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

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LET THEM PASS; FORGET THEM.

Never mind the things you heard,—
Don't repeat a single word,—
Let them pass; forget them.
Do not mind them,—they are not
Worthy of a moment's thought;
They have now much mischief wrought,—
Let them pass; forget them.

Never mind what some one said,—
They were words by malice fed,—
Let them pass; forget them.
They were unkind and untrue,
And deserve no thought from you;
Be among the very few
That will never mind them.

Let the other people say
Words unkind, from day to day—
Let them pass; forget them.
Balance matters with them; give
Kind words for unkind ones; live
As you know you ought, forgive,—
Let them pass; forget them.

And if *you* have said a word,
Harsh, unkind, and some one heard,
Pass it not; but mind it.
Sow another kind of seed,—
Do another kind of deed,—
Maybe some one's heart will bleed
If you do not mind it. — *Benjamin Keech.*



AN APPEAL FOR MISSIONS.

I appeal to our brethren everywhere to awake, o consecrate themselves to God, and to seek wisdom from Him. I appeal to the officers of our conferences to make earnest efforts in our churches to arouse them to give of their means for sustaining foreign missions. The Foreign Mission Board needs to carry a continual responsibility in this line. Unless your hearts are touched as you see the situation in foreign fields, the last message of mercy to be given to the world will be

restricted, and the work which God would have done will be left undone.

The last days of probation are passing into eternity. The great day of the Lord is soon to open upon us. We should now use every ability we possess to arouse our people.

God calls for men to give the message of warning to the world that is asleep, dead in trespasses and sins. He calls for free-will offerings from those whose hearts are in the work, who have a burden for souls, that they shall not perish, but have everlasting life. Satan is playing the game of life for the souls of men. He is seeking to secure means, that he may bind it up, so that it shall not be used to advance the missionary enterprises. Shall we be ignorant of his devices? Shall we allow him to stupefy our senses, so that we shall not discern the needs of this time?

It is time for us to give heed to the teaching of the word of God. All His injunctions are given to do us good, to convert the soul from a life of sin to a life of righteousness. Every one who is converted to the truth should be instructed in regard to the Lord's requirements for tithes and offerings. As churches are raised up, this work must be taken hold of decidedly. All that men enjoy comes from the Lord's great firm, and He is pleased to have His heritage enjoy His goods; but with all who stand under the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel, He has made a special contract that they show their dependence upon God and their accountability to Him by returning to the treasury a certain portion of His own. This is to be invested in supporting the missionary work which must be done to fulfill the commission given by the Son of God just before He left His disciples: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Those who are truly converted are called to do a work which requires money and consecration. The obligation which binds us to place our names on the church roll holds us responsible to work to the utmost of our ability for God. He calls for undivided service, for the entire devo-

tion of heart, soul, mind, and strength. Christ has brought us into church captivity, that He may engage and engross all our capabilities in devoted service for the salvation of others. Anything short of this is opposition to the work. There are only two places in the universe where we can deposit our treasures — in God's storehouse or in Satan's; and all that is not devoted to God's service is counted on Satan's side, and goes to strengthen his cause.

The heart of God is moved. Souls are very precious in His sight. It was for this world that Christ wept in agony; for this world He was crucified. God gave His only begotten Son to save sinners, and He desires us to love others as He has loved us. He desires to see those who have had great light, flashing that light upon the pathway of their fellow-men.

One soul is of more value to heaven than a world of property, houses, lands, and money. If the sacrifice were essential for the salvation of one soul, it would be the duty of the inhabitants of the earth to sell their possessions in order to secure that soul for eternity. For the conversion of one soul we should tax our resources to the utmost. One soul won to Christ will flash heaven's light all around him, penetrating the moral darkness, and saving other souls. Thus two, five, ten talents will accumulate and double. This is not exaggeration. If Christ left the ninety and nine, that He might seek the one lost sheep, shall we be justified in doing less?

If there was ever a time when sacrifice should be made, it is now. Those who have means should understand that now is the time to use it for God. Let not means be absorbed in multiplying facilities where the work has already been established. Do not add building to building where many interests are now centered. Use the means to establish centers in new fields. Think of our missions in foreign countries! Some of them are struggling to gain even a foothold; they are destitute of even the most meager facilities. Instead of adding to facilities already abundant, build up the work in these destitute fields. Again and again the Lord has spoken regarding this. His blessing cannot attend His people in disregarding His instruction.

God calls upon His people to awake to their responsibilities. A flood of light is shining from the word of God, and there must be an awakening to neglected obligations. When these are met, by giving back to God His own in tithes and offerings, the way will be opened for the world to hear the message the Lord designs it shall hear. If God's people had the love of Christ in their heart, if every church member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice, if all manifested thorough earnestness, there would be

no lack of funds for home and foreign missions; our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter. Had the purpose of God been carried out by His people in giving the message of mercy to the world, *Christ would have come to the earth, and the saints would ere this have received their welcome into the city of God.*—Mrs. E. G. White.



IS IT SAFE?

From time to time our people are solicited, through advertisements and letters, to invest in some enterprise represented to be exceedingly profitable; to take stock in some mining or sheep-raising company, or other "get-rich-quick" concern carried on by so-called Seventh-day Adventists. If our people would stop to consider that of the many thousand dollars invested in such concerns in the past, almost every dollar of principal and interest has been lost, for the reason that reputable Seventh-day Adventists do not engage in such enterprises, they would be slow to take such risks.

Many have invested their all because of the glowing representations, not stopping to consider the impossibility of the fulfillment of the promises made; and finally, they are awakened by the realization of the fact that they have been deceived. Only unprincipled people make such flattering promises. Before falling into the power of promoters of mining, sheep-ranch, and colonization schemes, take time to investigate.

ALLEN MOON.



Field Reports.

NORTH MICHIGAN.

PETOSKEY.—Last week a number of the brethren from various parts of the conference were present at Petoskey, engaged in the work of auditing the conference accounts, and considering the best means of advancing the work for the year just entered upon. The conference school also came in for a share of attention. This school is being conducted by Brother L. A. Jacobs, of Graysville, Tennessee, and has an attendance of twenty in the intermediate grades. The church school at Petoskey is conducted by Miss Willaman, and has a good attendance.

The brethren who were present at the council were very pleasantly entertained on the evening of January 5, by the teachers and students of these schools. The entertainment consisted of instrumental and vocal music, reading, recita-

tions, and compositions. All were pleased with the tokens of a genuine desire to excel in the knowledge of that which tends to true nobility and exaltation of character. Much credit is due the instructors of the schools of Petoskey.

ALLEN MOON.



INDIANA.

LIGONIER.—On December 18-20 Elder Moon was with us at this place. Friday evening he spoke on the subject of Religious Liberty to an attentive audience. Sabbath was a good day, being the last day of the week of prayer. The church appreciated Elder Moon's visits very much. A meeting was held at the close of the Sabbath, at which time the ordinances were celebrated, and officers elected for the church.

December 26, we were with the church at Wolcottville. This was a meeting long to be remembered, on account of the presence of God in our midst. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated by this church for the first time, as it has just been organized. There was a full corps of officers elected without a dissenting voice. Truly it is good and pleasant for brethren and sisters to dwell together in unity.

We next visited Rochester, January 2. A meeting was called to order at 11:00 A. M. The ordinances were celebrated, and officers were selected, all present taking part in the meeting. At 12:30 the meeting closed with singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

I praise God for union and harmony. We can truly say that we are receiving the latter rain. We are of good courage in the Lord.

B. HAGLE.



ELNORA AND LINTON.—The cause is onward in this State, though the counter forces contend for the ground. But he who goes forth "conquering and to conquer" is ever able for all emergencies.

There is a manifest improvement in all lines.

The "higher ground" that elevates the soul in healthy spiritual growth is sought to the exclusion of fanaticism, except by few minds inclined to the marvelous.

More than a score have embraced the truth in my field of labor during the past year; and besides, a good deal of money has been raised throughout the district for different enterprises. I have received contributions and pledges, that have been cashed by individuals, all the way from \$1.00 to \$500.00.

December 25-27, in company with Elder Moon, we held very profitable and encouraging meetings with the church at Elnora. The Lord directed

by His power, as the Elder presented the subject of Organization, in three timely discourses. This subject was very much needed and was well received by the church in general. The line is being clearly drawn between those who favor and those who oppose organization. As a rule, the ones who oppose organization, are those who have some pet theory that leads to fanaticism or personal ambition.

Elder Moon also hurried over to Linton to present in one discourse the importance of organization. I followed after. The subject was well received, and we believe that permanent good was done.

The Lord continues to bless our meetings at these places. The clouds are lifting, and most all are settling in the work to move with the body in healthy missionary lines. We find peace only in the work of God, Who lifts every burden.

VICTOR THOMPSON.



WEST MICHIGAN.

COOPERSVILLE.—We are sending a report of the fourth Sabbath missionary meeting, held in the Wright church, Nov. 28, 1908.

The elder, J. E. Root, opened the meeting with the song "Harvest Time," and Brother Clark offered prayer. Brother Root read the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah. A testimony meeting followed.

Brother Root stated that he had received fifty cents in donations for the special *Review*. One brother had received two dollars in donations. Another brother had given away four papers and received four dollars for them. One sister disposed of ten papers, receiving three dollars. All seemed of good courage, and spoke of their confidence in the message. JAMES S. PETERSON.



BALDWIN.—December 6, I began meetings in the opera house at Baldwin, Michigan, which lasted two weeks. Our attendance averaged about forty every night. On Sunday evening it ran up to seventy-five. While the weather was quite stormy, it did not keep the interested ones away.

The Lord blessed us in the series of meetings. Mrs. Butterfield and I spent a large portion of each day visiting the homes of the people, talking with them by the fire-side concerning their salvation, which we believe was a help to them in deciding to keep the commandments of God.

Our hearts were made glad to see souls coming to Christ. At the close of the meeting as many as twelve had taken their stand to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. One week later, we meet with this new company on the Sabbath and we had a good

meeting. The Lord was present. Still another soul, who had attended our meetings a part of the time, decided to keep the Sabbath, for which we were thankful. Let all our people remember this little company in their prayers, that they might put on the whole armor of God to meet the wiles of the enemy.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.



COVERT.—The winter of 1908-09 finds us again wrestling with the church school problem at Covert.

Our school numbers twelve active boys and girls.

The old saying, "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined," is as good as when it was first uttered, and has the same force. For God says, "Train up" [not let him come up] "a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

It would seem sometimes as though Satan would destroy all the influence for good which could be brought to bear upon the young minds, but it is not so. On these unformed characters persevering labor must be put forth, the seed must be sown, the garden of the heart must be cultivated, and with persistent effort the evil is to be uprooted, first in the home, then in the school. Satan is still at work, the same cunning foe who caused the downfall of the whole human race, and with still greater zeal. But "God is in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself." 2 Cor. 4:6. The true teacher is not satisfied with a lower than the highest possible standard for these dear ones intrusted to his care. He cannot be content with imparting to them a mere technical knowledge.

Here the student is to be instructed in the living principles that mould the character. He is to be inspired, by precept and example, in the principles of purity, truth, honor, and integrity, and aided in making them living principles in his life. This is the Christian teacher's first effort and constant aim. "In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand." Time is short. Do we believe it? Oh, may we arise to our privilege in Christ, and hear the well done said, in that glad day so soon to come.

MRS. JULIA COUNTRYMAN.



MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS.

From a private letter from Brother O. L. Denslow, who is attending the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington, we quote the following:—

"I count it one of the greatest privileges that can come to any young person to attend school here. I do not feel that I will ever be able to recompense the conference for the kind-

ness shown to me. I am trying to conduct myself in such a way that they will never regret the helping hand extended to me.

"The school is filled with the most earnest young people from our ranks. I wish that you might attend one of the Friday evening meetings and listen to the testimonies from the students. Nearly all of them are minute men, ready to go to the front ranks at a moment's notice and help hold the enemy in check.

"I do not feel that I will be asked to go to any mission field this year. If I am, I could not refuse to go. I will not know until after the General Conference next spring what is before me."

Brother Denslow is one of the young men whose expenses are being paid by the Missionary Volunteers, and you are all interested in the school. Our donations to this fund should be liberal, as we are supporting two where we had only one last year. Let the treasurers of the local societies forward their funds to the conference treasurer at an early date.

E. L. RICHMOND.



"SEARCH thine own heart; what paineth thee
In others, in thyself may be;
All dust is frail, all flesh is weak;
Be though the true man thou dost seek."



EQUIPMENT FUND.

Encouraging reports concerning the Equipment Fund are still coming in from all parts of the field, as may be indicated by the following quotations from letters recently received:—

"I note with interest what you have said in reference to the Equipment Fund. I am heartily in favor of this movement, and I believe it will prove a great blessing to our people, while at the same time it is providing that which is so much needed in our schools."

"I have a letter from one leader of a society, saying that I may depend on ——— society doing its part. I shall be glad to push this matter in the churches where I visit."

"In regard to the Equipment Fund, will say that I am very much interested in it, and assure you that I will do all that I can to make it a success. I find the young people interested and willing to give, even what they have not, as was proved yesterday when I presented the matter to ——— society. Several gave who have not a cent, but said they could not endure to sit and do nothing. They said they would sell our periodicals and get the money."

We are glad to see our young people so interested in this work. It is an evidence of their loyalty to the cause of present truth. If all our people were of the same spirit, it would not take long for this message to swell into the loud cry and be closed up. "Therefore, let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

W. E. STRAW.

TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF.

"The clock struck the hour in the tall church tower
And the old year slipped away,
To be lost in the crowd of phantom years
In the House of Dreams that stay
All wrapped in their coats of gray.

Then swift and sweet o'er the door's worn sill,
Came the youngest child of Time,
With a gay little bow and a merry laugh,
And a voice like bells a chime."

Mrs. Sangster has said,—“In the business world, the beginning of a year is signalized by a careful taking account of the stock in hand so that a new adjustment may be made. Bargains are offered to customers in the shops so that room may be made on the shelves for fresher and more attractive goods. Merchants must know how they stand. Inventories and precise records show whether there has been advance or decline in profits. January ushers in and prepares for a forward movement in the commerce of the nations.

“Every individual who has anything to do with buying or selling, from the head of the firm to the boy in buttons at the door, from the little girl who purchases shoe strings at the notion counter to the great lady who arrives with coachman and footman and spends her gold with a lavish hand, has a share in this forward movement of commerce.

“Don't you think the season a good one for making an inventory of another sort of stock? Are we carrying any useless luggage?” Are the goods on our shelves fresh and attractive, or are they moth-eaten with selfishness, and soiled with insincerity? Does the record show an advance or a decline in gains? Are we nearer the standard of true manhood or womanhood than we were a year ago?

In looking over the records of the year, and taking stock of ourselves, let us be frank, and scan with fairness every blot upon the page. Let us bravely look into every corner of dark thoughts and old grudges, and drag forth to the light of the new day every prejudice and every hidden thing. I suspect there are few of us who have much to be proud of, and that all of us have much to regret. But whatever the mistakes of the past year have been, it is never too late to mend. Though we have made the same blunders time and again, we have the assurance that our weak points may become our strongest points. There is no time now to sit down and lament over our failures; the duties of the present demand our attention; the next thing clamors to be done.

Some one has wisely said:—“Put out of your thought the past, whatever it may be; let go even the future with its golden dream and its high ideal, and concentrate your soul in this

burning present moment. For the man who is true to the present is true to his best, and the soul that wins the ground immediately before it, makes life a triumph.”

The little New Year, the youngest child of Time, has this day crossed our threshold. He has crumpled the soiled and spotted page of 1908, and cast it behind him. In his hand he carries the new spotless page of 1909, and he is holding it out to each one of us.

What shall we write thereon? Let us honestly question our hearts.

Will the world be better or worse for my having lived in it this year?

Will I estimate the things of time and eternity at their real value?

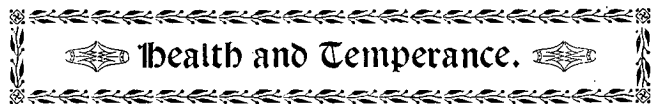
Will I permit myself to do anything that I would condemn in others?

Will my life this year be pleasing to God?

And now with these thoughts before us, let us write upon the pure white page of 1909's record, Jonathan Edward's resolution:—“Resolved to live with all my might while I do live; resolved never to lose one moment of time, but improve it in the most profitable way I possibly can. Resolved never to do anything which I should despise or think meanly of in another; never to do anything out of revenge; never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.”

Then even though we fall we shall not be utterly cast down; but up again, onward, always facing toward the light, let us heed the advice of an eminent American who said, “Be at war with your vices, at peace with your virtues, and let every new year find you a better man.”

ROBERTA A. GRAF.

**HEALTH TALKS.—No 6.****Ventilating Inlets.**

The inlet problem is one more easily solved than the outlet. The opening of the door or window will admit plenty of air. A better way is to tack a board, a heavy paper, or a piece of canvas across the lower window frame. Then raise the window an inch for each occupant of the room. A wind from that direction will supply air more rapidly, and hence only one-half or one-fourth inch may be necessary for the individual.

Another method is to raise the window two to four inches, and close the opening thus made by a thin board accurately fitted to fill the space. This will allow the air to pass in between the

two sashes, thus providing an inlet sufficient for one person; and by opening more windows in the same manner, ventilation may be supplied for as many persons as there are windows available.

A little more elaborate window ventilator can be made by using a three-inch piece instead of a thin board, and allowing it to project into the rooms at least two inches beyond the window sash. With an inch and a half auger, bore as many holes two inches deep as can be conveniently accommodated in the length of the piece. These holes on the upper inside surface should be as close to the inner margin as possible. Now, turning the stick one quarter over so that the edge outside to the weather is uppermost, bore holes with the same sized auger to meet the first holes. This will give you a number of elbow-shaped openings one and one-half inches in diameter. This appliance is then placed under the raised window sash so that the air from the outside is carried up into the room parallel with the lower window panes. With this device you have not only the opening between the two sashes, but also a low cold air inlet, and there are no drafts across the room.

Windows swung horizontally on a pivot from their centers, with the top inward, is a very convenient and practical means of ventilating where large quantities of fresh air are needed.

The position of the cold air inlets is of importance. One placed too near the floor is apt to cause a draft, and thus carry the dust and impurities into the air of the room, defeating one of the benefits of ventilation. The entering current of air should be subdivided either by mechanical obstructions or by having numerous small inlets. This will allow the room temperature to be more evenly maintained. A cold air inlet too near the ceiling is also to be avoided on account of the inward current striking the ceiling *en masse*, and then traveling in a body downward, causing a draft.

Lowering the upper window sash, without placing something to deflect the current upward, provides for a cascade of cold air very similar to water passing over a precipice. A fountain supply is very much better, and should always be sought for.

DR. O. R. COOPER.



DOINGS AMONG SOUTHERN ILLINOIS CANVASSERS.

One sister with a large family, who spends about twenty hours a week in canvassing, writes:—

"It is wonderful how hungry the people are for the truth. One woman said 'I never knew such things were in the Bible;' and now she wants to hear more. I am so glad for the privilege of putting the blessed truth among the people. If the 'Coming King' helps them as it did me, which I hope and pray it will, with God's help, I will have many stars in my crown."

One of the workers, who has a family to support, says: "I am in this work for life." There is a charm about this selling of the truth, that is found in no other.

Brother Galbraith tells me that he will have Sabbath-keepers in the city where he is now canvassing before he leaves. This is the result wherever he goes, and is accomplished through hard and persistent work. It can be done in no other way. Should not this be the purpose of every canvasser? This is evangelistic work of the highest order. Does it appeal to you?

One experience which Brother Galbraith had is of importance in showing the value of tenacity. One day he knocked at the door for admittance, but was told that nothing was wanted, and was not permitted to enter the house: but by being persistent, Brother Galbraith finally gained admittance, and sold one book to the lady of the house, another to a lady who was visiting there, and one to a nephew who came in as he was about to leave. During the canvass, one of the visitors had to leave, but next day he took her order also. But this is notable, as \$13.60 worth have already been sold to that one woman, who wouldn't let the canvasser in, and there is a good prospect of selling more books there in the future. The lady also made the remark that she would not take ten dollars for "Bible Readings" or "Great Controversy," if she could not get another. So let us remember the motto—"If you don't let go, the other fellow will."

We are now in the midst of our institute. There are eight here already. Most of these are old canvassers getting a better hold of the work, and will soon be in the field at work, with a determination to make 1909 the banner year in Southern Illinois.

C. J. TOLF.



WHICH ARE YOU?

There are two kinds of people on earth to-day,
Just two kinds of people; no more, I say.
Not the sinner and saint; for 'tis well understood
The good are half bad, and the bad are half good.

Not the rich and the poor; for to count a man's wealth,
You must first know the state of his conscience and health:
Not the humble and proud; for in life's little span,
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man.

Not the happy and sad; for the swift-flying years
Bring each man his laughter, and each man his tears.
No; the two kinds of people on earth that I mean
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses
Are always divided into just these two classes;
And, oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?
Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
His portion of labor, and worry, and care?

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

Obituaries.

Myrtle May Smith was born July 12, 1884, and was married about two years ago to William Dole. She died at Kalamazoo, Michigan, Nov. 29, 1908, never rallying from an operation which she had undergone. She was reared in the truth, and once loved the Sabbath-school. She was a daughter of Sister Benner, of Covert, and was buried from the Adventist church of that place. A husband, mother, step-father, five half-brothers and sisters are left to mourn. In the absence of a minister, the waiting congregation was pointed to a time beyond this vale of weeping, to the over-comer's inheritance, when all tears shall be wiped away.

MRS. JULIA COUNTRYMAN.



The subject of this sketch, Benjamin F. Hill, was born in South Hampton, England, Aug. 27, 1826, and died in Charlotte, Michigan, Dec. 25, 1908, aged 82 years, 3 months, and 28 days. He came to America with his parents when he was two years old, settling in Connecticut for a short time, then moved to Ohio, where he resided until grown to manhood. In 1853, with his wife and two children, Brother Hill moved to Michigan and located near the present city of Charlotte, where he has since resided. A wife, four children, and one sister survive him.

When about six years old, Brother Hill's mother died, leaving her son to the mercy of strangers, and his early life was marked by many hardships. His Christian experience began at sixteen years of age when he united with the Methodist church. For a number of years he filled the position of class leader for that denomination. In 1862, under the labors of Elders Loughborough and Hull, who were holding tent meetings in Charlotte, Brother Hill heard and accepted the views held by the Seventh-day Adventists. Since then he has maintained a living connection with this people, serving as local elder of the Charlotte church for more than thirty years. His life of self-denial and sacrifice has ever been a worthy example to believers.

A few years ago, owing to failing health, he was obliged to give up active church work, yet his love of the truth and firm trust in God were made manifest on every possible occasion. About the last opportunity afforded Brother Hill to bear a public testimony to the cause he loved was at the time of the conference held in Charlotte last February, and all who were present will long remember his earnest words of counsel and admonition.

Although in feeble health for several months, only the last week of his life did he suffer extreme pain. But his suffering is now over, and he calmly "rests

from his labors, and his works do follow him." In the death of Brother Hill, the community loses a highly respected citizen, the church a much loved leader and counsellor, his children a kind and indulgent parent, and his wife a constant and true companion. We all submit to the mandates of heaven, and while our heads are bowed with grief, and our hearts are filled with sorrow, we hope in God's mercy. With glad anticipation we look forward to the joys of a reunion when Jesus comes.

The funeral services were held in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Charlotte, conducted by W. R. Matthews, assisted by the writer.

S. D. HARTWELL.

**Missionary Volunteer Convention.**

A meeting of the Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the Lake Union Conference will be held at Emmanuel Missionary College, January 14-17, immediately following the meeting of the executive committees. Besides the local secretaries and prospective workers for the young people, Professor M. E. Kern and others interested in the young people's work will be in attendance.

The meetings on the Sabbath will be of a general character, and all who can attend will be made welcome. It is expected that Elder Daniells will speak at the regular Sabbath morning meeting.

The following is the program for the convention:—

Thursday, January 14, 2:30 P. M.

Meeting of Presidents and Secretaries.

(a) Field work, H. A. Boylan; A. G. Haughey.

(b) Conventions and Institutes, Chancy Wood; E. K. Slade.

(c) Relation of Missionary Volunteer Work to Educational Work, O. J. Graf; S. E. Wight.

7:00 P. M.

Talk to Presidents and Secretaries, M. E. Kern.

Friday, January 15, 9:45 A. M.

Call to Missionary Volunteer Work, M. E. Kern.

2:30 P. M.

(a) Camp-meeting Work, W. E. Straw; H. A. Boylan.

(b) Correspondence, Mrs. R. W. McMahan; A. W. Hallock.

(c) Training of Secretaries, H. A. Boylan; M. E. Kern.

7:00 P. M.

(a) Responsibility of Students in the Missionary Volunteer Work, M. E. Kern; O. J. Graf.

(b) Personal Evangelism, Dr. Runck; Alma Graf.

Sabbath, January 16, 10:45 A. M.

Discourse to Church, Elder A. G. Daniells.

3:00 P. M.

Meeting for Church.

(a) Standard of Attainment, Alma Graf; Ernest Pringle.

(b) Good Reading and Instructor, W. E. Videto; Allen Moon.

(c) The Reading Course, M. E. Kern; Mrs. O. J. Graf.

(d) Prayer and the Morning Watch, Almeda Haughey; J. H. Haughey.

Saturday Evening, January 16, 7:00 P. M.
Meeting for Secretaries.

(a) Social Needs and How to Meet Them, Mrs. Jennie Willaman; O. J. Graf.

(b) Literature Work and Libraries, A. W. Hallock; M. E. Kern.

Sunday, January 17, 9:00 A. M.

The Local Society.

(a) Plan of Organization, Nellie Plugh; M. E. Kern.

(b) The Society Program, Mrs. R. W. McMahan; Nellie Plugh.

(c) The Society as a Department of the Church; A. C. Haughey; Chancy Wood.

2:30 P. M.

(a) The Qualification of Local Leaders, and How to Train Them, M. E. Kern; A. C. Haughey.

(b) System of Reporting; How to Report; Who Shall Report, Mrs. Jennie Willaman; Mrs. R. W. McMahan.

7:00 P. M.

The Life of Some Missionary.

Monday, January 19, 9:00 A. M.

(a) Report of Committees.

(b) Question Box.

(c) Testimony Meeting.

Note.—The first name indicates the one who is to prepare a paper or talk; the second, the one who leads out in the discussion. Let every one come prepared, by the help of God, to contribute some valuable help to the solution of our problems.

W. E. STRAW.

**Notes from the Bookmen's Convention.**

Work for the salvation of souls.

Canvassers are to break down prejudice.

We need missionary workers instead of book agents.

Every canvasser is a part of the great Advent Movement.

Do not be afraid to pray with the people when you have opportunity.

The cause needs men of strong convictions, to be its representatives.

The whole world is lined up against Seventh-day Adventists because of this truth.

Exalt the character of the truth in the book rather than the material of which it is made.

A customer reads the canvasser before he does the book, and is likely to judge the book by the agent handling it.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST.**Indiana.**

Elder W. J. Stone is taking some needed rest from the burden of conference work, and is spending a few weeks at Orlando, Florida. We trust he may return greatly benefited by his vacation.

Brother J. M. Ellis writes from Northfield that he has just closed a three-weeks' meeting at that place. Two persons united with the church, and the brethren seemed much encouraged as a result of the meetings.

West Michigan.

J. W. Hofstra spent a few days at home recently.

Clifford Russel has been visiting schools in the southeastern part of the conference.

A. C. Haughey and family have returned from a visit with Mrs. Haughey's parents in Illinois.

M. C. Whitmarsh reports book sales to the amount of \$173.00 as the result of 32 hours' work in Jackson, Miss. Surely that is a good field for missionary effort.

Asa Kelsey, who is on his way from Boulder, Colorado, to attend the Foreign Mission Seminary, at Washington, D. C., stopped in Otsego for a few days to visit his father.

Please send the credentials of the delegates to the session of the West Michigan Conference, to the secretary at Otsego. Do not wait for the delegates to bring them, for if this is done, no definite arrangements can be made for their care. It takes time to provide suitable accommodations for so large a number of people.

Emmanuel Missionary College.

Mr. G. V. Corkham has accepted a call to teach the church school in Peoria, Illinois.

Brother Frank Dryer, of Battle Creek, has been spending a few days the past week with friends and relatives here.

The College chorus class will soon render the chorus "Redemption." The date will be announced later. Watch for it.

Every Friday morning the chapel hour will be occupied by Professor Gerritsen in conducting a sight-singing class. Students and teachers are expecting to take this drill.

Professor Gerritsen gave a chapel talk recently on the Importance of Music in Education. He emphasized especially the value and place of song in religious services. "Singing is just as much a part of worship as prayer," was read from the Testimonies. The Professor urged all to make an effort to sing, or at least, to "make a joyful noise."

Doctor Runck occupied the chapel hour last Wednesday, giving some timely suggestions on How to Care for the Body. The Doctor stated that one of the first things a man must learn when doing any work, is to know how to care for the machine which is to do the work. And it is none the less true, whatever else he must know, that he learn how to care for his body.

Mission Notes.

At the close of the New South Wales camp-meeting, Australia, thirty went forward in the ordinance of baptism.

Immanuel has returned to the school at Singapore, bringing another young man from Battakland. Immanuel's wife also accompanied him this time, to join in the work of preparation to take the message to their own countrymen.

The first of October, J. F. Olmstead, in charge of Union College, South Africa, baptized seven of the students, ranging in age from sixteen to thirty-five. Ten or twelve more expected soon to go forward in this ordinance. This good experience came to them as a result of their week-of-prayer services, held at a different season of the year than in this country.

From West Africa the good word comes that the work is moving rapidly in that field. The new school building is nearing completion. At every point where the truth touches, Brother Babcock writes, success attends the effort. The Freetown church has put out a Bible worker, paying her way from their own contributions. The first week resulted in her bringing a new Sabbath-keeper with her to the Sabbath services.

The new printing office at Colon, Canal Zone, is progressing nicely, and will soon be ready for the occupancy of the *Caribbean Watchman*, published in English for the West Indian Union Conference field; also *El Centinela de la Verdad*, the Spanish paper for this same field. This latter periodical has been published in Porto Rico, but will be removed to Colon,

and Elder B. E. Connerly and wife will connect with the work in Colon, to continue to carry on the paper.

Sister Caldwell, writing from Manila, says they have just been sending out two hundred and ninety Spanish papers to the Filipinos who have purchased the Spanish "Patriarchs and Prophets." She says that the Philippines are an interesting field, and that they enjoy their work there, and that by exercising care, they have been enabled to keep well. She feels that the Lord has been very good to them. The recent Australasian Union Conference appointed Elder L. V. Finster and wife to enter the Philippines, and they will soon reach the islands to begin work.

Elder Joel C. Rogers writes that they have so far completed their new school and church building as to be able to use it, holding their first service in it August 1. They were waiting for the glass for the windows to arrive from London, hoping thus to get the windows and doors in before the rains should set in. About twenty more were expected to be ready to go forward in baptism in December. God is greatly blessing the work of the last message in the region where the pioneer missionary Livingstone yielded up his life in behalf of the gospel.

In Tennessee the "night riders" go about at night under cover for fear of being discovered, but here and there over the State a little company of book workers, the "day walkers" they call them, are going about openly, doing a grand, good work, which will some day create a greater sensation in Tennessee and Kentucky than the "night riders" are now causing. The "day walkers" have no horses to ride, but they are getting over the streets and roads of city and country, giving the last message of heaven to the people.—*Northern Union Reaper*.

Never believe what people say *against* a book or your work, but what they say in favor of it, believe; then in most cases, you will be right both ways.

The canvasser needs daily to study his book, that he may have something fresh to feed the people. Two days was the longest that the manna was fit for use.

A trolley car can not run unless it is connected with a power outside of itself, and the canvasser must also be connected with a power beyond his own, to be able successfully to interest people in this great message.

Enthusiasm and earnestness must be a part of the successful canvasser. The person canvassed very likely never heard such things before, and the worker's manner of presenting the truth may settle the destiny of a soul.

H. N. JOHNSON.