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

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WHAT TIME IS IT?

It is time to be brave. It is time to be true.
It is time to be finding the things you can do.
It is time to put by the dream and the sigh,
And work for the cause that is holy and high.
It is time to be kind. It is time to be sweet,
To be scattering roses for somebody's feet.
It is time to be sowing. It is time to be growing.
It is time for the flowers of life to be blowing.

— Selected.



WEEK OF PRAYER.

God's people are exhorted to "pray without ceasing", and to continue "instant in prayer." And the Saviour "spake a parable unto them to the end that men ought always to pray and not to faint."

The exhortations and the parable of the Saviour all teach very forcefully that when the children of God ask anything according to His will, they should not cease or grow faint until the thing is done. When children of earthly parents ask bread, they know it is according to the will of the parents to give it; and they continue to ask until the parents are convinced that the children really sense their need. Our heavenly Father is more willing to give good gifts to His children than earthly parents are to theirs.

But why a special week of prayer? History records that the children of God in all ages have had special seasons for laying aside the cares of life, and coming before the Lord to commune with Him. The Lord has required this for the good of His people. Three times a year they were called together, and each time to spend a week; and they were admonished to "give thanks unto the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the people; sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him; talk ye of all His wondrous works."

The Saviour also set an example of devoting special seasons to prayer. No doubt He was always in a prayerful frame of mind; but after a period spent in instructing the people and in journeying about the country, it is said of Him, that "it came to pass in those days that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God." And this act was repeated on several occasions.

This week may be one not only of special prayer and seeking the Lord, but of restfulness as well. It is the will of our heavenly Father that

His children ask largely; that they ask Him to do large things through them this year,—large things for the advancement of the last-day message.

ALLEN MOON.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT BATTLE CREEK.

On Sabbath, Nov. 28, 1908, there was a special service in the Tabernacle of a thanksgiving character. Special music had been prepared by the choir, and three speakers were appointed to fill the hour. These were Elders Amadon, Miller, and Hartwell.

The topics allotted to these brethren were: 1. General Reasons for Thanksgiving; 2. What the Present Missionary Movement with the *Review* Means to the World; 3. What It Means to God's People.

After the opening exercises, Elder C. N. Sanders acted as chairman and the subjects mentioned were presented in the order stated.

In considering the first topic, the writer said we should be thankful because God requires it. "Be ye thankful", is an injunction of the Scripture. "Offer unto God thanksgiving", are the words of the Psalmist. "With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God", says Paul. "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving", are the words of King David. And there are very many similar texts in the Bible.

Under the old dispensation one of the many sacrifices enjoined was a thank offering. And in the time of David the Levites were required every morning and evening to render praise and thanks to God. How multitudinous are the reasons why we should all be thankful. Here are some of them:—

1. We should be thankful for the dearest thing we have on earth — our lives.
2. For the numberless blessings we enjoy, temporal and spiritual, for our daily food, for raiment, health and strength.
3. Every believer in the audience has reasons for sincere thanksgiving that when the light of this truth came to him, he had grace to accept it.
4. We should be grateful to God that He has spared the lives of so many of His aged servants in the ministry still to abide, and aid by their long experience in this closing work.
5. There is cause for deep gratitude that God is moving on the hearts of so many young people of both sexes to connect with this cause, and to aid in carrying the gospel to earth's remotest bounds.
6. During the recent past there have been several remarkable cases of divine healing in answer to prayer in the Battle Creek church. This calls for both gratitude and thankfulness.
7. Have we not as a congregation abundant causes for thanksgiving and melody that the matter concerning the Tabernacle property has been taken out of the civil court?

Certainly God has done great things for us, whereof we can not refrain from being glad.

8. Amid the various winds of theological error that have been blowing here and there, God has been pleased to keep this church quite free from such insensate folly. But in this we may rejoice with trembling.

9. It should not be passed by as a thing of minor importance that our church academy is in so prosperous a state as regards teachers, students, and finances.

10. Are we sufficiently grateful to God, that for sixty-four long years, during the history of the Third Angel's Message, the Lord has kept the Spirit of prophecy in the remnant church, and that the present week His chosen handmaid still lives and continues her labor in the cause? We may well rejoice that the Spirit of prophecy is the unerring voice of God's Spirit to His dear people.

11. Are we fully aware that this gospel of the kingdom is going to-day as never before; and that the success attending the canvassing work is a marvel of astonishment to the thoughtful? "His word runneth very swiftly," is a text having a daily fulfillment.

12. Can we ever be sufficiently thankful that the great everlasting gospel, the glorious news of the soon-coming kingdom, has now belted the globe in its onward march, and is at present being proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people? Is it any wonder that Paul, viewing the gospel as adapted to all conditions, should break forth with this apostrophe, "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift!" Let us rejoice that the long controversy is soon to close, and that Jesus will soon come and gather His people.

The reading of this paper was followed by a twenty minutes' talk by Elder M. B. Miller on "What the Present Movement with the Missionary Number of the *Review* Means to the World." This presentation was animated, convincing, and scriptural. It is to be regretted that the salient features of this discourse cannot be here given.

Then followed a brief discussion of the interesting topic, "What the present Movement with the *Review and Herald* Means for the Church." Elder Hartwell, pastor of the Battle Creek church, treated this proposition, and it may be that later it will be written out for the benefit of the readers of this journal. Just now we are not able to give even a synopsis of his timely remarks.

In the afternoon there was a union meeting of young and old, in the auditorium. It partook of the nature of a social meeting with experiences. Several of those who spoke had been at work with the missionary number of the *Review*. The experiences had been quite varied. Generally no great sums had been realized for the paper. But there were two good features about these experience; those who carried the papers had learned better how to approach the outside world on religious matters, and many copies of the paper had been left as witnesses in different homes.

But in Battle Creek this work is only just begun, as it were. Many papers were left at houses where nothing was realized. But in one instance a well-known brother received quite a large check for a single paper. One lady disposed of five papers to merchants, and in return received \$13.50. This same territory had been gone over by persons whom the city traders did not know, and consequently but little can be accomplished there.

The present experience here demonstrates

that the business portion of a city or village should be canvassed by representative persons well known to the merchants. Generally those who do considerable trading themselves are the ones to visit the merchants. But do not encourage a stranger, or individuals who lack tact and address, to do this kind of work. In this city, streets with fine residences have brought in nothing because children who could not present the object of the paper properly have gone from house to house, and so the territory has been injured.

That God may bless the present experience with the missionary *Review*, and give heavenly wisdom to His people, is my prayer.

G. W. AMADON.



THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Another year is swiftly passing and the time for the week of prayer is right upon us. This season is for the benefit of the individual members of the denomination. It is a period of self-inspection, putting away all sin and getting close to God. The present year has been filled with trying experiences for many. As a denomination, we have gained many victories, but how is it individually? Whatever our experiences, we are now called aside to "rest awhile." Indeed there is rest to the weary traveller along life's stormy road, in quiet prayer. If we embrace this opportunity with all our being, the benefit will be beyond estimate. The Lord never turns a longing soul away empty. He always fills his cup to overflowing.

Dear fellow-pilgrim, do you possess the fruits of the Spirit,—“love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance?” If not, do not let the cares of this world take your time during the precious hours of the week of prayer. God wants you. The Savior is anxiously waiting to intercede. He stands at the door knocking for entrance. Unfaithful, careless one, will you let Him in? Open wide the door and give Him abundant entrance.

Elders and leaders should lay plans for the gathering of the people in public meeting each day. Sabbath-school officers and teachers should urge each member of their classes to attend. All should do some personal work. This is the time to drive from your church “idolatry, hatred, variance, wrath, strife, seditions, and envyings.”

S. E. WIGHT.



A SUBJECT FOR SERIOUS REFLECTION.

A letter was received at the office lately which should startle each one of us as would a competitor in a race who is fast overtaking us,

threatening to reach the goal and gain the prize we might have won. It reads as follows:—

"Gentlemen:—I have a book named the 'Great Controversy between Christ and Satan', which I suppose you have published. I have been asked time and again to sell my book, but I could not well part with it. Therefore I desire to become one of your agents for this great book. If you choose to accept me as an agent, please let me hear from you at once in regard to the matter."

We have been told that if we did not do this work, God would find others who would carry the truth. Does it not look as though this is beginning to be fulfilled already? This is not the only request of like nature that has come to us, but there are thoughts in this, worthy of our attention. We see first that the book is greatly valued by the people outside of the faith, even more so than by many of our own people. How is it? Have you a copy in your home? Brother Knott found a man this past summer who had bought a copy five years ago, and had read it through once each year.

This letter also reveals that other people are interested enough in it to want to buy it. We have no canvasser in that county. Nearly every county in our conference is without a canvasser in it to give the last message.

This is a splendid time of the year to approach the farmers and sell our books. Are there not some of our brethren so consecrated to the Master that they will go without the camp to carry the news of salvation to lost men and women? They will gain a precious experience for themselves that nothing else can give.

After reading the notice of the canvassers' institute, ask God what He wants you to do, and do as He says. Now is the time to work. Next summer you will not have the time.

I would be pleased to hear from you soon. Address, 300 West Allen Street. C. J. TOLF.

Field Reports.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS.—During the past two weeks, the Indianapolis church has been favored with the labors of Elder G. G. Rupert, of Oklahama. The meetings are being held in the Twenty-third Street church and a large number of strangers are attending; in fact, it has been several years since there has been such a general outside interest in any series of meetings held in this church. It has been deemed advisable to continue during the present week.

Elder Rupert, although blind, uses a number of original charts to illustrate his lectures, and they add materially to the instructiveness of the discourses. We are hopeful that some will be led fully to accept the truth as a result of this effort.

R. C. SPOHR.

LAFAVETTE.—I have just finished visiting a number of churches assigned me. All are doing something to raise means during Thanksgiving week. I also found them interested in our sanitarium work. The plan of giving one day's work each month for one year is being taken hold of better than the plan of giving three dollars a member. I am now spending a few days at the Sanitarium. I find a spiritual atmosphere pervading the institution. The physicians and some of the helpers meet at twelve o'clock daily for a season of prayer. The influence of this is finding its way to the patients. To-day, one not of our faith, had us to come and pray with her. Three operations performed a few weeks ago were very successful. The helpers all seem to be of good courage.

C. J. BUHALTS.

LIGONIER:—I understand that the HERALD is published for the purpose of bringing the laborers in the different conferences of the Union in close touch with one another, by way of reports from the individual workers. I should be pleased to hear of the progress my brethren in the ministry are making in their respective fields of labor. Truly we are in an important time in the history of this message. The Lord is going before His servants in a wonderful manner. I am sure it would be a source of encouragement to all the readers, if the workers would send for publication, reports of the interesting experiences they are having.

Since my last report to this paper, I have visited a number of places in the interest of the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, and I am thankful to see the willingness on the part of our brethren and sisters to make sacrifices to help a Heaven-appointed institution. My prayer is that God will continue to lead the minds of all our brethren, that we may see eye to eye. Now is the time to do all we can to finish the work.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed my feeble efforts the past summer, and has given me precious souls as the result. I am of good courage, and the prospect in the message never was brighter than at present.

BYRON HAGLE.

NORTH MICHIGAN.

From a letter just received from Brother Collard, I take the following:—

"I sent you the name of Mr.— as one who had bought 'Daniel and Revelation.' He has also taken 'Bible Readings' and 'Christ's Object Lessons' and is going to have the *Review* soon. He and his wife are now keeping the Sabbath. Brother Peterson has been studying with him, and he has accepted the light as far as he has studied. He was a Salvationist. The neighbors have been warning him against Adventists saying that we would quote scripture that they never had heard of to prove our position; but the man wants something that is sustained by the Bible."

As might be expected, Brother Collard is of good courage in the work.

Brother Bjork's report was not quite so large this week as usual, but he writes that he found a Finnish family trying to build a house to live in before the cold weather set in, and he helped them for three days; the result is that the man started to keep the Sabbath, last week being his first. Brother Bjork is praising the Lord for a part in the work.

After spending three weeks telling others how to use the mission *Review*, I went out to try it myself to-day, and spent three hours. During the first two hours, I received only thirty-five cents, but I knew the work was of the Lord and that He would keep His promise. In the next hour I made three calls, gave out five papers, and received six dollars. I came home happy, with a determination to go out again.

HU JOHNSON.

WEST MICHIGAN.

An experience meeting was held in the Greenwood church November 28. The opening song was "Missionary's Farewell", followed by a Scripture lesson from Isaiah 60. Prayer was offered by Brother E. A. Merriam, followed by a song, "Call for Reapers". A letter was read from Brother Blosser.

Brother Merriam then gave a very interesting report of his labors with Brother Nyman, near Cassopolis. Although some were opposed to having the meetings, many over-stepped the mark in their opposition, and became interested. We believe the Lord has some faithful souls there, who will later openly confess Him.

Another brother gave an encouraging report of his work with the *Review* in Dowagiac. Many who were not able seemed willing to give.

Another brother began with his neighbors, giving eleven papers away, and receiving \$1.50. He desires more papers.

Two brothers labored in Calvin, about twenty-two miles from here. They took other of our papers besides the *Review*, and where no donation was given, a *Watchman* or a *Signs* was left instead of the *Review*, so as to save papers. One of these brothers received four dollars for one paper. This place is mostly inhabited by colored people, and they were very much interested to learn that Seventh-day Adventist are doing work in the South for the colored people. One man asked if we allowed the colored people to join our church; and on being told that we do, he was very glad, and the brothers had a very encouraging experience with him. "We want to go again," were their closing words, and some expect to go as soon as possible.

GRAND RAPIDS.—The work in Grand Rapids is progressing slowly. Our papers came and we

have been doing some soliciting. We know the Lord's work is onward, and His Spirit working on the hearts of the people is what will do the work. We are led to see how weak we are and how much we should depend on the Lord. I was out with the papers last week. I received about eleven dollars and fifty cents for eighteen papers, and gave away some without getting any money. We have about one thousand yet on hand, and I do not know but there are more at the office.

After the Sabbath-school we had a good meeting, opened by one of the hymns suggested by the program sent to us. Brother Gravelle read the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah, then we bowed in an earnest prayer to God for His blessing on the meeting and that we might follow the example given to us by our Saviour.

After singing another hymn of praise, we gave the meeting over to testimonies and experiences. A number of the brothers and sisters gave us their experience with the papers and said they did not do as well as they hoped to, but they were ready to try again. Brother Adrian Benjamin gave us his views as to how the paper should be handled, which is to attach the blank for the names to the card, start the list with our own name, then go first to the ones who are quite sure will give. This will start us, and as others see names with donations they will be led to give, and sometimes they will be governed by the amount that we start with. As Brother Benjamin had tried this way and met with success, it encouraged others to try the same plan. Some wondered if they would have any more time. I told them we could have the whole of December. So we look for more money yet for missions. After passing the report blanks and taking up the collection, we closed the meeting with a song, feeling sure that the Lord had not forsaken His people but would bring them at length to Zion.

I visited Nunica in the afternoon. About eighteen were gathered at the home of Brother Rollenhagen. All took part in the study of the Sabbath-school lesson, then I spoke for a little while on the text found in Heb. 1:14. "Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?" They seem to be of good courage.

Sunday I went to the Wright church to preach the funeral sermon of Brother Foster. He died November 26, at the home of his son-in-law, Brother D. D. Ford. The services were held in the Wright church. Many friends and old neighbors were there. Words of comfort were spoken from Job 19:25, and he was laid to rest in the Wright cemetery.

J. M. WILBUR.

"The empty vessel makes the greatest sound."

ADVENTIST COUNTY CONVENTION.

An all-day's temperance convention, representing the Adventist churches of the county, was held at their church in this city last Sunday, in the interest of the coming campaign for county prohibition. Presiding Elder A. G. Haughey, and State Secretary Elder E. L. Richmond, both of Otsego, and Elder and Mrs. S. G. Hartwell, formerly of Charlotte, but now of Battle Creek, were among those from outside the county. Altogether there were over one hundred present. Despite the somewhat common opinion that meat eating is necessary to good health, it would be difficult to find a more healthy looking, earnest, and forceful company of workers.

Chairman Haughey said that the success of the temperance movement depends upon individual effort, and asked "What can Seventh-day Adventists do to advance the cause of temperance in Eaton County?"

A permanent organization for the county was effected with Elder W. R. Matthews, of Charlotte, as chairman, and Miss Ella Carman, of Potterville, secretary and treasurer. A collection was taken starting an expense fund for the campaign. Miss Carman gave an outline of the W. C. T. U. plan of organization. Posters are used answering the arguments of the liquor interests. She named the eight prohibition states, the several prohibition counties of Michigan, and the larger number of those to vote on the question this spring, as encouragement for every temperance advocate, and urge, every would-be protector of our boys and of virtue, to be vigilant and active in the coming contest.

Elder Richmond suggested that temperance literature be placed by the Adventists in every home in the county, their "Apples of Gold Library", "The Watchman", "Shall the Liquor Business be Continued?" "Life and Health", "The House We Live In", etc.

The Adventists have made temperance a fundamental principle of their religion. They quote alarming statistics of the growth of the liquor business. In 1840 the consumption of intoxicants was four gallons per capita in the United States; in 1850, four gallons; in 1860, five and one-third gallons; in 1900, seventeen and two-third gallons; in 1906, twenty-one gallons. In the Olympic games at Athens a couple of years ago, the physique of the American boy seemed inferior to that of the German, but in the contest, the former was an easy winner because he was freer from the curse of intoxicants. "All Adventists," said Elder Haughey, "stand for temperance, but we must do more, we must battle for the cause."

An illustration was made with ribbon in a very effective way by letting one inch of ribbon represent five million dollars. Thus two inches of rib-

bon would represent the amount of money spent in the United States for foreign missions; four inches, the amount spent for chewing gum; two and a half feet, the amount spent for Christian work; four feet, the amount spent for schools; thirteen feet, four inches, the amount spent for tobacco; and twenty-five feet the amount spent for intoxicants, or nearly ten times as much for tobacco and whiskey, as for our public schools. — *Charlotte, Michigan Tribune, Dec. 2, 1908.*



A VISIT TO SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

It was my privilege to attend a convention held at DuQuoin, Illinois, November 20-22. Although this convention was not conducted so much on the entertainment plan as some, yet it was evident, by the testimonies borne at the last meeting, that much benefit had been received by those who attended. All departments of the work were considered, each topic being led by an interesting paper, and followed by an enthusiastic discussion. Sabbath morning, Elder Wight gave a very instructive discourse on "How to keep the Sabbath," which made a deep impression on all present. When the plan for raising a library, laboratory, and telescope fund was presented, there was a hearty response — fifty shares being taken. The workers present were C. J. Tolf, R. B. Craig, and Elders Wood and Wight. Also several laymembers attended from near-by churches.

I was also present at a similar convention in Decatur, Illinois, November 27-29. The same workers were present, and the same subjects considered as at DuQuoin. At this meeting the subject of Sabbath observance was presented by Elder Wood. Much interest was manifested in the Equipment Fund, and those present expressed themselves as desirous of bringing the subject before their respective churches.

I spent the time between these conventions at Pana, DuQuoin, Springfield, and Decatur, visiting schools. These schools are making encouraging progress, and the pupils are very much interested in their work. A consecration service was held at the chapel exercise in one of these schools, and our hearts were made to rejoice when one young man gave his heart to the Lord. Before coming to the school he had apparently been very indifferent to religion. This is but one of many illustrations of the work our schools are doing for the youth. Do you suppose the father and mother of this boy regret having sacrificed to send him to school? Would you, father or mother, regard any sacrifice too great to save your wayward son?

W. E. STRAW.



"In company, guard your tongue; in solitude, your heart."

IN THE SOUTH.

(Concluded).

Our school farm of one hundred acres was originally offered Professor Howell free as an inducement for him to start an industrial school in the community. It was with the understanding, however, that if for any reason the school should fail, the farm should return to the original owner, with the exception of ten acres which should belong to Professor Howell in consideration of improvements made. It was a wild, timber tract, not even fenced, and had been part of a large farm of hundreds of acres. Later, the owner offered the remainder of the farm to Professor Howell, offering also to give him a quit-claim deed for two hundred dollars. To pay even this nominal sum would necessitate putting off much needed work on the building which was not even plastered. Already much suffering had been endured by the dear workers through the winter, for, although this is "way down south", winters even here are surprisingly cold, so much dampness is there in the air. Our northern friends will find it hard to understand this.

It would do you good to see what our boys and girls have raised on the twenty cleared acres of the school farm. Our girls work like heroines not only in the house but often go out into the garden and fields and do the same. Corn, cane, rye, grass, sweet and Irish potatoes, turnips, cabbage, melons, squashes, and a good variety of garden vegetables have now been harvested, and have yielded most encouragingly. This is not because Tennessee soil is good, for it has no such reputation, but it is because these crops were chemically fertilized and carefully tended. We believe we could challenge the world on sweet potatoes. Our largest one measured 22 x 26 inches, and weighed 26½ pounds. I have seen vegetable exhibits at the county, state, and world's fairs, but never have I seen anything to equal this potato, nor has any one who has seen it. I am hoping to be able to do some advertising with it. We are very grateful to our heavenly Father for so smiling upon us and our labors in the field, for while these products are but a small part of what is needed to supply a table for a family of sixteen or twenty, yet every little helps and relieves the tax on our meager cash supply.

The live stock on the farm consists of a span of horses, a span of mules, four cows, and forty or fifty hens.

We have students here from Iowa, Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, North Dakota, and a number from Tennessee. We have also with us some brave souls who have just driven all the way from Michigan that they may have some part in the Lord's work in the South.

I wish you could be present at our family worship. Imagine such a family coming together evening and morning for the study of the Bible, and praise and prayer.

Do not think that these are all who constitute our school. Far from it. There are a number of families who have come here from the North for the double purpose of getting their children into such a school, as they know Professor and Mrs. Howell are conducting here, and also to

have a part in the mission work so much needed in this section. Some of the natives have been converted, and their children are in the school; also some of the natives who are as yet unconverted, see that we have a better school than they, and are sending their children here.

I have greatly enjoyed my associations with Professor Howell. Often and often since I have been here, have the bowing, sympathetic heavens witnessed our strong cries and tears together, day and night, in field and woods, in house and barn, in school-house, and by the road-side, anywhere and everywhere, only that the ears of our heavenly Master might be reached with the longings of our hearts, that the blessed work He has given us to do might be so done that His smile would be upon us and it. Nearly always these seasons of wrestling have been at Brother Howell's suggestion. It has been one of my fondest hopes for many years, that I might some time be engaged in work for the dear heavenly Prince, that should have for its object the uplifting of the lowly, the defense of the weak, the conversion of souls, and have for fellow-workers, men and women of prayerful piety and unselfish lives. Here I find it. F. FREDERICK BLISS.



A LETTER.

The following is an extract from a letter just received from Elder W. C. White with reference to the recent labors of Sister White, which will no doubt be of interest to the readers of the HERALD. It is published by consent of Elder White. He says:—

"You may be interested to hear of our movements during the last few weeks. After the summer camp-meeting season was over, Mother was very weary, and for some weeks seemed quite feeble. But about the fourth of November she was strengthened for special work, and consented to take a trip to Sebastapol, about thirty-six miles from here. She had long been promising to visit this church.

"We drove over Friday. Mother spoke Sabbath forenoon and Sunday afternoon, and then we returned home, Monday. After resting three days, she ventured to make a similar trip to Healdsburg. There she spoke to the church Sabbath and Sunday, and we again returned home on Monday. At the end of the week, after she had rested for three days from the Healdsburg trip, we went to Berkeley, spent the Sabbath and Sunday there, and returned home, Monday. Her visit was much appreciated by the church there.

"She is quite weary, but is now looking forward to taking a trip soon to the large farm near Sonoma, for which our people have been negotiating as a new location for the Pacific Union College.

"Last Thursday, November 26, Mother was eighty-one years of age. When I greeted her in the morning and expressed our congratulations, she looked as young as she did two or three years ago. She began her public labors at the age of sixteen, thus making sixty-five years of public work. During the last two or three years Mother has not written as much as formerly, but she has spent much time in looking over her manuscripts written in former years, and selecting material for publication. She is trying to reserve her strength for her labors at the next General Conference in the spring."



"If I knew you and you knew me—
If both of us could clearly see,
And with an inner sight divine
The meaning of your heart and mine,
I'm sure that we would differ less,
And clasp our hands in friendliness;
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree,
If I knew you and you knew me."

Obituary.

Republished by request.

Clarence Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Field, was born Dec. 18, 1901, at Plainwell, Michigan, and died Oct. 30, 1908, at his father's home at Meauwataka, Wexford County, Michigan, aged six years, ten months, and twelve days. Death resulted from a fracture of both tables of the skull, caused by being kicked by a horse, Oct. 16, 1908.

Little Clarence is now sleeping
With all pain and trouble o'er;
And his little voice and footsteps
Will be heard by us no more.

How we loved him while he was with us,
How we'll miss him now he's gone;
But we hope again to meet him
In the resurrection morn.

Father now will miss his darling,
In his duties day by day;
Little brothers, too, will miss him,
As they go about their play.

And the mother who has loved him,
Who has shed his childish tears;
And the sister, too, will miss him
In her play the coming years.

And his schoolmates on the playground,
And his teacher with her class,
All will miss his little presence,
As the study hours are passed.

He was patient in his sickness,
Never murmured or complained;
And we hoped by tender watch-care
That his health would be regained.

But the Saviour, looking forward
In His wisdom so complete,
Saw the trials and temptations
Waiting for the little feet.

So then, Jesus, in His mercy
Has permitted him to rest,
Where the troubles and the trials
Of this earth can not molest.

Parents, loved ones, friends, and playmates,
Little Clarence is at rest;
If we're faithful we shall meet him
In the mansions of the blest.

West Michigan Conference November Tithe Receipts.

Albion.....	\$ 4 71
Allegan.....	10 00
Allendale.....	22 67
Battle Creek.....	644 00
Bedford.....	100 22
Belding.....	7 00
Berrien Springs.....	217 78
Bloomington.....	20 05
Buchanan.....	3 99
Charlotte.....	2 00
Carson City.....	35 09
Clifford Lake.....	23 80
Coldwater.....	50 08
Covert.....	3 00
Eaton Rapids.....	19 00
Frost.....	3 45
Glenwood.....	4 40
Grand Ledge.....	26 47
Grand Rapids.....	383 05
Greenville.....	59 22
Hastings.....	32 68
Horr.....	11 10
Kalamazoo.....	196 61
Kent City.....	10 00
Mendon.....	12 30
Monterey.....	30 50
Morley.....	5 00
Muskegon.....	35 45
Otsego.....	163 66
Pottersville.....	33 20

Rothbury.....	50 00
Sand Lake.....	26 83
Shelby.....	46 73
Union City.....	27 76
Individuals.....	20 05
Idaho Conference.....	4 00
Iowa Conference.....	20 30
Total.....	2,366 15

West Michigan Conference.

Tithes.....	2,366 15
Sabbath-school Offerings.....	63 45
Weekly Offerings.....	81 55
Religious Liberty Fund.....	4 99
Chinese Mission.....	12 28
Mid-summer Offering.....	14 40
General Fund.....	16 93
O. & S. M. Socy.....	107 50
Colored Work.....	73 24
Mission Board Offerings.....	57 40
O. H. F. T. D. Fund.....	4 53
Otsego Academy.....	39 62
Southern Field.....	26 37
Orphans & Aged.....	13
Thanksgiving Ingathering.....	30 25
Takoma Park Church.....	14 25
Birthday Offerings.....	78
Self-denial Fund.....	55
On Deposit.....	8 10
Accommodation Account.....	75
On Account.....	72 75
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund.....	11 79
Hazel Academy, Kentucky.....	7 00
Bills Payable.....	4,300 00
Our Equipment Fund.....	1 50
Labor Account.....	1 05
Cedar Lake Academy.....	229 48
Conference Expense Account.....	1 10
	7,547 89

West Michigan Tract Society.

On account.....	\$ 252 76
Herald.....	45
Merchandise.....	20 15
	273 36

Three New Books for Young People.

"A Man of Valor", by Professor W. A. Spaulding, is a fascinating story of the life of Jonathan, son of King Saul. Aside from Biblical manners, customs, and geography, free use has been made of the imagination, in giving a setting for the life of this greatest Old Testament type of the perfect friend. Price 75 cents.

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Do you wish to make presents to some of your friends at this season? Do not rush to the holiday shops and hastily buy some books made simply to sell. You may find books with excellent sentiments, and yet there may be threads of error throughout. Here are books written for young people by those who have spent their lives with the youth, and whose hearts are tuned to God's message for to-day. Order through your tract society. M. E. KERN.

The Coming Canvassers' Institute.

The importance of the canvassing work and the needs of the field are so great, that it has been deemed best by the president of the conference and the committee to hold a canvassers' institute at Pana, continuing from January 1-10.

We shall endeavor to make it the best ever held in the conference, and believe it will be such. Both Elder Wight and Elder Locken will be there, as well as the Lake Union agent, Brother Blosser. Elder Wight is planning to give us the fruit of his long experience in the canvassing field, both as a canvasser, and as a state agent, and also as the president of a conference. Elder Locken is also peculiarly well fitted to give Bible instruction to the canvasser, as he spent some of the best years of his life as a successful canvasser, and is a great lover of this branch of God's work on earth.

The abilities of Brother Blosser are so well known that they need no description. But, best of all we know that God is behind this work, and will be there to teach all who come.

Dear brethren, everything seems to favor us for this institute, and I believe every one who has an interest in the work of God ought to take hold of this opportunity to better fit themselves for the work. I should be very glad to hear from any who would like to avail themselves of this grand opportunity. My address is 1232 South Fourteenth Street. C. J. TOLF.

Canvassers' Items.

Brother H. W. Johnson of North Michigan writes:—

"I realized while out with the *Reviews* that the God who has told us to work, is one who would keep His promise. Jews and Catholics, and all denominations, as well as saloon keepers gave me money for the missions, so that in five hours I received nearly eleven dollars."

During the institute, a number went out with the *Reviews*, and met with a good degree of success.

One of the students at Emmanuel Missionary College spent a three days' vacation at home, and sold during that time, books amounting to \$29.25.

The institute at Hillsdale, Michigan, was a very interesting occasion. While the number was not large, and several will not enter the work now, the Lord blessed in the studies.

At the close of the school year at Sheridan, Illinois, eight earnest young people are starting into the work. The field missionary agent writes that they expect to keep at the work during the winter months.

This fall has marked a change in our experience. We have heretofore scarcely attempted to hold an institute in the fall of the year. At the close of the Wisconsin camp-meeting, there was seen to be the need of holding an institute to train the volunteers for the work, numbering about a dozen. East Michigan soon followed with the institute work. As many more attended and then a company was trained at Sheridan, Illinois, at the close of their school year. We are now in the midst of another in East Michigan where about eight are preparing to go out. Southern Illinois will follow early in January, and all will hold their regular spring institute. What does this change mean? Shall we not interpret it as a good omen of a great on-coming wave of prosperity for next year?

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.**Cedar Lake Academy.**

Floyd and Earl Denslow entered school from Weidman last week.

The winter term of school opened December 1. Some new classes are being formed. It is not too late to enter and do good work. Let us know your needs.

The school was favored by a visit from Brother C. A. Russell, last week. He remained over the Sabbath, taking charge of the students' prayer-meeting, also the services on Sabbath.

The students and teachers of the Academy spent Wednesday, December 2, in the interests of the Ingathering campaign. The towns of Alma, Vestaburg, and Riverdale were visited, and all who went out, report good experiences, and desire to go again.

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Indiana.

A number of our members are engaged in selling small books for the holidays.

Encouraging reports concerning the Thanksgiving Ingathering are being received from all parts of the State, but it is still too early to give an estimate of the total amount realized for missions.

Miss Mary C. Kent, one of our Bible workers who went to the Wabash Valley Sanitarium for rest and treatment, has sufficiently recovered to enable her to give Bible readings on present truth to the convalescent patients, who seem to be deeply interested in the studies.

Some very encouraging experiences in visiting Congressmen are reported by our Religious Liberty secretary, Elder A. L. Miller. Several of the Indiana Representatives have promised him to use their influence against the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill, which has already passed the Senate, and which doubtless will be considered by the House of Representatives during the present session of Congress.

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Northern Illinois.One sister sends us ten dollars for foreign missions as the result of soliciting with twenty-five copies of the special *Review*. Others are reporting encouragingly.

Our veteran canvasser, Brother John Hicks, sends us an order for "Great Controversy" for his next delivery, the retail value of which amounts to \$539.50.

Elder Covert spent a few days last week at the Tri-City Sanitarium, looking after the interests of the work there.

Our field missionary secretary, Brother H. N. Standish, recently met with the Rockford church and assisted in the reorganization of a missionary society among its members.

A young people's society, numbering fourteen members, with Brother J. H. Schmidt as president, was recently organized at the Chicago Danish church, on Erie Street. A thorough study of the book of Revelation is being taken up.

The following encouraging word has been received from Elder E. F. Collier, who, in company with Brother J. M. Burdick, is conducting a series of meetings at Waldron:—

"We are having most excellent meetings here. The attendance and interest are very good. An unusual and encouraging feature of the meetings is the large attendance of men. These constitute the major part of the congregations. One man, raised a Catholic, has already accepted the invitations given at our meetings, and is rejoicing in the blessings of Christ. We are working hard, and praying constantly. We ask for the prayers of the brethren."

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West Michigan.

Elder A. G. Haughey was in Battle Creek on business last week.

Elder W. C. Hebner has been sick for a few days at his home in Shelby.

E. A. Merriam and L. G. Nyman have begun meetings at Moore Park. They reported a good attendance at the first service.

John E. Hanson left Lake St. Charles, Louisiana, the 10th, and located in Shreveport, the second largest city in the State.

N. H. Pool has disposed of his business interests in Coldwater, and will now be free to devote his entire time to evangelical work.

The Cedar Lake Academy Board and the Conference Committee met at Cedar Lake the 3rd. It was voted to install a steam-heating plant at once.

West Michigan has been asked to supply some workers for various points in the South. The Committee is considering several recommendations.

A. C. Haughey left Sunday night, December 13, for Washington, D. C., to attend the Bookmen's Convention which is to meet in that city the 16th.

Elders Wilbur and Gravelle are holding meetings at the Soldiers' Home in Grand Rapids, on Saturday evenings. There seems to be a good interest.

The Grand Rapids church devoted a few minutes to the study of the Spirit of prophecy, at the weekly prayer meeting on Wednesday evening, with great profit.

Brother W. W. Robinson is holding meetings at Beverly on Sunday evenings. Sister Cleora Green holds readings with the ladies of that place on Wednesday afternoon. We hope some precious souls will take their stand.

On Sabbath, December 5, there was a beautiful baptismal service in the Grand Rapids church, when Brother Hess went forward in baptism. This brother came into the truth through the labors of Sister Almada Haughey last summer.

Emmanuel Missionary College.

Professors Graf and Straw spent Sabbath, December 5, in Chicago, attending an educational conference of all our churches in the city.

A very instructive discourse was given Sabbath morning by Elder Moon, from Eccl. 2:26. He emphasized especially the thought of God's gifts in "wisdom, knowledge, and joy."

The commercial department gives a very encouraging report of progress in every line. The bookkeeping class now numbers over twenty-five and fourteen are taking shorthand.

A class of six members was recently organized in printing. They receive instruction and practice in type-setting and the other branches of this trade. Our printer says they are making quite rapid progress.

A talk on the importance of church schools, their support, and the relation of each church member to the school was given recently by Professor Haughey who has been connected with them more or less since their beginning.

Professor W. E. Straw occupied the chapel hour Friday morning, addressing the students on the subject of Christian Education. Professor Graf followed with some very appropriate remarks concerning the importance of Bible study.

Evening worship in the dormitories is being made very interesting and helpful by giving every one an opportunity to lead. Each evening the preceptor appoints one of the boys to lead on the following evening. The same plan is followed in the ladies' dormitory. "Learn to do by doing" is being made the watchword in all the school exercises,—manual, mental, and moral.

We are glad to correct the canvassers' report from Southern Illinois, for the month of October. It should have read as follows: 15 agents, 1278 hours, value, \$886.60. J. B. B.

Copy should be sent to South Bend early in the week, as it must be in the hands of the printer not later than Friday morning. The HERALD goes to press Sunday morning.

Elder McReynolds, of Wisconsin, reports a growing interest in the Equipment Fund in his conference. At one church visited by himself and wife recently, thirty-three shares in the fund were taken by the young people. The laborers in Wisconsin will act as agents for the sale of shares.

Elder S. E. Wight, president of the Southern Illinois Conference, made us a pleasant call the past week, and among other things, he reported a very profitable series of meetings in Peoria, closing December 6. The original design of the meetings was the consideration of Sabbath-school and young people's work. But so intense was the spiritual interest, that the people carried their dinners to church and remained all day and into the evening, both on Sabbath and Sunday. Many backsliders were reclaimed, renewing their covenant with God and the brethren, and several took their stand, for the first time, to lead a Christian life, making request for baptism. Arrangements were made for baptism December 12.