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

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CALL UPON JESUS.

OTIS N. LANDON.

When the darkest of darkness,
Enshroudeth thy soul,
And thy eye of faith
Hath lost sight of the goal,
Then call on the Saviour
With all of your might,
And the darkest of darkness
He'll turn into light.

When sorrows like billows
Sweep over thy heart,
And everything joyous
From thee doth depart,
Then call upon Jesus
With all of your might,
And He'll take of thy sorrow
And give thee delight.

When thy friends forsake thee,
And thou fear for thy life,
Ne'er give o'er the battle,
But keep up the strife,
And call upon Jesus
With all of thy heart,
And He'll give thee peace,
And thy fear shall depart.

EXTRACT FROM AN UNPUBLISHED TESTIMONY WRITTEN MARCH 13, 1897.

(Concluded).

Through Jesus Christ, God has made every provision that His people may connect with divine agencies, and that these agencies may co-operate with human instrumentalities. They may reveal to a world that is dead in trespasses and sins, the power and sufficiency of Christ. They will present before the world another world of higher, holier laws than worldly-wise men can invent or earth obey, a purer happiness and joy than earth can give to its votaries, coming through a service that is independent of all human inventions.

Christ's church on earth is to resemble heaven, a temple built after the pattern of things shown

in the holy mount. Man must give up his ideas, his plans, and devices, and let God work out His original intentions. The great Designer must not be impeded in His work by human wisdom. His work and purpose have not been understood. Through the miscalculations of man, the church to-day is so misshapen that it can not be accepted by the great Builder. Human counsel has been so abundant, that individual experience is rare. Men are placed where God should be. God's plans are turned aside, and men's measures brought in to fashion and mould. But the great and perfect Designer pronounces the work imperfect. The temple that He is building after the pattern of things in the heavens must have the exact proportions assigned it by the Architect, whose pattern is without a flaw. He has brought the golden measuring rod from heaven, and every worker is employed only as he works under His superintendence, and according to His plans.

There must be no human calculations. God will have as workers, only those who will be laborers together with Him, who will yoke up with Christ, and learn of Him meekness and lowliness of heart. His directions are, "Make everything according to the pattern shown thee in the mount." Then a temple of heavenly design will be presented to the world, where the divine presence is manifested, and to which is affixed God's seal.

What has Jesus, the precious Saviour of the world done, that human, finite beings should put Him to open shame, and thus crucify Him afresh? Satan has remarkable power over all who open their hearts to temptation. But the mind, the character, the reason, belong to God. Christ is saying, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness, and all things shall be added unto you." But you are saying, "I will not do as Christ has said. I will seek my own interest first; I want none of God's ways."

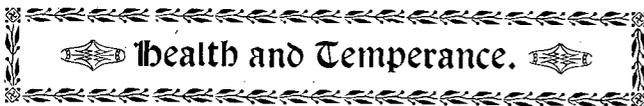
While you thus co-operate with Satan, he walks by your side. He says, "Whatever may be true in regard to life eternal, in order to make a success of business, you must serve me. I hold your welfare in my hands. Riches, pleasure, honor, and happiness I can give you. If you will hearken only to my counsel, you will succeed. You can not be successful if you allow yourself to be carried away with any whimsical notions. I will prepare the way before you." These are

Satan's temptations. But will any turn away for this from God and heaven, thrusting eternity out of your reckoning, working like a slave in the service of Satan? Will it pay to do this?

Like Christ, every man has had offered to him the kingdoms of this world if he will acknowledge the supremacy of Satan. And how many are doing this before the universe of heavenly intelligences, before God their Creator, and Jesus Christ their Redeemer? But suppose all of Satan's alluring temptations were just as he presents them, will you, even if you knew that by assenting to them you would gain the whole world, be so infatuated, so bewitched as to sacrifice your hope of heaven, your spiritual and immortal interests for mere worldly advantages?

You have another life than that which you live in this world. You are to consider this, and live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Happiness and success are the prospects presented before you if you will work in Christ's lines. But how many are saying, "I will not accept the conditions. I will have my own way and will in the matter." I warn you that if you keep on in this course, you will have all your own way with all it implies. This is nothing less than the loss of your soul. But for all who, for their Saviour's sake, will make any and every sacrifice, even to want, and hunger, and death, there awaits the crown of eternal life that Paul was seeking for, and an eternal weight of glory.

Then no longer neglect this great salvation, as many of us are most assuredly doing. Your salvation has been purchased by the Lord Jesus, in giving His life for you. It will be found that there are some things worse than temporal death. It is better for a soul to die, than to sin; better to be in poverty and suffer hunger than to do a dishonest action. Should your success be purchased at so fearful a price as surrender to the control of Satan, you will find perplexities and embarrassments you never dreamed of. His presentations of worldly attractions are as a deceitful mirage, terrible as his own character, fearful as hell.



Health and Temperance.

HEALTH TALKS.—No. 3.

Ventilation.

We cannot become too thoroughly filled with the idea that we need to ventilate our churches, school-rooms, and dwelling houses properly. On this subject, many "confess with their lips" to its importance, but, let a window be lowered in a stifling hot assembly room, and they at once protest by act or voice. Why? Because they

have not practiced it in their own homes. An open window gives them a nervous attack of the "shudders." They have a neurasthenic fear of fresh air that overbalances their belief in ventilation. "Come now, let us reason together," and, seeing the sensible position, let us stand ready to support it by action and commendation.

Under ordinary respiration, which is eighteen a minute, we throw out one cubic inch of carbon dioxide. This, you see, is one part in ten thousand and cubic inches; and thus it requires only three exhalations to add three parts to the four parts already present before the limit of toleration is reached. Reducing ten thousand cubic inches, we find that it is nearly the equivalent of six cubic feet. Therefore, with each breath, we are rendering two cubic feet of air unfit for further use in an unventilated room. The capacity of a room determines how long it will be before the entire air in it should be purified. If there is more than one occupant, or a lighted lamp, the time will be proportionately less.

All the impurities of the air are not confined to the carbon dioxide we exhale, but this being a compound easily detected and measured, and, increasing proportionately to other poisons thrown off by the body as a whole, it simplifies our reckoning to refer to it alone as being the dangerous element to be removed. When this is reduced to proper proportions, the other impurities are at the same time removed.

In securing proper ventilation for our homes and public buildings, we have to consider the cubic space of the rooms, the number of persons ordinarily inhabiting these apartments, and the length of time they are occupied, if not used continuously. Further, the character of the building, its exposure to the elements, the heating equipment, and its lighting appliances, influence the ventilation. The destruction of oxygen in the air by a lighted lamp is equivalent to that of a person, while gas lights consume several times as much.

The objects to be attained in ventilation are to remove the foul air and then supply its place with pure air in such a manner as to incur no draughts, or expose any of the occupants of the room to cold or improper temperature. All the air found out of doors is not necessarily pure. If you take your air supply from that which has wafted over the barn yard, or from the vicinity of the sewer or house drain you are not securing pure air. Similarly, air should not be brought into the living rooms directly from damp cellars or basements.

DR. O. R. COOPER.



"A brilliant, well-trained mind is indeed a valuable possession; but a good, true heart is worth infinitely more."



Field Reports.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS.

PEORIA.—It was my privilege to meet with the church at Peoria, December 10-13. The object of my visit at this time, was to do some personal work with those who were converted during the convention held the previous Sabbath; and also to assist in preparing them for the holy, solemn rite of baptism, and for church fellowship.

Five precious souls were ready for this occasion, and the Lord came graciously near, and blessed the service by His presence. There are others, who wish to follow their Saviour through burial and resurrection into the new life, and these will shortly do so. CHANCY WOOD.



CEDAR SPRINGS.—I have been laboring in the country west of here continuously since the Grand Rapids camp-meeting. Brother M. C. Whitmarsh was with me in the effort at Solon Center. At that point three began to keep the Sabbath. On account of cool weather we were compelled to close our meeting. There is still a good interest there, but we could get no place to hold meetings after the tent was taken down.

At the close of this effort we began meetings at the Hoag school-house four miles from the Center. We had one family of our people living there. Seven others, all heads of families, have accepted the truth at that point, besides some children. We have established Sabbath meetings with them and arranged for readings and meetings during the week of prayer. We expect to organize a Sabbath-school at the close of this quarter.

When Brother Whitmarsh was called to labor in Mississipi, Elder R. C. Horton came to assist in the work. We closed our meetings at the Hoag school-house November 22, and began the 24th at the Christian Hill school-house, four miles south of the place where we had been holding meetings. The attendance is small. We are now in the midst of the Sabbath question. Some are much interested. We confidently expect them to take their stand for the truth. The Lord is giving us some fruits for our labors for which we praise His name, and go forward in the closing work.

JOHN W. COVERT.

R. C. HORTON.



WEST MICHIGAN.

GRAND RAPIDS.—I have no discouraging report to bring. I consider it a great privilege to work in the Lord's vineyard. At the present time I am laboring with twenty-three persons. Eleven

of these have begun to observe the Sabbath. This brings unspeakable joy to my heart. Others understand that it is the truth, but have not taken their stand as yet. There are many waiting for me to call and make an appointment with them for readings; but my hands are more than full now. It seems too bad that they must wait for the precious Word of life, when there are so many who could give it to them.

One of my readers, who was not a Christian when I began studies with her, has now given her heart to God, and kept six Sabbaths. She is so willing to walk in all the light, that it makes me ashamed sometimes to think how slow I am to obey God's voice. Last week, after a study on "tithes and offerings," she began to pay tithes at once. This will bring between six and seven dollars a month into the Lord's storehouse. I praised the Lord nearly all the way home.

Not long ago I called on a lady who was keeping the Sabbath from reading her Bible. She was very glad to take Bible readings when I called. She and her husband look up all the



GLENWOOD SCHOOL.—¹We have here a school of about twenty-five members, who seem to be united in a desire to receive a thorough education. The greater number are not of our faith, but as yet, the school does not suffer from this fact.

We surely have an encouraging report to offer, for the Lord has been manifested here, and we trust Him for still greater things. Were there not some trials and troubles brought upon us, we would not feel we were having the experience we ought to have; but our blessings so far outnumber our difficulties that we offer no complaint.

An effort is made to have each class of spiritual benefit, for surely God will require the souls of these children at our hands, if we fail to do our duty by them in this line.

Our morning exercises have afforded an opportunity for learning the books of the Bible in order, and for learning selected chapters of Scripture, which we feel sure will be needed when our printed copies are taken from us.

It might also be said that a young people's society was formed here some few weeks ago for the youth near Glenwood. As in the school, most all of these are outsiders, but they seem to be interested; and our aim is so to arrange our program that a number may take part, thus creating a feeling of personal responsibility in the society. We believe our next meeting on the subject of Consecration will mean something to some members.

Pray that our work here may be a success, and that it may be our final happy lot to dwell on that bright eternal shore. CELESTE L. HALL.

texts during the week, and read the tracts I leave on the subject.

On Wednesday I have an interesting study with the ladies of Beverly at the home of Brother and Sister Hess, who have lately accepted the truth. Their hearts are tender, and they feel free to ask questions on matters that trouble them.

After giving a reading on health reform to my readers, I usually see a great change in their homes. I have had the privilege of going into their homes and preparing a meal without using meat or butter, to show them that it can be done. I might add that I used Wesson's cooking oil instead of butter, with good results, as it has no taste, and I believe it to be a pure oil. Try it. The dinner has never failed to be a success yet, and the experiment has left lasting impressions upon their minds. Several have discontinued the use of meat. What we have been reading in the papers of late in regard to meat, is helping them to see that they are taking the right course.

The following is a report of one month's work: Forty-six Bible readings held, two meetings held, one hundred and two families visited, eighteen booksales, and one subscription.

From October 10 until November 2, I distributed 1,497 pages of literature. This is the first time I ever kept account of the number.

MRS. CLEORA GREEN.



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS.

**Something of the Community of These Excellent People
Now Located in the Western Part of Warren County.**

Within the past few years there has grown up in and near the twelfth district of Warren County quite a settlement of Seventh-day Adventist people. They have made so little stir, and their number has grown so silently that comparatively few in the county know of them, and fewer still know of their views as a religious denomination.

A little over six years ago, Clifford G. Howell and his wife pitched a tent under a spreading walnut tree in the old Newby and Bratcher settlement, east of Blue's Hill, and opened a school. Later the school was held in a private house; and then a school house was built for it.

The school has proved a drawing attraction for quite a number of families, especially with the healthful climate and favorable opportunities for locating in Warren county. The colony now consists of six families from Michigan, three from Iowa, two from Pennsylvania, two from Minnesota, one from Wisconsin, and one from Indiana. There are also in the school representatives from Alabama, Illinois, New Jersey, North Dakota, Kansas City, and Washington, D. C.

Two families arrived last month, having driven overland more than five hundred miles from

Michigan. This journey was outdone however, by one other family of four, which came from Pennsylvania, making the journey of over eight hundred miles, with one horse and carriage. Several considerations led to such heroic undertakings, one of which was that the owners desired to keep the horses they had before starting, and could save expense by driving through.

There has been no effort to build a village, each family preferring to own a farm; and the industries of farming, gardening, and stock raising are the principal means of support. The industrial idea enters into the school problem. The school house and school home are located on a hundred acre tract of land, and the students assist in clearing land, and in raising and caring for crops, and in this way pay part of their school expenses.

The school operates a "home canner," with which it canned the past year several hundred cans of tomatoes more than was needed for its own use. "Warren county is coming up," was the remark of a gentleman the other day, as the principal of the school was delivering some of their fine tomatoes to one of our grocery-men. A good number of the grocery-men in the city here have tomatoes on sale with the Warren county brand on them, from this school. Beans, cabbage, and corn were also canned successfully. The sweet potato crop on the school farm was quite a success. One potato weighed 6½ pounds, and five filled a half-bushel even full.

The Bible is taught as a daily study in this school. It is taught not simply as a theory, but its teachings are to be lived in the daily life. It might be said in this connection that it is in obedience to the fourth commandment that this people observe the seventh day as the Sabbath. And it is their faith and teaching that the second advent, or the second coming of the Saviour, is near at hand. This is why they are called "Adventists."

As a people, they believe in education. They take special interest in the care of the body, using neither strong drink, tobacco, tea, nor coffee. They are mostly vegetarians also, believing that vegetables, fruits, and grains are more healthful than flesh foods, for they are quite free from disease, while animals are not.

The Adventists are quite a missionary people, having their schools, colleges, sanitariums, and missions on every continent on the globe, and many of the islands of the sea. They contribute more per capita for missions than any other denomination in the world. They believe their teaching of prophecy especially, in connection with the gospel, is to be carried to every nation in this generation. The denomination numbers about 100,000, and the expense of main-

taining their missionary operations is about \$1,000 per day.

As citizens, they are a sober, peace-loving people. They have brought and expended thousands of dollars in this country; and their methods of farming and gardening have been helpful to many. The kindness of the warm-hearted southern people has greeted them like sunshine; and many strong friendships have been formed.

As the school has been the chief attraction of these people to our county, a souvenir from it may be of interest. As such, the following is given. An effort at poetry writing was recommended by the teacher as being helpful in the study of language; and following is one of a number that were handed in. It is the first attempt of the author:—

BLESSED REST.

What a perfect rest in Jesus!

While we're sitting at His feet,
Telling Him of all our sorrows;
There's no other friend so sweet.
He has promised to receive us,
Listening to us when we call.
He will never, never leave us,
While His words like dew-drops fall.

What a blessed rest in Jesus!

As we study in His word
Of the mansions in the heavens,
There prepared by our dear Lord;
Of the city where His people
Will not need the light of sun,
Where we all will meet together
When our earthly work is done.

O, the blessed rest in Jesus!

How it fills our souls with peace,
At the thought of His soon coming,
When all sins forever cease!
May we all be safely guided
Through the rough and thorny way,
And be found as overcomers
At the final judgment day!

The following little note accompanied the stanzas, which gives one a glimpse of the inner spirit of the school:—

"Please do not attribute any praise of this piece to me, as I only wrote it. I never could have composed it of myself. I certainly have found 'perfect rest' in asking the Lord to help me. This has been my experience during this year of school."—*From the Southern Standard, McMinnville, Tenn.*



Educational.

THE EQUIPMENT FUND.

We are glad to report that the Equipment Fund plan is receiving a hearty response from our people, especially from those who have visited the schools and seen their need. The following is a quotation from a letter written by the president of the Northern Illinois Conference:—

"I think you may encourage the promoters of the Equipment Fund to raise it to \$2,000, instead of \$1,000. We need it, and we can easily do it. The present plan to raise two thousand shares gives only \$1,000 to the Equipment Fund for all the schools in the Lake Union. We should raise half as much as was voted, in Northern Illinois alone. West Michigan could raise two thousand shares, and so could Wisconsin."

W. E. STRAW.



EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION.

On December 4-6, a young people's convention was held at the Forty-sixth Street church in Chicago. It was held in the interests of the educational work in general and of our schools in particular.

W. E. Straw, and B. A. Wolcott, principal of Fox River Academy, talked of the school work and its place in the plan of redemption. Professor Wolcott, also gave a Testimony study upon the subject of Education. Professor Graf, of Emmanuel Missionary College, spoke of the mission field and its need.

The medical missionary work was taken up by Dr. David Paulson, of Hinsdale Sanitarium. The convention closed Sunday afternoon. At this service a question box was conducted.

The Sabbath meetings were well attended, and while the others were not especially so, the interest of those who were present was good. The discussion Sunday afternoon showed that some were awaking and looking for information along the educational line.

As a result of the convention, a few have gone, or contemplating going to school during the coming winter.

In January, Brother Straw promises to be in Chicago again, and plans are being made for doing more work toward getting our young people interested in preparing themselves for the Master's service.



ADELPHIA — BROTHERHOOD.

Here at Adelpia we like the epigram, "It is a good thing to know ideas; it is a good idea to know things." The problem of inculcating life's practicalities in the development of the student, is our problem,—to teach how to work and to work, to teach about work and the work itself. Seemingly we have hardly gotten beyond the statement of the theorem. Students in the school work physically for two reasons; some learn to work, and others work to learn; some study that they may work better, others work that they may study better. In short, almost every student comes to us more or less one-sided. Plenty of manual labor is a boon to any school. It is good to work to rest the mind, and thus we recreate for renewed mental effort. It is good to work to learn a trade, so that one may be independent when the market for brain-product is short. It is good to work when a youth has no coin or paper money, but plenty of muscle currency, or even if he has to thus feel the thrill of self-made-ness. Why may not any student have all three reasons for working? The educa-

tion given in our schools is supposed to be a preparation for any kind of life anywhere, just to give the message. A young man leaves our schools and sails to a foreign shore, and plunges, we will say, into the primeval forests of the prime evil people. He may need a temporary shelter; then it is well for him to know how to make a serviceable tent out of a sail or anything else of the kind at hand. He wants more substantial quarters; then it is well to know how to make a good house out of any timber obtainable. He is far from civilization and needs food; he should know how to make "mother earth" produce it. Then, too, he needs ability to meet tactfully any new emergency that may arise that was never known in the home-land. He must have executive and financial talents. And all this besides a knowledge of the message and ability to present it, and press its saving truths home till the soul is led to obey. This is the scope of our school work, but it does not end even here.

It seems evident to us now that this truth can not go to every tongue unless it is printed in every tongue. Need of translators and publishers is felt in every new field. Therefore we have printing as a part of our work at Adelpian Academy. This department has been carried along (or better, it carries itself along) almost from the start. The teacher in charge has had long experience in the different departments of a large publishing house. He also teaches classes in the school, and is prominently connected with the spiritual work of the school and church. Thus he gets broad without getting shallow. The room for this department is in the basement of the main building. A gasoline engine of two horse-power runs two small presses, the sewing machine on the floor above, and will soon have added to its burdens that of supplying the force of pushing water to the third floor. We have a good paper cutter and a large variety of type. F. O. Rathburn, who is our practical printer, is also editor of the *East Michigan Banner*, which is published in this office. Quite a large amount of commercial work is done, and, with the printing of the *Family Bible Teacher* leaflets used in our conference, there is always plenty of work to be pushed by the Adelpian Publishing Co. From three to five students are given work at the type-case and press in the afternoons and on Sunday. Each student learning this trade is required to work one hundred and fifty hours at first, without pay. Then he is given small wages, and is advanced according to ability. This is to insure a paying basis for the department, and, also, to inculcate the principle that students should not be paid for learning hand-work any more than for head-work.

A little school publication is gotten out occasionally by the English classes, which makes a very good showing of their work, a sample of the publishing company's product, and a neat souvenir of the school. In this department much is done toward strengthening our other lines of effort. Here the English classes find practice for proof-reading; here the truths that are found in the Bible classes are printed in leaflet form to be scattered "like the leaves of autumn"; and here are impressed the principles of carefulness, diligence, and stability.

R. B. THURBER.

Book Work.

Canvassers' Reports for Two Weeks, Ending Nov. 27, 1908.

Canvasser.	Book.	Northern Illinois.		Value.	Helps.	Total.
		Hrs.	Ords.			
Chas. R. Puels	D.R.	67	14	43 75	10 00	53 75
Howard Banty	H.M.	14	2	8 80		8 80
John S. Johnson	G.C.	30		Delivering.		
John Hicks	G.C.	35	23	64 25		64 25
		146	39	116 80	10 00	126 80
North Michigan.						
K. V. Bjork	Rev.	72	9	25 00	95	25 95
E. C. Collard	D.R.	33	6	13 00	13 30	26 30
Mrs. L. A. Newell		25			13 10	13 10
Mrs. E. E. Goff		5	2	5	2 50	7 50
		135	17	43 00	29 85	72 85
Wisconsin.						
Frank Halderson	G.C.	68	26	75 50	8 20	83 70
F. C. Post	H.H.	28	5	19 00	8 85	27 85
W. S. Morgan	B.R.	30	10	27 50		27 50
Albert Carlson	G.C.	159	34	94 75	9 35	104 10
N. O. Kittleston	G.C.	59	12	34 00	6 35	40 35
Lizzie M. Keat	S.P.	59	6	8 75	11 40	20 15
L. W. Ashley	G.C.	48	10	27 50	3 50	31 00
Arthur Jasperson	G.C.	36	8	22 00	2 75	24 75
Marie Laursen	P.J.	13	1	1 75	6 25	8 00
C. C. Ward	C.K.	26	4	4 00	4 40	8 40
F. E. Middlested	G.C.	19	1	2 75	1 25	4 00
		545	117	317 50	62 30	379 80
Indiana.*						
Stephen Boze	H.M.	64	10	20 00	11 30	31 30
H. C. Carmichael	B.R.	12	2	5 50	4 10	9 60
Della Faust	Steps	11	9	4 20		4 20
Thomas Werfield	C.K.	25	6	6 00	25	6 25
		112	27	35 70	15 65	51 35
West Michigan.**						
A. C. Ford	B.R.	22		24 50	3 35	27 85
Carrie Kingston	B.R.	32	4	11 00	2 95	13 95
Huldah Berg		14			2 45	2 45
A. C. Haughey	B.R.	20	6	23 00		23 00
J. B. Blosser	B.R.	8	2	5 50		5 50
		96	20	64 00	8 75	72 75
East Michigan.						
F. W. Brainard	B. R.	22	1	2 75	1 05	3 80
Beryl Burgess	C.K.	22	4	4 00	2 65	6 65
Lydia Harter	C.K.	11	2	2 00	3 80	5 80
Fred Williams	C.K.	23	8	8 00	1 65	9 65
Hugh Collier	C.K.	26	6	6 00	8 40	14 40
Gladys Mapes	C.K.	47	10	11 75	6 30	18 05
Chas. Mahr	G.C.	14	3	8 25		8 25
Raymond Pard		8	1	2 75		2 75
		173	35	45 50	23 85	69 35
Southern Illinois.						
LeRoy Knott		58	8	24 00		24 00
T. G. Bailey		38	6	18 50	5 10	23 60
W. E. Bailey		33	14	41 50	4 00	45 50
J. E. Dent		52	17	52 75	4 00	56 75
T. B. House		50	8	24 00	20 30	44 30
E. Jackson		55	17	42 75	1 00	43 75
J. L. Galbraith		54	14	38 50	15 10	53 60
Mrs. J. E. Dent		21	24	11 00		11 00
Mrs. W. E. Bailey		19	11	32 25	2 50	34 75
H. E. Rigg		28	3	8 25		8 25
Sophia Trueblood		9			4 25	4 25
Amanda Trueblood		10	2	5 50	1 25	6 75
Hugo Mutzelfelt		21	16	15 50	3 45	18 95
Mrs. L. Mutzelfelt		9	7	7 00	75	7 75
		457	147	321 50	61 70	383 20
Total, 49 agents		1674	402	\$943 60	\$212 10	\$1155 70
Total for Nov. 71 agents		3965	1040	\$2416 90	\$539 25	\$2956 15
For Nov. 1907, 43 agents		2072	522	\$1112 10	\$419 32	\$1531 42

* For two weeks ending November 14.

** One week.

To Some Liberal Soul in the Lake Union Conference.

Dear Brother.—The Southeastern Union Conference was organized in January, 1908, being the eastern half of the old Southern Union Conference.

With the organization of the Conference, there came to us a legacy in the form of a building, located in Atlanta, Georgia, which had formerly been used as a book depository, being a branch of the Review and Herald, but at the time of the organization of the Union Conference, it was being converted into a sanitarium, under the action of the old Southern Union.

Upon this property there was an indebtedness of about \$5500.00.

To make the building fitted for service and a fit representative of our medical work, it was necessary to make some few minor improvements and to furnish and equip the building with the necessary appliances.

After careful investigation by local, Union, and General Conference representatives, it was decided that this expense must be incurred, or the entire effort would be practically a loss, as the building was by this time unsuited for other purposes; therefore, the improvements were made, and the institution brought to a state where good service could be rendered.

These improvements have increased entire indebtedness to about \$8000.

The institution being located in the city of Atlanta, which is the metropolis of the South, and from which city there emanates a greater influence than from any other city in the South, our work is thus placed on vantage ground by having such a representation in our Union. The instruction which the Testimonies have given in regard to the medical missionary work in the South is a divine warrant to the work thus inaugurated.

The smallness of our constituency and their ability to finance this institution as well as to carry forward the many other lines of work necessary in this new and destitute field, compels us to seek aid from outside our territory. The Testimonies having advised that our brethren in the North should help in these enterprises, and knowing the disposition on the part of those living in more favored localities to help us, we send out this statement to enlist your sympathy and co-operation, that we may be enabled to operate, and thus carry on the work that the Lord has given us to do.

While we desire to go forward along the lines which have been indicated to us by the Spirit of prophecy, we wish to refrain from adding debts to indebtedness. Hence, in harmony with the action of the General Conference Committee, we solicit your assistance.

We send you herewith a card which we are using to enable us to liquidate our indebtedness, and shall be pleased to have you contribute what you are able. Give what you can yourself, and solicit the aid of others. These cards are all numbered so that we can keep records of those to whom we send. We purpose to keep them going until the entire amount is raised.

In addition to the \$8,000, we are raising \$5,000 for the establishment of medical work among the colored people of this Union; for but little or nothing has been done in this respect in our territory for the race; and what is done must be done at once. Could we but stop to tell of all the influences at work to sup-

press the poor negro, we are confident that a ready response would be secured. Negotiations are now being conducted for properties to carry on this line of service, and we will advance as fast as the liberalities of our Northern brethren will allow.

Remittances should be made to the treasurer of the Southeastern Union Conference, 75 Ashby Street, Georgia, and all donations will be acknowledged by formal receipt. As you have been blessed in the reception of this blessed message, so may your liberality abound to those who, here in this neglected Southland, sit in darkness.

Thanking you in advance for whatever consideration you may give to us, we remain,

Yours in the service of the Master,
WM. A. WESTWORTH, *Pres.*
R. T. DOWSETT, *Sec. and Treas.*

Report of the Sabbath-school Department of the West Michigan Conference for the Third Quarter of 1908.

Number of schools.....	81
Number reporting.....	80
Membership.....	2,493
Average attendance.....	1,858
Number in Conference Home Department.....	136
Total contributions.....	\$845.80
Amount donated to missions...	\$703.36
Children's China fund.....	\$112.77
Total for missions.....	\$816.13

CLIFFORD RUSSELL, *S. S. Sec.*

Annual Conference of West Michigan.

The next regular annual session of the West Michigan Conference is called to convene at Otsego, Michigan, Monday, Jan. 18, 1909, at 7 P. M., and will continue till Friday, Jan. 22, 1909. The annual election of the conference officers is to take place during this session, and many other matters of business will be attended to which will be of special interest to all the delegates. The authorized delegates to the annual sessions of the West Michigan Conference, are the conference officers and its employees, one delegate for each organized church, and an additional delegate for each full twenty-five active members of every Seventh-day Adventist church in the conference.

The Lake Union Conference president, Elder Moon, will be with us during the session, and we expect Elder Daniells and Professor Griggs. This will be a very interesting session of the West Michigan Conference. A circular letter will be sent to the church officers, notifying them of the plan of caring for the delegation.

A. G. HAUGHEY, *Pres.*
E. L. RICHMOND, *Sec.*

Notice.

"The Sabbath in Prophecy," seven inspired predictions of a Sabbath reform movement to take place in our day. Single copy, postpaid, five cents; five copies, twenty cents. Address, Elder W. H. Littlejohn, Battle Creek, Mich., R. R. 4.

West Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

The next regular annual session of the West Michigan Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in Otsego, Michigan, on Tuesday, Jan.

19, 1908, at 3:00 P. M. The object of this meeting is to elect the officers of said Association, and to attend to any and all other necessary business matters of the Association. The members of the Association are the regular delegates to the annual sessions of the West Michigan Conference.

A. G. HAUGHEY, *Pres.*
S. D. HARTWELL, *Sec.*

Professor Gerritsen, who has been sending out sample copies of the new sight-singing system, wishes us to announce that the third installment, comprising sections one, two, and three, of this method is now complete, and can be obtained upon application; also the lesson sheets, which are now put up in tablet form and thus very conveniently arranged, are ready for sale at fifty cents each, a discount being allowed on quantities. Let church-school teachers and higher school teachers, who desire to teach music at all, take hold of this system at once. By many educators and teachers, it has been esteemed the best in this line that has been published as yet. Professor Gerritsen may be reached by addressing him in Chicago, 324 Dearborn Street, or at Emmanuel Missionary College, Berrien Springs, Mich.

W. E. STRAW.

Incidents in Signs Magazine Work.

That the *Signs of The Times* magazine is a good seller, and that by this means good seed is being sown broadcast, may be gathered from the many letters we receive from agents.

The following is from one who sells about 1,600 a month in Oregon:—

"I find, as you say, the December number is very salable,—in fact, they sell on sight. The numerous pictures are a great help; indeed, many buy it for them, and then they have access to the reading matter."

Our St. Paul, Minneapolis, agent, ordering five hundred of the January number, speaks as follows:—

"The papers will sell readily, as they are very attractive, and will appeal to the eye. I am of good courage."

A Southern California worker writes:—

"I am very busy at home caring for others, but spend every moment I can spare in this work, for one is always repaid by such good experiences. There are only small towns here in the valley, not over four hundred or five hundred people in each, and I am going to them as fast as possible."

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The January number of the *Signs of the Times* magazine will be the first of the new series. Hereafter, the magazine will be published monthly, entirely independent of the weekly journal, but its plan and policy will remain the same. The various departments will be kept up the same as heretofore. The following are the titles of some of the interesting articles that will appear in the January number:—

"New Resolutions for the Year."
"The New Man." "The New Life."
"The New Earth." "The Eternal Outlook."
"The Old and the New," (a Bible reading.) "The Shooting of Francis J. Heney, and the Events that

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Wisconsin.

Dr. W. E. Bliss, of the Sanitarium at Melrose, Massachusetts, has been invited to take the superintendency of the Madison Sanitarium. He has accepted the position, and will soon take charge.

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West Michigan.

Elder J. W. Hofstra is taking hold of the work in Muskegon in earnest. He holds meetings in the English language Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. Monday and Wednesday evenings are given to the Holland tongue. With the Sabbath meeting this makes six preaching services each week.

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Southern Illinois.

Brother C. J. Tolf is attending the Bookmen's Convention in Washington, D. C.

The auditing committee will meet at the office in Springfield, Thursday, December 31, at 9:00 A. M., to audit the accounts of the laborers for the year 1908.

It has been arranged to hold a workers' meeting in Springfield, beginning the evening of December 28, and continuing two days. All the conference workers will be present at this meeting.

We have on hand fifteen copies of "Little Folk's Bible Nature," which we will send postpaid for twenty-one cents each. This is an attractive, as well as an instructive book for children. This offer will last for only a short time, so be sure to send your order in early.

Mr. Harry Shepler and Miss Grace Van Buren were united in marriage December 15, at the home of the bride, in Peoria. Elder S. E. Wight performed the ceremony. We extend congratulations, and wish them a happy and useful life in the service of the Master.

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Indiana.

Elder A. L. Miller spent a portion of the week of prayer with the Seymour church.

Many of the students of Beechwood Academy are planning to spend their holiday vacation at home.

The enrollment at Beechwood Acad-

emy has reached fifty-nine, with a present attendance of fifty-three.

The next annual conference of Seventh-day Adventists of Indiana, will be held at Jonesboro, Feb. 1-8, 1909.

The Indiana Conference Committee and Auditing Committee were in session in Indianapolis the past week. Elder Stone was present.

The auditor of the Lake Union Conference, Brother W. H. Edwards, spent a portion of last week in the conference office, auditing the books.

Elder W. A. Young spent the first Sabbath of the week of prayer with the Kokomo church, and later in the week visited the Muncie and New Hope churches.

A meeting was held Sunday, December 6, in Walcottville, for the purpose of erecting a Seventh-day Adventist church in said place. A building committee was appointed, and plans were laid to push forward this work as soon as the weather will permit.

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Emmanuel Missionary College.

Mr. Eugene Sykes, from East Michigan, entered school last week.

Miss Edna Merchant, who has been teaching a church school in Champaign, Illinois, is visiting friends at the College this week.

A new bath-room, with all the latest improvements, with shower and needle-spray, is being installed in the ladies' dormitory, under the supervision of J. L. Martin.

The week of prayer has brought great blessings to the College family. Like the missionaries, we feel like saying with the Psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." A fuller report will appear later.

Elder Kirkendall, of Chicago, spoke Sabbath morning from Heb. 4:1, 2. As he showed clearly the sin of ancient Israel in unbelief, we were made to realize the importance of the apostle's admonition, lest we come short of the promise.

Miss Edna Walker left for her home in Kalamazoo, Friday. She has accepted a call from the West Michigan Conference to engage in Bible work in New Orleans, Louisiana. Miss Cassie Wilson, who left school a few days ago, will join her there, also under pay of the West Michigan Conference.

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Adelphian Academy.

The young child of Brother C. G. Clymer, our commercial teacher, has been very ill and at one time was not expected to live, but is now on the way to recovery as an answer, we believe, to the earnest prayers which ascended to God from both teachers and students.

The English department of the school is getting out a very interesting and instructive booklet of about fifty pages, put up in art style. It contains good samples of what the students in all the grades of the course are doing in the line of composition, and we think it will prove a valuable stimulus to their work.

The Lord is fulfilling His promise, "seek and you shall find" to a great

degree during this week of prayer. He is indeed pouring out His blessings on this school and the old-time spirit of prayer seems to have returned, it being a common thing to hear the voice of prayer in the several rooms. The effect is clearly shown when we come to the regular evening meetings, for the Spirit of the Lord comes in and touches hearts. The blessings have increased every day, and we look for the best at the last.

Our tent factory did not run during the latter part of the summer, but things are taking on a busy appearance around the shop now. The good work done in this department last year is having its effect and the prospect is that there will be plenty of work from now on. This department has also been making up a supply of canvass horse blankets for sale and from use it has been proved that they are better than anything we can find in the stores. If any one is interested along this line, the correspondent thinks it would pay him to write for prices.

The school was dismissed a day during Thanksgiving week so that all could have an opportunity to help with the *Reviews*. Although it rained part of the day, there was much work done, and the Lord blessed all who had a part in it. The villages of Holly and Fenton were worked, and the country for about four miles each way. So far we have received almost fifty dollars for the financial part, and what is just as important, great blessing in doing the work. This work with the papers was the means of finding places for other lines of missionary work for the different bands.

A missionary society was organized and divided into bands some six weeks ago and it is now getting into good working order. The Christian Help and Literature bands are doing a good work in the vicinity by individual effort, and also at a distance by mailing the truth through the printed page. The Bible Reading band, the largest of the three, has begun a good work; readings are being held in a number of homes in and around Holly, and one division of the band, those who have the ministry definitely in view, have an opening to hold public meetings in an unused church five miles north of the village. The meetings will be started immediately after the holidays.

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