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Family Worship

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If ever there was a time when every house should be a house of prayer, it is now. Infidelity and skepticism prevail. Iniquity abounds. Corruption flows in the vital currents of the soul, and rebellion against God breaks out in the life. Enslaved by sin, the moral powers are under the tyranny of Satan. The soul is made the sport of his temptations; and unless some mighty arm is stretched out to rescue him, man goes where the arch-rebel leads the way.

And yet, in this time of fearful peril, some who profess to be Christians have no *family worship*. They do not honor God in the home; they do not teach their children to love and fear Him. Many have separated themselves so far from Him that they feel under condemnation in approaching Him. They cannot "come boldly unto the throne of grace," "lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." Heb. 4:16; 1 Tim. 2:8. They have not a living connection with God. Theirs is a form of godliness without the power.

The idea that prayer is not essential is one of Satan's most successful devices to ruin souls. Prayer is communion with God, the Fountain of wisdom, the Source of strength, and peace, and happiness. Jesus prayed to the Father "with strong crying and tears." Paul exhorts believers to "pray without ceasing," in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, making their requests to God. "Pray one for another," James says. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Heb. 5:7; 1 Thess. 5:17; James 5:16.

By sincere, earnest prayer parents should make a hedge about their children. They should pray with full faith that God will abide with them, and that holy angels will guard them and their children from Satan's cruel power.

In every family there should be a fixed time for morning and evening worship. How appropriate it is for parents to gather their children about them before the fast is broken, to thank the heavenly Father for His protection during the night, and to ask Him for His help and guidance and watchcare during the

day! How fitting, also, when evening comes, for parents and children to gather once more before Him, and thank Him for the blessings of the day that is past.

The father, and, in his absence, the mother, should conduct the worship, selecting a portion of scripture that is interesting and easily understood. The service should be short. When a long chapter is read and a long prayer offered the service is made wearisome, and at its close a sense of relief is felt. God is dishonored when the hour of worship is made dry and irksome, when it is so tedious, so lacking in interest, that the children dread it.

Fathers and mothers, make the hour of worship intensely interesting. There is no reason why this hour should not be the most pleasant and enjoyable of the day. A little thought given to preparation for it will enable you to make it full of interest and profit. From time to time let the service be varied. Questions may be asked on the portion of scripture read, and a few earnest, timely remarks may be made. A song of praise may be sung. The prayer offered should be short and pointed. In simple, earnest words let the one who leads in prayer praise God for His goodness and ask Him for help. As circumstances permit, let the children join in the reading and the prayer.

Eternity alone will reveal the good with which such seasons of worship are fraught.

The life of Abraham, the friend of God, was a life of prayer. Wherever he pitched his tent, close beside it was built an altar, upon which were offered the morning and the evening sacrifice. When his tent was removed, the altar remained. And the roving Canaanite, as he came to that altar, knew who had been there. When he had pitched his tent, he repaired the altar, and worshiped the living God.

So the homes of Christians should be lights in the world. From them, morning and evening, prayer should ascend to God as sweet incense. And as the morning dew, His mercies and blessings will descend upon the suppliant.

Fathers and mothers, each morning and evening gather your children around you, and in humble supplication lift the heart to God for help. Your dear ones are exposed to temptation. Daily annoyances

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beset the path of young and old. Those who would live patient, loving, cheerful lives must pray. Only by receiving constant help from God can we get the victory over self.

Each morning consecrate yourselves and your children to God for that day. Make no calculation for months or years; these are not yours. One brief day is given you. As if it were your last on earth, work during its hours for the Master. Lay all your plans before God, to be carried out or given up, as His providence shall indicate. Accept His plans instead of your own, even though their acceptance requires the abandonment of cherished projects. Thus the life will be molded more and more after the divine example; and "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ." Phil. 4:7.

**Church Elders and Conference Workers,
Attention**

This next Sabbath, April 24, is the fourth Sabbath of the month and home missionary day. The Lake Union Conference Committee has requested that it be devoted to the interests of home religion. It has been suggested that in churches having conference workers or pastors with them on this day, these workers either preach a sermon on the subject for the day or give a Bible and Testimony study. For the benefit of those churches and companies not having conference workers with them, we have published several articles in this issue of the HERALD which can be read during the service. We would suggest that appropriate songs and a scripture reading be selected for this service and three or four of the articles appearing in this issue of the HERALD be read. The same order of service may be followed as is usually followed with the Second Sabbath Readings.

We have ordered sent to every church enough Covenant Cards so that the head of each family may have one to sign as the concluding part of the service. Please see that these Covenant Cards are passed out and opportunity given for them to be signed. Notice the other article in this issue dealing with the Covenant Card.

If for any reason you cannot observe this Sabbath as Family Altar Day in your church, we earnestly request that the next Sabbath, the first Sabbath in May be used.

We solicit the cooperation of all our workers and church leaders in making this a most profitable occasion in our churches.
J. L. McCONAUGHEY

Family Altar Day

At the recent meeting of the Lake Union Committee it was voted to set apart Sabbath, April 24, as Family Altar Day. The importance of this needs no emphasis when we consider the tremendous influence abroad in the land to lead our young people from Christianity into the wild revel of pleasure and luxury. As individuals to whom has been committed the responsibility of the children of this denomination, and the salvation of our own souls, we should give much more time to prayer and seeking Lord than is our custom. We are sometimes too busy for study, too engrossed in the problems of religion to pray, too much interested in those far away to give attention to those at our side, and oftentimes so burdened with the needs of other people's children that we fail to feed our own on the bread of life.

My own appreciation of these facts causes me to tremble at times, and I long to see more of that personal devotion around the Family Altar than we at present find in a general way. Every home should have its regular periods for seeking the Lord, at which times the children should be gathered together, and their attention called to the wonderful works and love of God.

Only a little in the future and our present opportunities may be forever past. Let us, therefore, not only have Family Altar Day in theory, but Family Altar days as each recurring sunrise ushers in the new period of activity. Let the interest of your children and your home, spiritually, be the first business of life.

WM. GUTHRIE

"Men read and admire the gospel of Christ,
With its love so unfailling and true;
But what do they say and what do they think
Of the 'gospel according to you'?"

"Unselfishness mirrors in every scene;
Love blossoms on every sod;
And back from its vision the heart comes to tell
The wonderful goodness of God."

A Victorious Life in the Home

The wonderful truth which God has committed to His people; the marvelous system of interwoven lines of prophecy; the splendid organization which He has perfected among us as a people; the unequalled advancement of our message to all parts of the world; these things all show the leadings of the Lord and the glorious opportunities before us. But these things are nothing and will even stand as condemnatory witnesses against us, if we do not have that personal experience essential to give us present and final victory.

To know this truth and to be a part of the onward movement will profit us nothing without the inner victory, the surety of victory over personal sin.

And our profession will indeed be as sounding brass if we have not the daily evidence in our lives of that contact with the Saviour which will bring us into the victorious life.

Again, the first and best place that the triumphant life can be manifested is in our own home. Of what good is a profession which sounds its powers only when it is on parade? Unless we have that which brings us the confidence of those nearest to us, what is the good of loudly proclaiming our high standard of righteousness?

Yes, the one thing which we, as those who know the third angel's message, must have is that revival of the spiritual life in the home which will make us as the children of the King, the candidates for a place in His eternal home.

"But," you say, "we all admit that, and surely it is just what we most desire, but how to obtain—ah, that is the question." The answer is not so hard after all—that is, it is not so hard to give the answer. To some it may mean a long, steady effort to make this answer a real part of their daily life and bring their family to where they want it to be. To raise the spiritual influence in any home is not the matter of a mere resolution, it means constant watchfulness, cooperation, and a determination to stick to the program whatever the inconvenience.

Let me then enumerate some essentials, which if closely adhered to, will undoubtedly bring into every home the spiritual atmosphere we all want.

Daily study of the Word, family prayer, definite time spent in keeping abreast of the advancement of the message, honesty with God in tithes, offerings, and in meeting our particular obligations as church and conference members, carrying forward in a definite way of some project to personally help spread the message (this may be in tract distribution, lending literature, writing letters or any line of Christian help work), and then, above all, that quiet, unassuming, oftentimes secret devotion which brings us into the inner chamber and lets us get the special help we need for the particular need at hand.

Follow the prescription and you will soon see results. And if you are especially busy and crowded

with cares, then do not let the enemy make you believe that you can not spare the time to do this. The fact is you can not afford not to get the help God will give you in getting your work out of the way. Remember that they that wait on the Lord renew their strength, and if you would get the load off quicker, then yoke up with Him who can furnish the necessary strength to help you get your tasks done the sooner.

No other results can ever follow the practice of the above than a revival of spiritual power in the home. Try it.

And when the victorious life comes into the home and into the individual lives of God's people, then we can look for that final outflow of divine power which will speedily finish the work and bring God's people to the kingdom of His love.

W. A. WESTWORTH

Building the Family Altar

William Chalmers Covert, D. D.

Religion began in the home. It was a hearthstone affair before it became institutionalized. Men thought of it in terms of the household before they thought of it in relation to spires, altars, rituals, and presbyteries. People need to have this fact brought to their attention. The home even where Christian people are chief factors is too largely passing over religious instruction to outside agencies. The disconnecting of the child from the personal influences of the home begins with the kindergarten and becomes more pronounced as the child grows and becomes a part of the imperious system of the modern school. The situation is also rendered unfavorable to any uninterrupted religious training in the home by the exactions of modern social and business life laid upon the parents.

What effect does all this have upon the family altar, upon the religious instruction and spiritual growth of the children? This is a serious question. The conditions of the future are to be the conditions of the present, only more intense and diverting. The home must, therefore, determine once for all a method by which to defend itself against the demoralizing pressure of outside things. Fathers must cling to the hallowed custom of morning prayers even though suburban trains and long-distance telephones and the time clock at the big office conspire to rob them both of time and of peace of mind. To be alone with God and the family every morning for a few minutes of Bible-reading and prayer is not only a spiritual privilege without which souls die, but a certain antidote for nervous prostration and the anxieties that harden men's arteries. It hangs around the family a curtain of spiritual defense for the day and all it brings, softening the tempers, chastening the passions, and spiritualizing life. There is nothing that will operate so effectively in these directions as the family prayer.

A ritual, or regular form of family prayers, may sacrifice the naturalness and spontaneity of the family

altar, but often lends a continuity and strength to the custom that keeps it intact and vital. Many men lack originality and initiative in conducting interesting morning prayers and should adopt the help of some of the many books with forms for family worship, including a portion of scripture, a tiny comment, and a prayer. One father in New York keeps Bibles for each member of the family in the sideboard and before breakfast is touched they all read briefly and kneel in a short prayer. Another father is reading the Bible through, touching only the incidents and passages of special interest to children. Another took a biographical reading course through the Bible, picking out the stories of heroes and leaders, and giving a few words of practical explanation. The parables and miracles of both the Old and the New Testament are most readable at devotions where there are children and where a father or a mother shows capacity for spiritualizing the application.

There can be no active, really effective religious life in the home without positive determination and cooperation on the part of both father and mother. A mother cannot do it all. Much that faithful mothers do in the way of religious teaching is nullified by the indifference and disregard of the fathers. The battle against religion in the home from the outside is severe enough without the added peril of a father's thoughtless opposition. Children soon begin to doubt the need of prayer if the father they idolize never prays. Bible-reading becomes a matter of irksome duty if not of utter neglect, when children never see their father reading the Book. One of the staggering and humiliating questions that a mother has to meet from a keen, inquiring child upon whom she is urging religious duties is, "Why does father not pray, then?" Cooperation in the religious culture of the home is absolutely vital to the maximum efficiency of any plans. The daily readings that accompany the Sabbath-school lessons have a special daily interest for the family that is identified with the Sabbath-school and give parents and older children fine opportunity for illumining comment.

Praying in the home should be audible at other times than at family prayers. In an unexpressed and inaudible prayer, thought is vague and indefinite, and needs the precision and clarifying influences induced by speech. Posture at prayer in the home is different from that expected elsewhere. Kneeling is the invariable attitude at the family altar and elsewhere in the home. A distinguished cartoonist in illustrating an "old home" article for a magazine undertook to idealize the family altar but failed in that he had the father standing in the room offering prayer. This was so unreal as to devitalize the picture.

Every home should be such that a family altar with all that follows it in the way of religious instruction should come forth as a natural, consistent flowering of its best life. Our national life is suffering for want

of those keen moral sensibilities that are fostered alone by pure religion of the home. The need is critical, and yet church people are shockingly lax in meeting their obligations on behalf of the religious life of the home. A nation-wide call should go up from pastors and praying people generally, urging that the family altar be set up in every Christian home. This is a method of spiritual preparedness for which the times urgently call.—Reprinted from *Christian Educator*.

Do We Need a Revival of Home Religion?

"This denomination has lost 10,000 of its young people during the past forty years." This statement was made by Elder Meade MacGuire at the time of the General Council at Boulder, Colo., last fall. Elder MacGuire has devoted the greater part of his life to personal work among the young people of this denomination. One cannot help but ponder at times on what might have been accomplished if this great host of young people—some of them boys and girls who have grown up in your church and mine—had been saved to this message and had devoted their energies to its promulgation. Who knows but that we might have been in the kingdom long before this?

But why ponder? They are gone. Many without doubt are in their graves.

But why not ponder? It seems to me that this statement of Elder MacGuire's should pierce its way clear to the innermost heart of every believer.

Where are they gone? Easily answered; gone to the four winds and lost forever.

But *why* have they gone? Ah! this is a different question. There must be a reason. No one can deny that. This is the question that should be given most serious thought and much prayer by every father and mother. Some who are still left in the home circle seem to be losing their interest in religious matters; but why? Some of them as they grow into young manhood and young womanhood—and oftentimes much younger in life—are fretful and restless and dissatisfied and quarrelsome—Why? Do you, dear reader, know of any home where this is true? Is it so in your own home? Is this true of your own children? If so, why?

I have been wondering if one reason for this might not be that the father and mother and the older members of the family have not been manifesting a sweet Christian experience in the home. The place, perhaps, where the most little perplexities arise in our Christian experience, is in the home; and yet here above all places a sweet Christian experience should be seen and felt. The religion we profess to the public on the Sabbath and at the prayer meeting, by both action and word, should be and must be lived in the home if we are to inspire the respect, honor, and love of all the members of our household.

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Ten Reasons Why Every Christian Home Should Have a Family Altar

William Edward Biederwolf

I

Because it will send you forth to the daily task with cheerful heart, stronger for the work, truer to duty and determined in whatever is done therein to glorify God.

II

Because it will give you strength to meet the discouragements, the disappointments, the unexpected adversities and sometimes the blighted hopes that may fall to your lot.

III

Because it will make you conscious throughout the day of the attending presence of an unseen, divine One, who will bring you through more than conqueror over every unholy thought or thing that rises up against you.

IV

Because it will sweeten home life and enrich home relationship as nothing else can do.

V

Because it will resolve all the misunderstanding and relieve all the friction that sometimes intrudes into the sacred precincts of family life.

VI

Because it will hold as nothing else the boys and girls when they have gone out from underneath the parental roof and so determine very largely the eternal salvation of your children.

VII

Because it will exert a helpful, hallowed influence over those who may at any time be guests within the home.

VIII

Because it will enforce as nothing else can do the work of your pastor in pulpit and in pew and stimulate the life of your church in its every activity.

IX

Because it will furnish an example and a stimulus to other homes for the same kind of life and service and devotion to God.

X

Because the Word of God requires it and in thus obeying God we honor Him who is the Giver of all good and the source of all blessing.

The Covenant Card

Below is a copy of a covenant card which will be used in all the churches in the Lake Union Conference next Sabbath, April 24. This is Family Altar Day. These cards will be passed out to the heads of families and they will be given an opportunity to sign them. Knowing that there are a large number of isolated families who will not have the privilege of attending services in any of our churches next Sabbath, we are inserting this pledge, or covenant card, in the HERALD so that they may also have the opportunity of pledging themselves to observe family worship each day in their homes. Even though you are already observing the family altar in your home, sign the pledge so that we may know how many real Sev-

enth-day Adventist homes in our great field are fostering in this way home religion.

If our isolated brethren and sisters, after having read the articles in this issue dealing with the importance of family worship, feel impressed to unite with us in strengthening the religious life in our homes by establishing or reestablishing the family worship hour, will you not kindly sign the covenant blank below and mail immediately to your local conference office? This should be signed by the head of the family.

Take this copy of the HERALD with you to church next Sabbath. If there are not enough pledge cards there, sign the one in the HERALD and tear it out and hand it in.

Covenant Card

Believing myself to be largely responsible for the eternal salvation and religious training of my children and realizing the need of God's grace for my own Christian life

I COVENANT WITH GOD

to make it the rule of my life to gather together each day, so far as possible, the members of my family and together read some portion of His word and pray for His blessing upon my home.

City & State..... Husband.....

Street..... Wife.....

Do We Need a Revival of Home Religion?

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Some months ago I was sitting in a home talking to a talented young woman who had been reared in this message. She is holding a position in the world today with an income of several hundred dollars a month. I asked her to tell me why she left the faith—why she was not a Christian today. She told me a story that made me tremble. Her parents had been prominent church workers when she was a girl, her mother especially; but she said: "Brother McConaughy, my mother was a demon in her own home." She lost confidence in her mother and in her mother's religion. And can you blame a child for wavering and oftentimes losing confidence in the religion of the parents when they will not permit that religion to bring a spirit of love and cheer and devotion into the home life?

What has become of the family worship that used to be found in every Christian home; that time when the father would gather his family around him and read from the blessed Book and pray to a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God in behalf of his family? How sad it is that during this age of strife and stress; this busy age of hustle and bustle—the time of all times when God's people should keep in close touch with their Maker—that the family worship has been rapidly disappearing. Can this be one cause, I wonder, why so many of our boys and girls are restless, because father and mother do not take time to read from the blessed Book and pray with them day by day; do not take time to bring a spirit of prayer, love, and devotion into their daily home life? Can this be the cause of one of our girls taking the veil in a New York convent? Can this be a cause of one of our boys studying for the Roman Catholic priesthood? Can this be a cause of one of our girls holding a high position with the radical Bolshevistic anarchistic element in this country? Can this be a cause of many of our young people marrying unbelievers and leaving the faith? What say you, friend reader? Could this possibly be one cause of your children drifting toward the world or becoming restless and careless in the home?

Are not these questions worth pondering over? Have you been faithful in your daily family worship? Have you been successful in creating a loving, cheerful, devotional atmosphere in your home? If not, is there not a reason? Is this one of the causes? Let each answer for himself. J. L. McCONAUGHEY

"If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life forget your neighbor's faults. Forget all the slander you have ever heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the faultfinding, and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them."

The Happy Home

Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.

Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early lisp His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.

Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred word,
And live but for the skies.

Lord, let us in our home agree,
This blessed home to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,
And love to all will reign.

—Selected

Our Elementary Teachers

Brethren and Sisters in the Lake Union Conference:—I am sending out through the agency of the HERALD an appeal to the constituency of this Union for careful consideration of the matter of the salaries of our teachers in the elementary schools. At the present time these teachers are receiving a very small compensation for their work, compared with that of other departments. We believe that our work should be on a missionary basis and that a departure from this principle means a loss of the spirit as well as the power of our work. It must be obvious to all that the time has come for us to advance the wage scale for our elementary teachers and make it at least comparable with advances of other workers. We do not pretend to be able to meet the standard of the world in salary, but our teachers must have sufficient to meet their needs.

It was voted at our recent Union Conference session to increase the salaries of our present teaching force from ten to twenty-five per cent, depending upon the salary being received. I have instructed the superintendents of the field to press the matter with their boards. I appeal to every one who is interested in the education of the boys and girls in this field to thoughtfully, and prayerfully consider the matter of the advance of the church-school teachers' salaries for 1920, and ask when this matter comes to your church and to you, that you will endorse it.

I feel that we have a right to count on you for your support in the carrying out of this policy, and pray that the Lord will give you wisdom in planning for the school you are interested in and help you to be fair and honest with the one whom you will call to your community to help in the work for your children. The department welcomes suggestions regarding policies or plans for its work. We not only welcome it; we invite it. G. R. FATTIC

Will Michigan Church Schools Be Closed?

This question is of vital concern to Seventh-day Adventists. The answer to the question will be given at the ballot box in November. That which makes the question necessary has been referred to in a previous article which narrated a short story of the proposed amendment to the Michigan Constitution which, if adopted by the electorate, will mean the closing of all elementary or primary schools other than the public schools.

The proposed amendment does not disturb the work of academies or colleges because the curricula of studies of those higher schools is above the eighth grade. Surely, we are interested in our academies and in our colleges,—these higher schools prepare our young people for the work,—but should we not be equally concerned and interested in the church schools of the denomination which are assisting in the proper shaping of the minds of our children and filling their young hearts with that which will be the initial steps toward more advanced induction into the realm of Christian education?

That being true, it is of the highest importance that we not only vote against the amendment in November, but will see to it that our schools are assisted in every way possible to meet all proper requirements of elementary instruction in vogue in the public school system. I understand that a series of questionnaires are being sent out by the school authorities which involve the manual and industrial side of primary instruction.

It is cause for gratification that our schools have nothing to hide. Our schools are very properly open to the inspection of any constituted authority, and our aim and purpose is to prepare our children for usefulness to God and native land. No system of schools should have a teaching system or curriculum which cannot stand the light of inquiry and inspection. We should feel pleased that our course of studies encourage loyal devotion to the work of the founders of this great nation of ours. Let us therefore continue to foster plans for the greatest development of our elementary schools as God would have us do. This will not antagonize nor minimize the public school system.

S. B. HORTON

Religious Liberty Activities Before the Illinois Constitutional Convention

At the present time there is in session in Springfield, Ill., a constitutional convention, brought together for the purpose of revising the present constitution to make it conform to the many features of governmental relations to the body politic which seem to be needed. The present constitution was adopted in 1870, but does not seem to serve in this time of perplexing problems which concern the relation between capital and labor, mining interests, military status of

the citizenry, etc. Along with the demand for a new constitution to meet the situation of purely civil importance, come proponents of measures of religious character, who hope to help the state in its dilemma by proposing fundamental legislation from their viewpoint.

Among the Proposals (the term used to designate proposed articles to be incorporated in the constitution), is one eliminating the reference to the Deity in the preamble of the present document, as advocated by leaders of secular leagues, and other societies which contend for the complete separation between church and state. Several Proposals are also docketed for consideration looking to the placing of the Bible as a reading book in the public schools of the state. The most of these Proposals merely suggest permission to so use the Bible in localities where it is desired; but one these makes the reading of the Bible mandatory and compulsory.

The writer was present at a hearing given on both these subjects Thursday, April 8, by the Bill of Rights committee at the Capitol, and was granted the privilege of submitting a brief or statement in writing which will be in the hands of the committee before this number of the HERALD reaches its readers.

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This Program Will Bring Success

The other day I received a letter from one of the local elders. I believe that if every leader and elder of our local churches had the burden for the academy that this man has, our financial program for the academy would be a grand success. He writes:

"Dear Brother Wiest: The burden of the academy has borne heavily upon me for sometime, and as I look forward to the work that must be carried on, I think, What can I do that will interest the members of our church in its great need for immediate help? Our church is always ready to take hold of any work that will be for the advancement of the cause of God, but we have been to great expense in the last two years in remodeling our church and equipping it to take care of our church school. Then our apportionment of \$10 per member for the academy last year, the Harvest Ingathering, the expense of our teachers, the increase from 15 cents to 25 cents per week for Sabbath school—all this has meant work and sacrifice and prayer with all of us. In the financial calls that came to us last year, we exceeded them all except the amount for the academy—in this we fell short \$200. Last Sabbath was the Thirteenth Sabbath and we more than made our goal of \$412. A few years ago we received from \$140 to \$160 per year from this source, and with a membership about the same as

today. To me this seems a marvelous thing, yet when I think of the source that all the blessings come from, it is not surprising. I am reminded of Haggai 2:8, where the Lord says "the silver is Mine and the gold is Mine"; and again in Psalms 50:10, "For every beast of the forest is Mine and the cattle upon a thousand hills." Then I think of the experience of Moses in the building of the sanctuary when he had to restrain the people from giving (Ex. 36:3-7) and again David's experience as found in 1 Chron. 29:8-17. As it was then so the Lord says it will be in the finishing of this work that has been given to us as a people to carry forward. Psalms 110 says, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power." The time is near when we are to go in and possess the land, and I cannot help recalling the experience of Israel as recorded in Deuteronomy 8, especially verses 10 to 17, and pray that this will not be the experience of Israel today.

"A few weeks ago we took up the matter of raising \$15 per member for the academy before camp-meeting. We outlined a plan and placed it on the blackboard, after the same manner we used for our Harvest Ingathering, placing the same women as leaders who did such noble work last fall, and which I was sure would mean success to this undertaking.

The response the first Sabbath was \$181, the next Sabbath \$106, and last Sabbath our Thirteenth Sabbath program took up the time and but a few dollars came in toward the academy. Then our organ went wrong and almost refused to operate; our church floor is bare in places for the need of a new carpet, and many felt we must have an organ and carpet at once and a great deal of money was pledged for that. There is no question but that they are needed, but there is still a greater need and that is to provide a place for our boys and girls where they may get a Christian education. So we called a meeting of the church officers (thirteen responded), and after placing before them our own needs and that of the academy, the matter was duly considered and the unanimous decision was \$1,965 for Indiana Academy before camp-meeting. And not only that, but we hope to pay the balance back in last year of \$200. This was a great sacrifice to many whose hearts were to improve our own church, but such a sacrifice does not pass by unnoticed by the Lord but a record is kept of it.

"It means a sacrifice to us all—there are many among us who cannot give the full amount of their quota, but who like the poor widow will give all they can. We will sell books, papers, magazines, and in any way do all we can to raise this money. I knew that you would rejoice at this news and hasten to write you.

"We solicit your earnest prayers in behalf of our church in this campaign. Your brother in Christ, T. A. Goodwin."

This program will bring success. C. S. WIEST

Marion

This meeting will be held Friday night, April 30, and Sabbath, May 1. All the near-by churches are invited. The first service at 8 P. M. of first date. Meeting Sabbath forenoon and afternoon to suit church. Come prepared to spend the day seeking the Lord. Bring lunch for Sabbath. Several speakers. Important meeting.

WM. GUTHRIE

Camp-Meeting on School Farm, Cicero

June 3-13

Three times a year were the children of Israel commanded to assemble in one place for special worship. These special gatherings came at different seasons—in the spring as well as in the fall. Doubtless they had home cares and domestic duties which were important interests to foster for the welfare of their physical needs. They had to choose between going to the Passover feast or of looking after their daily work and opportunity of making a few extra dollars.

Today we have but one special gathering in a year. The call is "Come to camp-meeting, June 3-13, at Cicero." We too have home cares, but in order to enjoy this annual feast, we too must sacrifice somewhat financially. Much might be said of the importance of such a gathering, but let it suffice, simply quoting Heb. 10:24-25. "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Ministerial Help

We have the promise of Elders W. A. Spicer and E. R. Palmer from the General Conference. Also Professor Simons to assist in the young people's work. Besides these we have the help of all the Union men and local workers. This we believe will be a very important gathering, and every believer should put forth an earnest effort to be present.

The Way to Come

The L. E. & W. Railway passes through Cicero. The trains that stop will be met by some appointed person. The interurban runs every hour north and south. Arrangements have been made to transfer the baggage-trunks, for 25 cents and suit cases 10 cents.

Tents and Rooms

The price of tents will be the same as former years, ranging from \$3, \$4 and \$5. Full floor \$2, one-half floor \$1.25. Springs 50 cents. Straw 30 cents. Lumber that is cut will be charged according to the price of lumber.

Remember—the Conference has no bedding to rent or furnish—you must bring your own bedding, straw tick, sheets, towels, pillows, etc. Bring plenty of bedding and wraps, and rubbers, for we expect it to rain sometime during the ten days meeting.

It has been voted by the Academy Board to charge

\$15 for each room, with four in one room. It was further voted to reserve the girls' dormitory for the aged and invalids, and that no washing, ironing, or cooking be allowed in the rooms.

Those who desire rooms down town should come early in the day and secure a room themselves. It is quite a burden for the conference to take such a responsibility. We have so much to do in getting the camp in order that it requires our full force of workers.

We will also arrange a place for automobiles, and have some one to take care of them. The price for this privilege will be \$2 for the ten days. In this way we shall be reimbursed for the expense involved in preparing this accommodation.

Order your accommodations at once. Write to the office on a separate sheet of paper. Room 417-21 Castle Hall Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

C. S. WIEST

Richmond Sabbath School

The past quarter has been a profitable one for the Richmond Sabbath school. We have enjoyed the lessons in the book of Phillipians and are trying to put them into practical use.

In our minds' eye, we can see the brethren of the East African Mission preparing to ask the General Conference for the help that they needed. Going over their many needs and summing them up, in all probability they asked for a great deal less than their actual requirements. We can also see the General Conference Committee asking for twenty-five cents a week from our Sabbath school members as the least amount needed. With this vision in our minds, coupled with the practical lessons of this quarter, we considered twenty-five cents a week per member as the minimum amount we would give, but not as our goal.

We started the quarter with a determination to reach our twenty-five cents a week if possible every Sabbath. We determined that if we did not reach the desired amount we would ask for extra collections. However, not until the quarter was about two-thirds over did we have a balance on the Sabbath school chart in our favor. But when that day arrived, the enthusiasm for missions began to spread, and we finished the quarter with a Thirteenth Sabbath Offering of \$70.74, making our total Sabbath school collections for a church membership of twenty-six, \$152.51.

Pray for the Richmond church that we may not only freely give to the Lord of our means, but that we may by Christ-like lives lead many souls into the kingdom.

FRED S. WIER

"An hour of triumph comes at last to those who watch and wait."

East Michigan Conference

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Why?

There are some things about our religious belief that we can fully understand, but there are other things that will always remain matters of faith. We wonder if the people in olden times knew exactly the significance of all their rites and ceremonies, if they knew just what was meant by the wearing of bells and girdles, the sacrificing of bullocks and lambs, the building of altars of unhewn stones, the anointing with oil, the sprinkling of blood upon the garments, or the burning of frankincense? In those days we believe the people were not so prone to question why. They valued salvation enough to be willing to go ahead with an infinitude of rites and ceremonies that they did not fully understand.

But today we seem to have reached the place where we refuse to go ahead on any matter of faith. We seem to demand complete knowledge. Until we are fully convinced in our own minds as to the actual merits of any understanding, we refuse to give it our full support. What if the leaders of old had refused to wear their garments until they knew exactly the meaning of the bells and pomegranates? What if the priests had refused to sacrifice until they knew just why a bullock should be offered at one time, and a lamb or ram at another? What if the people had refused to bring their sacrifices until they knew just why part should be eaten, what part burnt upon the altar, and the rest burnt at a place outside the camp? They did not stop to question why, but went ahead by faith because all these rites were part of a system ordained of God.

Today our plan of reporting is just as much a part of a system ordained of God as those things were in the days of old. If we cannot understand why, let us go ahead and do it just the same. Let us not jeopardize the whole system simply because we cannot understand. It is not nearly as hard to hand in a report as it was to sacrifice a lamb. Those people were willing to do something for their religion, but for some of us even the handing in of a report on Sabbaths is too much. The saint of old was willing to offer not only a lamb, but even his own son as a matter of faith. But today it is hard to scrape up enough faith to even hand in a missionary report without knowing exactly why. The leaders of old were willing to go through a most tedious round of unpleasant routine every day—as a matter of faith, but some of our leaders today think that even the sending in of one missionary report a month to the conference requires too much effort. Let us get back to the old paths. Let us exercise the faith that they did back there.

To some the matter of reporting is a matter of knowledge, they can see its importance and under-

stand its value; to others it may always remain a matter of faith. But even though you cannot understand it fully, hand in your reports just the same. If you do not report, you spoil the report for the whole conference, for you immediately make that total report inaccurate and incomplete. So if you cannot report as a matter of knowledge, kindly do so as a matter of faith. But whatever you do, report, and report every week.

EDWIN R. THIELE

North Michigan Conference

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School Notes

The Shelby home school reports that they have completed three Reading Courses this year.

The Traverse City teacher and her pupils are very busy getting ready for their missionary program that is to be given May 27.

Miss Gaul of Frankfort writes that they will purchase new maps for their room with the money raised by selling "Epidemics." These boys and girls have already earned their reading course certificates.

Miss Orth writes: "The children have all finished their Junior Reading Course books. I have finished the Senior, and have nearly completed the Teachers' Course. We have our new globe. It is just fine."

The Rhodes school will be the first school to close this year, but they have their work up to date.

I quote from a letter written in March by Miss Waters of Cooks: "My school is rather small on these stormy days. The roads are drifted too badly for the little ones to get to school. You should see what fun we have getting over the snow banks."

CAROLYN RASMUSSEN

Experiences

Brother E. J. Peterson is canvassing in territory that was canvassed with "Bible Readings" two years ago, and has averaged \$4.70 per hour. If he should put in 1,600 hours during the remainder of the year, and make the same average, his orders would amount to over \$7,500 by the end of the year.

Brother Fay Chalker has been working in Baldwin and the vicinity with "Our Day," and God is blessing his efforts with an average of \$2.62 an hour.

Sister A. K. Harper of Brampton has taken up the work with "Our Day" in Gladstone. Her first effort of 19 hours netted 21 orders, valued at \$62.50 or an average of \$3.28 per hour.

Several new workers will soon be in the field, and I am wondering if there are not others who desire a part in the closing scenes of this work. God is calling you. Will you answer that call now?

HUGH STEARNS

Sabbath School News

Sabbath schools reporting on time this quarter are: Cadillac, Boyne City, Escanaba, Frankfort, Coleman, Cheboygan, Greendale, Mt. Pleasant, Whittemore, Cooks, Mesick, Riverside, Wilson, Galdwin, Kewadin, Omer, Grant, Alpena, Pellston, Ludington, Dublin, Barryton, Lyle, Mio, Gladstone, Soo, Curran, Midland, Edenville.

Dollar Day schools are: Mesick, Riverside, Petoskey, Pellston, Dublin, Mt. Pleasant, Cadillac, Escanaba, Cheboygan, Mio.

Fourteen members of the Twining Sabbath school studied their lessons every day during the past quarter. Eleven earned perfect attendance cards.

The Barryton school went beyond its mission goal. One-half of the membership studied their lessons every day. The primary class was able to repeat the memory verses on thirteenth Sabbath for the whole quarter. Ten Home Department members of this school earned both the red and blue seals.

Dublin, one of our new schools, raised 27 cents per member for the quarter just closed.

According to membership, the Lyle and Mt. Pleasant schools were awarded the largest number of Mission Bonds.

CAROLYN RASMUSSEN

March

	Tithe	2s	F. M.		Tithe	2s	F. M.
Alpena	\$41 55	01	\$28 13	Mio	\$15 87	\$1 21	\$36 57
Alden	33 95	20	17 85	Mecosta	35 22		
Barryton	34 15		22 05	Midland	25 65	3 80	1 96
Boyne City	17 50	2 00	12 00	Mt. Pleasant	80 44		48 76
Colfax				Onaway			
Cleon				Petoskey	126 94	1 76	55 15
Cadillac	48 48	5 25	48 11	Reed City	12 25	2 30	10 00
Cheboygan				Riverside	34 13	6 02	35 10
Cooks	630 32	102 00	393 89	Rhodes	161 17	2 32	9 00
Conference	424 04	21 92	251 47	*Rothbury	62 34	2 00	12 54
Curran	11 50		4 86	Scottville	5 95	08	1 00
Denver				Shelby	121 77	16 56	52 38
Eastport	47 75	2 55	29 27	Stittsville	604 00		148 28
Edenville	121 37	21	45 43	Star City			
Escanaba				Soo			2 50
Frankfort	64 61	5 30	36 79	S. Ste Marie			
Gaylord	60 45	1 21	2 50	Traverse City	54 19	1 06	48 87
Gladstone	22 36	1 40	8 60	Twining	52 50	5 64	29 88
*Grant	96 68	15 35	15 37	Whittemore			
Horr	15 02		11 95	Wilson	161 17	2 06	31 05
Mesick	29 59	1 75	41 78	Total	3284 91	203 96	1482 09

*Two months

Chicago Conference

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Recent Changes

Within the last few weeks some changes have been made in the laboring force in the Chicago Conference, and I wish to take this opportunity of introducing the new workers to the brethren and sisters, and also let the friends throughout the Union know who have been added to our force. Last September Brother Howard Wilcox, who had been chosen to lead out in the educational and young people's work, resigned his position and for a number of months we were without any one to take his place. Lately

Brother W. A. Woodruff has been secured. Grace Evans has been recommended by the Union Conference to take the educational work and also the work laid down by Sister Webster in the Sabbath school department, when she left for California.

At the last Union Conference, Elder J. H. Miller and Miss Wilhimina Muller were released from the Chicago Conference to East Michigan. Elder W. B. Ochs has been secured to take the place made vacant in the North Side German church.

Mrs. Luella McKean, who has been laboring in New York City for the past few years, formerly from Chicago, has returned to this field and taken up Bible work, laboring with the people in the north end of the city.

Miss Effie Svenson has also been secured for the same line of work and will connect with the work on the west side.

Brother L. C. Metcalf, who lead the music in the Detroit effort two years ago conducted by Elder A. V. Cotton, is now connected with the Chicago Conference and has charge of the music in our large Orchestra Hall effort.

Elder Nyman was recommended to this field by the Lake Union Conference to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Elder W. J. Harris who recently left this field for China. Elder Nyman is located at Joliet and has charge of the territory outside of the city of Chicago.

Large plans are being laid for aggressive work in this field during the coming summer.

An elders' meeting has been appointed for our conference for Monday evening, April 19, at the Forty-sixth Street church, at which the plans for the summer's work will be discussed.

Let us all pray that the Lord will bless these laborers who have come in our midst, and also bless the plans that are laid for the furtherance of the work in our field.

A. J. CLARK

Bible Chautauqua in Chicago

Four lectures in the Bible Chautauqua series in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, have thus far been held with encouraging results as far as attendance is concerned. Each time we have seen an increase over the one preceding. On the opening night there were about 1,200 persons present to hear Elder E. A. Daniells speak on the subject, "Has Christianity Failed?"

Eight days later, Prof. J. G. Lamson gave a lecture on "The Turkish Tangle in Bible Prophecy," a larger number being present than on the opening night. On April 6, Evangelist Carlyle B. Haynes spoke on "Spiritualism—An Answer to Sir Oliver Lodge." The fourth lecture was given by Elder E. E. Andross on Monday night, April 12, on "Heathenism: The Advent Message in Heathen Lands." This was illustrated with very attractive and educational slides;

also by two reels of moving pictures, one on heathen life, the other on heathen temples.

From the manner in which these lectures have been attended, and the close attention given the speakers, it is quite evident that many friends favorable to the cause of truth are being made in this great and wicked city. The night that Elder Haynes spoke on Spiritualism a number of Spiritualists were present, and also in the audience were hundreds who had heard Sir Oliver Lodge speak in favor of this rapidly spreading delusion several weeks before. Brother Haynes gave a clear presentation from the Bible as to the origin of this deception, and the manner in which it works. We believe that many were convinced of the dangers involved in following such a teaching.

The officials of the Chicago Conference feel that a fair trial of the plan to sell tickets for this series of lectures has been given, and that there have been quite a large number of persons present who might not have come had the lectures been free.

The musical program itself, when compared with some of the other musical attractions given in the city, has been worth the price of admission. Our choir of two hundred and fifty voices, under the direction of Brother L. C. Metcalf, has done well in its renditions, and the special numbers on the pipe organ, violin, and harp, and vocal selections have helped to raise the standard of our cause in the estimation of those who have been present.

We believe that all legitimate methods by which the cause of God might be advanced should be used in the unusual centers, and that the present method of getting back the money that was necessary to expend to reach a better class of people has been blessed, as is evidenced by the encouraging audiences that have thus far been present.

WALTER L. BURGAN

Pythian Temple Effort

Our Sunday evening effort will close at this hall May 2. We have not had at any time a large attendance at the meetings, two hundred being the largest. Twice during the effort the South Side church called at the homes of the people in the vicinity of the hall, giving them notices of the meetings and inviting them to come. We found in this way that a great many foreigners lived about the hall. This may be why our attendance has been small. Our collections, however, have nearly paid the rental of the hall, which is \$15 a night. Five told me last Sunday evening they were keeping the Sabbath; three desire baptism. There are others that we are sure God will impress to take their stand.

The workers in this effort all join in the Orchestra Hall meetings, and many of those interested in our Sunday evening services are attending these meetings. We are planning for a baptism the first of May.

The hall is located at 110th Street. It was hoped a company could be formed there, but we find most of the interested ones are coming from the city, so those baptized will probably join with the Forty-sixth Street church.

Plans are now on foot to sell the church at Forty-sixth Street and move further south. The present location is not desirable as the vicinity about the property is mostly colored. We hope by next fall to be in a new location where the members can do active work for the community where they attend church.

We as workers desire to be humble instruments for God's Spirit to use in gathering out the precious grain for His garner. To this end we ask your prayers.

IRA J. WOODMAN

and a black mark given to any one who confesses to having spoken unkindly of any individual. We believe such movements tend toward the spiritual uplift of our young people.

G. H. SIMPSON

Boys and Girls

of West and North Michigan, why not begin to save your dollars for next year's schooling? When you have \$5, \$10, or more, on hand, just send it along and place on deposit with the school here. Already one young man has over \$100 credit with us for next year.

CEDAR LAKE ACADEMY

West Michigan Conference
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Cedar Lake Academy News Notes

Brother Tieche of France, who is visiting several of our schools in this country, spent two days with us last week. We were very much interested as he told us of conditions in the Latin Union. We were impressed with the great need of workers, especially in educational lines, as at present he informed us we have but one school in the whole Union, with only seventeen students. When a rising vote was called for, practically all of our students pledged themselves to go to France or any other mission field, depending on the call of the Lord.

On Sunday evening, April 10, the Academy Choral Society rendered the sacred cantata "Ruth" in the chapel. It was very much appreciated by all. To some, however, who tell us when we give such programs that Cedar Lake has an unusual amount of musical talent, we desire to state that an equal amount will be found among our young people everywhere if they are given the opportunity to develop along this line.

Last Thursday a short visit from Elder Chancy Wood was enjoyed by students and teachers.

Mr. Butterfield, with the help of some of our boys, is doing much to beautify our lawns. Paths are being constructed, and shrubbery is to be set out.

The History of Missions class deserves special mention in the HERALD. During the year two of their members dropped out of school, and the class immediately instituted measures to bring them back. One of these young men lived only a few miles from the school, and when other measures failed the whole class went after him and would listen to no excuse. Although real obstacles were facing these two students, yet we believe they are now grateful to the class for giving them courage to take hold again. We also wish to notice that the members of this class have pledged themselves to keep the spirit of the ninth commandment. Each day in class a record is taken

March

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Albion	\$89 57	\$2 22	\$45 98	Grand Rapids	649 29	38 58	321 56
Allegan	42 08	5 19	64 23	Greenville	76 55	2 57	47 24
Allendale	63 45	6 89	11 20	Hartford	7 51		23 50
Bangor				Hastings	92 33	1 46	61 38
Battle Creek	4300 11	62 06	704 88	Holland	111 06	8 13	66 62
Bauer	27 71	1 01	25 70	Homer	20 39	1 60	16 62
Bedford	153 50	22 10	31 33	Howard City	50 55	4 77	14 76
Belding	62 67		40 00	Kalamazoo	264 89	18 70	130 12
Benton Harbor	137 10	9 96	38 03	Kent City	62 80	2 14	13 20
B. S. College	821 52	82 05	490 16	Kinderhook			
B. S. Village	346 51	1 79	159 39	Lakeview	176 56		17 98
Bloomington				Long Lake	12 00		1 78
Brookfield	21 45			Lyons			
Buchanan	53 49	2 39	16 47	Maple Grove	55 34	2 51	50 02
Bushnell				Mendon	20 42	2 22	12 72
Byron Center				Monterey	32 49	86	34 07
Carlton Center	46 84	2 80	27 29	Muskegon	184 01	25 35	67 00
Carson City	137 46	3 78	54 49	North Liberty	36 73		10 50
Cedar Lake	167 99	16 57	92 10	Otsego	339 49	22 89	119 76
Charlotte	115 82	1 70	21 47	Palo			
Clifford Lake	27 87	2 59	9 42	Paw Paw	32 65	2 00	51 58
Coldwater	48 98		16 23	Portland	54 18	1 21	15 50
Covert	41 45		10 75	Potterville			
Cedar Springs				Quincy	830 04	60	17 10
Decatur	35 31		23 40	Sand Lake	141 95	7 75	55 27
Dimondale	90 40	12 98	16 61	South Bend	429 92	37 68	279 69
Douglas				Sturgis			
Eaton Rapids				St. Joseph	53 63	2 23	43 80
Edmore	121 38	4 15	237 54	Three Rivers	33 88	5 44	15 95
Elkhart	332 64	15 97	198 84	Trufant	12 10		12 00
Fremont	163 26	3 13	45 27	Union City	65 63		15 11
Frost	127 92	2 07	19 42	Urbantale			
Glenwood	133 49	6 95	67 60	West LeRoy	19 41	35	4 21
Gobleville	135 49		37 03	Wright	96 71	9 26	65 73
Gowen				Conference	35 56	4 52	11 00
Grand Haven	59 07	1 00	17 55	Individuals	150 05	11 39	31 96
Grand Ledge	100 65	2 54	28 44	Total	12153 30	485 08	4178 58

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Camp-Meeting

Many are inquiring about the camp-meeting this year—where it will be and the date. The date is June 17-27. The committee considered a number of places for the meeting and finally decided to hold it at Ashland. We have a cordial invitation from the city, and we trust a large number of our people will avail themselves of the opportunity to attend the services.

We are not able to announce at this writing just what ministerial help we shall have outside of the Union, but hope to be able to give this information soon.

The rent for supplies will be the same as last year, with the exception of lumber. We have not found out just what we shall have to pay for the rent of the lumber, but necessarily it will be higher than last season. We trust every family in North Wisconsin will plan to be with us.

For several years, events have been moving rapidly and it requires close study on the part of the watchmen to keep up, so it behooves us to spend some time each year in especially seeking God that we may be kept in touch with the message as it is moving onward. Bring your friends to the meeting and encourage all you can to attend.

Send orders for tents and supplies to the North Wisconsin Tract Society. Let us seek God earnestly that this meeting may be the best one we have ever held.

J. J. IRWIN

Brother C. R. Morris, our field agent, left April 8 for Broadview and Berrien Springs to attend the canvassers' institute. He reports splendid progress in the field in circulating the printed page.

The colporteurs' institute is to be held at Superior, April 23 to May 2. We trust our brethren in the field will pray for our workers as they study how they may best advance the work.

Illinois Conference

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Duquoin's Thirteenth Sabbath

Sabbath, March 27, was a day some of us will not soon forget. It was a beautiful day to start with, and our hearts were more than glad to work for the Master. We more than reached our Thirteenth Sabbath goal of \$150 for Africa. When we first suggested \$150 for our Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, we did it tremblingly. One sister suggested we make popcorn balls to help raise this amount. I must confess I was not very enthusiastic at first, in making popcorn balls for missions. Finally those particularly interested in this enterprise, set their stake for \$15. It was soon reached. Then they thought to double that. The children from our school entered heartily into the selling of the popcorn balls, through rain or shine, and the \$30 was made in another week. They then decided to make their goal \$40; when finally this was reached, the time drew near when the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was to be taken. They did so well, however, that at last a \$50 goal was set. They decided to quit at \$50. The result of all this faithful service was the grand total, clear of all expenses, of \$58.65. Was that not splendid? We think so.

We made a chart that registered our offerings for each Sabbath by a vertical line, each inch of these lines represented a dollar. At no time during the quarter did our weekly offerings fall below our \$12 goal. When the Thirteenth Sabbath came, we had a ribbon one hundred and fifty inches long, representing the last line on our weekly goal chart. This ribbon reached up the wall to the ceiling, and along the ceiling one hundred and fifty inches. At the end of this ribbon were the words, "150 for Africa." From the end was also hung a large popcorn ball about twice the size of one's head.

When the offering was taken, each one came forward with his offering envelope, and told how much it contained. Each person, if he chose to do so, could tell how he had earned his offering for Africa. Needless to say, most of the children said theirs was earned by selling popcorn balls. Some reported selling magazines.

A few gave \$25 and \$10 offerings, and when all was counted, to our great surprise we had, instead of \$150, a grand total of \$212 for Africa. When this

March

	Tithe	2%	Miss.		Tithe	2%	Miss.
Antigo.....	\$51 30	\$3 56	\$9 29	Jim Falls.....	915 70	183 07	5 48
Ashland (Eng.)	174 64	30 44	66 12	Knapp.....	41 50	6 44	17 52
Ashland (Scan.)	9 36	24	13 48	Ladysmith.....	15 00		10 50
Bashaw Lake...	27 70	4 20	21 20	Lucas.....	28 80	2 00	
Bear Lake.....	28 95		23 77	Maiden Rock...	12 00	2 40	
Bloomville.....	54 04	3 16	9 45	Merrill.....	53 48	5 84	56 54
Beldenville.....	69 15	11 07	10 55	Menominee, M.	123 28	13 83	28 23
Bone Lake.....	87 13	06	64 46	Orange.....	20 15	4 03	17 88
Bruce.....				Plum City.....	14 83	1 62	18 43
Chippewa Falls	47 45	2 76	30 71	Polar.....	84 75	14	16 48
Clear Lake.....	94 09	11 98	67 07	Pound.....	113 30	6 20	24 00
Clearwater L....	94 00	4 30	27 37	Prentice.....	145 49	7 32	71 49
Conference Ch.	147 00	5 29	35 19	Rhineland.....	11 35		6 60
Crandon.....				Rice Lake.....	7 90		4 58
Cumberland.....	35 39	5 31	16 80	Siren Co.....			3 00
Hancock, M.....	97 93	14 94	97 79	Spooner.....	79 91	11 80	53 42
Hines.....				Superior.....	343 39	40 79	160 86
Hudson Co.....	11 70		25 61	Trade Lake.....	88 47	4 75	8 21
Iron River, M....	27 70		12 93	Walderly.....	144 78	15 41	102 21
Ironwood Co....	53 41	4 82	50 90	Washburn.....	38 38	1 00	15 03
Individuals.....	104 87	20	96 20	Zeba, M.....	5 00	1 11	4 36
				Total	\$3503 00	410 08	1303 71

News Items

The Conference Committee, in connectoin with Elder Guthrie and a few of the brethren near Walderly, held a meeting at that place to consider plans for the work of the school. No doubt, our people will be glad to know just what is planned for, and as soon as we can do so, we will let you know as to what our plans are.

We have just received an encouraging letter from which we quote a few sentences: "We were pained to hear that our Walderly chapel was burned, but we know a few fires cannot stop the Lord's work, and we expect to help rebuild as soon as it is decided to do so. I am gathering up a few books for the library." We are glad to get such letters. It shows our people are deeply interested in the work of training our young people.

Mrs. T. S. Copeland left last week for the sanitarium at Madison where she expects to take treatments for a few weeks. We hope this will be the means of restoring her to health.

was learned, we turned the Sabbath school into a praise service. Of course we were all happy, and demonstrated it. The total offering for the quarter from our Sabbath school was \$383.95, making an average of \$29.53½ for each Sabbath during the quarter.

DR. W. C. DALBEY, *Superintendent*

News Notes

There were six regular canvassers in the field the past week—Henry Radke, August Hirsch, Mabel Crandall, O. D. Barton, Fred Breyer, and Ralph Georgel. Several others expect to be in the field soon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Jorgensen, Elder Gaylord, Elder E. F. Ferris, Albert Johnson, and Dr. R. S. Ingersoll assisted in the week-end home missionary and educational convention recently held at Milton Junction.

Miss May Bell has been a patient at the sanitarium the past few days. She has made a rapid recovery from tonsillitis and will soon be about her work.

Elder Bristol returned Wednesday from Washington where he attended the Spring Council.

Dr. Olive Ingersoll accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen on their recent visit to the Yuba church and school. They report a pleasant and profitable visit. The doctor examined the school children. The remodeled log house, with its new windows in the side, has plenty of light. The children plan to have a school garden.

Write Brother Jorgensen about the new plan of putting a sample copy of *Present Truth*, enclosing a subscription blank, into every home in your town, city, or county. Plans have already been completed to put a copy in 35,000 homes.

Miss Anna Ashley reports three new Sabbath-keepers in Oconto from her efforts. What if every lay-member in the South Wisconsin Conference would do as well this year?

Miss Maude Erickson of Ottawa, Ill., has recently connected with our conference office as stenographer.

Carlyle B. Haynes gave two evening lectures April 7 and 8 in the Madison High School Auditorium. His subject was Spiritualism. The lectures were well attended.

A health contest, school garden contest, and bird house contest are being conducted by the church-school children. Watch for the results.

A health program is being sent to all churches where there are church schools. We hope every church will plan carefully this program of follow-up work. The medical inspection is fast being completed.

The La Farge church will soon be ready for dedication. Elders French and Charles Johnson are working on it.

Elder W. H. Westermeyer is holding a series of meetings at Underhill and reports a large interest in the German work.

Elder E. F. Ferris met with the Fish Creek church April 10.

March

	Tithe	2%	F. M.		Tithe	2%	F. M.
Aledo	\$279 68	\$14 04	\$248 17	Noble	73 98	2 40	29 86
Belvidere	28 25	2 70	22 50	Ottawa	50 95	3 43	59 90
Bloomington	52 57	9 88	15 30	Peoria	143 64	5 30	97 26
Bluford	39 70	6 66	16 70	Pana			
Cartersville	53 25		28 60	Pittswood			
Charleston				Pontiac	186 85	36 13	61 04
Danville	87 39	12 44	75 75	Princeton			
Duquoin	90 17	10 88	261 54	Quincy			
Decatur	627 72	99 01	102 19	Rock Falls			
East Alton	2 40		9 61	Rockford	147 88	10 36	81 80
Farmington	26 76	2 53	23 25	Springfield 1st	114 95	12 10	77 97
Foosland	1 50	50	13 34	Springfield 2d	60 20	85	20 91
Freeburg	7 00		7 91	Shelbyville	9 15		3 33
Freeport	184 95	17 44	1 00	Sheridan	141 68	5 40	112 88
Galesburg	200 71	7 36	118 25	Stewardson	13 55	2 73	12 21
Herrin	5 79	1 22	10 00	Stockton	111 29	9 23	55 84
Kingman	30 44	1 67	26 38	Streator	120 89		46 01
Lovington	36 00	1 03	12 65	Twin City	88 12	13 88	28 29
Martinsville	52 31		12 43	Watseka	37 12	3 37	16 46
Mounds	18 37		9 18	Individuals	94 47	1 00	3 50
Mattoon	20 86	1 04	13 82	Conference	1852 42	24 68	154 49
Moline	657 20	19 99	296 10	Total	\$5750 16 339 25	2186 42	

South Wisconsin Conference

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Milwaukee

It was voted at the Lake Union Conference that I should make Illinois my field of labor, and believing the Lord leads through the organized work, I finished my work in Milwaukee, March 15. The Lord greatly blessed in the work in this city while I was there. He gave us a good harvest of souls, and gains were made in all lines of the work, as will be shown by the following figures: Tithe 1918, \$4,950.71; 1919, \$8,775.35; January and February, 1920, \$1,723.04. For missions, 1918, \$2,068.64; 1919, \$2,359.49; January and February, 1920, \$450.28. Educational Fund, 1918, \$67.69; 1919, \$1,213.61; January and February, 1920, \$51.65.

These figures do not include money given at camp-meeting, nor for the support of our local church school and church work.

Four were baptized just before I left, and several others will soon be ready for this sacred rite. I thank God for the privilege of laboring with the Milwaukee English church for the upbuilding of the cause of God. I go forth to my new field of labor, Springfield, Ill., with confidence in God and full faith in the sure triumph of the third angel's message, asking your prayers that I may be used of God in giving His blessed message to the lost.

H. H. HICKS

“You are writing each day a letter to men;
Take care that the writing is true.
’Tis the only gospel that some men will read—
That gospel according to you.”

May "Watchman"

Edward A. Sutherland, a staunch pioneer of sensible back-to-the-land moves, writes a telling article on "Every man with his feet upon the soil."

Sydney A. Smith speaks his heart in "Pitch your tent away from Sodom."

Arthur W. Herr, M. D., "Make a tryst with out-of doors."

"Discovering the Source," George McReady Price and Robert B. Thurber.

"Mithraism, the Mysterious," Leon L. Caviness.

"Does God Send Sickness?" Louis A. Hansen.

"As It Was in the Days of Lot," Horace G. Franks.

"In the Face of China's Need," Adelaide B. Evans.

"The Wage and the Gift," Walter S. Chapman.

"All We Like Sheep," Dores Eugene Robinson.

"The Food that Feeds," H. S. Anderson.

"Dives and Lazarus," William H. Branson.

"You Could Do It, Women, If You Would," Martha E. Warner.

"The Protestant Foundation," George B. Thompson.

"We Shall be Changed," Mrs. J. C. Brower.

"No Man Lives to Himself," Floyd Bralliar.

"Trials and Struggles of Protestantism in Hungary," John F. Huenergardt.

The numerous photographs and drawings in seasonal colors, and the special departments of "News Interpreted," "Little Talks," "Let Us Repeat," and "Trumpet Blasts," all are equally attractive and vital.

Canvassers' Report for the Week Ending

April 10, 1920

Illinois

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Katherine Drury	OD	24	31	80 50		80 50	
J. E. Fox	DR	28	9	46 50	5 00	51 50	
C. E. Grandy	DR	19	6	33 00	3 00	36 00	
G. W. Kimberlin	DR	53	22	103 00	26 00	129 50	
A. P. Lager	PG	43	14	63 00	22 50	85 50	75
Mrs. A. P. Lager	PG	43	22	99 00	21 50	120 50	11 50
Mary Long	OD	22	14	35 00	3 75	38 75	9 75
F. G. McAllister	OD	32	17	45 50	1 00	46 50	
J. D. Merritt	PG	34	11	49 50	5 00	54 50	8 00
O. A. Morse	DR	65	12	54 00	3 00	57 00	213 00
Mrs. A. Osman	OD	10	1	2 50		2 50	19 50
Mrs. G. Turner	OD	3					45 95
Total		377	159	612 00	90 75	702 75	302 45

East Michigan

J. Pengelly	OD	46	82	125 50	39 30	164 80	30 75
Floyd Myers	GC	13	10	43 00	12 00	55 00	159 00
C. G. Powers	BR	20	5	22 50	50	23 00	
C. Messinger	BR	20	15	78 50		78 50	
Mrs. Vashi Puroi	BR	14	10	60 00		60 00	
A. W. Alderman	OD	33	15	45 00	5 50	50 50	180 00
Total		146	83	374 50	57 30	431 80	369 75

North Wisconsin

Emanuel Remsen	PG	49	12	150 00		150 00	
W. E. Tharp	PG	48	31	144 00	2 50	146 50	
Mrs. E. E. Brewer	PG	37	29	135 00		135 00	
G. B. Baker	BR	38	24	117 00	6 25	123 25	6 25
H. F. Henner	PG	37	21	102 00	2 25	104 25	2 25
Albert Agnew	PG	35	20	94 50		94 50	
H. C. Kovsky	PG	46	12	58 50	25	58 75	
F. H. Hall	BR	12	7	45 00	85	45 85	
Total		382	176	846 00	12 10	858 10	8 50
Week Ending April 3		302	180	631 00	7 80	638 80	146 50

Indiana

W. G. Kelley	OD	31	41	107 00		107 00	
C. W. Bryan	OD	35	41	105 50		105 50	2 50
A. C. Campbell	DR	27	19	77 50	2 00	79 50	
*E. L. Graham	Misc	21	24	134 00	3 05	137 05	67 55
J. E. Lee	OD	38	28	73 00		73 00	
G. A. Jones	OD	39	20	53 00	1 50	54 50	1 50
M. M. Sterner	OD	22	18	45 00		45 00	28 00
Minnie Brown	OD	11	12	35 00	9 00	44 00	6 75

Esther Talbert	BR	8	7	34 50	4 50	39 00	
Edward Trice	BR	32	8	34 00		34 00	
Mildred Bryan	OD	5	8	23 00		23 00	
J. A. Jackson	OD	5	3	7 50		7 50	7 50
W. H. Flake	OD						396 00
Total		287	250	780 00	20 05	800 05	700 30

West Michigan

C. F. Beardslev	OD	13	5	12 50		12 50	
J. O. Fenner	OD	40	39	136 00	53 50	189 50	
R. L. Geisinger	OD	18	17	42 50	7 45	49 95	52 00
Olive Geisinger	OD	18	17	42 50		42 50	
Total		89	78	233 50	60 95	294 45	52 00
Week Ending April 3		203	110	372 50		372 50	20 95

South Wisconsin

Mabel Crandall	OD	38	39	103 50	1 00	104 50	
Fred Breyer	BR	15					505 00
H. Radke	GC	28	2	9 00	3 00	12 00	
A. C. Hirsch	OD	45	13	58 50	18 00	76 50	4 50
I. D. Barton	PG	25	10	52 50		52 50	
T. L. Riley	OD	3	8	20 00		20 00	
Total		154	72	243 50	22 00	265 50	509 50

Chicago

E. A. Clough	OD	36	12	37 50	2 00	39 50	2 00
Sanford Diller	OD	42	21	52 50		52 50	
Mrs. A. Harrison	OD	1	2	10 00		10 00	
Emil Lundberg	OD	17	17	42 50		42 50	2 50
Gregory Popescu	OD	14	4	10 00		10 00	12 50
A. M. Tatton	BR	3	8				42 50
Total		113	64	142 50	2 00	144 50	59 50
56 Agents		1468	882	3232 00	265 15	3497 15	2002 00

*Two weeks †Three weeks ‡Four weeks

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.

PLUMBER WANTED.—We are in need of an expert plumber to do the work at our academy. Write to Arthur Cox, Cicero, Ind.

WANTED AT ONCE.—Ten graduate nurses for private duty nursing at the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital. Address Superintendent of Nurses, Takoma Park, D. C., care Sanitarium.

WANTED.—A good boy to work on farm, to help with milking and other chores. Needed at once. Seventh-day Adventist preferred. Church privileges. Must be a boy who can be trusted. Leonard L. Gebaner, R. F. D. 1, Mosinee, Wis.

ATTENTION, LADIES.—The Washington Sanitarium and Hospital will soon open their new patients' dining room and will need 15 young or middle-aged women to do dining room and other work. Write at once to E. G. Fulton, Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, D. C.

STRAWBERRY AND RASPBERRY PLANTS.—Senator Dunlap and Warfield strawberry plants \$1.15 per 100 postpaid, \$6 per 1,000 by express not prepaid; Cuthbert red raspberries plants \$3 per 100; \$25 per 1,000 by express. Order direct from this advertisement. Catalogue of general nursery stock free. Fountain Valley Nursery, Poy Sippi, Wis.

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. Prices reduced. One case, 120 lbs., f. o. b Berrien Springs \$30.00. One gallon, 12 lbs., by p. p. \$3.50. J. H. Haughey, R. F. D. 1, Berrien Springs, Mich.

FOR SALE.—Eight-room modern house in village of Berrien Springs. Two full lots; plenty of shade. The house is wired for electric stove and lights. Has colonial fire place, nicely finished walls, yellow pine floors, nicely equipped bath-room, cistern, one large and one small screened porch. No. 2 Peninsula furnace, Mortgage. Price \$3,500. Mrs. Chas. Kavanaugh, Berrien Springs, Mich.

We are indebted to the Family Altar League, Marquette Building, Chicago, for the following articles in this issue: "Building the Family Altar," "Ten Reasons Why Every Christian Home Should Have a Family Altar." The covenant card is the official pledge card of the Family Altar League.

Our Educational Fund

We are always glad to report the progress of our educational work because that is an indication of a forward move in the training of workers for *all* fields.

On Jan. 1, 1920, there was due the Union from the different conferences \$22,586.79 on the college fund. Since that time the conferences have paid in as follows:

Chicago	\$ 96 74	N. Mich.	\$ 60 26
E. Mich.	2504 72	N. Wis.	61 56
Illinois	82 84	S. Wis.	117 29
Indiana	100 55	W. Mich.	645 69
Total			3669 66
The College raised			40 00
Union Conference			344 00
Grand Total			4053 65

There is still due from the local conference \$19,017.69, and we have unpaid bills amounting to about \$40,000, or a little more than double the amount already pledged. We will need to give special attention to the building up of the two-per-cent if we secure this fund by this means. It is surely the most equitable method we can adopt. If every member in this Union would pay two-per-cent, we would receive a total of \$8,733.33 each month. This would give the Union \$2,183.33 each month or \$26,199.96 during the year. It would give the local conferences a total of \$78,599.88 each year. Two years would suffice to put all the academies in very good condition, and three years would about put the College in shape. At the same time this help would be given in such a systematic way and in such amounts that no one would feel the sacrifice.

One conference has a number of churches in which 100 per cent of the members pay two-per-cent. Which conference will be first to have all its members so doing? Let us not forget that our boys must be trained before they can enter the mission fields, and our schools must be fitted for this work.

Let all churches organize to have all members paying the two-per-cent before July 1, 1920.

WM. GUTHRIE

Hinsdale Sanitarium Notes

Dr. W. A. Ruble, under appointment to Caterham, England, as superintendent of the sanitarium there,

spent last Sabbath and Sunday at the sanitarium. He gave the sermon Sabbath. Dr. Ruble was an old schoolmate of Mr. Julius Paulson.

Prof. Arthur Spalding, editor of the *Watchman Magazine*, gave a stereopticon lecture April 2. The subject was "A Camp on the Trail of Missions." It was a most interesting study of conditions in the South.

Mr. J. D. Clark, rooming clerk, was called to Michigan on account of the serious illness of his mother. She improved enough so it was possible for him to bring her to the sanitarium.

Mr. H. E. Ford, X-Ray expert of the sanitarium, is attending a convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Sunday evening the chaplain gave a study on the meaning of Easter and the significance of "a Lord that is risen." The patients appreciated having a service in the parlor as the day was such that few could get out. There was special music.

Mr. H. H. Hall, who has been connected with our book work for thirty-three years and who just returned from a trip to the West Indies and Central America, gave a very interesting illustrated lecture Sunday evening, April 11, which was appreciated by both patients and helpers. Especially were the helpers who were acquainted with workers abroad glad to see these views.

One of the very best lectures we have had was given Thursday evening, April 8, by Rev. Edwin Wright of McCormack Theological Seminary, Chicago. Mr. Wright's father translated the Scriptures into the language of Persia and was there for thirty-three years as a missionary. His son Edwin was born in Persia, lived there until fifteen years of age.

Appointments

Saginaw	May 7, 8
Bay City	May 9, 10
Midland	May 10
Edenville	May 12, 13
Mt. Pleasant	May 14, 15
Alma	May 16

Meetings will begin at each place on the evening of the first date, at eight o'clock. Sabbaths, we will have all day meetings. Bring your lunch.

All near-by churches are invited to be present. The meetings will be important and helpful. A number of different speakers will be present at each place.

WM. GUTHRIE

Announcement of Camp-Meeting Dates

Indiana	June 3-13
East Michigan	June 10-20
North Wisconsin	June 17-27
South Wisconsin	June 24-July 4
Chicago	August 13-21
West Michigan	August 19-29
North Michigan	August 26-September 5
Illinois	September 2-12