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CHRIST OUR ALL.

Art thou weary, art thou languid,

Art thou sore distressed?

"Come to Me," saith One, "and coming, Be'at rest."

Hath He marks to lead me to Him, If He be my guide? In His feet and hands are wound-prints, And His side.

Is there diadem, as monarch, That His brow adorns?

Yea, a crown, in very surety, But of thorns.

If I find Him, if I follow, What His guerdon here? Many a sorrow, many a labor, Many a tear.

If I still hold closely to Him, What hath He at last ? Sorrow vanguished, labor ended, Jordan past.

If I ask Him to receive me, Will He say me nay? Not till earth and not till heaven Pass away.

Finding, following, keeping, struggling, Is He sure to bless? Saints, apostles, prophets, martyrs, Answer, "Yes." — Selected.

WORK FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

Our households must be set in order, and earnest efforts must be made to interest every member of the family in missionary enterprises. We must seek to engage the sympathies of our children in earnest work for the unsaved, that they may do their best at all times, and in all places, to represent Christ.

Satan and his angels are wide awake, and intensely active, working with energy and perseverance through human instrumentalities, to bring about his purpose of obliterating from the mind of man the knowlege of God.

The reason why the churches sit in darkness and have no light, is that they have given no light; they have not been as a city set on a hill, that it cannot be hid. O that all would cultivate a love for souls, and deny inclination. Then the life of Christ would burn in the heart, and souls for whom he died, would rejoice in the revealed mercy of God.

There can be no such thing as a slothful Christian.

Parents should work to this end, that they and their children might become missionaries.

This means that you should be vigilant, diligent in searching the Scriptures, pouring out your soul before God in your closet, that you may not fail or be discouraged.

We need missionary ministers.

Spiritual indolence is sin. The secret of our sucess in the work of God, will be found in the harmonious working of the people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, and heart to heart. Christ drew the hearts of His hearers to Him by the manifestation of His love, and then little by little, as they were able to bear it, He unfolded to them the great truths of God. We must learn also to adapt our labors to different people-to meet them where they are. While the claims of the law of God are to be presented to the world, we should never forget that love, the love of Christ, is the only power that can soften the heart and lead to obedience.

You cannot tell how few may be the days of your probation. The Lord may say very soon "Cut down the tree; for it is not profitable that it should stand in the garden of the Lord."

We need to branch out more in our methods of labor; not a hand should be bound; not a soul discouraged; not a voice should be hushed; let every individual labour privately or publicly to help forward this grand work. Place the burdens upon men and women of the church that they may grow by reason of exercise, and thus become efficient agencies in the hand of the Lord for the enlightenment of those who sit in darkness. There has been so much preaching to our churches that they have almost ceased to appreciate the gospel ministry. The time has come when this order of things should be changed. Let the minister call out the individual churchmembers to help him by house-to-house work, to carry the truth into regions beyond.

Let every church awake out of sleep; let the members unite themselves together in the love of Jesus, and in sympathy for perishing souls, all go forth to their neighbors, pointing them to the way of salvation. Our Leader has all power in heaven and in earth.

Let men tremble with the sense of the responsibility of knowing the truth. The ends of the world are come. Proper consideration of these things will lead all to make an entire consecration of all that they have and are, to their God. There should be no boasting; no seeking for the highest places; but all should be ambitious to use their vitality with an eye single to the glory of God the sacred work in which it is our exalted privilege to engage. Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

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ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS.

Elders, deacons, and recording secretaries in the Christian church, occupy similar positions to those held by the judges of tens, fifties, and hundreds, in the Mosaic church.

According to the direction given to Moses, those men were to be "able men, such as fear God; men of truth, hating covetousness," not men that are aspirants for position, but men capable of inspiring faith in God. And by the expression, "men of truth," we are to understand, men sound in the truth of God's word, and not men that have some fanciful ideas of the truth; not extremists, for the Lord condemns those who add to His word extreme views. But one sound in the truth, neither adds nor dimishes from the word of God.

In the New Testament we find similar specifications laid down to guide the church in the selection of men to fill the office of elder or deacon. The apostle says, "A bishop, (elder) then, must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach," and much more to the same effect; and like words regarding the deacon.

Only men of God are, or can be, blameless, vigilant, sober, and of good behavior. And no matter how brilliant men may appear, they are not eligible to the office of elder or deacon if they have not given evidence of having become new men after the image of Jesus.

If a man has put away one wife and married another without Scriptural cause, he cannot be said to be the husband of one wife. "Apt to teach" evidently means one so instructed in the Word as to be ready, when occasion requires, to instruct the inquirer, to speak a word in due season. The overseer of the flock must always be ready not merely to stand before the church on the Sabbath, but to impart instruction in the Word. In short, he must be " a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

The time for election of church officers is upon us. Some new men will be elected. If our people will arise and select such men as are called for by the word of the Lord, it will be the means of greatly strengthening the church. See that no man weak in the faith regarding the duty of tithepaying, the spirit of prophecy, contributing to the support of foreign missions, and of organization generally, is placed in position to injure the church by his lack of faith. The last-day church will be a pure church, without fault before the throne of God. ALLEN MOON.



WHY THE FIELD MISSIONARY SECRETARY IS NEEDED.

These questions have been, and are being asked, by some, at least: — Will the result warrant the expense? Could not the president of the conference, or the field missionary agent, do the work, and thus save one officer?

In the first place, the missionary phase of this message is the important part of it. When we cease to be a missionary people, then our days are numbered; and so anything that tends to keep us alive, is to be fostered by us as a people.

There was a time when we had a greater interest in this line of work than we have been showing in recent years; but it rejoices my heart to see this interest coming back, and I trust we shall do all we can to help this line of effort on the road to perfection.

The work of the field missionary secretary is to arouse an interest in both home and foreign missions, and to help the local secretaries set the church members to work with periodicals, forty per cent books, and other lines of missionary enterprise that will advance this message. He ought to be one who can lift the churches spiritually, help them to get upon a higher plane, and thus bring the life and activity of Christ into their work.

As I have visited the churches in East Michigan, and come in contact with the missionary secretaries, and seen their need, I have become convinced that plans were not laid any too soon to help in this work. The secretaries are not altogether to blame in this matter by any means. While the church has been doing considerable

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work, the members do not see the need of reporting to the missionary secretary. Thus he has nothing to report, hence the tract society fails to get a report; and so it goes until they lose interest in this work.

From the standpoint of helping the missionary secretaries only, and putting them on their feet, and causing them to become encouraged in their work, there is sufficient reason for having a field missionary secretary.

It would be impossible for the president, who has the general oversight of all the departments of the conference, to do this work; for in a conference of any size it would take the time of one man to carry the missionary work. The field missionary agent has all he can do to look after his agents, if he does that well.

These conditions, and the needs of the local conference secretaries, call just as loudly for the union secretaries as they do for the local.

I wish to express my thankfulness again for the fact that God is leading us to greater missionary efforts. A. R. SANDBORN.

Field Missionary Sec. E. Mich. Conf.

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RELATION OF OUR MEDICAL WORK TO OUR GREAT CITIES.

Nearly one-half of the population of our district is found within the large cities where there are many honest souls who will gladly welcome the last warning message when it is made to penetrate the darkness and reach their understanding. How so to prosecute the work as to reach effectively this vast population, is a problem to which every worker has given much careful thought. The writer has no special light to give on the subject, but our purpose is to present a few statements from the Testimonies which may aid us in our study of the situation, and lead to better and wiser plans, such as we are told should be employed in our city work.

The work is far from being completed in our cities, and the conditions are rapidly developing such as to make a quick work in giving the message much more difficult. Many will have to be . reached by such efforts as will open homes and secure a hearing, where our ordinary methods have failed. In speaking of the great work to be done in our cities, the following statement is made: "It is through the agency of our sanitariums and kindred enterprizes *that much of this work is to be done*.

The following are paragraphs from a recent testimony bearing upon this question: --

"Medical missionary work is yet in its infancy. The meaning of genuine medical missionary work is known by but few. Why? Because the Saviour's plan has not been followed."

"In every large city there should be a representation of true medical missionary work."

"God has counselled us that if the sanitarium work shall be carried forward in the right manner, it will be a means of doing great good."

"Sanitariums and treatment rooms should be established in many places. These will open doors for the entrance of Bible truth. This work will require devoted men and means and much wise planning. Plans should be made to do a quick work." "Henceforth, medical missionary work is to be carried

"Henceforth, medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been done. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities, and sanitariums are to be established in many places."

"It is that thirsting souls may be led to the living water that we plead for sanitariums,—not expensive, mammoth sanitariums, but home-like institutions in pleasant places."

"Sanitarium work is one of the most successful means of reaching all classes of people. Our sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel, opening ways whereby suffering humanity may be reached with the glad tidings of healing through Christ."

I am of the opinion that a much larger work is to be accomplished in this line. If this work is only in its infancy, that must be the reason for its having accomplished less than many of us have hoped for in the past. Without doubt the growth of this work into full maturity will depend in a large measure upon the attitude of our conferences and conference workers. Men of means should have their interest aroused and their responsibilities set before them regarding these things. The object of the writer in presenting these thoughts is to help to bring about more careful study and planning that we may fully meet the mind of the Master, and the needs of our cities in giving the Third Angel's Mes-, E. K. Slade. sage.

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HEALTH TALKS. --- No. 4. Methods of Ventilation.

There are two general systems of ventilation, — the natural and the mechanical. The latter is indispensable in factories, large buildings, etc., while the former is the practical agency for the most of our dwelling houses, our small churches, and our school rooms.

To accomplish the desired end in ventilation, two things are necessary, an outlet for foul air and an inlet for pure air.

A very common method of ventilation consists of the slow and equable entrance of air from without and the exit of foul air from within, through the walls, or ill-made joints, without the influence of wind currents. This form of ventilation for a continuously occupied room has nothing to commend it, and it is only mentioned to call attention to its decided inefficiency.

Another method is that of allowing the wind unobstructed entrance, thus rapidly changing the air. While this has good qualities, there are some serious drawbacks. In summer this method is more practical, as well as agreeable; but it is untrustworthy, because the wind will not blow at our will, or regulate its velocity to our needs; neither can we always have it from the direction we wish. But whatever means of ventilation we use, we should open our doors and windows several times a day, and permit a thorough flushing of the interior with pure fresh air.

The third method depends upon variations in temperature. This is the principle that we depend upon most largely in using the natural system of ventilation. Heat causes air to expand, and thus being reduced in weight, the warm air rises. Most of the impure air in an unventilated room, is found near the ceiling because the impurities are carried upward by the warm current. The space vacated by the warm air is promptly filled by cooler air. By the continuous heating of the air this process is going on all the time, even where no regular outlets or inlets are provided.

The popular way of utilizing this method, is to keep all openings securely closed. So zealously is this carried out that even the cracks around the doors and windows are carefully packed. This "popular system" is but a downward step, even from the very first. A bad method has been made many times worse by the addition of too much heat, which consumes the life-giving oxygen. Artificial heat is made to perform duties that the Creator intended our bodies to perform.

It is strange that school teachers and educated church officers should allow such a state of things to exist without the least protest. Even those knowing the ill effects of such seed-sowing, seem to choose death rather than life, by permitting the life to be roasted and smothered out of the the air, and out of themselves, by refusing to bring about a different system of ventilation.

It is harder to wean people from overheated rooms and foul air than for the heathen to give up his idol worship.

The placing of proper outlets and inlets, and using them intelligently, changes this state of affairs to one that is a decided success. By so doing we make much advancement towards the goal of health reform. DR. O. R. COOPER.

"The child — God's problem, waiting for solution."

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"Costs nothing but is worth millions,—a smile."

"I am only one; but still I am *one*. I cannot do *everything*, but I can do *something*; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something I can do."

GROWING OLD.

M. G. HUFFMAN.

A little more tired at the close of day, A little less anxious to have my way, A little less ready to scold and blame, A little more care for a brother's name; For now I am nearing my journey's end, Where time and eternity meet and blend.

A little less active than in my youth, A little more love for the blessed truth, A little less relish for silver and gold, A little more love for the Master's fold; For 1 am traveling down life's path-way, That's leading me on to that better day.

A little broader view of the Master's mind, A little more charity too, for all mankind, A little while yet till the close of day, I will then have folded life's tent away; Thrice happy, if then some soul can say, "I live because he lived and passed my way."

At an informal gathering of the Battle Creek Church in the Tabernacle on Sunday evening, December 5, which was devoted to the pioneers of the Message, there were present, one who was in the "44 Movement" eight persons who had been connected with the Third Angel's message more than fifty years, and quite a number who had been identified with the work for forty years, thirty years, and twenty years.

After singing a few old hymns.Elder G.W.Amadon led in prayer, after which some time was spent by different ones relating some of their early experiences in connection with the cause of truth. Among the first to speak was Brother J. W. Bachellor, who said, in part: "I came to the office in 1850. My mother was one of the first Sabbath-keepers, and was turned out of her home by her parents. I was well acquainted with many of the first belivers of the Message." Brother Bachellor mentioned the name of the father of the chairman of the meeting, Brother J. B. Sperry, and said concerning him: Charles Sperry was one of the good men of the earth." Brother Bachellor said he was acquainted with the history of this work from the year 1850 to the present. He said," I believe we will soon reach the end. I have lived to see most of the old laborors laid away, and I may be laid to rest, but the work is soon to be finished." He then gave a few words of admonition to faithfulness.

Elder Amadon followed Brother Bachellor, who said he was a mere lad in "44," and his experience in the movement of those days was to be *scared* by the Adventists who believed the end of the

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world was at hand. In 1853-he became convinced of the truth and accepted it. At the time he was a Presbyterian, and "held out a long time on the 'life and death' question, frequently quoting, 'Our bodies are mortal and will soon die; our souls are immortal and will never die. ' "- from Websters Spelling Book. Previous to his acceptance of the "Truth" he had been attending school in Ohio, but was at this time in New York State, near Rochester. Before accepting the doctrine and identifying himself with it, he wrote to the Presbyterian minister in Ohio, stating his convictions and asking some questions, and received in reply the advice:" If you can keep out of the company of that people, come back to Ohio." One letter was so bitter that it" gave the mail-carrier the cholery."

Elder Amadon recalled some amusing experiences of the early days, one of which was remembered also by Brother Bachellor, that occurred in 1844 or 1845, at which time it was one of the duties of the speaker to carry the dinner to the hands, and when he had brought in a pail of paste, the boys, supposing it was their dinner, ate it up.

He remembered the first time he ever saw Brother Bachellor, and it was a wonder to him that a man as small as Brother Bachellor, could set type, and he looked at him in wonder and astonishment.

Brother Amadon also referred to a time during the dark days of the "Sixties" when a four-days' fast was called, and on the second day at a meeting at which were present Brethren Uriah Smith, J. W. Bachellor, Stephen Belden, G. W. Amadon, and others, Elder White made a most earnest prayer, after which he told the brethren present that the war would cease; and in just too weeks from that time Lee surrendered and the rebellion was over. "This is the Lord's work, and it is marvellous in our eyes," was the expression of the national leaders with reference to the termination of the fearful struggle, but we know that God hears prayer.

Sister I. D. Van Horn was present at this meeting in the tabernacle, and contributed to the enjoyment of those present by referring to her experiences in connection with the early days of this people. It was in 1862 that she responded to a call from Sister White to come from New York to assist in teaching her boys, and she soon began teaching a class in Sabbathschool in which was J. B. Sperry, J. H. Kellogg, W. C. White, and Marcus Ashley, perhaps others, and enjoyed the lessons as much as did the students. The experiences gained in the home of Sister White soon convinced Sister Van Horn that she was in the home of a Christian, and she had happy remembrances of those days. She saw Sister White in four visions, and

well remembered the "fast days," and that bread and water was the "food of affliction" on such occasions. She remembered looking over the ground for the college, sanitarium, and other enterprises. Sacrifices were made in those days that the work might be established, which few of of the present corps of workers know much about.

After these remarks were made the company divided into groups, into which one or more of the pioneers of the message were seated, and listened to other interesting recitals which made the evening one long to be remembered. The evening's sociabilities concluded with the singing of a hymn by those present, and benediction by the pastor.

WEST MICHIGAN.

DENVER AND HESPERIA.— According to appointment I met with the Denver church Sabbath and Sunday, December 5 and 6. The adversary of all righteousness is aware of the fact that this church is blessed with some very choice talent, therefore he has been trying to bring in division among them. But God gave freedom in presenting His word, and the Holy Spirit that dwells in the Word, watered it, resulting in an earnest seeking of God and putting away of sin; and as a result confessions were made; hence we expect harmony and Christian growth will follow.

This church is blessed with a choice church school, conducted by Miss Flossie Hall, who is working hard to plant within each bosom a desire to work for the Master and win souls.

Monday, December 7, I held one meeting with the Hesperia church. Here are a few brethren and sisters holding the banner of truth from trailing in the dust, and God is blessing them. I was told by one brother that the Baptist church had no pastor, and that the trustees were willing we should occupy it to hold a series of meetings, and that two men would give five dollars each towards expenses. He and others are anxious that efficient help be sent.

My courage in the Lord and the Third Angel's Message is good. And I am sure we are "abundantly able to go up and possess the land, if the Lord delight in us." W. C. HEBNER.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER AT EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE.

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The Lord blessed us beyond what we had faith to expect. To Him be given all the praise and glory. A comparatively large percent of our students were not Christians when they came to the school, but now nearly all have taken their stand on God's side, among them some who for years had hardened their hearts against the gentle influence of the Holy Spirit. Our hearts were rejoiced as the mighty working of God's power was manifested among us, and one after another gave their hearts to the Lord.

The victory was wonthrough prayer. The faculty met every day for a season of prayer. The students also met in small companies, and so students and teachers united in seeking the Lord for His converting power; and as we prayed definitely for the different students, one after another yielded. Some who had worldly ambitions are now planning to enter the Lord's work.

We praise God for the good work that He has begun among us, and we are praying that it may continue until every member of the school has consecrated himself to God for service.

O. J. GRAF.

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TEN HUNDRED PERCENT INTEREST. AN INVESTMENT ON WHICH THE INTEREST WILL BE COMPOUNDED THROUGHOUT ETERNITY. '

"One dollar now is worth ten in the future." Nothing is more gratifying to the heart of a true father than to know that his children are well established in life. Since "our children were born for no other purpose than to give this Third Angel's Message to the world," it is the duty and Heaven-imposed responsibility of the fathers and mothers in Israel to see that our youth are trained and thoroughly prepared to accomplish the Lord's purpose for them. "To assist in this work, schools have been established. These schools are of the Lord's ordaining. Through the Spirit of prophecy He says, "Now as never before we need to understand the true science of education. If we fail to understand this, we shall never have a place in the kingdom of God."

An understanding of the vital importance of this work will lead us to conclude that these schools must be equipped sufficiently well to enable the teachers to give proper training to our children and youth. Most of our schools are greatly in need of better libraries. They should have complete sets of reference books, especially our denominational books. They need maps, globes, scientific apparatus, helps for the teaching of physiology and for the giving of simple treatments. There is real need of a telescope for Emmanuel Missionary College. Both the college and our own schools are greatly needing such equipment as is mentioned above.

At the last meeting of the Lake Union Conference Committee, in council with the College

Board, a plan was devised in which we feel sure you will co-operate. An equipment Fund is being raised. Shares in this fund are sold for fifty cents (50) each. Half of all the money raised goes to supply the equipment for the academies and industrial schools in the local conference; and half to Emmanuel Missionary College. Half of all the equipment Fund raised in Wisconsin will be used for Bethel, Clear Water, and Walderly. The other half will be sent to the Lake Union Conference for Emmanuel Missionary College,-that school of which the Lord has written so many encouraging things. Let us rally to the help of these dear institutions among us. Every young man and young woman in the State can raise money for one share - many can buy more. All are interested in seeing the very best work done by our schools. Our brethren and sisters will be glad to buy many of these shares. Ten shares would cost only five dollars. Many five dollar bills have been spent for "a little something for Christmas." Make a Christmas present to this worthy enterprise, and then make a present of a share or two in the Equipment Fund to each of the children.

One dollar in this cause now, is worth ten in the future. This means ten hundred per cent interest, and many young people qualified to go out especially from our schools to bear this message.

Send the money to our Conference Treasurer, W. J. Pflugradt, 1303 Burnham Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Let 1909 see our schools better equipped than ever before.— C. McReynolds in Wisconsin Reporter.

The important matter mentioned above was presented to the Sand Prairie church at the close of the Sabbath-school Convention, December 6. In less than twenty minutes almost eighteen dollars had been raised on this fund, about twelve dollars from the church at this place, and the rest from visitors who had come in for the convention.

The good brethren here offered liberally, and are already enjoying the interests which the Lord pays on investments in His cause—the blessing that comes from giving. "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

MARY C. MCREYNOLDS.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

When to Begin.

It has been aptly said that the time to begin the education of a child is one hundred years before he is born, and there is much truth in the statement; for every one knows that hereditary influences have a great bearing on the life of the child. We, however, are dealing with children already in the world, and how shall we begin the work of educating these children?

The common practice of many fathers and mothers is to send their little ones off to school as early as possible, so that they will not be behind those of their own age, and I fear often for a baser reason than that; namely, to get them out of the way, so that the mother may have more time to carry the many duties of the household and care for the younger children. These little ones, before they are old enough to be away from their mothers, much less to see the inside of a schoolroom, are thus hurried off to school; and, as a result, their powers are overtaxed before they are physically able to stand the effort, and they grow up physical wrecks; but should they endure until they finish their high school course, they are of no benefit to themselves or to society.

We have been told again and again that, "no child should be sent to school until eight or ten

A letter just received from Guy Dail, secretary of the European Union Conference, informs us that missionaries recently sent to German East Africa are greatly hindered in their work by the prevailing diseases of the country, among which are malaria, typhoid fever, pneumonia, and jaundice. How little we know of the difficulties under which our brethren labor in these new countries, beyond the reach of medical aid and even the common necessities of life. Brother Dail had just returned from an extended trip in Russia.

Allen Moon.

The Shooting of Francis J. Heney.

Only a few weeks ago the whole country was stirred over the shooting of Mr. Francis J. Heney in a crowded court-room in the city of San Francisco. The January number of the *Signs of The Times* magazine has a very interesting article in regard to this matter entitled, "The Shooting of Francis J. Heney, and the Events that Led up to It." This article is written up from numerous personal interviews had by one of the editors with Mr. Rudolph Spreckles, Mr. William J. Burns, and others, and the statements can be relied upon. They reveal an alarming state of things not only in San Francisco but in all the large cities of this country; and in the light of these revelations we begin to see a new force in the Testimonies that have been coming to us during the past few years in regard to the importance of giving this message to the cities without delay. Agents wanted in every city and town

to sell the monthly magazine.

For special terms, canvass, etc., ad-dress your tract society, or Signs of The Times, Mountain View, California. . * *

"A Dollar for Darkest Africa."

The following names have been received for enrollment in our African We trust many others will feel Band. it a privilege to unite in raising a dollar to help in sending our missionaries to this darkest of all heathen lands. This money should be earned between now and the next camp-meeting.

Send your name to Clifford Russell, Otsego, Michigan.

Earnest Peterson, Harry Pike, Linus

Palmiter, Oakley Palmiter, Bernice Palmiter, Adley Palmiter, Ethel Palmiter, Lorene Palmiter, Orpha Root, Oneta Palmiter, Louie Herzell, Fred Herzell, Keith Kellogg, Gertrude Fleming, Esther Fleming, Charlie Gibbs, Eva Gibbs, Keith Kellogg, Gertrude Fleming, Esther Fleming, Charlie Gibbs, Eva Gibbs, Cecil Gibbs, Harold Andruss, Jerrie Andruss, Donnie Andruss, Mrs. Arista Fleming, Nina Root, Mrs. Miles An-druss, W. H. Davie, Olga Parker, Hazen Atherton, Wesley, Pew, Nina Landon, Vera Fleming, Percy Winslow, Eliza-beth Stair, Arlie Buck, Carroll McAllis-ter, Waive McAllister, Vivian McAllis-ter, Bernath McAllister, Zene Buck, ter, Waive McAllister, Vivian McAllis-ter, Bernath McAllister, Zene Buck, Lurana Buck, Marie Howe, Treasure Navis, Nina VanHouten, Fern Van-Houten, Arthur Navis, Mildred Van-Houten, Jenivee Ludington, Esther Straight, John Lewis, Esther Haughey, Charles Miles David Murt Charles Miles, Paul Hunt.

 \Rightarrow Those of our workers who have been visiting the churches during the week of prayer are sending in excellent reports of the meetings. The blessing of the of the meetings. The blessing of the Lord seemed to be present throughout the entire conference, and those in attendance are taking up their work with increased vigor.

The election of church officers for Otsego was held Sunday, December 20. A change was made in the plan previously followed, and the nominating committee brought in a report covering not only the usual officials, but the officers for the Sabbath-school and Missionary Volunteers as well. The plan obviates the necessity of holding elec-tions for any of the church workers upon the Sabbath, and also places the selection of the workers in Sabbath-school and other lines, in the hands of the church where it really belongs.

Plans are being perfected for the entertainment of the delegates at the next session of the West Michigan Conference, which will be held in Otsego, January 18-22. The church has selected the following persons as committee on arrangements and entertainment : E. L. Richmond, Merton Hilliard, Mrs. Fred. Bullock, Mrs. C. A. Russell, and Mrs. R. F. Hoffmaster. As soon as the delegates are selected in the various churches it is expected that the church

years of age;" yet this truth is almost wholly ignored by our people, and I protest against this evil practice which carries with it such terrible results. Education is dearly purchased if it be at the expense of health and the vigor of youth. For this reason, then, the time for a child to start to school depends upon its physical condition; and the minimum age limit is eight years.

Keeping the child from the schoolroom until eight or ten years of age, does not mean that he shall not be taught anything at home, for he can learn from the great book of nature. Let the flowers of the field and the birds of the air be his great delight; let him learn nature's great lesson of economy and ceaseless endeavor, and then he will grow up with the idea that life is opportun-But how shall he be taught these things? itv. will he not be behind those of his age? and will not that education be inferior to that now taught? These questions will be considered in a future article.-H. A. Boylan, in East Mich-

> clerk will send the credentials to the conference secretary, who is also chair-man of this committee. Unless this is. done promptly it will make it a great deal harder for this committee to do its work in the proper manner.

* * **Obituary.**

Mrs. Beulah M. Phippeny, nee Holliday, was born in St. Charles, Michigan, April 26, 1869, and died at Urbandale, Wednesday evening, Nov. 4, 1908, aged 39 years, 6 months, and 8 days.

As a child, she was always religiously inclined, was baptized at the age of twelve years, and ever since has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. Her religious experience continued to grow brighter and brighter through the years. In 1888 she went to California, where she remained until 1901. In 1893 she was married to L. A. Phippeny. She was a devoted wife, mother, and daughter, faithful and pa-tient unto the end. She leaves a memory of happiness.

She has never experienced good health, but has been a sufferer from childhood. Her last illness dates back about one year, though she was not obliged to give up until five months ago, when she was compelled to take her bed. She trusted God and her Saviour for recovery. At the same time she recognized God's omniscience, and knowing the possibilities before us all, she was willing to do His bidding. The past months, pre-vious to the end, had been cheered by her repeating day and night the precious promises of God's word, and by singing a few well-loved songs. No complaint passed her lips, even when suffering the most intense pain, and her last words were, "I haven't lost my confidence at any time.'

On Friday, October 30, she had a severe chill, and the end approached rapidly. She was unconscious for a few hours preceding the end, and passed away peacefully. She rests from her suffering, and will rise when Jesus comes. She leaves a husband and three children, a devoted mother, three brothers, and many relatives.

Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder H. Nicola. S. D. HARTWELL.

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The Prompt Forwarding of Funds.

I desire to call the attention of all church and conference officers to the matter of promptly remitting the funds which have come into their hands intended for our mission fields. At this time of the year we stand in great need of this money, in order that our brethren in destitute fields may not be left without proper support. We should therefore be pleased, and our workers greatly assisted, if all our church treasurers would send at once to the treasurer of their conference the amounts which they may have received on the Thanksgiving Ingathering, the week-of-prayer offering, or any other contribu-tions intended for our mission fields. Then the conference treasurer will render excellent service to those in need of these funds by promptly forwarding to this office all money which should come here. Will the brethren concerned please attend to this matter without delay? A. G. DANIELLS.

Pres. Gen. Conference.

Northern Illinois.

I left Peoria Monday evening following the convention there, and spent two days at Bloomington. I visited the Sabbath-keepers, and gave them what encouragement I could. On the way to Cottage Home, I visited Brother Galbraith at Centralia. He seemed of good courage, and was glad to see me. The Lord is blessing his work. The brethren wanted a series of meetings held at Garyville. There are no Sabbath-keepers there, but our people have friends. There has been a little outward interest, and I am sure the meetings have been a help to the church.

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Southern Illinois.

Thursday evening, December 17, I met with the Pana church. The report from

this place is that the Spirit of the Lord has been with them. Friday evening following, Elder Chancy Wood and the writer began meetings at Stewardson, and closed the following Sunday evening. The meeting was not character-ized with any visible results for good, but at its close, many gave expression of heartfelt thanks for the good they received. Elder Wood returned to Taylorville Monday morning, to take up his duties there, and I stayed until Tues-day evening. I held a council with three brethren Monday for four and one half hours to decide upon a plan to liquidate the church debt, which was over three hundred dollars. This was decided by three giving two hundred and twenty-five dollars. Before my depart-ure the balance was all secured in cash and pledges but four dollars. This was nothing more nor less than the work of ELDER S. E. WIGHT. the Lord.

Tithe Report for November, 1	908.		
Martinsville\$	3 00		
Dallas City	2 61		
Noble	35 00		
St. James	5 55		
Farmington	50 88		
Second Springfield	$20 \ 18$		
Woodburn	11 00		
Stewardson	1 15		
Decatur	110 51		
Oakland	3 55		
Herrin	7 00		
Conference Church	66 73		
Peoria	93 63		
DuQuoin	85 94		
Individual	15 00		
First Springfield	33 30		

Total.... \$545 23

Wisconsin.

Elder C. McReynolds, president of the Wisconsin Conference, is spending a few weeks in the South for some needed rest. He will return early in January.

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Adelphian Academy.

We enjoyed a short call from Mr. John Hamer, one of our former students, who together with his brother Will, was on the way to Florida, some two weeks ago to canvass for our denominational books. A card received after the first two days' work showed very encouraging results, the latter selling twenty-seven dollars' worth of books in thirteen hours. We are waiting with interest for news of further success.

TITEMS OF INTEREST.

Elder W. J. Stone, president of the Indiana Conference, contemplates a trip to Florida in hope of recuperating his health, which has become somewhat impaired by long continued labor without sufficient seasons of rest. We wish for him speedy and complete recovery.

The Lake Union branch of the Review and Herald publishing house is now being removed to the city of South Bend from Battle Creek. The book depository will be located on La Fayette, Street, near Jefferson Street.

Elder Moon attended the quarterly meeting at Ligonier, Indiana, on Sabbath and Sunday, December 19 and 20, and reports a good time, with some outside interest in the public services.

↔ ↔ Canvassers' Institute.

The attention of all the canvassers is

called to the change in location of the Canvassers' Institute. It will be held at Springfield, Illinois, and will begin Friday, Jan. 1, 1909.

Miss Eaton left Springfield last Wednesday to spend Xmas with her parents in DuQuoin.

Brother J. O. Ferris went to Moline, Friday to visit his sister, who is taking the nurses' course at the Tri-City Sanitarium.

☆ ☆ Emmanuel Missionary College.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Green from Cedar Lake Academy, are spending their holiday vacation at the home of her parents, at Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Brother J. B. Blosser occupied the time at the morning service on Sabbath, December 26. He illustrated the fact that great men and enterprises usually have a small beginning, making application to some of the largest departments of our work, notably the great increase in the publication and distribution of our literature.

At the chapel services on Tuesday morning the teachers and students of the Emmanuel Missionary College were favored with an instructive talk by Elder M. C. Kirkendall, on the one great object of education, namely, the restoration of the image of God in the human soul. An abstract of this talk will appear in a future issue.

On Monday morning, at the chapel service, Professor Perry gave a talk on the Importance of a Business Education. He showed that school teachers, canin the business office and the heads of our various institutions, should have a thorough business education. The children and all the common people should also have a business training.

We were happily surprised, on Christmas day, by a call from Elder Spicer, while on his way home from the West. He arrived in time to take dinner with us, after which he gave us a very interesting and practical after-dinner speech, on the benefits derived from simple home life. He also spoke to us again at the sunset vesper service, showing us something of the rapidity with which this message is going to all the world.

The College library, which has been moved to a permanent location on the second floor of Study Hall, is now arranged, and is being used to good advantage by the students. Although there are nearly twenty-five hundred volumes in the library, they are mostly old, and additions of late works are very much needed. We are looking to the Equipment Fund to supply those that are most needed. The lack of our denominational books is being supplied by books donated by interested patrons, and these are very gratefully received.

The College Sabbath-school is increasing rapidly, both in size and in interest. This, it seems, is due to the new methods on which it is being conducted. Each Friday evening a teachers' meeting is held, at which the teachers take their turns in leading, under the direction of the superintendent. This plan is carried into the classes, the teachers appointing different pupils to teach the class. A live interest has been aroused on the part of both teachers and pupils, each one feeling that he is a working part of the school. The Sabbath-school has thus been made a training school.