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Report of the Lake Union Secretary of Education

In making up this report, I could not feel that justice had been done if I did not preface the report by saying that when I took over the educational work in this Union at the time Professor Russell (with whom I had been associated in both this and the M. V. Department) was called to the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference, the work was splendidly organized and marked by efficiency in every division of its interests. So this report cannot be a report of remarkable growth and development and organization. I have tried to perpetuate the policies previously adhered to.

We opened this year with 135 elementary schools. Last year we had 137 at the time of the opening report. The great shortage of teachers made it necessary to close many of our smaller schools and a few of our larger ones. In these schools are enrolled 2,194 boys and girls. Last year the enrollment was 2,325 at the time of opening of schools. In our schools this year we are employing 150 teachers, as compared with 137 last year.

Academies

There are seven academies in the Lake Union Conference, and this year, anticipating favorable action of the General Department, the Union committee has granted permission to Hinsdale Sanitarium to operate a twelve-grade school. This really is the natural outgrowth of the policy to operate a ten-grade school there for the benefit of the members of the sanitarium family who need this work as prerequisite for the entrance into the nurses' course. This makes eight academies with a total enrollment of 704 students, employing 73 teachers. Our academies last year enrolled 574 students, with a total teacher personnel of 66 teachers.

We do not consider the College or the Swedish Seminary as being responsible to our department in any way other than moral, but you will be glad to know that there are 162 students at Broadview and something over 360 at Emmanuel Missionary College—about the same as last year in both places. But considering the fact that we thought last year marked the high tide of enrollment in both places, we are more than happy to see them hold up. We expect at least four hundred students at the College enrolled by March 1.

Improvements

I am glad to say that the various boards of management have seen the necessity for improving the facilities for carrying on the work in these schools, and that each academy has some new building to show for the spirit of progressive improvement. Holly has enlarged the capacity for both boys' and girls' dormitories; has erected a fine school sanitarium with wards for both boys and girls; a diet kitchen; and isolation quarters, so that students may be completely isolated from the home members.

Sheridan has a new boys' dormitory under construction.

Bethel has a new boys' dormitory finished.

Indiana has built from the ground floor up.

Walden had a fire which destroyed the main building, but they finished the new dormitory under construction, and went ahead. Our schools over the entire field are under the direction of competent men, none of whom have had less than two years' experience, and most of them several successful years back of their present connections. We have eight conferences headed by superintendents, each with several years' experience.

We have adopted the recommended texts for the elementary schools, with the exception of the music text. Our course of study is following the Department outline with the exception of the Alternation plan which our board has not seen fit to introduce into schools where congestion did not make it necessary. We also do not mix nature and geography in fifth and sixth grades, but give straight geography in the sixth grade and straight nature in the fifth. We are somewhat weak along manumetal lines, but probably not so much worse off than some other fields.

In our Union we examine the students twice each year in the elementary schools and unaccredited academies, using General Conference questions for all finishing subjects, preparing our own questions for the others. All our schools that can be opened, are now supplied with teachers. We could have opened twenty-six more schools had the teachers been available. We were also confronted by twenty-eight shortages in academic help at the beginning of the summer, but tried to be regular in all our transfers.

We hold midsummer institutes in all our conferences to which we take the teachers and pay all expenses. We also conduct a summer school institute

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(last year's plan) and operate a summer school at the College which is a summer term of the College normal. We pay transportation to this, and allow tuition, room rent, and \$3 per week on board. To teachers with twelve grades of prerequisite, who have taught three years and attended three summer schools, doing full work, we allow free tuition at the College the next year and grant a normal diploma. G. R. FATTIC

More About the Sunday Law

In our last article on the subject of "Menacing Sunday Law Movement," we spoke of the Anti-Saloon League taking a very prominent part, as well as the Lord's Day Alliance, in behalf of drastic Sunday legislation, and insisting upon Sunday law enforcement throughout the United States as well as the District of Columbia and thirty-five states of the Union. To these we must add, if newspaper reports are correct, William Jennings Bryan, one of America's most notable patriotic characters, who has enlisted on the side of a legislative drive for Sunday observance.

All these forces indicate powerful combination and influence back of the present agitation for Sunday observance laws and enforcement. Concerning the prospects for the enactment of such laws as were referred to in the previous article, I quote from the *Chicago Tribune* of recent date, in which the editor says,

"It was not more than two or three years ago when the liberal and liquid minded part of the citizenry was saying regarding what is now the XVIII Amendment, that nothing like that ever could be put over in this country. Some of the liberal and liquid minded even now think that it was done while the boys were in Europe, but it was done. That ought to teach us to take reform seriously.

"It may not be half so difficult to get the Puritan Sabbath as it was to close the rum shops and get it without sending the boys to Europe. In the past people not only insisted that other people go to church, but they selected the church and the enthusiasm for conformity was zealous.

"These are the curiosities of our temperament which must be reckoned with. In these days of moral readjustment, you never can tell what may happen. We have expelled the red nose, we may be about to introduce the blue nose."

Some papers, however, treat very lightly this Sunday law movement which has sprung up simultaneously in different parts of the country, a representative expression of which is to be found in a recent copy of the *New York News*.

"We wish we could cheer up some of our terror stricken, mourning contemporaries, who seem to believe that stocks will soon be erected in Madison Square and filled with men and women and little children who play golf, ride on trolley cars, or chew gum on the Lord's day. We wish we could make them see that just because a few well-meaning, but more or less excited gentlemen want to restore the Puritan Sabbath, there isn't any indication that it will be restored."

This is in keeping with what may be the conclusion of some who may read these lines, but we wish to say that as a matter of fact drastic Sunday legislation will be enforced upon God's people sooner or later, for both the Bible and Testimonies assure us of this. The object, and the only object, we have in referring to these quoted excerpts from newspaper editorials is to indicate the need there is of making preparation to meet the situation when it comes.

Before the entrance of the United States into the great war, some leading men contended that preparatory measures were not necessary at that time; one leading statesman asserting that if need be an army of one hundred thousand soldiers could be raised up over night. The country found it necessary, however, to draft a sufficient number of citizens to prepare an army to take part in the great war. And so with preparedness to meet the issues which are just before us; we cannot become intelligent and serviceable for religious liberty campaign work over night. We must make consistent and due preparation if we would stand where we believe God desires this people to stand in the last days.

A chapter in Volume VI (page 402) which refers to the work of the Lord's leaders in the great Reformation, the statement is made that "the banner of truth and religious liberty which these reformers held aloft has in this last conflict been committed unto us." Is it not possible to reflect this thought in another bit of phraseology, namely, the closing chapter of the great Reformation is to be written by Seventh-day Adventists.

We shall communicate to our churches shortly some plans for beginning an active campaign against the present Sunday law movement. S. B. HORTON

Educational Work

When this goes to press, we shall be in the midst of our South Wisconsin teachers' institute. The West and North Michigan teachers' institute is now over, and so is Illinois. I am glad to report that both of

these institutes were represented by practically one hundred per cent attendance of the teachers in the field where they were held, and we had good help.

The question in my mind is this: Why is it that the splendid opportunities that are offered our teachers for personal advancement have not in the past received the consideration of our young people that they do now? And why not have more in the past come into the teaching work? I am glad to see the attitude of people changing. I am more than happy to know that the feeling that teachers are underpaid and have a hard time, is beginning to change, and the unusual opportunities offered in this profession are beginning to appeal to more of our young people. A teacher who receives sixty dollars a month can allow \$25 for board and room, \$6 for tithe, \$1.20 for two per cent, \$2.40 for offerings, and still have left out of her salary \$26 for personal expenditures. A minister who receives \$124.80 per month, pays \$18 for house rent, \$12.48 for tithe, \$35 for board for his family, \$2.50 for two per cent, offerings for himself and wife, \$4.80; and for fuel and lights, \$8 per month, would have left from his salary \$44.02 to clothe himself and wife and whatever children he might have. Allowing for only two people, his allowance for the two is only \$22 a piece. On this basis our teachers are four dollars a month better off than the average ordained minister with a regular salary.

To offset the question of no employment during the summer, I think it is generally conceded that it is possible for anyone during the summer months to find numerous ways in which his winter salary can be increased; but this comes back to the teacher not in going out and earning it, but through the educational opportunities offered her. We bring our teachers to the summer school and pay their transportation here, allow them their room rent, their tuition, their light, heat, and laundry, and a liberal allowance on their board, more than enough to cover it in some cases where the teacher is a light eater. So they are enabled through the agency of the summer school in three summers to gain a year of advanced normal work; and then we do not stop here, but teachers who have taught for us during the winters, and attended the summer schools, and taken full work, may on recommendation of their superintendent and the Union department, receiving the endorsement of their local conference committee, receive a free tuition scholarship for their advanced normal at the college. This applies to teachers with twelve grades of school work completed. Their field experience during the three years which they are teaching is accepted in lieu of a reasonable amount of practice teaching in the normal school so that during this year they may complete the advance normal course. Many of our young people realize that the educational department does offer them unusual opportunities for advancement. In the future

we shall doubtless have less difficulty in securing teachers than we have experienced in the past, and we hope to be able to offer better trained and more experienced teachers, and in this way operate better schools.

I feel certain that it will not be a great while until in part of the schools of this Union, the teachers will be required to pass state examinations and receive certification from their state as well as from our own department of education. Personally I do not care how soon this time comes. I think in many ways it would help us to standardize the personnel of our teaching force. I do not believe that it would reduce it. It would only give us a better standing before the state departments of education. There is considerable agitation just now about the closing of parochial or private schools. It is a question what the outcome of this movement will be, we know that the Lord has a care for His work and that the hand of man cannot stay God's plans for its development and progress.

As this issue comes to the field we shall be in the midst of the week of prayer. I pray that it may be a valuable week for our schools and our young people. I trust that God will bless all of us. Pray for the educational work in this field and support it in the conference where you live in every way you can, by your means, your influence, your prayers, and your children. God has told us that it is the work that lies nearest to us. We are told in Volume VI, page 203, that, as the children sang in the temple courts, "Hosannah, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord," so in these last days children even will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world. When heavenly intelligences see that men are no longer permitted to present the truth, the Spirit of God will come upon the children and they will do a work in the proclaiming of the truth which the older workers cannot do because their work will be hedged up. Our church schools are ordained of God to prepare the children for this great work. Let the church carry a burden for the lambs of the flock. Let the children be educated and trained to do service for God for they are the Lord's heritage.

As I write I have "Counsels to Teachers, Parents, and Students" open before me. On page 46 are these words: "There is no work more important than the education of our youth. Our brethren and sisters should be thankful that in the providence of God, our colleges have been established, and should stand ready to assist them by their means."

The report that you will find in the HERALD from the statistical division of this department shows that in our elementary schools 2,194 boys and girls are enrolled in our Union. In the colleges and academies 1,066 are enrolled—704 of these are in the academies. *Where is your boy, or your girl, the Lord's Heritage that He has entrusted to you to keep for him?*

G. R. FATTIC

Present Conditions

The year 1920 is drawing rapidly to a close. In some ways this has been a very interesting year. The great world war has so upset things that they are not yet normal. At a time like this Seventh-day Adventists above all people in the world ought to rejoice. The Lord says, "Look up for your redemption draweth nigh." At the same time, it has a serious side. The Lord has told us that what we did not do in the time of peace, we would have to do in time of trouble.

From the conditions in the financial world at the present time, it begins to look as though we were coming to some difficult places from a financial standpoint. Now the Lord is in this work, it is His work. Though everything in the world fails, God's work will succeed. Men on every side are being turned out of work. Thousands of men today are looking for work to get their daily bread. A young man sitting in the Y. M. C. A. in South Bend a few nights ago was weeping because he had lost his job. There was nothing for him and his mother to look to for support. This is only one of many cases. The promise of the Lord to His people is that their bread and their water shall be sure.

I believe we ought, as a people, turn face about, and surely this is the time that we should turn our faces as a flint Zionward. The Lord has room for many more in His cause. The work will probably not be easy, our records may not run as high, but somehow, I am inclined to believe that God will care for every faithful worker.

I am very glad to see our colporteurs' report gradually increasing. North Wisconsin reported a little more than \$2,800 for November of this year; while last year their report for the same month was only a little more than \$600. That is the reward for faithfulness. While men are losing their work, business men are becoming blue, our men who are faithfully sticking by their work are succeeding. Within the last two weeks we have had a number of reports reach more than \$200, while Brother Morris' personal report from North Wisconsin shows \$427 for sixty hours—this work was all done in one week. The tract society secretary, who is not accustomed to walking, sold over \$200 worth the same week.

Now, brethren, the times demand it, the world is ripe, as never before the people are longing for something they do not have.

J. W. DAVIS

Echo From the Recent Michigan Campaign

It is well known that we were not the only people who opposed the adoption of the proposed Anti-Church School Amendment. In the campaign we associated, as far as consistent, with other religious and patriotic bodies. The principles which we stood for were of such an unselfish character as to attract favorable notice of and attention to our work. As an evidence of the good we may do in participating consistently in that which affects all in regard to religious liberty

principles, I quote from a letter recently received, in which it was said:

"I see a black cloud on the horizon of our religious liberty. The Lord's Day Alliance is making strenuous efforts to introduce the 'blue laws' of the Puritans into our country. The first and foremost of these laws would be to establish Sunday as a general day of rest and prohibit theaters, soda fountains, newspapers, railroads, trolleys, etc., on that day. That would hit you Seventh-day Adventists hard. We, however, are also opposed to these Sunday laws because we believe in religious liberty and detest every attempt to curtail the same. So when this question comes up you will find us lined up with you in the battle for our religious liberty.

"It was a pleasure to fight side by side with men of your calibre and sentiment. I hope that whenever any attempt is made to set aside our American ideals and traditions, we shall continue to fight side by side against these enemies."

I trust this piece of information will help us as a people to be conservative in our attitude toward other religious bodies, letting our condemnation be against wrong measures rather than people who may be in the wrong.

S. B. HORTON

Bible Study at Convention

Elder G. B. Thompson

The gospel is not something to make a man a little better than he was, or help him to taper off as it were from his sins. It is salvation from sin, and what I want and what you want is to be saved from my sins and your sins. 1 Cor. 15:57, "But thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." It is given to us, we do not earn it. The only thing for us to do is to take it. How? By faith. That is the only way we take anything from God. Praying alone does not get the victory. That is in it, but a man may pray always and not get the victory. He must take it and believe he has it, for unless he does take it he won't have it. What we must learn is how to take the victory. It is our privilege. 1 Cor. 15:31. Paul is speaking of his own experience. He died every day. Rom. 6:6. It is a great thing to know the "old man" is dead. That is what the text says. "Our old man is crucified." It is dead. Whose old man? Is it yours? That is what it says. You have only to believe it. Rom. 6:11. Likewise reckon yourselves also to be dead unto sin, but alive unto Christ Jesus our Lord. We are to reckon we are dead. That is what Paul did. Every day he said, "Paul you are dead." Why haven't we been dead? It is because we have not reckoned that we are dead.

"There is no safety for one who has only a form of Godliness. The Christian life is not a modification of the old . . . it is a transformation of nature."—*"Desire of Ages,"* p. 172. We can dress up and clean up; our pride can pull us up so we don't look like we

did, but that is not religion. Our nature has to be changed.

When Christ lives in us, we will go about doing good (cf. Gal. 2:20). It will be the same life manifested in man that was manifested in Christ himself. Is the gospel of Christ in me? When we clear away the rubbish, Christ comes in and lives in *me* and is manifested in *my* mortal flesh. How does Christ dwell in my heart? By faith. It is not a kind of feeling that I conjure up one day and lose the next. It is a daily act of faith. We are the temple of Christ and He lives in us. He will live the victorious life in me if I will let Him.

Wanted: A Good Samaritan

If there ever was a time when there was need of the Good Samaritan spirit on a large scale, it is now. The *Literary Digest* in response to Mr. Hoover's appeal for \$23,000,000 for the 3,500,000 starving children in Europe, said:

"In these lands, swept by death and filled with tragedies too deep for tears, a sum of human suffering is being written greater perhaps than for all ages gone by. The mind grows numb and the heart sick from a constant recital of tales of such tragedy as it is difficult to believe the twentieth century could hold."

In speaking of the long line of children waiting at the American food kitchens, the writer further says:

"Hollow faces and shrunken bodies are so common that their real condition does not become evident until we inquire more closely, and then we find that most of them are from one to five years back in their growth. Children eight years old have not reached the normal size of two and a half. They are just learning to stand alone. Others almost as old can not yet stand on their feet. Their arms, and legs, and spines, and chests are twisted and warped. The flesh and skin are shriveled on their bones. It is surprising that life can still exist there. If they can have food they will gradually regain their health and strength, but with most of them it is a question of now or never. Starvation and tuberculosis will not wait."

Of the number of these children it is stated that "in Poland alone a million five hundred thousand such children must be cared for. In Latvia and Esthonia the people are living mostly on a diet made from potato-flour, oat-flour, and samdust. In Czecho-Slovakia, in Hungary, in Austria, and in other countries of central and southeastern Europe, two millions more are in dire need of food."

This appeal will doubtless touch the hearts of thousands of Americans. President-elect Harding, although a comparatively poor man, has responded with a gift of \$2,500. Doubtless, many of our people will respond to this general "Child Feeding Fund."

But, as the writer of the article in the *Digest* says, the "neediest ones can not reach the kitchens through the cold winds and the snow barefooted and in the pitiful rags which form only a partial covering for their bodies. They must have clothes." And it is the call for clothing and shoes which the General Con-

ference Committee has authorized the Missionary Volunteer Department to make, as was mentioned on the last page of the *Review* of December 2.

Every Missionary Volunteer society should at once organize for the collection of clothing and shoes, and the older members should unite with the youth in this effort. Where there is no Missionary Volunteer society, let the Home Missionary organization take it up.

It is very important that the directions we have sent out to the Union Missionary Volunteer secretaries should be followed specifically. It is impossible for us to repack these goods in New York, so they must be packed for overseas shipment before being shipped to New York. For this reason we have suggested that goods gathered in local churches should be sent to the Union Conference headquarters or to certain depots designated by the Union Missionary Volunteer secretary.

The final shipment to New York must be made in large boxes made of substantial lumber, and the boxes must be lined with heavy paper to prevent moulding in the ship holds.

Please do not send any worthless goods. The call is for used clothes and shoes, but they must be substantial and should be in repair.

Elder J. F. Huenergardt, formerly in charge of our work in Austro-Hungary, has been assisting a Hungarian relief committee in the collection and shipment of clothing to Hungary. He writes:

"I am glad that something is being done for these poor suffering people, and I am sure that these clothes will do them even more good than money. . . . I think it would be a good thing if our brethren all over the United States were asked to send in their old clothing which they can spare for the sufferers in Europe. Times are not getting better there; conditions will even turn to worse."

It is the plan that all boxes be sent by prepaid express to New York, to an address furnished by the Missionary Volunteer secretary. Please do not send any boxes collect. It will be quite as easy a matter to get gifts of money for transportation as to get the clothing.

M. E. KERN

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Missionary Volunteer Notes

The Marion M. V. Society has raised about \$50 for missions through the Harvest Ingathering work.

The M. V. secretary just returned from spending four weeks in the field. While gone he organized a society at Cadillac. We expect to see good results from this society as the plans are to train the youth and children for service.

Considering its membership, the little company at Gladstone has done more in the Harvest Ingathering

work than any other company or society in the conference.

Flossie Shore and her little school did splendid work soliciting for missions in Escanaba.

The M. V. secretary had the pleasure of spending a day with Miss Orth and her school in raising funds for foreign missions.

It will soon be time for the Standard of Attainment examinations. Perhaps we had better spend a few evenings in getting ready. Let us all take the test. It will be interesting to determine how much or how little we know about Bible doctrines and denominational history.

The M. V. department has been handicapped because our stenographer has failed to appear for nearly three months. She will be welcome when she comes. I am sure.

The Petoskey church has raised over \$25 in cash and will also send a box of clothing to the relief of our suffering brethren in Europe. Come along and do likewise.

Now let me ask you a question friends: Can you afford to be without the Morning Watch Calendar this coming year? Better order it at once lest you forget. They are splendid for Christmas presents.

How about the reading course that you started to read? Will you have it completed before the year closes? Please finish the course as quickly as possible and then let me know so that I can send a certificate to you.

L. M. PETERSEN

Read Our Reading Courses

Napoleon said, "Show me what a man reads and I will tell you what kind of a man he is." Doctor Marden, the great inspirational writer, says, "As a man reads so is he." "Education" says that our characters are determined by the kind of reading that we engage in during our spare moments. Our minds feed upon what we read and are molded accordingly.

The underworld is full of young women who have gone wrong because of impure reading. The jail and penitentiaries are full of men who began their career of crime from ideas found in the books that your boys are so anxious to read. A young man whose mind was fevered with stories of detectives, robbers, and adventure, committed the terrible crime of murdering four people, swore, when on trial for his life, that his downfall was due to the influence of books.

The mind of youth is plastic and receives impressions readily, either good or bad. Are you sure that your boys and girls are not filling their minds with stuff that will unfit them for the practical duties of life. As I go from place to place, I find in the homes of some of our people, books that are bound to have a blighting influence on the morals of the children and youth. We have not taken seriously enough the influence of reading upon our children.

Children will read, and it is right that they should,

for reading is a great source of education and enlightenment. Reading should be encouraged among our young people. Many read too little, hence are uninformed. Our youth and children should be surrounded by good books; books that enlighten, educate, and inspire them to live pure, unselfish, noble lives.

Recognizing the desire of our young people to read, the Missionary Volunteer department has selected books that will satisfy the craving for interesting reading. We have as usual, three reading courses: The senior, junior and primary. The senior set contains one book on our work among the Indians of Peru that is worth the price of the set. The reading of the book may inspire many of our youth to become missionaries. The junior set is especially interesting, one book being missionary stories from China. Then there is a book which will grip the interest of old and young alike. It tells marvelous tales of a missionary and his dogs in the snow covered regions of northern Canada. The intelligence displayed by his dogs is hardly believable. You will want to read it. For prices on the various sets, write your tract society. Be sure to add a set of these books to your library. Why not make some one a Christmas present of a set of these books. Nothing could be more useful and appropriate.

L. M. PETERSEN

The Morning Watch

A few minutes spent in the early morning hours, with our friend, Jesus, will fortify us against sin for the day. Before you undertake the day's duties communicate with the Saviour of men and invite Him to walk with you so that you do not go astray. Ask Him to keep your mind free from thoughts that will not refine, uplift, and ennoble. Pray that He may take **all your talents and use them to bring sunshine, joy and blessing to every man and woman that you meet** along life's journey. A few minutes with Jesus in the morning will enable us to come to the close of the day with a clean page, free from the mistakes that we so often have recorded against us. Observe the Morning Watch and you can come to Jesus with more praise and less regret at the end of the day's duties. Without observing the Morning Watch you cannot live the victorious life. Our new calendar will help you in your morning devotion. It will help your friends. Why not get one for yourself and also present some to your friends for Christmas gifts? They will appreciate them. Place your order early with our tract society.

L. M. PETERSEN

"And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember
How once our Lord poured out His soul for us;
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood
Gave up His precious life upon the cross!
The Lord of lords, by whom the worlds were made,
Through bitter grief and tears gave us
The best He had."

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Russian Work in Chicago

It seems like a long time since I wrote to the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD about our Russian work. I am glad I can write again. The work among the Russian people at the present time is not an easy task, yet the Lord is good to us in helping us, through His Holy Spirit and the angels, and we are of good courage.

After the church of twenty-four members was organized by Elder Clark and the writer, I worked both holding a summer effort and strengthening the new members in the faith. The Lord gave us one more good family. The lady of the family asked for baptism, and her husband is already looking for work that he may be able to keep Sabbath. One man that stays with this family used to be very resentful when I met there for Bible study. Today he is visiting our Bible classes. We have good influence among the Russian people in Chicago, and although it seems to them hard to accept this truth, yet they know that we have the message for the time.

The church is doing well in helping to support our city work. Last quarter Brother Oleinic, our church treasurer, sent to the conference nearly five-hundred dollars in tithes and offerings. They are loyal to this truth and like to support it as much as they can with their meager incomes.

Now we have started our winter effort and had a good attendance for the first meeting. We have a choir of thirty singers at the present time. Brother Kirichenko is doing good work in leading this choir. We appreciate very much Sister Kirtichanov's solos. **As our Russian people enjoy good songs, we believe this choir will be a great help to our Russian work.** Besides our regular effort, we conduct sort of Bible institute three times a week in which we instruct interested ones in the Bible, leading them step by step and instructing them in the present truth. As soon as we can we shall start three cottage meetings in different parts of the Russian territory. This will be conducted by the Russian ministerial band of the Broadview Seminary.

Although the prospects are very good, yet we have many oppositions and certainly do need the prayers of our brethren so as to have success in this work. We ask your cooperation and prayers that this effort will be the best we ever had.

S. G. BURLEY

Chicago South Side German Church

On Oct. 21, 1920, the South Side German congregation had its first meeting in the chapel which the Chicago Conference is helping us to purchase. Before

this we had our meetings in a rented building, paying from twenty-five to thirty-five dollars a month for rent, and when we wanted to have special meetings during the week we had to get special permission. This was quite a hindrance to our work, as weekly prayer meetings were out of the question, and other organization work for Harvest Ingathering and home missionary endeavor could not be done properly. So we are certainly glad we have a place where we can gather at any time we wish to do so.

At present we are in the midst of an effort to organize ourselves into groups for more effective missionary work among our own nationality and also for the rest of the foreigners. Literature will be our main stock to work with. With the help of God we want to work South Chicago as systematically as we can. We are endeavoring to raise a fund by selling our World's Crisis Series of 25 cent books, so as to be able to purchase the necessary tracts we need in our work.

Our Wednesday evening prayer meetings are very refreshing, for our brethren and sisters have many interesting experiences to relate. Their love for this truth is becoming deeper and they cannot thank God enough for the light that has been revealed to them. This condition is very encouraging to me as a minister, as it shows that the power of the Holy Spirit is taking hold of some of the wavering Seventh day Adventists and arousing them to help finish this work.

We passed our Harvest Ingathering goal some weeks ago. We have started our Sunday evening meetings for the winter. After we started negotiations to buy our new chapel, a rumor sprang up among the people here that we as Adventists appear to be all right, but in reality are false prophets and worship devils. So most of these people who believe this rumor stand aloof and watch for what will happen next. We hope and pray that the people will soon get acquainted with us so this suspicion will be removed. Remember us and the many thousands of Germans in the city of Chicago.

D. D. EHRHARDT

News Items

The Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer convention held November 29 to December 5 at Berrien Springs, Mich., was attended by Elder A. J. Clark, Grace Evans, Hazel Leach, and E. C. Townsend. All report a very excellent meeting which will give vision and inspiration to the departmental work throughout the Lake Union field.

Mrs. W. A. Bergherm, who was chosen at our last general meeting to be the secretary of our Sabbath school department, has actively entered upon her duties. Miss Evans now holds the secretaryship of the educational and Missionary Volunteer departments. We look for a wholesome growth in all these departments.

West Michigan Conference

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President, J. P. Piper

Be Vigilant

With pestilence and war and starvation raging in different parts of the world, and the growing unrest of the laboring elements in this country and Europe, it makes one shudder as he thinks of these things, and wonder what will be the next calamity that will be visited upon the inhabitants of this old world.

None can doubt that Satan is astir and is setting in operation every agency to defeat the work of God whenever or wherever possible. The Lord has foretold in "Early Writings," page 266, one of Satan's plans.

Satan held a council with his evil angels. He said, "The sect of Sabbath keepers we hate Go make the possessors of land and money drunk with cares. . . . The more means the followers of Christ devote to His service the more will they injure our kingdom by getting our subjects. . . . Be vigilant. . . . Destroy love for one another. Discourage and dishearten their ministers; for we hate them. Present every plausible excuse to those who have means, lest they hand it out. Control the money matters if you can, and drive their ministers to want and distress. This will weaken their courage and zeal. Battle every inch of the ground. Make covetousness and love of earthly treasures the ruling traits of their character. As long as these traits rule, salvation and grace stand back. Crowd every attraction around them, and they will be surely ours. And not only are we sure of them, but their hateful influence will not be exercised to lead others to heaven. *When any shall attempt to give, put within them a grudging disposition, that it may be sparingly.*"

As you make your annual offering Sabbath, December 18, do not allow Satan to control you or dictate as to what you shall give. Make it as liberal as you can. Make your offering a sacrifice. The cause of God is in need, therefore, "sell that ye have and give alms." "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations."

J. F. PIPER

Among Our Isolated Members

In company with Elder Piper, I recently had the privilege of visiting some of our isolated members in the southern part of the conference. We first visited Quincy, Mich. Here we found a substantial brick church building belonging to our people, located in the town. At one time quite a large company of believers met there each Sabbath. The company was gradually reduced until there are only a few left; so few that the church building is not used. Brother O. S.

Thompson, who lives six miles from Quincy, has, with his family and a few others, been hoping and praying that an effort will be held in town and a company of believers raised up. If suitable arrangements can be made, we hope to hold some meetings in Quincy immediately after the holidays.

Tuesday morning we reached La Grange, Ind. Here we found Sister Teeters, the only Adventist, as far as we know, in the place. She is of good courage in the Lord. May the Lord abundantly bless those true-hearted souls, who all alone in the community, and many times alone in the family, are faithfully living the principles of the message.

Leaving La Grange, our next stop was in Goshen, Ind. At this place we visited Brother and Sister McCuaig. They, with one or two others, are the only representatives of the message in that prosperous city of ten thousand inhabitants.

We were pleased and refreshed to find that in all these places our isolated members are loyal, faithful, and of good courage. We were impressed with the fact that right here within the confines of the old West Michigan Conference, the cradle of the message, much territory yet unworked is to be found. New population has entered fields formerly worked.

May the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers, and speed on the finishing of the work.

E. N. SAR EANT

Thanksgiving at the Tabernacle

Wednesday evening an appropriate service was held at the Tabernacle, where about fifteen hundred persons gathered to give Thanksgiving gifts to the needy and listen to a very interesting program by the young people of the academy and the young people's society of the Tabernacle. The decorations were beautiful. Every variety of canned fruit and vegetables was seen, and bushel baskets of fresh fruit and vegetables had been brought in. As one looked over the beautiful and artistically arranged gifts, it appeared like a harvest field and storehouse together.

Thursday, automobiles and trucks gathered to pick up additional gifts at the homes of the members, and distribute all to the needy ones. A generous portion was taken by truck to the James White Memorial Home at Plainwell. In addition to the food supplies, bedding was also given and a donation of brooms from the Arthur Kellogg broom factory.

An interesting part of the program consisted of a stirring call for means to send the message to the regions beyond. The sum of \$634 was given for this purpose.

B. M. BUTTERFIELD

Charlotte

Now that the Charlotte church does not have its former semi-monthly ministerial service, it was a real treat to have with us Sabbath, November 4, Elder J.

F. Piper, conference president, and Elder C. B. Thompson of Washington, D. C. They assisted in the Sabbath school; Elder Thompson spoke at the hour for our regular church service and Elder Piper in the afternoon at the Missionary Volunteer meeting. Both gave "meat in due season," and their messages were greatly appreciated.

ALEX FRANZ

News Notes

Elder E. N. Sargeant, who assisted in the work in Battle Creek in the early part of the summer but was called to Yakima, Washington, on account of sickness in his wife's family, has just returned to the conference and is planning to be in a series of meetings immediately after the holidays in the southern part of the conference.

Elder L. R. Conradi, vice-president of the General Conference of the European Division, was a speaker in the Battle Creek Tabernacle on a recent Sabbath.

Several conference workers attended the Home Missionary and the Missionary Volunteer Council held at the College in Berrien Springs.

A number of our churches and young people's societies have solicited and prepared articles of clothing to be shipped by the young people's department to our needy brethren and sisters in Europe. We trust that these garments will get there in time to benefit the people this winter.

Elders Piper and Sargeant visited a number of our isolated believers in the southern part of the conference last week, and report the people of good courage and anxious that meetings shall be held in a number of places.

Week of prayer appointments have been arranged for all of the conference laborers, and it is planned that some conference worker will visit every church in the conference during the week of prayer.

It is hoped that all of our people, both the members of our churches and the isolated members of the conference, will remember the needy mission fields and make a special gift on Sabbath, December 18, for the Annual Offering. The needs are far more urgent than ever before.

Elder J. G. Lamson reports baptism of eighteen persons since coming to Grand Rapids, and another class is now planning for this rite to be administered soon.

Elder B. M. Butterfield of Battle Creek has begun a ministerial band in that city, and a number of young men are availing themselves of the opportunity of taking the class. Elder Lamson of Grand Rapids also expects to start a Bible worker and ministerial band in that city in the very near future.

Mrs. Worthie Harris-Holden's poems have been so greatly appreciated and are now so well known that it was thought best to have a book printed of the best selections. This book is just off the press and will make one of the finest holiday gifts that one can buy.

It is printed on India paper, tinted and contains some very fine halftone engravings. The price is \$1 post-paid.

Everyone has been looking forward to this time of the year when they would buy a new Bible for themselves or for that boy or girl who is at school studying daily to find the great truths which are contained in this book. Your tract society at present has a good assortment and will give you prompt service.

Order your supply of lesson quarterlies for the coming quarter as our stock is running low.

Indiana Conference

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Indianapolis, Ind.

President, C. S. Wiest

The Closing of the Year

We are coming to the closing of the year 1920. It is a busy time throughout all the business world. Men and women everywhere are seeking to bestow their gifts of love and appreciation upon each other. Merchants in all towns are showing suggestions in useful as well as unuseful articles to satisfy every desire of the people in expressing to another their gratitude on Christmas day. Business is hoping to make a triumphant close, financially. Before the new year's business will be opened, a financial inventory of this year's business will be taken by every up-to-date business man. The books are audited, all the stock is investigated, and a complete record of his financial investment is made. This will give him a clear understanding of his financial possibilities. This scrutiny of his past work gives occasion to reflect on the mistakes made, and for plans to avoid a repetition of the same during the new year.

Now, brethren, we are in a far more important business than any merchant, however, influential he may be in his community. Yes, we represent a work greater than a nation, though great and perplexing are the duties of nations today. We are ambassadors of a heavenly kingdom, representing an eternal government among the people of an earthly nation. As the year 1920 closes, it is only fitting that we take a brief glimpse over the past and reflect for a moment how we have discharged our sacred mission. It is well that we take a spiritual inventory of our Christian experiences and learn how we may prevent the failures of the past and serve the cause better as the new year opens. Perhaps as we reflect on the year 1920, some of us find unsettled accounts. It may be you have wounded some innocent heart, having spoken in an unbecoming way, and it never has been made right. Perhaps you have been negligent in your church attendance, in comforting the wounded and grief-stricken hearts, or you have fallen short in the payment of your tithe and offerings. There are some in the state of Indiana who have not paid a faithful tithe during the year. Why not settle this account by paying your

back tithe before the year closes? You cannot afford to have one account standing against you unsettled. Your offering the Lord will accept according as He has prospered you, but the tithe is a fixed sum—one-tenth of your income, and there is no excuse in the payment of this, be you poor or rich.

We are rapidly drawing to the last year of time. Not long hence the account must be settled for the last time. It is not safe to let things run; we must work on a daily settlement plan. The way we relate ourselves to the appeals of God today will determine our destiny tomorrow. Every victory gained today will strengthen us for the fight tomorrow. There is a great victory sometimes in confessing a mistake or wrong. Therefore, let us resolve for the year 1921 to take a daily inventory of our Christian experiences, and soon, in the providence of God, we shall be guided into the fullness of righteousness of Him who gave His life for our redemption.

May the closing hours of this year bring great victory to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. S. WIEST

Indiana's Prospect for 1920

Our subscription book sales for the first eleven months of 1920 have reached \$49,000—our goal for the year is \$50,000, and the prospects are bright now for reaching it. Now and then when I have a few quiet moments, I meditate on this, and imagine that I can see our nineteen faithful colporteurs going from door to door with the printed page. At some doors they get cool treatment, but this is forgotten by the time they reach the next house, where they receive a warm welcome. "The Holy Spirit is by the side of the canvasser," we are told, "to make impressions in just the lines needed." "The Lord Jesus himself is the chief worker," and angels are round about. Perhaps the short talk of the canvasser has awakened in the person canvassed a desire to serve the Lord—the book points out the way. It is always ready; always telling the same story in the same way, does not quit with bad treatment. One man, after throwing "Bible Readings" down three times, picked it up and taking it to the chopping block, put his axe through it. Some of the leaves stuck to the axe, the book opened to the Sabbath. He read the truth, accepted it, and is today rejoicing in the third angel's message. God will not suffer His word to return unto Him void, but will prosper that whereto it was sent.

Next year is before us. What will be our response to the call of God? Will we carry our truth-laden literature to the starving souls? Our Publishing Department has placed the magazine work with our department. We should have one hundred solicitors, men and women, who can give part or all of their time to taking subscriptions for these magazines in their home towns and neighborhoods. What a work this would be—every month a magazine going into a home.

We also want thirty or forty book sellers for the coming year so that every nook and corner of Indiana can have the privilege of a visit from one of our colporteurs.

Our institute this year will convene December 31 to January 9. We want every man and woman in Indiana who are thinking seriously of the work, to come and get a training. Cut loose from the farm and other things that hold you, and come and join the bookmen's army. If you desire to come to the institute, please write to me at once, at 421 Castle Hall Bldg., Indianapolis.

W. B. MARIS, *Field Secretary*

Notice

The year is rapidly drawing to a close—very few days yet remain. There are many missions and academy pledges unpaid. We are very anxious that as many as possible of these pledges be paid before the end of the year, as we need the money very badly right now for the academy and we are still behind with mission funds. May we have a hearty response?

O. G. ALBERT, *Treasurer*

To the Elders and Leaders of the Indiana Churches

I want to urge each of you to keep a close watch for any that you think would develop into colporteurs and put me in touch with them at once. I am anxious for them to attend our institute which will convene December 31 to January 9. We desire everyone in the conference who wants to enter the canvassing work to get a training at this time. Great events are before us and we need all the help possible to meet them. Elder J. W. Davis will give the instruction and we look for a profitable meeting.

W. B. MARIS

Field Secretary

Items of Interest

Our hearts are impressed as we see the anxious desire of those in this country to help their own people in China, as shown by the following letter received from Mrs. Hugh Williams of Richmond:

"Last week I visited the Chinese laundries in the interest of our Harvest Ingathering work. The first Chinaman I talked to seemed pleased that we were endeavoring to do something for his country, and I asked him to write his name on my card. After he did this I told him to put \$5 opposite it, which he did. The next one I went to gave me \$5, and then I went to the last one, and told him what we were doing. I passed him my card, asking him to write his name (they like to do this) and he started putting the figure one, and a cipher, I thought he was going to give me \$1. I said, 'Don't you want to give \$5, the same as

the others?" To my surprise he said, 'No, me give \$10.' And then I wished I had asked for \$25. However, I was pleased to receive the \$20 from three laundries."

Miss Shepard has been visiting the church schools in the south and west portion of the state. She reports a lively enthusiasm manifested by each school over the fact that they have passed their Harvest Ingathering goal of \$1,500.

Have you seen the new book for children, "The Secret of the Cave"? If you haven't, you certainly have missed something. We have a supply of these at the office and can furnish them at 25 cents each, post-paid.

Start the new year right by observing the Morning Watch. We have a limited supply of calendars—order *now*.

Order your quarterly right away
And study your lesson every day
during 1921.

East Michigan Conference

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Harvest Ingathering—Detroit Volunteers

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Missionary Volunteers of Detroit West Side once more have demonstrated that "the precious and long looked for coming of Jesus," is foremost in their hearts and that they are doing their utmost, by the help of God, to finish the work in this city.

Starting two weeks late in the campaign, with their goal set at \$200 by the conference leaders, the young people unanimously decided to raise it to \$300, and at once set about to accomplish it. The society was separated into six bands, each band having its goal and its leader. The result is, in two months' time we have been blessed in our efforts to the extent of \$314.31. To God be the glory! Hundreds are now studying the truth in this city; many because of the efforts of faithful missionary volunteers.

Sister Mary Beck, coming out of Catholicism only two years ago, with four little children, has thus far been able to bring in \$88.27. Many she has come in contact with are hungering for God's truth, and wish to be fed. A policeman stopped her on the street, demanding in a rough tone what she was doing, and did she have a license badge. Proudly she pointed to her pin, which read "Jesus Only." The policeman became mild as a child, offering her words of encouragement.

Sisters Lohman and Faulk in canvassing the Jewish district, had an experience which they will never forget. Sister Lohman entered a place, which she found, on being on the inside, to be a gambling den, but God had a work there to be done. One man took every magazine she had, giving a liberal donation for them. Sister Faulk, on entering the same place, had the same experience, and found that all the men in this place

were reading the papers which Sister Lohman had disposed of. The proprietor said he intended to send them to his friends. Sister Lohman thus far has received \$33 and Sister Faulk \$31.76.

Brother Fred H. Otto, taking advantage of his spare moments, has received many blessings for his faithfulness. He has received liberal donations from many. Some who received papers from him were so touched by the progress being made and the still further needs of carrying this message to the far corners of the globe that they gave a second time. Brother Otto has received about \$35.

Many have received \$10 and more. Now is the time to do the work. Events are fulfilling which show the end is near. We believe that many souls will be saved as a result of this work in Detroit. May it strengthen and encourage the young people of Detroit and the Lake Union to work faithfully for the Master until the end.

CONFERENCE OFFICE

Flint

The church service at Flint last week was devoted to the interests of the Missionary Volunteer work. Brother Bunker was present and gave an inspiring talk. The local young people also contributed to the program. The leaders of the four Harvest Ingathering bands of their society each gave a report, and some told their experiences in this work. These bands, although handicapped by lack of papers, have taken in so far, about four hundred and thirty dollars.

Harold Ferguson, leader of the literature band, gave an interesting report of the work they have been doing. They meet each Sunday evening, one hour before the regular Missionary Volunteer meeting, to wrap and address papers and magazines and to write missionary letters.

Ena Alger, leader of the society, conducted a Bible drill, demonstrating how the work of preparing for the Standard of Attainment examination is carried on.

ENA ALGER

The Week of Prayer

We are now in the midst of the week of prayer. We have been meeting night after night to listen to the good readings that have been provided for this particular season. Our attention has again been called to the great field in which the harvest stands ready to be gathered. Our hearts have responded to this call. We have determined anew to render unto our Master the service that is due.

In this resolve we need help. Our past record, when we have tried this in our strength, recounts failure after failure. And it will ever be thus unless we can have the Comforter with us. We 'need Thee every hour.' You, my brother and my sister, know whether this is an actual experience in your own life. Are you always conscious of the Divine presence? It will mean

so much to us to have God with us. It will mean we shall never fail. It will mean that all our hopes will be realized; all our most ardent desires that are in line with the purpose of the King will come to fruit age. Your home may be just what you want it to be. Your church may be built up as you desire. Your friends and loved ones may be brought to see Christ in all His beauty. The promise to us is, "Whatever ye shall ask of the Father in My name, He will give you."

But with every promise comes a command, and the essence of that command is that our hearts must be right. Is your heart right with God? Let us all make sure this is true with each of us.

"Oh Father, hear Thou this my prayer,
My feeble light so dimly shines;
Master, keep Thou me today;
Oh, let me feel my hand in Thine."

O. B. HALL
Home Missionary Secretary

The Call of the Hour

The call from our people in foreign lands is a pitiful one that appeals to our hearts—a call for clothes to keep them warm. As I visit the churches and see how they have responded to the call, it convinces me that Christlike love is still burning in the hearts of our people in East Michigan.

In 1 John 3:14 we read: "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren." We must love each other then if we wish to be saved. But we must love every one. Christ died for all. If there had been only one person on this earth, Christ would have died for that one. Do we realize this brothers and sisters? Do we realize that we must be willing to lay down our lives as Christ did?

"Jesus is calling for many missionaries. For men and women who will consecrate themselves to God; willing to spend and to be spent in His service. Oh, can we not remember that here is a world to labor for? Shall we not move forward step by step, letting God use us as His helping hand? Shall we not place ourselves on the altar of service? Then the love of Christ will touch and transform us and make us willing for His sake to do and dare."

Have we had that transformation in our lives? Are we willing to do and dare? The call now is not for us to give our lives as the martyrs did in the Dark Ages, but to give ourselves a living sacrifice. Thousands in East Michigan are in darkness, and while we are swallowed up with the cares of this life, many are going down to their graves unprepared to meet God. In what way shall we reach these people? A way has been provided. That way is the colporteur work. The spirit of prophecy says: "We can not too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the faithful canvasser many would never hear the warning."

Nearly \$4,000 worth of books have been sold and delivered by one man this year. He is "sixty-five years young," as he puts it. Then let us not say that this is "burnt over territory." We are just getting started. In the month of July the book sales were almost as much as the whole year of 1914. God has His workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Thus when the divine voice cries, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" the response will come, "Here am I; send me."

Twelve have answered the call for workers in the last three weeks. Why not you? Those wishing to enter this work, address me at Holly, Michigan.

H. P. BRODT
Field Missionary Secretary

More "Signs"—More Souls

The "silent messengers" are entering more than 2,400 homes in East Michigan Conference each week, and bear with them an influence for right and truth, as was evident by an incident that came to my attention recently.

A young man in one of the churches who had been active in the circulation of the *Signs* became ill and died. After the funeral, a prominent man of the place who had been receiving one of the papers from our brother, in speaking of his work said that he was pained to think the brother's work should stop; for he had come to regard the *Signs* as a most excellent paper, and requested that he be permitted to continue the work and add to it as opportunity would permit.

If we could grasp the opportunity and understand that with an investment of \$5, we can bear this message of truth to four families each week for a whole year, and still never go one step outside our own home, I think we would be more interested in *Signs*. By investing \$10 we can place it in eight homes for the same length of time. When we count the number of sermons, the Bible reading, and vast amount of other valuable helps and inspiration that will be carried to those homes during the year, only the light of eternity will reveal the wisdom of the investment.

Many times I find that people would be glad to make the investment, but do not know where to send the paper. Should such an one read this, I would advise you to send the money to Mr. Harrison at the tract society, and I shall be more than pleased to furnish the names, as I have a long list of more than one hundred names that has been handed me by people that did not have the money.

N. H. POOLE

News Notes

Ray Birmingham, who for a number of years has been elder of the Alma church, has exchanged his home in Alma for property in Eureka, where he will move soon.

Robert Gladstone and wife, who for many years have taken the lead in church affairs in St. Louis, are spending the winter with their children in Battle Creek and Detroit.

Notice. Please order your quarterlies at once and avoid the rush of Christmas mail.

Have you forgotten that small book that you wanted for your boy or girl from the tract society? Christmas will soon be here.

We were very glad to learn that six more were added to the Flint church by baptism Sabbath, November 27.

New stock—new prices—Mazola, 10 gallons \$16; Wessons, 5 gallons \$8.

How is your society's account? The end of the year will soon be here.

Adelphian Academy Items

Sunday evening, December 5, a program was given in the chapel by the music and English departments of the school. Quite a number of students took part in this, and all enjoyed the program.

The latest boy to enroll is Melbourn Flynn of Cadillac; the latest girl is Ethel Furgeson of Detroit. We are glad to see the attendance of the school increasing.

Professor Avery devoted a recent chapel period to telling of some of his experiences while visiting coal mines. As a result we have a much clearer picture in our minds as to what a coal mine is like.

Mrs. Montgomery and Carl have been called to Carson City by the death of a relative. Mrs. Avery is acting as preceptress during her absence.

Miss Ivah Rummer is again attending school, after making a rapid recovery from an operation at Ann Arbor.

We have just received a car of coal, and it is being rapidly distributed among our nearly empty bins.

Illinois Conference

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President, W. H. Holden

Fox River Academy

No doubt the reader of the HERALD will be pleased to hear a little more of the work at Fox River Academy. In spite of the fact that we have had many inconveniences, our students are doing good work. We are indeed very proud of our boys. Although most of them were out in the tent through all kinds of weather, yet by their uncomplaining spirit and beaming faces, they have proved that they are made of the right kind of stuff. We are all glad that they are inside now where it is warm, but will not be satisfied until we can see them in their rooms. They are doing very well, but we feel that they are not receiving some of the necessary training that they need as long as they are in the

present headquarters. We urge our readers to do their very best in giving of their means to help finish the dormitory.

We are looking forward to the week of prayer as a time when we shall receive a spiritual feast. However, we are glad to report that our students are making progress spiritually as well as mentally. We had a splendid service last Friday evening in which nearly all of the students took part. It would do our readers good to attend these services and hear the splendid testimonies of our young people. They are getting themselves ready for the finishing of the work, as well as preparing to give the message.

Remember the work here in your prayers.

J. C. NIXON

Colporteurs' Institute

We are expecting to make the institute at Duquoin, December 24, 1920, to January 2, 1921, a real training school for workers. Elder J. W. Davis, Lake Union field secretary, will be present to give the general instruction. We desire to get in touch with those who have a burden to save souls in self-supporting work. Are not we as a people expecting the latter rain to finish the work? Why then the delay? God is waiting for us to get busy. Can we close our eyes to the needs of those all around us, and say that God has not called us to the work? Let us open our eyes to the opportunities that are before us. God in His great plan has something for every follower to do. The stronger men and women can carry the large books, some others the small books, and even the feeble hand, if there is a Christian heart behind it, can hold out a magazine.

If you have a real burden to help finish the work with the printed page, we want you to attend the institute and get a preparation. We do not want anyone to attend just for a vacation, but if you enter the work, entertainment will be free and car fare refunded after you have delivered \$150 worth of books. Please write me at 304 West Allen St., before coming, so arrangements can be made for your entertainment.

R. J. WATSON

News Notes

Brother O. A. Morse, one of our veteran colporteurs living at Duquoin, has been very ill with malarial fever, but is now on the mend, we hear.

As announced in this number of the HERALD, the colporteurs' institute will be held at Duquoin, December 24 to January 2. When we consider the great importance of the publishing work in giving to the world the last saving message that will ever be given, surely we ought to pray earnestly that many in our churches may get a burden for this work, and that this institute may be the most successful ever held in Illinois.

A ministerial council was held at the conference

offices November 8 and 9, at which time our ministers, in counsel with the officers of the conference, considered many matters of importance relative to the future of our work.

Miss Evelyn Calkins, our new Sabbath school secretary, is busy these days getting in touch with this department of our work. We trust she will have the hearty cooperation of our people throughout the field in carrying out the plans she may present for strengthening and developing the work of our Sabbath schools. Would it not be fitting and very appropriate to remember the needs of the Lord's cause with an extra large gift this year instead of sending so much money in gifts to our friends? Let us make it two dollars instead of one dollar. The Lord will bless accordingly, and souls will be saved for the kingdom.

Brother Frank Hiner and wife of Harrisburg send us \$118.50 solicited by them in the Harvest Ingathering work. They are not through yet.

Mrs. Mary Cunningham and Mrs. H. E. Moon of the First Springfield church have each secured more than one hundred dollars in the Harvest Ingathering work.

North Wisconsin Conference

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President, J. J. Irwin

Walderly Academy Notes

The wood crew is making good progress in the woods. Quiet a pile of poles is ready to be sawed for kitchen use, besides the cord wood. The trees are being thinned out so that the neighboring houses can now be seen through them.

The deer hunting season having opened, the deer are flocking to the school woods for safety.

The carpenters have built storm porches over the two flights of steps leading to the basement floors of the girls' dormitory. The ice and snow which gathered there formerly made descent dangerous.

Thanksgiving Day the class periods were shortened to thirty minutes each, so we had plenty of time to eat the good dinner which was served on the American plan. After dinner we enjoyed an interesting program given by teachers and students. The ice being fairly good, the remainder of the day was spent in skating.

The first number of the *Walderly Echo* will soon be ready for mailing. The subscriptions are coming in slowly, but surely. Now is the time to subscribe.

A large new reading table and a rack for magazines have been placed in the library.

Our preceptress, Miss Hill, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Minnesota.

The young ladies entertained the young men Sunday evening. After a substantial luncheon was served, games of various kinds were played, after

which the young men were invited to take a peep into the young ladies' rooms. Doubtless the boys made note of some things which will help them in their own housekeeping.

We are unfortunate in that we have been unable to secure papers for the Harvest Ingathering work. Although six hundred papers were ordered, only about one hundred and fifty were sent to us. However, on Monday, November 29, a number of students set out with what papers we had to engage in a Harvest Ingathering campaign. The companies of two's and three's starting out in different directions, made us think of the time when Christ sent out the seventy. The students and teachers who took part in this work relate many interesting experiences, and we rejoice that we went over our goal of \$100 by about \$20.

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Bethel Academy Notes

A very interesting program was given in the academy chapel Thanksgiving Day. We were pleased to have our resident teachers and their families take dinner with us in the dormitory dining room. In compliance with a request from Mr. Elliott, to send clothing to our suffering brethren in the old country, a campaign was launched to canvass the neighboring vicinity for this purpose. More than two barrels full of clothing were secured. This we thought an excellent way to spend Thanksgiving. The program given Sabbath evening, November 27, by the members of the public speaking class proved to be very educational.

We have just closed our fall week of prayer. Elder Guild of Milwaukee was with us for part of the time. Definite answers to prayer were received and many victories won. After our students' meeting last Friday evening, conducted by Elder Coon, a goodly number of the students went forward, some for the first time and others to reconsecrate their lives to God and His work.

Miss Margery Nethery, our music teacher, spent the week-end with friends at Madison.

The Missionary Volunteer work is progressing here at Bethel. The ministerial and Bible Workers' bands have been organized. Very interesting and helpful programs are given at their Friday evening meetings. We hope there will be opportunity for active work in the neighborhood a little later. We have over one hundred members enrolled for the Reading Course.

Thursday morning the students enjoyed a very interesting talk at chapel by Miss Vest Cash. Miss Cash has been connected with the Italian Bible work in Chicago for the past seven years, and has had many precious experiences.

Our latest arrival in our school family was "Carol Evelyn," daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Skeels, November 12.

The teachers and students greatly appreciated a visit from Professor C. A. Russell. His sermon on Sabbath morning was very uplifting.

Miss Anita Slaght was suddenly called home because of the death of her father.

Mrs. M. C. Guild from Milwaukee has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Skeels, for the past two weeks.

Our latest campaign is to raise money to buy fire protection equipment. The students have pledged to raise \$430 before the Christmas vacation closes. Already \$67 has been realized.

Business Notices

Approved advertisements will be published in the HERALD at the following rates: Forty words or less, \$1.00 for each insertion, and two cents per word for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash must accompany copy for all advertisements.

Wanted.—By reliable, elderly woman, housekeeping for adults or elderly people. Home more than wages. Address Mrs. S. S. Fern, 3736 Bernard St., Chicago, Ill.—2nd Apt.

Safety Razor Blades.—Resharpened—one edge, 2 cents; double edge, 3 cents each. Gillett's specialty. Blades can be sharpened many times. New York Edge Co., Glen Cove, N. Y.

Wanted.—Man handy with tools to work on percentage plan, or buy half interest in blacksmith shop. Plenty of work for two men. Near Seventh-day Adventist church and school. None but Seventh-day Adventist need inquire for particulars. Geo. Gale, Clear Lake, Wis.

Help Needed.—We have openings for tool makers, machinists, foundrymen, and laborers. Sabbaths off. Steady work, fair wages. Write us for particulars. Jorgensen Manufacturing Company, Wauquaga, Wis.

Honey for Christmas.—Michigan white clover honey, "the most delicious of all sweets." Absolutely pure and the very finest quality. Produced by our bees. Pail, 10 lb., \$3.50; 5 lb., \$1.90, postpaid. Frank Rasmussen, Greenville, Mich.

Honey.—Lowest prices for best grade. One gallon, 12 lbs., by parcel post prepaid in first and second zones, \$3.50; 6 gallons, f. o. b. Berrien Springs, \$3.25; 1 case, 2 cans, 120 lbs., as above, \$27. Now is the time to lay in your supply for the winter. J. H. Haughey, R. F. D. 1, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Canvassers' Report for the Week Ending December 4, 1920

| East Michigan | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Canvasser | Book | Hrs. | Ords. | Value | Helps | Total | Del. |
| E. T. Goodman | 35 1/2 | | | | | | 8 85 |
| Chas. Baldwin | BR 41 | 23 | 135 | 50 | 29 95 | 165 45 | 8 45 |
| A. W. Alderman | BR/PG/OD | 32 | 16 | 88 | 50 | 99 00 | 102 45 |
| J. Pengelly | OD 40 1/2 | 11 | 40 | 50 | 23 00 | 63 50 | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Embury | 9 | | | | | | 16 65 |
| | 157 | 50 | 264 | 50 | 63 45 | 327 95 | 144 40 |
| North Michigan | | | | | | | |
| E. J. Peterson | BR 27 | 18 | 130 | 50 | | 130 50 | |
| August C. Hirsch | GC 21 | | | | 16 75 | 16 75 | 25 |
| | 48 | 18 | 130 | 50 | 16 75 | 147 25 | 25 |
| Nov. 27 | 43 | 25 | 182 | 50 | 9 00 | 191 50 | 5 50 |
| North Wisconsin | | | | | | | |
| P. G. Herwick | PG 28 | 22 | 122 | 50 | | 122 50 | |
| H. W. Johnson | HofM 60 | 57 | 206 | 50 | | 206 50 | |
| C. R. Morris | PG 60 | 71 | 424 | 00 | 3 00 | 427 00 | |
| W. E. Tharp | PG 34 | 10 | 62 | 50 | 6 00 | 68 50 | |
| H. G. Jensen | PG 14 | 4 | 23 | 50 | | 23 50 | |
| J. F. Rogers | D&R 31 | 12 | 67 | 50 | 11 40 | 78 90 | |
| Mrs. A. Agnew | PG 6 | | | | | | 82 50 |
| Albert Agnew | PG 10 | | | | | | 152 00 |
| | 253 | 176 | 906 | 50 | 20 40 | 926 90 | 234 50 |
| Illinois | | | | | | | |
| Ada I. Boyd | OD 4 | | | | | | 16 50 |
| J. E. Fox | DR 35 | 12 | 60 | 00 | 13 50 | 82 50 | |

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| G. W. Kimberlin | DR 36 | 6 | 36 | 00 | 10 50 | 46 50 | |
| A. P. Lager | BR 37 | 5 | 30 | 50 | 2 75 | 33 25 | 99 00 |
| Mrs. A. P. Lager | BR 36 | 5 | 33 | 00 | 9 00 | 42 00 | 88 00 |
| F. G. McAlister | BR 40 | 11 | 66 | 50 | 12 00 | 78 50 | 2 00 |
| Lottie Poston | PPF 26 | 2 | 5 | 00 | | 5 00 | 17 50 |
| Jerry Suda | ES 53 | 17 | 93 | 50 | 6 75 | 100 25 | 1 25 |
| | 263 | 58 | 333 | 50 | 54 50 | 388 00 | 224 25 |

| Chicago | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-----|------|----|--------|---------|--------|
| Mr. A. E. Clough | BR 39 | 13 | 74 | 50 | 7 50 | 82 00 | 7 00 |
| Tracy Hill | OD 25 | 10 | 39 | 00 | 75 | 39 75 | |
| Miss A. Hermansen | PG 19 | 9 | 47 | 00 | 12 00 | 59 00 | |
| Miss A. Kramer | BR 7 | 12 | 78 | 00 | | 78 00 | 74 00 |
| Mrs. M. Person | PG 14 | 4 | 31 | 00 | | 31 00 | |
| Miss C. Perkins | BR 9 | 14 | 84 | 50 | | 84 50 | 25 00 |
| Mr. G. Popescu | OD 12 | 8 | 39 | 00 | | 39 00 | 11 50 |
| G. B. Schenong | OD 25 | 15 | 51 | 00 | 4 00 | 55 00 | 14 00 |
| Mr. H. W. Sickles | PG 26 | 9 | 48 | 50 | 4 00 | 52 50 | 8 70 |
| | 176 | 94 | 492 | 50 | 28 25 | 520 70 | 140 20 |
| Summary, Agts. 32 | 897 | 396 | 2127 | 50 | 183 35 | 2310 85 | 833 60 |

Educational Department

The following statistics from the Educational Department of the Union may be of interest to the readers:

| Academies | No. Grades | No. Teachers | Enrollment |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Hinsdale | 11 | 5 | 54 |
| Adelphian | 12 | 10 | 100 |
| Cedar Lake | 12 | 12 | 106 |
| Walderly | 12 | 9 | 63 |
| Bethel | 12 | 10 | 124 |
| Indiana | 12 | 9 | 88 |
| Battle Creek | 12 | 9 | 74 |
| Fox River | 12 | 9 | 95 |
| Total | | 73 | 704 |
| Conference | No. Schools | Enrollment | No. Teachers |
| Illinois | 15 | 178 | 15 |
| N. Wisconsin | 17 | 184 | 17 |
| N. Michigan | 12 | 118 | 12 |
| S. Wisconsin | 23 | 317 | 23 |
| Indiana | 19 | 274 | 22 |
| East Michigan | 16 | 264 | 20 |
| Chicago | 11 | 328 | 14 |
| W. Michigan | 22 | 531 | 27 |
| Total | 135 | 2194 | 150 |

HOME MISSIONARY REPORT FOR THIRD QUARTER 1920

| | M. V. | M. V. | M. V. | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|----------|
| | Juniors | Seniors | Totals | Adults | Totals |
| Membership | | | 3,196 | 10,910 | 14,106 |
| Number Reporting | 479 | 627 | 1,106 | 3,889 | 4,995 |
| No. Churches and Societies | 97 | 83 | | | 379 |
| No. " and Societies Reporting | 47 | 55 | | | 296 |
| Letters Written | 223 | 1,873 | 2,096 | 3,570 | 5,666 |
| Letters Received | 84 | 619 | 703 | 1,671 | 2,374 |
| Missionary Visits | 469 | 5,519 | 5,988 | 37,378 | 43,366 |
| Bible Rdgs. and Cot. Mtgs. | 11 | 1,475 | 1,486 | 3,611 | 5,097 |
| Subs. for Periodicals | 8 | 252 | 1,260 | 1,371 | 1,631 |
| Periodicals Sold | 2,478 | 13,777 | 16,255 | 22,915 | 39,170 |
| Papers Lent or Given | 3,413 | 24,932 | 28,345 | 214,348 | 242,693 |
| Books Sold | 425 | 2,520 | 2,945 | 20,150 | 23,095 |
| Books Lent or Given | 140 | 1,213 | 1,353 | 3,920 | 5,273 |
| Tracts Distributed | 4,073 | 25,930 | 30,003 | 33,632 | 63,635 |
| Hrs. Christian Help | 1,702 | 6,936 | 8,638 | 23,892 | 32,530 |
| Articles Clothing Given | 135 | 688 | 823 | 3,974 | 4,797 |
| No. Meals Given | 179 | 922 | 1,101 | 5,150 | 6,251 |
| Treatments Given | 1 | 1,558 | 1,559 | 1,361 | 2,920 |
| Percentage of Membership Reporting | | | | | |
| Missionary Volunteers | | | 34 | 2/3 | per cent |
| Adults | | | 35 | 2/3 | per cent |
| On Total Membership | | | 35 | 1/2 | per cent |

J. L. McCONAUGHEY,

Home Missionary Secretary.

H. T. ELLIOTT,

Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Secretaries' Council

Nov. 29—Dec. 5, 1920

Last week we announced this Secretaries' Council. As the secretaries return to their fields of labor it is with a feeling of gratitude for the privilege of this important gathering. We believe, as many expressed that the Council means a forward stride of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in both departments the coming year.

The program was opened each day by Elder G. B. Thompson's studies on "The Victorious Life of a Christian." Extracts from these studies will be presented in the HERALD from time to time.

The chapel sessions were instructive and inspiring. Two stereopticon lectures, one on "The Foreigners Within Our Gates" and the other "Our European Field," the latter by Professor M. E. Kern, were of especial interest.

Besides, Elder L. R. Conradi, the vice-president of the General Conference for the European Division, presented vividly the growth of the work in Africa and Europe during the terrible war. Astounding as it may appear, our work in these fields has increased during this period from less than thirty thousand believers to more than fifty thousand. Now is our time to help Europe. The former barriers are removed. If men and money can be furnished just now the work in these old countries will go by leaps and bounds.

The sessions of the Council were faithfully attended. The plans developed will of course be presented in the field by the local secretaries. Word concerning the more important features will appear later in the HERALD.

J. L. McCONAUGHEY
H. T. ELLIOTT

Notice About Clothes for Europe

On account of the large volumes of clothing being gathered for our stricken people in Poland and the Baltic Republics, it is necessary to have each conference attend directly to shipping for New York. Ship according to your conference secretary's instruction.

The following general instruction from the General Conference headquarters, if followed where clothing weighing *one hundred pounds* or more is gathered, will assist the local secretary.

Instructions

What is wanted.—Used clothing of every kind for men, women, and children—outer garments, underwear, warm headress, and shoes. All clothing and shoes should be substantial enough for considerable wear, and must be in repair and clean.

Packing.—1. Goods must be packed for overseas shipment, before forwarding to New York.

2. *Pack in large boxes* made of at least seven-eighth inch lumber, and if possible reinforced with band iron. One reason for large boxes is that carting charges in New York is figured on the number of boxes.

3. The boxes *must be lined with heavy paper* to protect the goods from molding in the damp holds of ships.

4. Pack *very compactly*, as ocean charges are by cubic feet rather than by weight.

Barrels are not accepted for overseas shipment.

Do not ship more to the Union headquarters at Berrien Springs, Michigan. Ship as your local conference directs.

H. C. ELLIOTT

In the western part of Pennsylvania lives a sister who has been a faithful member of the church for some years. Her husband opposed her, but, like many other sisters in such an experience, she has watched and prayed and kept sweet. Her faithfulness has been rewarded. It seems that the husband had a habit of standing between the kitchen stove and the wall each morning to warm himself. One day the wife felt impressed to pin a copy of the *Signs of the Times* on the wall opposite the spot where he was accustomed to stand. Almost unconsciously he began to read its paragraphs. Later she put up another copy, and as time passed his interest in the paper grew. Today he is happy in the faith with his wife.

Elder I. H. Evans says: "The Kingdom of God," by Pastor R. C. Porter, is a treasury of thoughts on the third angel's message, so presented as to attract and win. Many who have never heard the message, we believe, will be won to it through this book. . . It should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home." The price \$1.50. Order of Hattie I. Porter, 63 Oak Lawn, Battle Creek, Mich.

The Symphony Orchestra of Emmanuel Missionary College will give the first concert of this season Sunday evening, December 19. The admission will be 25 cents.

The Comforter

It is so sweet to know

When we are tired, and when the hand of pain
Lies on our hearts, and when we look in vain
For human comfort, that the heart Divine
Still understands these cares of yours and mine.
Not only understands, but day by day
Lives with us while we tread the earthly way;
Bears with us all our weariness, and feels
The shadow of the faintest cloud that steals
Across our sunshine, ever learns again
The depth and bitterness of human pain.
There is no sorrow that He will not share.
No cross, no burden, for our hearts to bear
Without His help; no care of ours too small
To cast on Jesus; let us tell Him all—
Lay at His feet the story of our woes,
And in His sympathy find sweet repose.

—Selected

One more paper this year.