," to the men in our ranks. Two or three days' help before the meeting will be a great blessing, without which we fear much delay in pitching the tent as it is next to impossible to hire men, and where they can be hired, wages are so high that we cannot reach them. But we are going to have a camp meeting just the same, brethren, and fully believe the Lord will meet with us. We look for the largest gathering of our people ever known in Southern Illinois. Let us come prepared to receive a blessing. W. H. HOLDEN

Colporteur Notes

Sister Katherine Drury broke her former record last week. In thirty-four hours she took orders for "Bible Readings" valued at \$219.70.

Miss Pauline Santee previous to July 12 had worked 147 hours, and had taken orders amounting to \$643.40.

Brother L. F. Harrison and wife began work June-11, with "Our Day" in the mining towns of Franklin County. In five weeks, putting in 180 hours, Brother Harrison took orders amounting to \$507.35; Sister Harrison took orders amounting to \$417.15, in 108 hours-\$944.50 for the first five weeks. They delivered \$570 worth of books last week, losing only a few orders.

A number have more than made their scholarships. All our regular men are making good records and receiving many rich experiences in the Lord's work. Are you one of them? If not, why not? The Lord needs you. You need the blessings of the work.

R. J. WATSON

News Notes

Prof. Durward Williams, who with his wife, is under appointment to labor in China, is spending a few days in this conference securing students for our academy at Sheridan.

Orders for more than nine thousand copies of the Harvest Ingathering Watchman to be sent to the isolated members and churches were forwarded to our publishers last week. The Harvest Ingathering Campaign begins September 1 this year-one month earlier than last year.

It is hoped that all will prepare for active work and thus secure the greatly needed offerings for the

A company of workers is busily engaged this week at Sullivan in erecting the tents and making their preparations for the care of our people who will soon be assembled there in camp meeting and conference.

Some of our families in the conference are making preparations to move to Duquoin to secure the benefit of the ten-grade church school to be conducted at that place. Among them are R. J. Watson and family of at Carterville, and O. A. Morse and family of Centralia.

Miss Pauline Santee, a student of E. M. C., has the honor of turning in the first full scholarship as a result of her work with "Bible Readings" in this field this summer.

Miss Grace Evans and Elder C. P. Hanson were in attendance at the institute at E. M. C.

We are glad to report that the month of July shows a good increase over our sales for the previous month. Our total for the month is \$6,369.17, which does not include office sales. This is \$1,137.87 more than was ever sold in one month in Southern Illinois until the previous month, when we sold \$5,616.10.

This has been one of the most trying summers ever witnessed in the canvassing work in Southern Illinois. With all the ingenuity of a veteran, Satan has marshalled the hosts of evil for the last assault against our colporteurs. Fully armed with the sword of the Spirit and a love for souls, our colporteurs have stood firm, battling for the truth. Wonderful victories have been gained. .They have been delivered from vicious dogs and mad men. In territory heretofore pronounced barren, Sister Drury has in the last two weeks taken orders for \$442.80 worth of "Bible Readings."

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

Notes

Sabbath and Sunday, August 3 and 4, there convened a Home Missionary convention in the city of Milwaukee. The four churches were united at this convention. A large attendance was enjoyed during the entire meeting.

We were glad to have with us Elder L. H. Christian, the former president of the Lake Union Conference. He gave excellent help. During this meeting the churches were organized into working bands. It is the plan of the churches to distribute tracts in every home in the city of Milwaukee. The English church will have fifteen bands, with ten in each band. The Italian church will have three bands, with five in each band. The German church will be organized, as will also the Scandinavian church. We were glad to see the large increase in the Milwaukee church which is due to the effort which has been conducted there during the latter part of the winter and thus far this summer. More than a hundred people are keeping the Sabbath through the efforts thus far put forth.

At Tomah we held a general meeting of all the believers in that vicinity. Elders French and Ferris and Sister Bell were also in attendance at that meet-They report excellent meetings, both Sabbath ing. and Sunday. These two brethren had a few meetings at Baraboo also. I also visited the tent company at They report excellent meetings, and Sheboygan. some evidence of souls accepting the truth is seen thus early in this effort. The Sheboygan church is getting its new church in order, and is now meeting in the building. We enjoyed the presence of Elder Boettcher, the secretary of the German department, Sabbath, the third. He also spoke at the tent on Friday night. Elder Gaede also reports an excellent interest at Watertown. He has now for his assistant Chas. Johnson, who will look after the English interest of the effort.

I now plan to go to Almont, where an effort is being conducted. I expect to spend Sabbath there, and then I hope to go to Cassville and to the western part of the State for the next two weeks. These churches need the prayers of our believers. It is when the churches travail that souls are to be born into the Kingdom. C. S. WIEST.

Colporteurs Wanted

During the past summer the Lord has blessed the labors of the colporteurs in this field. Those who have been faithful in the matter of putting in time have been blessed as in former years. Our sales are a little over one dollar and twenty-five cents an hour for every hour spent in the field. The colporteurs have had a few situations to meet this summer that were not present in other places, but the Lord has overruled in nearly every case and all has worked out to His honor and glory.

Nearly every one of the colporteurs who are in the

field this summer are students working for their scholarships. Many of them have earned their scholarships already and many more will be leaving the work soon. The question confronting the people of South Wisconsin is, who will take the place in the field that the students are leaving? This is not a question for your brother or sister in the church to answer, but for you.

This is the time of all times to work with our books. Earnest people everywhere are anxious to learn what current events mean in the light of Bible prophecy. Our books tell them this and answer all their questions.

Some of our younger men have been called to the colors and cannot engage in this work. This lays a special burden upon our older brethren and our sisters. During the past three years it has been demonstrated that our women and girls can be just as successful as the men in selling our books, even in the country.

God has given us a wonderful message, and the printed page is one of the most effective means of placing it in the hands of the people. God places a responsibility upon us to circulate these books containing these special truths at this time. Are there not those who will volunteer for service and take the places of the students who will soon be returning to school? I shall be glad to correspond with any who are interested in this work. LOREN SHEPARD.

Announcement from Madison Sanitarium

A great educational campaign is on in our ranks. We are waking up to the fact that we must educate our youth for the service of God.

Among our educational institutions in the Lake Union is the Madison Sanitarium. That this institution is recognized as a training school is verified to by the spirit of prophecy in the following words:

"The youth should be encouraged to attend our training schools for Christian workers, which should become more and more like the schools of the prophets. . . Some will be trained to enter the field as missionary nurses, some as canvassers, and some as gospel ministers."—Vol. VIII, p. 230.

It will be noticed that it does not read nurses, but "missionary nurses." It is the firm purpose of every instructor in our training school to train "missionary nurses," such nurses as can be used by conferences in connection with evangelistic efforts as missionary visitors, Bible workers, and visiting nurses, as well as demonstrators. To this end a strong effort is made to surround every student with a helpful Christian atmosphere. Thorough instruction in Bible and the Testimonies, and practice in missionary methods, practical missionary work, as well as thorough study of the art of nursing, is given.

One advantage in this school is that the student can be, and is, self-supporting.

There is still opportunity for a limited number of students to enter the course this summer. We want only such persons as have an earnest desire to become fitted to enter soul-winning work for God. If you are anxious to take advantage of this opportunity, write for further information. C. J. TOLF.

Business Notices

FOR RENT.—Modern 14-room house, barn, and garage, five acres of land. Near Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich. Address R. P. Strickler, Berrien Springs, Mich.

COOKING OIL AND SHORTENING.—Mazola oil, two 5-gallon cans for \$20, f. o. b. Holly; one 5-gallon can, \$10.25. Snowdrift shortening, case containing six 8-pound pails to case, \$14 a case. East Michigan Tract Society, Holly; Mich.

HOME FOR SALE NEAR SCHOOL.—I will sell at a reasonable price, and on terms suited to the customer, my place of about six acres located about a mile from Emmanuel Missionary College. Nine-room house with a cellar. Some small buildings. Good well. Address J. B. Blosser, Berrien Springs, Mich.

FOR SALE.—Forty acres, one mile from Cedar Lake Academy, 7-room house nearly new, small barn, well and windmill. Will sell at reasonable bid received before November 15. E. A. Perren, R. F. D. 12, Grand Rapids, Mich.

For SALE.—Forty acres, three-fourths mile from Howard City, all improved, 6 room house, good barn, out buildings, small apple orchard. Can be bought on contract price of \$2,500.00. E. A. Perren, R. F. D. 12, Grand Rapids, Mich.

WANTED.—Man to work by the year on a farm. Married man preferred Permanent position if satisfactory. Church privileges. State wages in first letter. W. N. Haggadone, R. F. D. 1, Oxford, Michigan.

HELP WANTED.—Wanted to correspond with three firemen who understand steam boilers and steam fitting. We are in position to offer steady work to the right man. Write at once to E. G. Fulton, Business Manager, Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park. D. C.

FOR SALE.—House and barn with one acre of ground, in Hinnes, Wis. One mile and a half from Walderly Academy. Good opportunity for family to educate childreh. Price \$800. Proceeds go to missions. For particulars write me at 1319 Baxter Ave., Superior, Wis. F. A. Wright.

Canvassers' Report for the Week Ending August 3, 1918

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Elder George I. Butler, a pioneer of this movement, died at Healdsburg, Calif., July 25, 1918, at the age of nearly eighty-four years. The funeral services were held on the Oakland (Calif.) camp ground, Friday, August 2, at 10 A. M. Interment was at Bowling Green, Fla.

Enroute to South America

While journeying toward our new field of labor in South America, I send you my subscription to the HERALD for two years. Address it to me at Lima, Peru, S. A., Casilla 1002. Although not in the Lake Union Conference, we still will be interested in the progress of the work there, and will await each issue of the LAKE UNION HERALD eagerly.

We are just passing through the Miraflores locks on the Panama Canal. In our party are the following named persons: Elders O Montgomery, J. W. Westphal, Brother J. H. McEachern, wife and two children, and Elder E. F. and Mrs. Peterson.

Already we feel separated from our native land, but as we journey on toward our new field we are anxious to reach our destination and take up the burdens of the work in a way to glorify our Heavenly Father.

E. F. Peterson

Statements from the Religious Press

Their Meaning to Adventists

In the Congregationalist and Advance of July 11 began a series of nine articles on the coming of the Lord. The following is a paragraph from an editorial in the same paper:

"The articles we print this week in regard to beliefs about the imminent and visible return of Christ bear witness to wide popular interest in the subject. The war has brought discussion to the front to a degree unexampled in the recent history of the churches."

Significant Quotations

From another article in the same paper under the general title, "Popular Interest in Christ's Second Coming," we quote the following:

"We hear the quotation discussed by passengers on railroad trains, and in waiting stations. It is certainly one of the live questions of the day.

"At one of our district association meetings a layman, speaking on the general situation created by the war, urged this as the time of times for teaching the real

truth of the Scripture, and declared that Congregationalists are timid and afraid to teach the real truth on this subject. He closed by saying that their pastor, the pastor of one of the strongest churches in the state, had preached upon the subject and that it did no harm.

"The question is being discussed from our strongest pulpits. Dr. Barton, on one side of Lake Street in Oak Park, and Dr. Van der Muelen on the other side, pastors, respectively, of two of the strong Congregational and Presbyterian churches, near the city of Chicago. treated their congregations to a more or less general discussion of the subject; one, probably, inclining his people in one direction, and the other in another direction. Some of the faithful members of churches in Oak Park have been alienated. Some have even withdrawn from church membership, because their positive belief in the imminent coming of Jesus was not supported from the pulpit. I understand that one church, at least, has been organized in Oak Park, very largely of people of this latter type. Failing of sympathy in their old churches they have united in forming a church of their own."

Fully six pages in the *Congregationalist* of July 11 are devoted to articles and matter on Christ's Second Coming.

Wide Public Interest

Possibly never in the history of the Christian Church, not excepting the Miller movement of 1843–44, has this subject of Christ's coming received so much attention as at this time. In the religious and daily press and also in thousands of pulpits throughout the country is the subject being discussed. The divergence of views is astonishing. The greatest opportunity that could possibly come to Seventh-day Adventists is now placed before us to give the real scriptural truth on this subject.

The exact period of time in which we are now living is referred to in "Great Controversy" in the chapter entitled "Modern Revivals." The following is taken from that chapter :

"At that time many will separate from churches in which the love of the world has supplemented love for God and His Word. Many, both ministers and people, will gladly accept these great truths which God has caused to be proclaimed at this time to prepare a people for the Lord's second coming."

A Series of Articles

Beginning September 3, the *Signs* weekly will commence a series of twelve articles on this important topic. All phases of the question will be considered. Twelve of our very best writers have been secured to contribute these articles. This series should be placed in every home in this country.

The price for this special three-month series of the *Signs* has been placed remarkably low as an added inducement to send the paper to our friends and neighbors. The price is fifty cents for the three-month series.

"WORK FOR SOULS AS YOU NEVER HAVE IN THE PAST."

Camp Meeting Dates

Indiana, Frankfort -	·	-		-	-	Aug. 8-18
Southern Illinois, Sullivan	-		-	· -		Aug. 21-Sept. 1
North Michigan, Cadillac		-		-	•	Aug. 29-Sept. 9