

# Lake Union Herald

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

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## His Way

All my griefs by Him are ordered,  
Needful is each one for me.  
Every tear by Him is counted,  
One too much there cannot be;  
And if when they fall so thickly,  
I can own His way is right,  
Then each bitter tear of anguish  
Precious is in Jesus' sight.

Far too well my Saviour loves me  
To allow my life to be  
One long, calm, unbroken summer,  
One unruffled, stormless sea;  
He would have me fondly nestling  
Closer to His loving breast;  
He would have that world seem brighter  
Where alone is perfect rest.

Though His wise and loving purpose,  
Once I could not clearly see,  
I believe, with faith unshaken,  
All will work for good to me;  
Therefore when my way is gloomy,  
And my eyes with tears are dim,  
I will go to God, my Father,  
And will tell my griefs to Him.

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## What Is That in Thy Hand?

"What is that in thine hand?" the Lord asked, when Moses tried to excuse himself from doing the missionary work to which he had been called. And Moses said: "A rod." What could that rod have to do with the subject before them? This probably was merely the rod he had been using out on the plains of Midian while watching the flocks of Jethro. Only a rod. That was all.

"Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?" Moses had asked the Lord when the plan for his great missionary enterprise was first laid before him. Then he went on explaining to the Lord why he could not go. He was sure the people would not believe him. But the Lord promised to look after that part of the enterprise. Then he told the Lord that he could not talk. He was slow of speech. Of course, that would be a great drawback in pleading the cause of a downtrodden people, in the courts of Pharaoh. But the Lord knew all about it and in His plan made provision for this deficiency.

And then when Moses ceased making excuses

the Lord sent him to work with that same rod. A simple tool, you say. Worthless it would seem in the great work outlined for Moses to do. Still Moses took the rod as the Lord commanded and went to work. But there had been a change in Moses and in the rod. Moses had given himself and his rod to the Lord. And when he went down into Egypt, it was with 'the rod of God in his hand.' (Ex. 4:20.)

"The divine command given to Moses," says "Patriarchs and Prophets" "found him self-distrustful, slow of speech, and timid. He was overwhelmed with a sense of his incapacity to be a mouthpiece for God to Israel. But having once accepted the work, he entered upon it with his whole heart, putting all his trust in the Lord. The greatness of his mission called into exercise the best powers of his mind. God blessed his ready obedience, and he became eloquent, hopeful, self-possessed, and well fitted for the greatest work ever given to man. This is an example of what God does to strengthen the character of those who trust Him fully, and give themselves unreservedly to His commands."

Young friend, "What is that in thine hand?" O, no, your hands are not empty. You can live a life that will draw others to Christ; and *you can pray*. "And the earnest effectual prayer of the righteous man availeth much." You can speak a word for the Master in the social meeting, and when among those who know Him not; you can pass out papers and tracts; perhaps you can carry God's message in song to others, or give Bible readings, or nurse the sick. Every talent counts in the Master's service.

Never say, "O, what I can do doesn't amount to anything." The little lad had only a lunch basket in his hand. He might have said: "Oh, this is nothing for that crowd." But when it was consecrated to the Master, it became a feast for thousands. Young friend, "What is that in thine hand?" Give it to the Master. Give Him your time, your talents; let Him direct you daily in your work. That is all He asks. He will look after the results.

Someone passed out a tract. A very simple piece of missionary work. But God used it as a mighty rod for working miracles first on hearts at home, and then on heathen hearts

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Mrs. Lou Kirby Curtis . . . Editor

## Lake Union Conference Directory

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in far-off India. It sent Dr. Scudder and his wife to India. Mrs. Scudder gave thirty years of service; Dr. Scudder thirty-six. In all about thirty members of that family gave their lives to soul-winning work in the Gibraltar of heathenism. And this great "Scudder movement" can all be traced back to a little tract that someone left in the doctor's office.

"What is that in thine hand?" Give it to the Master! Let us give Him our all for service. Let us give Him *our best*, not our bit, during 1920.

MATILDA ERICKSON

## Illinois Conference

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### Growth of the Illinois Conference

We find as we sum up the financial returns from all our churches for the year 1919 that the Illinois Conference has made a great advance over previous years. Of course, the addition of the churches from the northern part of the state has greatly helped in making this advancement. A more complete financial report will appear later, showing just what has been accomplished from a financial standpoint in the Illinois Conference during the year 1919, but I hasten on to the dear faithful readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD just a few grapes from the harvest.

The tithe for the year 1919 was \$54,364.40. This shows an increase of \$31,269.88 over the regular tithe of the Southern Illinois Conference of \$13,822.22 over the total tithe of all the churches north and south for the year 1918, which churches are now united under the Illinois Conference. For instance, the tithe of the Southern Illinois Conference for the year 1918 was \$23,094.52, and the tithe of the churches in the north that joined us January 1, 1919, was \$17,447.66 for the year 1918, making the total tithe of the two sections now united, \$40,542.18 for that year. By uniting our strength and pushing together for the year 1919, we have increased the tithe of the two sections to \$54,364.40. This we feel is a splendid gain.

We think, however, that our people should understand that the tithe is not all retained in the local conference for the support of the local work. The field is the world. The General

Conference has been carefully organized for the purpose of distributing the funds, both tithes and offerings, as equally as possible over the entire earth. During the year 1919, thirty-five per cent of the tithe was sent out of the Illinois Conference to help support the work of the Union and General conferences.

Our offerings to missions have also shown a healthy increase; our total offerings amounting to \$22,712.82, against \$11,060.86 in Southern Illinois for the year 1918. We do not have the offerings of the churches in the north for the year 1918. This puts us over the top of our Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund by approximately \$4,000.

You will also be glad to know that the Harvest Ingathering shows a like healthy increase. We set our goal at \$4,400 and passed it by \$755.22, raising in all for Harvest Ingathering \$5,155.22, against \$2,121.01 raised last year by Southern Illinois.

Now brethren, this is most excellent. The great demands in the field call for us to redouble our energies for the year 1920. You know the Twenty-five-cent-a-week Fund has now become the Fifty-cent-a-week Fund, which will certainly necessitate careful economy and great promptness in sending in our offerings to missions. May the Lord richly bless the people of Illinois who have been so faithful in past years, that we may be able to reach this goal. I know we can do it. Just think of it—we have gone over the Twenty-five cent-a-week Fund for 1919, \$4,000! I am sure with the Lord's help that we can increase this amount to fifty cents a week per member for the year 1920. We also hope to see one hundred percent of our people paying a faithful tithe.

Our delegates are going to the Lake Union Conference January 15, to carry out the recommendation of the conference committee, to secure more workers for the Illinois Conference. We have a few thousand dollars on hand with which to start the year 1920, and we believe it should be used judiciously in building up the work in the Illinois Conference. We hope to bring at least two more ordained ministers into the state, and as soon as school closes at Berrien Springs, we hope to secure a few consecrated young men and women, some of whom will be graduated from that school, to take up work in

the Illinois Conference. We need more workers both north and south. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth reapers that we may soon double our membership in this great field. One hundred and seventeen souls were baptized in the Illinois Conference during the year 1919, and I understand that between twenty and thirty are awaiting baptism. We rejoice greatly in this harvest of souls, but fully believe that the number should be more than doubled for the year 1920. Let us work and pray to that end.

W. H. HOLDEN

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### Rockford

Not having seen a report for some time from this city of about seventy-five thousand people, I desire to submit a summary of our year's work.

At a recent business meeting, when Elder O. M. Kittle was present, it was found necessary to reduce our membership from sixty to forty-one. We have a large number of aged people and children, but our financial gains have exceeded those of any two previous years. Our receipts have been \$8,700, of which \$7,420.61 is tithe. Our two-per-cent is not quite up to standard, but our members are being educated to come up to the "help of the Lord" in this matter. Almost every family has been presented with *The Time and the Work*. Our Harvest Ingathering, on a basis of a membership of sixty, exceeded the goal of five dollars per member, being \$309.15. This was more than double our last year's record.

G. D. BENNET, *Elder*

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### Evidences of the Work of the Holy Spirit in My work\*

When Christ was upon earth, the disciples and His followers counted it a precious privilege to be with Him and to have His presence with them. Realizing this, the Saviour gave them a command before He left them, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Then He added the promise, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Now that we are His followers and workers today, that promise is for us as much as it was for them. The Saviour also said, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." This promise is truly an inspiration to the colporteur.

As you go from door to door, you meet all kinds of religious beliefs, and unless you have wisdom from above you might speak the wrong word and close the heart's door to this mes-

sage for the last time. There is a way provided for us to obtain this help and wisdom, and that is through prayer. Many times in my experiences as a colporteur, have I felt that the Holy Spirit has indeed helped me in my work. I truly believe that I can of myself do nothing, but all things are possible with God, and in answer to cries for help, He has sent the Comforter. A few experiences I have had will illustrate that the Holy Spirit does help the colporteur.

One evening as I neared the home of a leader in the Church of Christ, I was told by his neighbors that he was a very religious man, also very zealous for his church. They requested that I go to his house, which was about one-half mile from the road. I truly felt my weakness and prayed for wisdom to meet their leader. As I neared his house, I felt that the Lord was with me and would give me the right words to speak. As I was about half through my canvass, he stopped me and rather gruffly said, "That is a Seventh-day Adventist book, isn't it?" I told him it was and turned again to my book. He stopped me and began to ridicule our belief.

We had a long talk, and I believe the Spirit touched his heart. As it was growing late, I asked to stay with them that night. His wife was willing, so he made no objections. That night we had a nice Bible study, and he was interested and anxious to learn. We had a few moments of study in the morning before I left, and he thanked me for the help I had given him. He also ordered the book, although the night before he had said he would not have one. Several of his church members gave orders, and when I delivered the books, they all gladly received them, and some gave me cordial invitations to visit them. I left that neighborhood, thanking the Lord that He gave me the right words to say that opened that home to this message.

Another time I know that the Lord gave me victory. I was working a small town where a revival meeting was in progress. Satan endeavored to destroy my work and even the minister preached against us. I continued my work as if nothing had been said, and the Lord gave me success. Every order received was delivered, in spite of those who were fighting against the books. One lady who had never seen my book, but had heard of it, felt impressed that she must have one. She called up a neighbor and told her that she felt she must get one of my books, and wanted her to tell me when I came back with them, to bring her one. When I delivered there, this lady told me about her neighbor, and added, "If you have an extra one, please take it to her." I drove over to her house, and when she saw the

\* Paper read at Colporteurs' Institute, Decatur, Ill.

book, she said, "I will take it." Surely the Holy Spirit led her to feel that my book contained a message for her.

One lady who had ordered a full leather, felt impressed that her neighbors should also have one of the books. She went to her pastor and asked that their church set a time to meet and pray for my success. He consented and it so happened that they met for prayer during the time that I was making my delivery. The Lord answered their prayers and my delivery was successful. Some who had not ordered books came to me and wanted one. One lady said, "After our church prayed for your success, I felt bad to think that I had not ordered a book." These and many other good experiences prove to me that the Holy Spirit does help the colporteur in his work.

MARY B. LONG

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### South Wisconsin Conference

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### The Week of Prayer

During the week of prayer I was with the Underhill German and English churches, also the churches at Oconto and Lena. The believers were faithful in attending the services although the weather was stormy. All felt their need of a closer walk with God. There is a great work to do for the individual members of our churches.

W. H. WESTERMEYER

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### Young People of South Wisconsin, Attention

In this time of year when people are making new resolutions and reviving old ones, we wish you to think of training yourself for more efficient service in the cause of truth. We invite you to come to Bethel Academy for this purpose

You have heard through your friends that Bethel Academy has been improving in buildings and equipment. In fact, during the last four years it has almost doubled its value.

A half year's credit may be obtained by entering at the beginning of the second semester, January 19, 1920. This is possible because the work of each semester in all studies is a separate half unit, thus favoring students who cannot be in school for a whole year at a time.

The following classes can be entered to advantage at the beginning of the second semester: General science, spirit of prophecy, denominational history, elementary church history, typewriting, woodworking, Hebrew history, hygiene, composition, rhetoric, literature, general history, American history and civics, practical nursing, sewing, educational, chorus, piano, and orchestra.

One great advantage in beginning at this time is that you actually get started. Many young people owe their education to the fact that they started, even if it was late in the school year.

Write, asking any questions you may desire, we shall be pleased to answer them if we can.

The Bethel Academy teachers and students welcome you to the work of the second semester.

H. T. ELLIOTT

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### Bethel Academy

Bethel Academy closed for the Christmas vacation with an enrollment of 140. We now have enrolled 141 which is equal to the entire enrollment for last year. We expect to meet the goal of 150 by the close of the first semester.

During the vacation the bathroom in the boys' dormitory has made progress and is ready for use. The cement floors of the basement underneath the chapel and in the assembly room of the boys' dormitory have been finished. At the time that this is written the men are finishing the ditch which leads to the academy building, and it is hoped that soon after the holidays we shall have water and toilet conveniences in the academy building itself.

Mr. and Mrs. Wohlers have accepted a call to connect with our training school in Argentina, and they will leave Bethel Academy January 10. It is with mingled feelings of regret and good cheer with which we see them go. The best wishes of the academy and the community at Bethel will travel with them to their new field.

All of the teachers excepting three remained at the academy during the vacation. Miss Phelps visited friends in Milwaukee and E. M. C. Miss Philo visited her home at E. M. C., and Miss Jensen spent the time at home with her parents.

The students remaining at the academy during the vacation spent most of the day working. In the evening they were entertained in various ways, once they were invited to Mrs. Fred Cole's, once to Mr and Mrs. Taylor's, and once to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott's. It has been a busy and cheerful vacation.

Today, January 5, is the day for the students to return and we shall look forward eagerly as the trains arrive to see each and every student return.

H. T. ELLIOTT

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"No calamity can befall the least of His children, no anxiety harass the soul, no joy cheer, no sincere prayer escape the lips, of which our Heavenly Father is unobservant, or in which He takes no immediate interest."

## North Wisconsin Conference

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President, J. J. Irwin

### Items of Interest

F. M. Larson of Minneapolis visited the Ashland church Sabbath and Sunday, January 3 and 4, in the interest of the home missionary work for the Scandinavian department. He will spend a few days in this conference visiting some of the Scandinavian churches.

Elder Irwin visited the little company at Ironwood last Sabbath and found them of good courage. One very interesting feature was a statement made by the treasurer that all the members, with the exception of two who did not fully understand the matter, are now paying two-per-cent.

This quarter has been a record-breaker in one respect—that is of getting reports from churches. All the church treasurers, practically all the missionary secretaries, and the majority of the Sabbath school secretaries have their reports in.

W. J. Harris of the Chicago Conference was here a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. H. W. Johnson. Brother Harris is under appointment for China and is spending a little time visiting his relatives before leaving for that field. Tuesday night, December 31, he occupied the prayer meeting hour and gave us a very timely talk.

All of our people in North Wisconsin will be glad to know that in the matter of mission funds we went above our goal of 25 cents a week per member.

Elder Wright reports a family who purchased a book from one of our canvassers last fall, and as a result of reading it, with the instructions from Elder Wright, has fully accepted the message.

Club prices on the *Signs* weekly will advance February 1, and we would especially request all our churches to get as many subscriptions for the *Signs* during January as possible. This paper does bring people into the truth and the more we can get out among the people, the greater the results. Send in your order at once to the Tract Society for a good liberal supply.

We received word that the publishers are getting out a special edition of foreign magazines on "Epidemics" and the prices in the different languages are as follows: Danish-Norwegian and Russian, single copy 10 cents; Danish-Norwegian and Russian, bulk rate 5 cents; Swedish, German, Bohemian, Finnish, French, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Rumanian, Slovakian and Yiddish, single copy 15 cents, and bulk rate 8 cents. Order of North Wisconsin Tract Society.

## West Michigan Conference

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### Cedar Lake Academy

A very interesting recital was given in the academy chapel Saturday evening, December 20, by the students of the music department. Several of the young people made their first public appearance at this time. The program consisted of both vocal and instrumental numbers. It is gratifying to see the way the piano and voice departments are being built up and to see the interest and enthusiasm the young people are manifesting in this phase of their education. About forty music students are enrolled at present, and others are planning to take up this line of work after vacation. The Lord has told us that music should be made prominent in our educational work, and we are attempting to give it its proper place. We certainly appreciate the able work Miss Gladys Witt is doing in the piano department. The voice department is an entirely new feature in our work here. The young people in training are making splendid advancement under the competent instruction of Mrs. Butterfield.

A happy company of students left for their homes Tuesday, December 23, to spend a vacation of one week. All are so pleased with their school experiences here that a student campaign is under way to bring in other young people for the second semester. Although the school has now the largest enrollment of any time in its history, yet we realize that there are still many of our young people in West and North Michigan who should be here. Seventh-day Adventist parents should realize that time is very short and that now is the time to educate our boys and girls.

The school has just installed a new electric washer. This is certainly a splendid addition to our equipment and one that is greatly appreciated by those who work in the laundry.

Two electric light bulbs now hang in our chicken coop. When the lights are turned on at 4:30 A. M. the fowls are ready for breakfast, thinking that morning has come. They are fed for the last time about 8:30 P. M. As a result of these long artificial days and good care, our flock of seventy hens is turning out about three dozen eggs a day.

G. H. SIMPSON

"Purity, plainness, and simplicity, should mark the dwellings and apparel of all who believe the solemn truths for this time. All means needlessly spent in dress or adorning of our houses is a waste of our Lord's money." — *Testimonies* Vol. V, p 189.

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## North Michigan Conference

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President, R. J. Nethery

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### News Notes

Elder Chancy Wood and Brother Hugh Stearns have been in the office recently.

Sister Carolyn Rasmusson recently visited friends in Indianapolis.

Brother L. M. Peterson is visiting the churches in the Upper Peninsula.

We are receiving a number of orders for "Epidemics." How many have you sold?

Sister Heatherington, who is church school teacher in Traverse City, is visiting at the home of Elder Nethery.

Read the article, "The Great Call of the Year" in the January *Worker*.

Brother Peterson recently visited Cedar Lake Academy.

Elder Nethery recently visited the church at Gaylord.

Miss Marjorie Nethery spent her holiday vacation with her parents.

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## Indiana Conference

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President, C. S. Weist

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### News Notes

On Monday, December 29, Brother Maris, our field secretary, went to Terre Haute to start one of the colporteurs in that district. As he stepped off the trolley, an automobile hit him, wounding him quite seriously. He has a broken arm and also an injured limb. He was immediately taken to the St. Anthony's Hospital at Terre Haute, where he is receiving treatments. At this writing he is getting along nicely, and we hope it will not be long until he will be fully recovered from this accident and again back in the field. It was a very narrow escape and we are very thankful that the Lord has spared his life. Let us pray for his speedy recovery.

We have just closed a very successful teachers' institute. A full record of this will appear later in the *HERALD*.

Quite a number of reports are coming in concerning the special campaign of the academy. We are not able to state how much money has been raised during this special campaign, but as soon as all the reports are in we shall report it.

You will be glad to know that the Lafayette church has bought a property. The location of this is Eighth and Union Streets. They are making some alterations at the present time and will soon be able to occupy it for services. The

church is very energetic and enthusiastic in this enterprise and raised the sum of \$3,100 during the month of December.

Practically all of the workers will attend the Lake Union Conference which convenes January 15-25. The office will be closed the greater part of this time, permitting our workers to attend this gathering. Then there is a Home Missionary, Young People's, Educational, Bookman's, and Tract Society session that precedes the Union Conference, which begins Monday, January 12.

The academy has again opened, and we have been able to enter into the basement of the girls' dormitory. The chapel, dining room and class work is being carried on in this part of the building.

C. S. WEIST

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### Important Matters

As you read this paper, the Union Conference Council will be beginning. Many important matters will be under consideration. It is necessary that wise counsel shall prevail. Men make mistakes. There must be the guiding hand of the One who never makes an error, felt in every session of this most important gathering. The delegates will need your prayers. Many of you will not be privileged to attend these sessions, but let us not forget that the listening ear of our Father will hear and answer the heart cry of His children wherever they may be. The Home Missionary Department wishes to request all who are looking for the speedy coming of our Lord, to unite in prayer each day, from January 15-25 at twelve o'clock, noon, that the Spirit of God may hover over each session of our Union Conference.

There are many families represented in our churches that are not subscribers to our weekly church paper. Surely they do not sense the importance of having this paper in their homes each week. Only five cents per week will pay for the weekly visits of a pastor of seventy years of service. Do you not want him with you by your fireside? An early issue will be called the European Council number. This is an important number and ought to be in the hands of every Adventist. Will you not subscribe now? Remember during the month of January, fourteen months' subscription for \$2.50. Shall we not expect to hear from you?

O. B. HALL

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### Good-Bye

Just a little over three months ago I was called by the General Conference from the sequestered cloisters of Pacific Union College to the Missionary Volunteer secretaryship of Indi-

ana. I accepted it as the summons of Him who walked on the shores of Galilee, saying unto Simon, "Feed My Lambs."

It was a new line of service upon which I entered, but the appeal of the need of our young people was strong and I came determined while God gave me strength to do my level best in conserving them for the cause and enlisting them for service. In all good conscience, I can witness this day that I have faithfully tried to carry out that determination.

Not long after reaching this field, I came face to face with the realization that a "great door and effectual was opened unto me, but there are many adversaries." Measureless have been the possibilities and limitless they still are, but many have been the adversaries that have beset the door of opportunity. I am glad that many of the foes have retreated, and of some of these let me briefly speak.

When I came to Indiana I found her credited with twenty-two societies. At the present time she has eleven Senior and nineteen Junior societies. The other eleven Senior societies were made up of people far beyond the age limit for Missionary Volunteers, and have been incorporated into church missionary societies. Two of these eleven organizations have been recently organized, and three have been reorganized. It was the plan of the secretary to have organized in the very near future six more societies. Many of our young people live out in the country districts where it is very difficult to get them together for any form of organization.

After sifting out the 500 names listed as young people, about 350 names of actual young people remain on the list. Upon arrival I found the census very badly in need of revision, and today it is quite complete, so far as securing names and ages of young people are concerned; and we have in the office other information that has not yet been put in definite form.

I found the Indiana Volunteers \$700 behind on their financial goal, and 1919 closes with them nearly \$800 past their goal.

When I came there was no Conference Society, but now the foundation has been laid for one by the enrollment of twenty isolated members.

Local needs in connection with the academy kept the secretary from promoting, as should have been promoted, the Bible Year and Morning Watch, just when they should have been pushed to the limit—at the close of 1919. I was very anxious to put the Morning Watch into every Seventh-day Adventist home in Indiana and to enroll at least two-thirds of our young people in the Bible Year, but to have carried on this campaign to that limit was impossible un-

der the conditions. I am happy to have had my little part in serving the interests of our academy, however, and am only sorry that I could not accomplish more. Even so, we have already more than twice reached our 1920 goal in the Bible Year. If only those who have enrolled for it will "carry on."

Thirty certificates have been, or will have been, issued for those finishing Reading Courses since September 30, which puts us seventeen beyond on this part of our goal. Libraries have been established in the majority of the societies and nearly all of the officers have been given full information as to their duties.

But there have been other adversaries. Our people in Indiana have not been educated to believe with all their hearts that just as important as the Sabbath-school work or home missionary work or field missionary work is the Missionary Volunteer work. They have not been educated to see the first importance of the work, which, says Volume VI, p. 196, "lies nearest our church members—to become interested in our youth." So the department has had in these, its first days of entry upon the arena before it has had opportunity to force recognition, to struggle against a natural lack of cooperation, an indifference on the part of the older church members. Only given time, and all of these foes shall be crushed. There is one adversary, one—alone, that has well-nigh overpowered your Missionary Volunteer secretary.

Long and unceasingly through these three months I have fought against the forces of physical weakness and ill-health, and now, much as I have learned to love the Indiana people, young and old, and as much as I grieve to do it—upon the best medical advice I have been compelled to seek a transfer to another field and must say good-bye.

I go where I trust the climate and my health shall permit me to do far more efficient service for Christ and our young people.

Somehow, I believe that when all mysteries shall be made plain, the scroll of the Infinite will reveal that after all my coming here has not been altogether in vain. Of this, I am sure that I have done my best and the rest is left with my God.

Deeply do I regret that it was not my privilege to meet you all face to face. I greatly planned on the camp-meeting this year to become personally acquainted with you so that we might work together to save your children for God. And there were many other wide and far-reaching plans that must all be given up now. Providence has not ordered that they come to fruition. It must be otherwise, and I pray the Spirit that maketh intercession for us to put upon my lips this prayer, "Thy will be done."

Always I shall pray for our Missionary Volunteers of Indiana and for you, and beg that you who know me and believe in prayer will remember me before the throne.

"Go thou thy way, and I go mine  
Apart, yet not afar,  
Only a thin veil hangs between  
The pathways where we are.  
And 'God keep watch 'tween thee and me'  
This is my prayer.  
He looks thy way, He looketh mine  
And we are near.

"And though our paths be separate  
And thy way is not mine,  
Yet coming to the mercy seat  
My soul will meet with thine;  
And 'God keep watch 'tween thee and me'  
I'll whisper there;  
He blesseth thee, He blesseth me,  
And we are near."

Hereafter, please address your communications regarding Missionary Volunteer work in this way—Missionary Volunteer Department, 421 Castle Hall Building, Indianapolis, Ind., so that business letters pertaining to Departmental work may not be forwarded to my new address.

L. A. WILCOX

### Colporteurs' Convention and Institute

The colporteurs' institute at Kokomo, Ind., opened December 19 with an attendance of thirty-one. Many of these were men who did active work in the field the past year, but there were a number of recruits, both men and women, who resolved to dedicate their service to this branch of the work.

The instruction was given by Brother J. W. Davis. He clearly defined the duties of a colporteur, and outlined the course he must pursue to make a success of the work.

We were visited by J. D. Snyder of the South Bend Branch house; F. A. Lorenz, assistant Union field secretary; O. G. Albert, tract society secretary and his assistant, A. E. Nelson, each of these men explained the relation of the colporteur to his particular department.

We were unanimous in setting our goal for 1920 at \$50,000. Every one promised to put in more faithful time. A vote of thanks was given to the members of the Kokomo church who kindly opened their homes to us and entertained us so splendidly.

The entire ten days was a spiritual feast, both for the colporteur and the church. The yearly report for 1919 shows a total of nearly \$37,000, or a gain of more than 40 per cent over the past year.

M. M. STEARNER

### Indianapolis Missionary Volunteer Society

Another year has passed into eternity. Did our Missionary Volunteer society do all it could to carry "this message to all the world in this

generation?" I have asked myself this question many times while making the report for the Indianapolis society.

At the beginning of 1919 we reorganized our society. With a membership of 48 we determined to hold our meetings regularly every Tuesday evening, instead of every third Sabbath as had been done the preceding year. The Lord has heard our prayers and greatly blessed our efforts. In this past year there was more missionary work reported than in the four preceding years together. Our goal for the Lake Titicaca Mission was \$120, or \$2.50 per member. We passed our goal, raising \$144.24.

We have read many times the parable of the fruitless fig tree in Luke 13:6-9. The eighth and ninth verses have impressed me. We, like the fig tree, have been unfruitful in service, but our Saviour has pleaded our cause, that we be spared another year to prove ourselves more faithful.

May God give us grace to be more efficient workers, and keep our hearts full of love for one another so that we can cooperate in winning precious souls.

WILMOTH BENSON, *Secretary*

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### East Michigan Conference

Office Address, Holly, Mich.  
President, Wm. A. Westworth

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### Education, But No Bible! What?

"Do you know a book that you are willing to put under your head when you lie dying? Very well; that is the book you want to study while you are living." There is but one such book in the world, and that is the Bible. If there ever comes a time when you are tempted to speak lightly or think lightly of it, just stop for one moment and try to imagine what this world would be without it. No Bible! A bruise and no cure; a storm and no haven; a sin and no pardon; a lost soul and on ransom! Alas for us if this were so; alas for us if the ladder of education, science, or human wisdom were the only way we could reach God.

Thanks be to all-wise Father, for His wonderful gift of love,—His Son, around whom the sacred Scriptures are woven. For God so loved us that He inspired His servants to record enough of His plan of redemption that whosoever would read and believe it might have everlasting life. It was written for no other purpose. It is ours; It will stand a thousand readings, and the man who goes over it the most frequently and the most carefully is the surest of finding the many hidden truths there for his searching. Are you reading it carefully and prayerfully?

If you read the Bible through last year I am



certain that you were greatly benefited. I have received the names of many who completed the reading of the Bible last year. I am just positive that there are many more who have not sent in their names for their Bible Year certificate. I will consider it a great privilege to secure your certificate for you if you will send me your name this week.

You have enjoyed reading the Bible. Those who read it through once want to read it again. Why not enroll to read it again this year? Send in your enrollment so I can keep in touch with you. If you have never read your Bible through, do it this year.

ENNIS V. MOORE

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### Items of Interest

Brother Thiele reports very favorably of his visit with the Lansing church Sabbath, January 3. He secured 100 subscriptions for the *Signs*. He held services with the Jackson church Sunday evening.

Elder Westworth gave the opening address at the canvassers' institute Friday evening. The institute will last all this week.

We are sorry to report to our members the death of Miss Thelma Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Francis, of Detroit. She had her plans all made to attend E. M. C. next year, but her Father had other plans for her. Elder Westworth preached the funeral sermon, January 5.

The following students from E. M. C. were callers at this office this week: Misses Anita Thurgood, Lucile Adams, and Clotilda James, and Messers Melvin Garrison, Henry Eastman, Linden Skinner, and Everett Sheldon.

We are glad to report to our members that Mr. Russell Harrison of Chicago is coming to take charge of the tract society work. I am sure that we welcome Brother and Sister Harrison to our conference.

It is a pleasure to report that Elder Poole has returned to his work much improved in health after a few weeks at Hinsdale. He visited the church at Pontiac last Sabbath.

Miss Grace Shepard is teaching in the church school at Holly.

Mrs Williams is assisting with the teachers' institute in Indiana this week.

Recently there has been organized a new publishing association which will operate exclusively in Canada. H. H. Rans has been chosen as manager, while C. L. Paddock will have charge of the Western Branch with offices at Winnipeg. Brother Rans was at the office a day or so this week to counsel with Brother Paddock regarding the work in that vast field.

The total of our Harvest Ingathering funds this year has gone beyond the \$7,000 mark. This is more than twice the amount for 1918. Surely

we have many things for which to be thankful. The Lord has richly blessed our earnest efforts. Let us begin now to plan for our 1920 campaign so if possible we may double this figure next year.

Stuart Thompson, one of our East Michigan boys, now educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary of one of the Texas conferences, is spending a few days with his parents near Hillsdale. He reports a growing interest in this southern conference.

The auditing committee was in session two days of this week. Elder Wm. Guthrie was present.

Brent Creek Sabbath school, with a membership of thirteen, reported over \$55 Thirteenth Sabbath Offering; Lansing, with a membership of slightly over a hundred, reported nearly \$160. Many of the schools that have reported at this early date, January 5, have had more than dollar day in their school.

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"They who run after the world cannot walk with God."

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"It is when we forget ourselves that we do things that are remembered."

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### Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look on the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and to have a smile ready for every living creature you meet.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of yourself and to proclaim this fact to the world—not in loud words, but in great deeds.

To live in the faith that the world is on your side so long as you are true to the best that is in you.

—Author Unknown

**Obituaries**

**BUTTERFIELD.**—Estella A., daughter of Tracy and Elzina Butterfield, was born Aug. 1, 1917, and died at their home in Pontiac, Mich., Dec. 22, 1919. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.  
R. U. GARRETT

**JORGENSEN.**—Mrs. Elizabeth Jorgensen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, Aug. 31, 1833, and died Dec. 23, 1919 at Merrill, Wis. She was married in 1858 to Hans Jorgensen. To this union were born four children. In 1870 she accepted present truth under the labors of Elder Madson. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. FRED STEBBEDS

**DROUARD.**—Anna Bernice Drouard was born Feb. 4, 1910, and died Dec. 30, 1919, aged 9 years, 10 months, and 26 days. She was a firm believer in the soon coming of the Lord, and her highest aspiration was to be ready when He comes to make up His jewels. The parents and three sisters sorrow not as those having no hope, for we have the blessed promise that those who sleep in Christ Jesus shall rise again.  
M. G. BISH

**MORGAN.**—William S. Morgan was born Jan. 2, 1844 in Canada and died at his home in Kennan, Wis., after an illness of several years. He was a Civil War veteran. In 1886 he was married Miss Leodema Sartwell of Moores, N. Y., soon after moving to Wisconsin, where in 1872 he heard and accepted present truth. Brother Morgan leaves his wife, seven sons and three daughters who mourn, but not without hope.  
F. STEBBEDS

**COOLBAUGH.**—Ada May Stevens was born Dec. 28, 1868, in Burlington, Iowa and died Dec. 10, 1919, in Rochester, Minn., where she had gone for treatment. In 1897 she was married to G. W. Coolbaugh, after which they came to Galesburg. She was an earnest member of the Galesburg church and her presence will be greatly missed, yet we expect to see her at the first resurrection. Interment in Burlington, Iowa.  
J. C. NIXON

**RATHBUN.**—Jonathan D. Rathbun was born in Raymond, Wis., Jan. 1, 1846. In 1863 he enlisted in the service of his country and served until the close of the war. Aug. 10, 1877, he was married to Alice C. Sherrig, and to this union were born twelve children, three of whom died in infancy. Forty-two years ago, he heard the message proclaimed by Elders Decker and O. A. Johnson. He promptly accepted it and united with the church, remaining a faithful member until his death, which occurred at his home near Chetek, Wis., Dec. 19, 1919, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder J. B. Scott.  
J. J. IRWIN

**BERD.**—Mrs. Berd was born in Belgium, March 26, 1848, and died Dec. 18, 1919, at Battle Creek, Mich. In 1869 our sister was united in marriage to Mr. D. Berd to whom were born eight children. Three live to mourn their loss. In 1887 the family moved to Pennsylvania where two years later under the labors of Paul E. Gros they accepted the third angel's message. Sister Berd had a longing desire to carry the message to her own people in Belgium. Her sacrifices for this truth, the great help she has rendered to colporters will bear fruit for the kingdom. During the recent World War she sent over 500 papers and tracts and wrote over 400 letters to her countrymen in the trenches. The number of articles of clothing prepared and sent across were recognized by the Belgium Ministry of War, and she was awarded a gold medal. Just before her death she gave her annual offering to foreign missions. This faithful sister is resting from her labors. Words of comfort taken from Rev. 14:13 were spoken by the writer. Her many friends, relatives, and loved ones will miss her sound counsel, and her words of cheer. Her work is done and she sleeps, waiting for the Life-giver to call her forth in the resurrection.  
ARTHUR E. SERNS

**Business Notices**

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

**WANTED.**—Two or three Seventh-day Adventist girls to earn good wages and at the same time learn practical nursing. If interested, write People's Hospital, Sturgeon Bay, Wis., G. F. Hilton, Supt.

**WANTED.**—Girl or elderly woman to help with housework and care for small girl while mother teaches. Good home and pay to right person. S. D. A. home. Milo C. Sawvel, Box 182 Breckenridge, Mich.

**HONEY.**—The Bible sweet, also that of nature, is the concentrated nectar of flowers. It is a kind of medicine as well as a food, and should take the place of candies and other injurious confectioneries. Send for prices. J. H. Haughey, R. F. D. 1, Berrien Springs, Mich.

**WANTED TO RENT.**—A farm of from 80 to 160 acres on shares or for cash rent. If farm is now furnished, I would make arrangements to purchase stock and machinery, or might rent it furnished for a year. Prefer to rent a farm that is for sale with privilege of buying at end of one or two years. Address D, Care LAKE UNION HERALD, Berrien Springs, Mich.

**STUDY AT HOME.**—"There's a way." Lincoln found it, so can you. The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Write today for our catalog for 1920. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

The Fireside Correspondence School Catalog for 1920 is now ready. Besides the usual matter, it contains a new plan for ordering books, announcements of new studies, and pictures of Faculty and Board of Managers. Send for a copy today. It is free. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park D. C.

**Canvassers' Report for the Week Ending January 3, 1920**

Indiana						
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
Mildred Bryan	OD	5	8	20 00	.....	20 00
C. W. Bryan	OD	14	13	37 00	.....	37 00
G. A. Jones	OD	27	24	66 00	.....	66 00
John Manuel	BR	3	4	21 00	95	21 95
W. J. Palmer	BR	15	8	36 00	.....	36 00
Vern Payne	DR	31	20	97 50	3 50	101 00
W. G. Wolff	OD	38	25	64 00	.....	64 00
		133	102	341 50	4 45	345 95
						38 75
South Wisconsin						
I. D. Barton	PG	16	.....	.....	1 75	1 75
Mabel Crandall	OD	20	.....	.....	.....	148 20
Fred Breyer	BR	84	19	85 50	.....	85 50
A. C. Hirsch	OD	60	14	38 00	76 60	114 60
		180	31	123 50	78 35	201 85
						672 25
North Wisconsin						
Albert Agnew	PG	45	23	106 50	.....	106 50
F. H. Hall	BR	2	4	25 00	.....	25 00
G. B. Baker	BR	19	2	9 00	3 00	12 00
		66	29	140 50	3 00	143 50
Week Ending Dec. 27		127	28	144 00	20 40	164 40
						509 00
West Michigan						
*Wilmer Lyon	OD	25	10	29 00	18 45	47 45
*T. H. Pusey	OD	57	27	73 50	7 09	80 50
*R. L. Gelsinger	OD	21	17	44 00	6 80	50 80
		103	54	146 50	32 25	178 75
Week Ending Dec. 26		90	66	178 00	19 65	197 65
19 Agents		572	282	930 00	137 70	1067 70
*Two weeks						762 00

Say "I can" and mean it—success is yours.

### Missionary Volunteer News Notes

Two societies in East Pennsylvania Conference made one-half of the entire Missionary Volunteer financial goal.

The New Jersey young people raised one-half of the entire financial goal of the Columbia Union Missionary Volunteers.

Some of the conference Missionary Volunteer Secretaries are now laying definite plans to have the Junior work continue through the summer months.

The Manitoba Conference has commenced to publish a monthly mimeographed "M. V. News" sheet.

The work in the Australian Union Conference is growing rapidly, and the time is not far distant when the biggest local conference in the Union Conference will be not a home conference, but a foreign conference, namely, Fiji, where the natives are taking hold of the truth by the hundreds. The conference there has trebled its membership. A few years ago the Missionary Volunteers of Australia raised the money for the purchase of the boat, "Melanesia" to ply among the islands of the South Seas. There are still one thousand islands unentered by either our message or the gospel. Thousands of the people are still nude cannibals and head hunters.

A little company of young people in West Pennsylvania went out one day and sold \$36 worth of "World Peace."

The young people of South Africa set for their goal this year the erection of a hospital at the Solusi Mission. Never before had they reached their goal in one year, but this year they had reached their goal by the end of the third quarter, and began at once on their 1920 goal of two hundred pounds for the payment of the salary of the superintendent of the Belgian Congo Mission.

The Missionary Volunteer work is onward in Korea. Last spring twenty-one students passed in the Bible Doctrines examination for Standard of Attainment with an average of 89 per cent. A census of the young people is being taken. They are publishing both the Junior and Senior Standard of Attainment Manual in the Korean.

The Pacific Union Conference has set apart the week ending March 6 as Missionary Volunteer week during which time all the workers in the union are to give special attention to the work for the children and youth.

A Union Missionary Volunteer Secretary writes concerning the new book "Missionary Volunteers and Their work," "It is a fine work. That first chapter on the history of the Missionary Volunteer work has helped me very much

to have a clear understanding of the developments of this department. The book is well written, handily subdivided and easy of comprehension by the young people. I shall do all I can to give the book a wide circulation in this field."

The Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the West Michigan Conference writes: "Epidemics" going fast. It's the best seller I have seen for a long time. Here is what the Grand Rapids children have done. One girl used forty one afternoon. A ten year old boy went two blocks, selling ten books; two little girls each ten copies in a short time."

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### Dr. Bonar's Resolve

"In getting up in the morning I have resolved never to speak to man until I have spoken to God; never to do anything with my hands until I have done something on my knees; never to read newspaper or book until I have read my Bible."

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### Do You Want to Help?

Anticipating our change from Porto Rico to Venezuela, I wrote Sister Raff for the names of the young people there so that I could begin acquaintance with them by correspondence. She replied that my request reminded her of the boy who was pouring water into a squirrel hole and when asked how many he had caught replied, "When I get this one and two more I shall have three." She said that in their membership of about eighteen they have one young person.

This looks like a rather small number in a population of three million. During our stay in Santurce, Porto Rico, a number of the additions have been good, substantial young people, and we trust the same may be true in Caracas, Venezuela. I hope you will not only "watch us grow" but that you will pray for the accomplishment of that object.

In these countries where Catholicism is so strongly entrenched, it is often very difficult to gain access to homes. This may sometimes be accomplished by friendship made with the children on the street by the presentation of picture cards. Nothing is more appropriate for this than the Sabbath School memory verse cards. By sending these cards to us our young people you will be having a part in the work in this large and needy field. Postage on printed matter from your home to us in Venezuela is one cent for two ounces, the same as it would be to a friend in the same city in which you live. My address is Apartado 128, Caracas, Venezuela.

D. D. FITCH

### College Notes

School opened January 6 with a full attendance after a vacation of two weeks. A few students were unable to reach the College for the opening classes.

The long vacation has helped materially in the saving of the small supply of coal. One car reached the College last week.

The annual ice harvest began here Tuesday. If the ice house is filled this winter it will be the first time in three years.

The third boiler is being installed in the central-heating plant this week. Connection will soon be made to the administration building.

The agriculture department is installing a new litter and feed carrier in its barns.

If the weather remains favorable, the College will be getting its water supply from the new water tower. It is being erected by the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works. Three weeks' work will complete the work. The tower stands 102 feet high.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Butler have received a call to go to China as missionaries.

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### Hinsdale Sanitarium News

Chaplain J. G. Lamson spent New Year's day and the day following with his mother and sister at Berrien Springs.

Dr. Olson had the pleasure of spending Christmas day with his family in Indianapolis.

Several from Berrien Springs called at the sanitarium during the holidays. Among them we notice Miss Hitchcock, Miss Frank, Mr. Sampson, Mrs. Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Butler.

Dr. Miller, superintendent of the Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium, was with us Sabbath, January 3. He conducted the vesper service Sabbath evening.

New Year's night Mrs. Lamson, the social matron, conducted another of those delightful home-talent entertainments in the parlors. The patients seem to enjoy these just as well as some of the imported variety.

The insurance companies that carried the risk on the boiler house which recently burned at the sanitarium, have made a most satisfactory adjustment of the losses. The agents and adjusters of these companies showed themselves to be gentlemen in every respect and thoroughly sympathetic with the sanitarium in its losses sustained by the fire.

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### The European Council

Elders Daniells, Spicer and Knox have just returned from an important council held in

Stockholm, Sweden. At this meeting important decisions were made which have to do with the future of our work in the great European field.

The January 22, 1920 issue of the *Review and Herald* will contain a report of this important meeting. There will be matters of interest in this issue which every believer will wish to know. If you are not a subscriber why not subscribe now, having your subscription begin with the European Council Number? The *Review* is but \$2.50 a year, but during the month of January all new subscriptions for a year will be entered for fourteen months instead of twelve months. Now is the time to subscribe. Send all subscriptions to your conference tract society.

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### A Letter from Brother C. F. Colton

SHANGHAI, CHINA

December 4, 1919

DEAR EDITOR:

I am enclosing one year's subscription price to the good LAKE UNION HERALD. We are always anxious to get this good paper which gives so many interesting reports of the work and workers of our home field. We have missed the paper greatly since leaving America.

We arrived safely in Shanghai after a journey lasting twenty-five days. We have seen many strange and sad sights along the way and since arriving here. Sad conditions naturally follow in the train of heathenism. As one views the terrible darkness the mass of the people are walking in, and then sees the wonderful change the gospel of Christ makes in their lives, a prayer ascends to God for more power to carry the gospel to them.

I have wondered since coming here how the message is to go to all these 400,000,000 people, but I am encouraged as I think of the great force of workers in the homeland and how their hearts yearn for the honest souls in the dark lands, and as a result of this interest and love how they are willing to sacrifice much that this precious work may advance.

May the splendid spirit of missionary effort grow by leaps and bounds to hasten the day when the Lord of the vineyard will come to gather His jewels from all lands.

With kindest regards to all my friends in the Lake Union, and asking an interest in your prayers that we may quickly learn this language and engage in active service for the Master, I remain

Your brother in the Master's service,

C. F. COLTON

Box 814 Shanghai, China