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Who Will Go?

Through the doors that open stand
 Who will go?
 Calls invite on every hand:
 Who will go!
 You whom Christ from sin has freed,
 Hear the Lord of glory plead
 For the lands that lie in need:
 Who will go?
 Soul, Does Jesus speak to you?
 Will you go?
 Has he work for you to do?
 Who will go?
 He has borne the cross before;
 He will keep the crown in store;
 Enter, then, the open door.
 Who will go?
 —Selected.

Distribution of Labor.

The action of the Conference Committee places the laborers for the winter as follows:
 A. G. Haughey, West Michigan.
 W. C. Hebner, Shelby, and among the churches.

- A. C. Bourdeau, Battle Creek.
- W. R. Matthews, Charlotte and surrounding churches.
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- A. Smith, Grandville.
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- J. W. Covert, Cedar Springs.
- J. M. Wilbur, Grand Rapids.
- J. M. Irving, under the direction of the Kentucky Conf.
- W. E. Videto, Berrien Springs College.
- John E. Hanson, under the direction of the Louisiana Conf.
- A. C. Haughey, Departmental Work.
- S. S. Gray, work at Otsego till the end of the year.
- Myron Butterfield, under the direction of the N. Mich. Conf.
- Fred Green, Cedar Lake.
- G. H. Crandall, Otsego.
- E. L. Richmond, Otsego.
- C. A. Russell, Departmental Work.
- Leslie Avery, Cedar Lake.
- Roscoe Garrett, Otsego.
- Frank Dryer, Battle Creek.
- Avery Davis, Foreign Mission Seminary.
- Oliver Denslow, Foreign Mission Seminary.
- N. H. Pool, for the present with Elder Stanley.
- L. G. Nyman, for the present with Elder Matthews.
- M. C. Whitmarsh, for the present with Elder Covert.
- Eva Howe, Otsego.
- Edith Wilbur, Otsego.
- Mrs. C. Green, Grand Rapids.
- Jennie DeYoung, Muskegon.

Ellen Oxley, Battle Creek.
 Mattie White, Battle Creek.
 It was advised that Brethren Pool and Nyman take up work in new territory a little later.

The Petition Work.

The right of petition is guaranteed by the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States, the same amendment, which guarantees religious freedom to all so far as national legislation is concerned.

The object of our petition work is three-fold,—to preserve as long as possible the blessings of liberty; to prevent the passage of measures that would restrict religious liberty; and above all, to enlighten the people upon the great issues involved in religious legislation, particularly in Sunday legislation.

The blessings in the petition work are likewise three-fold,—a blessing to those who are interviewed and asked to sign the petitions; a blessing to those to whom the petitions are sent; and a blessing to those circulating them.

The petition work affords an excellent opportunity to converse with the people in regard to the truth for this time.

Petitions and memorials played an important part in the great struggle for religious freedom in this country, fought out in old Virginia in Revolutionary times. Instance the many earnest and able petitions and memorials of the Baptists and Presbyterians, and Madison's masterly memorial and remonstrance.

Petitions and protests against religious legislation had much to

do in defeating the Blair and Breckinridge Sunday-rest bills in 1888, 1889, and 1890.

Accompanied by earnest efforts, appropriate letters, and the free distribution of literature, petitions may yet be the means of accomplishing much good in the closing work of God in the earth.

W. A. COLCORD,
Sec'y Religious Liberty Bureau.

September Receipts 1908.

Tithe.

Albion	-	\$	4	87
Agnew	-		9	75
Battle Creek	-		798	06
Bedford	-		128	97
Benton Harbor	-		39	20
Berrien Springs	-		174	19
Bloomington	-		17	18
Buchanan	-		35	39
Burlington	-		141	67
Byron Center	-		6	74
Carson City	-		19	27
Cedar Lake	-		35	00
Charlotte	-		63	01
Decatur	-		10	13
Frost	-		36	81
Glenwood	-		12	34
Grand Ledge	-		54	70
Grand Rapids	-		264	96
Grandville	-		14	73
Hastings	-		33	00
Kent City	-		5	00
Mendon	-		60	37
Otsego	-		66	40
Palo	-		11	50
Shelby	-		27	90
Union City	-		12	65
Urbandale	-		22	62
Individuals	-		55	28
Money Refunded	-		59	25
Iowa Conference	-		6	10
			\$2,227	04

West Michigan Conference.

Tithe	-	\$2,227	04
Sabbath School Of'gs.	-	92	17
Weekly Offerings	-	66	80
Takoma Park Church	-	7	00
Annual Offerings	-	30	00
Orphans & Aged Fund	-	14	
Harvest Ingathering	-	1	60
Southern Field	-	13	74

Colored Work	-	5	00
Otsego Academy	-	35	00
Jamaica Scholarship	-	1	00
Hazel (Ky.) Academy	-	1	75
Mid-Summer Offering	-	29	00
Glimpses of the Caribbean	-	25	
Teachers' Expense	-		
(Money refunded)	-	25	00
Labor Account (Money re-	-		
funded)	-		48
Oakwood School & South-	-		
ern Miss. Soc'y.	-	27	00
On Deposit	-	22	50
Mission Board Offerings	-	110	92
O. H. F. T. D. Fund	-	12	25
Self-denial Fund	-	1	47
Chinese Mission	-	7	04
Tent & Campmeeting F'd.	-	41	54
Bills Payable	-	2,423	05
General Fund	-	90	31
Religious Liberty Fund	-	1	00
		\$5,273	05

West Michigan Tract Society.

On Account	-	\$372	59
Merchandise	-	67	29
West Michigan Herald	-	4	76
		\$444	64

Then and Now.

Previous to 1879 no large denominational subscription books had been sold. In fact, we had none. Up to that time no one had comprehended the great responsibilities of advancing the message through the sale of our books to those not of our faith, but all can now see how willingly the general public has patronized us along this line. Is it not reasonable to expect even greater and more direct financial aid from the world in the future?

The Prophet Isaiah (60:5) assures us that the time will come when "the wealth (forces) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee (the church)." This wealth of the Gentiles is the Lord's, and at the command of His church when He can trust it with His possessions, but His people must sense their need of it, and for the blessings associated with its

accumulation. It will not come to them without an effort on their part.

The Thanksgiving Ingathering plan is a manifestation of our faith in the fulfillment of the time when the Gentiles are to help carry this message to all the world. It really seems strange that some such plan has not been adopted before. It is the same idea as calling upon the world in the sale of books. They have patronized us liberally in book sales, so it will be in soliciting for donations—success will come to those of faith and consecration. No one can afford to miss the blessings that will come as the result of promptly moving out in faith as the opening of providences of the Lord are revealed.

Those churches that have not already sent in their order to the Conference Secretary should do so at once. Each church elder should call for a vote on the question and obtain a list of every individual who will take part in the plan and receive the blessing. This list should be made out carefully and accurately, with no misspelled names, and then cards can be filled out and sent for each one.

It is not long until this matter ought to be moving rapidly and if there are some who do not have church privileges you may send your order for papers direct to E. L. Richmond, Otsego, Mich., and your request will receive the same attention as that from the large churches.

Mission Notes.

Brother Robert S. Greaves, writing from Smyrna, Turkey, under date of August 9, after speaking of the rejoicing throughout the city because of the change in governmental affairs, tells of two who have embraced the truth as the result of their labors. One Armenian lady who before they came had heard about the Sabbath, and a young Greek, who also had had his attention called to the Sabbath,

but who had opposed it, are now rejoicing in the new-found truth. Brother Greaves still craves an interest in the prayers of God's people in the homeland.

Eld. Jay J. Nethery and wife have have been compelled to remain in England, instead of returning to Egypt, where they have been laboring the past two years. They will labor in the South England Conference. A young man and his wife from Europe have been selected to go down into Egypt to continue the work.

"A queer country this is, where the only things of interest you have to show me are the graves," said a newcomer who had joined the mission forces in Africa. "Yes," was the reply, "but they are the milestones of Christianity to regions beyond." Another missionary, illustrating the brave spirit actuating the advance into such dark climes, said: "Though every step be over the grave of a missionary, Africa must be redeemed." Soldiers of Christ are needed whose hearts beat with this true heavenly courage, who are not daunted in the face of hardships, to enter the great mission fields with the third angels message.

A general meeting was held during August at Koze, Japan. This place is the one the brethren have in mind for locating their new sanitarium. Brother Field writes: "We are looking forward with much expectation to our meeting at Koze. It ought to mark a decided advance step in the work here, and I believe that it will. We have a carefully-arranged program, covering the various lines of our work, and have divided the meetings among the workers, that the best results may be secured. We plan to have the workers spend some time each day in getting out among the people with our literature. The evening meetings will be planned with special reference

to outside attendance." This will be the first camp-meeting for Japan.

Two acres of land have been deeded the India Mission committee in a favorable locality among the Tamils of south India. One and one-fourth acres of this land are well adapted for building purposes, the remainder for a fruit and vegetable garden. Brother and Sister James are in the mountains seeking a little respite from the heat of the plains, where the mercury has gone up to 112° in the shade. They carry on dispensary work, relieving the afflicted who came to them in large numbers, both from the vicinity where they lived, and from outlying villages, until they were compelled to seek a little rest. A physician and wife who can also help in the spiritual work are greatly needed to join Brother and Sister James in south India.

At a cost beyond all reckoning the continent (Africa) has passed from prehistoric darkness to twentieth century daybreak. It is estimated that of explorers over 600 died as a direct result of the death-dealing climate and the consequent hardships of travel. Of missionaries the number is unknown, but in 1902 seven of the leading missionary societies in the United States furnished lists showing that the average length of service for the missionaries under their auspices had been eight years, and that since 1833 these seven societies had given 195 lives for Africa. When it is remembered that these are but seven of the ninety-five societies working in Africa, one can form some idea of the cost in the lives of missionaries. The roll of honor of those who, through the centuries, as conquerors, geographers, explorers, colonizers, missionaries, soldiers, statesmen, have contributed, bit by bit, here a little, there a little, to the sum total of knowledge concerning Africa, or to its present state of develop-

ment, represents almost matchless achievements.—"Daybreak in the Dark Continent."

Emmanuel Missionary College News Notes.

The College Board will be in session at the College several days beginning Oct. 13.

The Music Studio, which is being constructed just southwest of the College building, is nearing completion.

The work of repair at North Hall, the boys' dormitory, is nearly finished, and the boys are beginning to move in. The preceptor, Elder P. W. Province, of Parkersburg, W. Va., has just arrived.

Elder J. J. Irwin stopped off at the College for a short time on his way to Petoskey, where he takes up his duties as President of the North Michigan Conference.

Elder Allen Moon spoke to the school and the church at the regular service last Sabbath. In the afternoon he spoke to the young people on the underlying principles of religious liberty.

Our enrollment has now passed the eighty mark, with about ten more on hand, who have not enrolled, and new students are coming in almost daily.

The new iron bedsteads and springs for the boys' dormitory have come and are being set up, and new floors are being laid down stairs. It makes the boys smile—this homelike appearance of their quarters.

Our grape juice factory, since the large new wine press has been added to its equipment, is keeping up an almost constant flow of the purple fluid. It has already nearly eight hundred gallons to its credit, and we expect to have a thousand gallons ready for market soon.

Last evening after the Sabbath the College faculty gave its first reception to the students, patrons, and friends of the school. After the reception, which was given in

the chapel, a short program was rendered. The evening passed very pleasantly and students and teachers became better acquainted with one another.

Many regrets have been expressed on account of the continued illness of Mrs. H. B. Allen, head of the Music Department. Altho she is slowly improving it seemed necessary to fill her place temporarily. We have, very fortunately, secured the services of Prof. Girard Gerritsen, of Chicago, former Director of Music at Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington. Previous engagements make it impossible for Prof. Gerritsen to spend his entire time at the College, but he has arranged to be with us from Thursday morning until Sunday evening of each week.

Wanted.

We have a call for the following books:

Empires of Prophecy
Eastern Question, cloth
Synopsis of Present Truth
Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History
Fathers of the Catholic Church
Patriarchs and Prophets
Modern Spiritualism.

Any one who has a copy of any of these books in good condition, that they wish to dispose of, will please send titles and description of them to this office together with the price asked. Do not send any books until we give you the address.

Life and Health.

The October number of Life and Health especially deals with the question of the health of school children, but the principles advocated are just as applicable to older persons. Parents and teachers will find this a valuable number as it suggests means of co-operation between them for maintaining the health of the children during the formative period of life.

The number is beautifully illus-

trated and contains many pictures showing school methods in different lands. In childhood is the time to form correct habits for maintaining health, and we trust no one in any way interested in the health of the rising generation will miss having a copy of this good October number.* Send to the Tract Society for a liberal supply to sell to your neighbors. Even the children can sell this number readily.

Canvassers' Report.

SEPTEMBER.

Lydia Clark.....	\$91.20
Hulda Berg.....	13.40
Mrs. R. M. Ross.....	31.20
R. H. Gilman.....	14.00
W. H. Hunt.....	47.10
J. Q. Foy.....	96.55
Total.....	\$ 93.45

Decatur.

Sabbath, September 28, it was my privilege to meet with the little company at Decatur.

This is a beautiful little place with a good farming community around. They have a nice church building, and only seven faithful ones to hold up the light of present truth there, and those nearly all elderly people. I was surprised to see the way they have kept up their building and services, and wish to say to the families of West Michigan, if you are looking for a new location or wish to settle where you can be a real help in this message, make Decatur a visit.

N. H. POOL.

News and Notes.

The Cedar Lake Academy had the misfortune to lose one of their horses last week.

Mrs. Cleora Green reports an excellent interest among her Bible readers at Grand Rapids.

A further supply of the petition blanks can be had from this office. Be sure and get all you can use.

Clifford Russell has been at the office for the past few days. He is

now visiting the schools as fast as he can get to them.

Orders for the Thanksgiving number of the REVIEW should be sent to this office at once. Do not send them to the publishers for this will cause delay. We need to know promptly how many you want.

It has been arranged to hold a canvassers institute at the college, Berrien Springs, October 17 to 23 inclusive. Any who contemplate entering the field will do well to attend. Brethren J. B. Blosser and A. C. Haughey will conduct it. Can you not be there?

Quite a number of our churches have supplied themselves with the large Missionary Map of the World and find it a great help in keeping up an interest in missionary work. It is especially desirable for use in connection with the Second Sabbath Readings each month and also in studying the field with the "Outline of Missions." Orders may be placed through this office. Price, \$2.25 postpaid, cash to accompany the order.

Those who are looking for more ammunition along religious liberty lines will find most excellent material in Words of Truth Series No. 49, entitled "Prohibition and Sunday Legislation." Religious Liberty Leaflets Nos. 13 and 14 are also issued and will be found to contain very effective arguments against the union of Church and State. Prices range from fifty cents to \$1.50 per 100 copies, thus bringing them where all can make use of the series. Orders may be sent to this office.

We are pleased to comply with a request for the publication of the hour of sunset each week. The figures used will be local or sun time. Where standard time is used the difference can easily be computed.

Sun sets Friday, Oct. 16, 5:18.
Sabbath, Oct. 17, 5:16.