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

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"LAUNCH out into the deep ;  
The awful depth of a world's despair ;  
Hearts that are breaking and eyes that weep ;  
Sorrow and ruin and death are there.  
And the sea is wide ;  
And its pitiless tide  
Bears on its bosom away,  
Beauty and youth,  
In relentless ruth,  
To its dark abyss for aye.  
But the Master's voice comes over the sea,  
'Let down your nets for a draught for Me.'  
And He stands in our midst,  
On our wreck-strewn strand,  
And sweet and loving is His command.  
His loving word is to each, to all.  
And wherever that loving word is heard,  
There hang the nets of the royal Word.  
Trust to the nets, and not to your skill ;  
Trust to the royal Master's will."

## HONORING GOD

The question is asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" The Saviour is calling souls to come to Him. The bells of heaven are ringing out the blessed invitation, "Come." The Spirit of God is pleading, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." These are precious words of encouragement and hope.

It is the duty and privilege of every church member to consecrate heart and soul to God. At your baptism you pledged yourselves to believe in God, to obey His Word, to receive His grace. You pledged yourselves to live the principles of the gospel, and to labor together with Christ with all the ability God has given you. None can refuse to represent Him in word and deed, and be guiltless. None are excused for living idle lives.

The presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the three highest powers in the universe, is pledged to be with every striving

soul. They will impart grace and strength to all who watch unto prayer, to all who will purify the soul by obedience to the truth. And they will make the believer instrumental in leading souls to accept Christ by faith.

The duty to reflect light rests upon every church member. "Ye are the light of the world," Christ declared to His followers. "A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." If the believer fails of drawing light from the Sun of righteousness, he cannot reflect light.

"He that is not with Me," Christ said, "is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad." Those who do not cast their influence on the side of Christ, Satan imbues with his spirit to act in unison with the enemy of good. We cannot afford to do this. When we give to the cause of evil the influence and ability which belong to the cause of truth, angels are disappointed, and Christ is dishonored. Those who are true to their baptismal pledge cannot be indifferent to the work of saving souls. To those who by their influence gather with Christ, angels will give ability to labor successfully for Him.

The servant of God is to be learning constantly how he may reflect light to the world. By his earnest devotion to the cause of the coming King, he is to be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. He has become dead to worldly inducements, and lives unto God; and the words of his mouth, the modest dress, the humble spirit, unfailingly testify that he is a laborer together with God.

Spiritual indolence brings discouragement to the church. The example of one indolent soul may do much harm, for it will be copied by others just according to the possibilities of its influence. The Lord calls upon all who profess His name to exalt His character before men, by words and works revealing their faith in Him. In response to our desire to labor for Christ, heavenly angels will place opportunities before us by which we may make known the salvation of God.

God's people are to be channels for the out-working of the highest influence in the universe. A great work is to be accomplished by them in

setting before men the saving truths of the gospel. This is the means ordained by God to stem the tide of moral corruption. This is His means of restoring His moral image in man. It is His remedy for universal disorganization.

The purpose which God seeks to accomplish through His people to-day, is the same that He desired to accomplish through Israel when He brought them forth out of Egypt. By beholding the goodness, the mercy, the justice, and the love of God revealed in the church, the world is to have a representation of His character. And when the law of God is thus exemplified in the life, even the world will recognize the superiority of those who love and serve God.

The Lord has His eye upon every one of His people; He has His plans concerning each. It is His purpose that those who practice His precepts shall be a distinguished people. To the people of God to-day as well as to ancient Israel, belong the words written by Moses through the Spirit of inspiration: "Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." Deut. 7:6.

Brethren, "we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." Then "what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting the coming of the day of God?" 1 Cor. 4:9; 2 Peter 3:11, 12, margin.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



### DO YOU WANT TO HEAR?

Hear about what? Well, our canvassers expect to make the LAKE UNION HERALD a medium of communication to the people of the Lake Union Conference, that they may know how the Lord is going before them, preparing the way for the sale of our publications. Interesting experiences will be given from time to time. If you would like to hear from them, and also from the other workers, send in your subscription for the paper, and speak a word to your brethren and sisters in the churches about subscribing.

J. B. BLOSSER.



### GLEANINGS FROM THE CONFERENCE

In view of the fact that there are millions to be warned and helped by this truth, and the shortness of the time in which to do this work, our only hope to do it is by the power of God, and our best facility is the message-filled literature. These two things are prominent in every report, and in every discourse.

The regions beyond are calling for many to enter and circulate our literature, and train oth-

ers for the work; but TRIED ones are the only ones that can be sent to these regions. Day by day, week by week, and year by year, our canvassers are determining by their faithfulness or unfaithfulness whether they will be fitted for greater responsibilities.

The following experience related by a brother from Russia, and reported in full in the *Bulletin*, pages 52-3, shows how the truth is finding its way into the dark places of the earth by means of the printed page; it also teaches us the all-prevailing power of prayer in giving success to the canvasser in taking orders, and in meeting difficulties:—

"I do not know whether I was the very first believer in that country or not. I have never learned of any one accepting the truth there before I accepted it. . . In 1882 a tract entitled 'The Third Angel's Message,' came into my hand, and by this means I became acquainted with this message. This tract had been sent from America to one of our village neighbors, who kept it very secretly. A long while afterward he came to me and said, 'For three years I have had some very dangerous publications in my house. I have never given them to any one to read. Indeed these publications are so dangerous that even an earnest member of the Brethren Church might be led astray by them.' . . . I asked my neighbor to let me have this literature, that I might read it in secret. For a long time he refused, but finally he consented, after I had promised not to allow any one else to read it.

"I took the publication and went into the haymow, and read it through three times; then I copied the address given on the tract. I was at once convinced that the tract I had read was the truth; but I dared not say anything about it to my neighbors. . . (He then related how this led to correspondence with Brother Kunz, and of his acceptance of the Sabbath. Also of his becoming an agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the following experience that encouraged him to keep the Sabbath.)

"I was in a Siberian city by the name of Irbit. In this place is held an annual fair, lasting four weeks, where many Europeans come to trade. On my journey to this place, I had lost all my Bibles, worth about a thousand dollars. For four weeks and more I had tried in vain to find these. The time during which the fair was held passed by, and my stock of Bibles had not been found. I became fearful of losing my position as culporteur of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

"Finally I resorted to fasting and prayer. For three days I neither ate nor drank. On the third day the Lord heard my prayer, and helped me find my books. It was said that the one who had been transporting them was slain, and the books had been hidden in the woods. Wonderful to relate, after receiving these books, I was only one day in disposing of them all. At the close of the day's sale, I had left only a few damaged copies wrapped in a pocket handkerchief.

"Near the place where I was stopping was a large railway shop, where more than ten thousand hands were employed. I asked the director if I might sell the books in this factory. At first he did not wish to allow it.

Then I wrote him a letter, in which I called attention to the fact that the book I was selling has in it the power to make a man better, so that he will not give himself up to drinking. The director replied that if the book I was offering for sale could make his employees better, he was willing that they should try it.

"Upon arrival at the factory, I was given a man to assist me. With note book and pencil he went with me through his factory. At first I attempted to explain the nature of the Bible I was offering for sale, and point out the importance of securing a copy; but the gentleman accompanying me said, 'Do not take so much time. They will have to pay for the book anyway.' And then, turning to the employee, he would say, 'You must take the book.' In this way, we wrote down name after name, until we had nearly all of their names. In this remarkable manner I was able to dispose of all the Bibles that had been sent me by the society."

This experience should teach us that God is greater than any difficulty we can meet, and that our sales depend upon His overruling providence and blessing in our work. J. B. BLOSSER.

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NORTH MICHIGAN

I am glad to report that the book work in North Michigan is prospering, and that the Lord is blessing the efforts of those who are out in the field. While not as many are out as we hope to see in the near future, yet we have some who are doing faithful work in carrying the printed page to the people. Our sales so far this year have been greater than during the corresponding period of last year, and the prospect is very encouraging for the future.

At present we have about twelve who are working steadily and several others are planning to enter the field in the near future. Some of our canvassers are having rich experiences, and realize the fulfilment of the Lord's promise to send the angels before them to prepare the hearts of the people for the message.

Several of those who are now canvassing plan to earn a scholarship and enter one of our schools next fall, but I believe that the experience they are getting in the field will be a splendid part of their education, and, after earning their scholarship in this way, they will know how to appreciate the school.

We, as workers, rejoice to see the progress of the work in all parts of the field, and it is our earnest desire to see the work in this part of the vineyard advance with the rest.

H. N. JOHNSON,  
Field Agent.

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EAST MICHIGAN

God has been good to us this corner of His vineyard. He has worked mightily for the book work in East Michigan. We praise Him for it.

The canvassing work in this conference was very low at the beginning of 1908. The people had almost lost heart. They thought that because this was old territory nothing could be done, but the Lord has opened our eyes, and shown us that we have as good territory as any in the Union. Prayer has brought victory. The churches, seeing the crying need of this work, began to pray last spring, that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers into His vineyard. The Lord hearkened and answered these earnest petitions. The first to get a burden for the work was a young man about seventeen years old. The Lord richly blessed his efforts. Soon others caught the spirit, many of them laboring faithfully until school opened early in the autumn. Others have continued faithful all through the year. God has wonderfully blessed them. Thus our work has gone steadily forward, building up little by little, until the close of 1908, after a campaign of about seven months, our Gideon Band has placed in the homes of the people four thousand dollars worth of books.

We began the present year full of courage. Some of the best records of the year were made during the winter months. In January one brother sold fifty-four dollars worth of "Coming King" in one week. A sister canvasser worked in country territory all winter, some days walking seven miles. She sent in excellent reports, and had rich experiences. When almost every one was suffering with the the epidemic this spring, she kept well, and is still in the work. One of our canvassers, in one week, worked fifty-one and one half hours, and the Lord blessed him with sales to the amount of forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents.

The work is being speedily finished, and we must hurry to keep pace with it. The God of Jacob is our refuge. He will uphold us. He will send His Spirit to water the seed we have sown in weakness and tears. Soon we shall shine as the stars in the kingdom of our Father. We shall bask in the smiles of our Redeemer. The trophies we have brought will worship before Him. Then we, with Jesus, shall see of the travail of our souls and be satisfied. "The trials of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way."

J. H. MCEACHERN,  
Field Agent.

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WEST MICHIGAN

In this number of the HERALD appears the complete report of the canvassing work of the Lake Union Conference for 1908. The advance sheet lies before me. It is unique, and will bear faithful study. I trust that every one who gets

this paper will not only *read* this report, but *study* it carefully. While this is a good report, it is far from fulfilling the statement that the "pages of present truth must be scattered like the leaves of autumn." Yet this is approaching toward that mark.

I wish now to speak especially to our dear brethren and sisters in West Michigan. Let us study a few items together, and then may you continue to behold until you shall be changed into the likeness of a "Gospel Worker" carrying the printed page from door to door.

Note that the average sales per hour are as follows: E. Mich. 68c; Ind. 61c; W. Mich. 76c; N. Mich. 60c; Wis. 75c; S. Ill. 77c; and N. Ill. \$1.14, or an average of 76c per hour for the entire Union for every hour spent in securing orders, and delivering books. Had each agent averaged 10 hours per day that would have meant \$7.60 in sales per day. Five days per week would be \$38.00, or \$152 per agent, per month of four weeks. Allowing \$52 for losses in orders and to cover expenses, that would still leave \$24 per month clear. How many brethren in West Michigan, who read this, actually earned \$24 per month last year, above their board? Read Matt. 20: 4, and see how God is fulfilling His promises.

But I wish to call attention to another phase of this question. Think of the homes which have the truth, in the books purchased. Then think how many more might have had this same glorious message if *you* had been numbered among these workers and had done *average* work. Note again: West Michigan had only 17 agents, all told. We have the largest church membership in the Union. Why have we not the largest force of workers? If I could hear the answer of each one who reads this, I am sure the number would be great. One would say, "The Field Agent never said anything to me about it." Then accept this as a personal invitation to come in and share in this glorious work. Sit right down and write to him for an outfit and territory, and he will be only too glad to assist you all he can. Another might say "I can't canvass." But God has promised to give the ability to all who may lack it, when they enter upon their duty. The great dearth of workers in our conference is in itself a *call* to service. Reader, will you heed the call? I might mention many more of the excuses one would likely hear, but why waste time and space on *excuses*? What are they anyway?—Simply Satan's delusions to keep *you* out of the work. But in the judgment excuses will be of no avail.

One more thought: The harvest is fast ripening. Laborers are so few. But he who will enter now may be an eleventh-hour worker, and receive as much pay as those who have long

borne the burden. But the time for entering is fast drawing to a close. My brother, my sister, do not delay. The Lord has told us that Michigan will be a fruitful field in the closing work of this message. Let us gather the fruit. Our conference is part of Michigan and is full of this precious fruit, and all who go out and work faithfully and prayerfully will be rewarded. About a dozen are just entering the field now. May we not soon see that number doubled? The Lord help *you* to help swell that number.

A. C. HAUGHEY.



#### THE OUTLOOK IN INDIANA

The gospel workers who go forth with the printed pages of truth find Indiana a fruitful field. Various causes have contributed to meager reports of this kind of work since the holidays, until last month, when, as a result of a successful institute held at Beechwood Academy, a new corps of canvassers began work in our state.

Six or eight students of Beechwood plan to begin selling our books this month, and we think that the month of June will be the best for the book work in Indiana, thus far, this year, and we expect July to be still better because the experience of the present month will help our new workers to do more successful work next month.

Our former Field Agent, Brother Archer Wright, and his wife, have begun canvassing to earn scholarships for the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, and the reports we have received from them indicate that they will easily succeed. We feel that we have made quite an acquisition to the force of canvassers in Indiana in securing Sister Wright, an experienced worker, and in having Brother Wright to sell books in our territory. We know that those who read these lines will wish these workers success this summer, and also in their preparation for better service in the needy fields beyond.

Our new Field Agent, Brother White, of Michigan, is getting hold of the situation nicely, and we are confident, that with God's blessing, prosperity will attend the canvassing work in Indiana.

R. C. SPOHR,  
Missionary Secretary.



#### SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

As we review the work done in the canvassing field for the past year in our little conference, we do so with mingled feelings of praise and regret,—praise to God for His help and blessings, and regret for opportunities unimproved on our part. As we have seen the Holy Spirit at work upon the hearts of young men and

women, and have seen them respond to the call, as did Isaiah, by saying, "Here am I Lord, send me," we realize more than ever before, that it is the Spirit of God that must influence men to answer our cry for more reapers.

The Spirit does not make any mistakes in sending individuals into the field, as has been demonstrated by those who have labored with us, especially during the past winter. All our workers are married men, some with families to support. The report shows that the workers who have had an experience of only a month or more, have averaged nearly one dollar an hour, including the time spent in delivering. Does this look as though a living can not be made at this work? This year the records show an improvement, as the new workers are learning how to do their work better. More than half of them had never before sold a book. Certainly our Father told the truth when He said He would give those who labor for Him *what is right*. Is that promise not good enough for any one? Or are we asking for more than what is right?

We have nothing but thankfulness to express for God's blessing upon the work in our conference this year, as with a comparatively small number of workers, over two thousand dollars worth of books have been sold in the first four months, the hardest period of the year in which to sell books. The last report showed the best average we have attained for a long time, viz: one dollar twenty-five cents an hour.

The prospects have never been as bright as they are now. We expect about twenty workers to be in the field this summer. We have over sixty counties in our conference to warn, with only about five or six hundred believers in present truth. Some of these counties have never been entered by a representative of the last message of mercy. In most of the counties that have been canvassed, the work was done fifteen or twenty years ago, so they are practically virgin fields. Does this great need not appeal with irresistible force to your conscience, and call with a pitiful cry for your aid?

We earnestly solicit your prayers in behalf of our workers and the work, and ask you to come to our help.

C. J. TOLF,  
Field Agent.



#### WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT

During the year 1908, while the world was filled with doubt and uncertainty concerning financial matters, our canvassers went steadily forward, placing thousands of copies of our books filled with present truth into the homes of the people. The accompanying report shows

what was actually done by each worker. These figures only partially tell the story of their efforts. In many homes where books were not sold seeds of fruth were sown, which we trust will be watered by the great Husbandman, and precious fruit will be seen in God's kingdom as the result. These figures indicate what may be done by hundreds of others. While there is quite a difference in the average sales per hour, yet even the poorest is encouraging.

Our institutes for the year 1909 are now in the past. We see a large increase both in the number of canvassers at work and in the sales, as compared with the same period last year. The following is the summary of the work during the months of January, February, March, and April for the last four years:—

	January	February	March	April
1906—No. agents.....	33	38	40	52
Value of orders..	\$ 696 40	\$1043 80	\$ 908 65	\$1751 33
1907—No. agents.....	9	28	27	37
Value of orders..	389 05	714 75	872 45	1436 05
1908—No. agents.....	13	20	22	31
Value of orders..	431 85	666 45	1039 10	1266 00
1909—No. agents... .	28	36	50	63
Value of orders..	1452 45	2262 00	2512 35	2551 95

These figures plainly show that the canvassing thermometer is rising. Summer heat will be reached when our publications are "scattered like the leaves of autumn." We hope that during the camp-meeting season this summer we shall see many more taking up this work. Plans are being matured to follow each camp-meeting in the Lake Union Conference with an institute. Shall not each church elder and conference worker encourage some one to attend camp-meeting with the idea of attending the institute that will follow, with the view of entering the work? Hundreds of our young people should be earning scholarships for our schools, and as many more should be entering the work to stay by it until it is finished.

#### Summary of the Canvassing Work in the Lake Union Conference for 1908

	No. Agts.	No. Hrs	Val. Ords.	Av. Sales pr hr.
East Michigan...	48	5852	\$3999 90	\$ 68
West Michigan...	17	1453	1533 20	1 06
North Michigan..	21	4224	2655 25	60
Wisconsin .....	38	9267	6608 20	75
Northern Illinois.	17	4304	4916 00	1 14
Southern Illinois.	24	6598	5065 65	77
Indiana.....	17	6252	3852 05	61

Total agents, 182; average sales per hour, 76 cents.



#### WHAT OUR FIELD AGENTS ARE DOING

The following is an extract from a letter just received from Brother Johnson:—

"I am now with Brother Larsen. We have just sold a book, and arranged to take our night's lodging in part payment. I spent Monday with Brother Williams, and Tuesday morning I walked ten miles in the country, and

found Brother Osier. I spent a day and a half with him, and the Lord blessed us with nearly thirty dollars worth of orders. I left him after dinner to-day, and walked about ten miles to find Brother Larsen, stopping over night at the second house we canvassed. We sold quite a number of books to those who knew they were published by Seventh-day Adventists, which did not seem to make any difference, unless it was to make a more ready sale."

J. B. BLOSSER.

FROM JAPAN

The following by those in charge of the work in Japan constitute answers to four questions propounded by the government of Japan to our people, with reference to our attitude concerning the matter of performing military service on the Sabbath, etc. The reader will be able to discover the real questions at issue by the answers returned to the government officials, by Prof. Field, and T. H. Okohira who is a native missionary:—

TOKYO, JAPAN, February 12, 1909.

*To the Honorable Chief of the Bureau of Religions, Home Department of the Imperial Japanese Government:*

Respected Sir:—

In reply to certain questions received from your office, we, the undersigned, representative Seventh-day Adventists in Japan, respectfully submit the following statement concerning the principles, teachings, and work of our denomination.

The name by which we are known is Seventh-day Adventists.

The headquarters of the denomination are at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., United States of America.

Seventh-day Adventists are carrying on their religious work in every country of Europe and North America, in nearly all the countries of South America, in many parts of Africa, in Australia, India, China, and Korea; in fact, in nearly every country in the world. We have invested millions of dollars in these countries in educational institutions, publishing plants, hospitals, and sanitariums, for the uplifting, enlightening, and physical benefit of mankind. Especially is our work for the sick and suffering favorably known and appreciated in many parts of the world.

Concerning earthly governments and the Christian's attitude toward them, we follow the teaching of the Christian Bible, as expressed in the following passages:

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: The powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a

terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor."—Paul's Epistle to the Romans, Chapter thirteen, verses one to seven.

"Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king as supreme; or to governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well."—First Epistle of Peter, Chapter two, verses thirteen and fourteen.

"Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work."—Paul's Epistle to Titus, Chapter three, first verse.

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, and intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."—Paul's first Epistle to Timothy, Second chapter, verses one and two.

In our relations with earthly governments, we strive to follow the above instruction. And we respectfully declare that in our experience in Japan, we have been careful so to do; and that accordingly we do not oppose the laws of the Japanese Government, nor incite its subjects to neglect or reject the obligations which they owe to the Government. And we further declare that we do not teach nor encourage our members to refuse to perform the military service required by the Japanese Government.

In all our relations with earthly governments, we teach and endeavor to practice, respect for those in authority; obedience to all governmental laws, not conflicting with the law of God; temperance in all things; honesty, purity, industry, and frugality.

The foregoing statement we respectfully ask you to receive as our reply to the first question received from your office. In other words, we have no hesitation in declaring that as a denomination we do not oppose the laws of the Japanese Government, nor incite its subjects to neglect or reject the obligations which they owe to the government.

Replying to the second proposition submitted to us, it follows from the above statement, that we do not teach nor encourage our members to refuse to perform the military service required by the Japanese government.

Replying further to the questions submitted to us, we respectfully ask your consideration of the following statement concerning our observance of the Sabbath. In common with Christians of other denominations, we teach the binding obligations of the moral law of God, as recorded in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. One of these precepts reads as follows:

“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh-day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: In it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.”

The obedience of Seventh-day Adventists to this commandment is an act of love and worship to God; and in obeying it, we have no desire or intention to defy the authority of any earthly government. Our obedience to the law of God does not cause us to respect earthly governments less, nor to disregard their authority. We are both willing and anxious to serve and please the government of Japan. We do not wish even to appear disloyal to it. We appreciate the courtesy and kindness which have always been shown to our people in Japan.

We therefore most respectfully and earnestly petition those in authority in the Japanese government, that our people be allowed the privilege of obeying the law of God. And on our part, we pledge ourselves anew to support the government of the country, to pray for its rulers, to obey its laws, and to labor for the welfare of its people.

Signed: { F. W. FIELD,  
T. H. OKOHIRA.



MANY lights may be kindled from one glowing torch, and many souls can be saved through one living, loving Christian's efforts. Let us talk with Jesus by the way till our own hearts burn within us, as he opens unto us the Scriptures; and then other hearts will burn, as we tell to them the things that are freely given to us of God.



It is one thing to have our sins worn away from the memory, and quite another thing to have them washed away at the gospel fountain.

## Book Work

### CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 21, 1909

East Michigan						
Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
E. M. Fishell.....	D. R.	44	13	40 75	\$ 14 00	\$ 54 75
*Dora Snyder.....	C. K.	19	5	6 50	2 60	9 10
*Leola Winne.....	C. K.	19	6	7 00	60	7 60
*Flossie Winne.....	C. K.	24	4	4 00	3 70	7 70
Effie Park.....	C. K.	18	5	5 50	.....	5 50
		124	33	\$63 75	\$20 90	\$84 65
West Michigan						
R. W. Paul.....	H. H.	25	7	21 00	.....	21 00
Levant Clark.....	G. C.	49	6	20 25	3 65	23 90
		74	13	\$41 25	3 65	\$44 90
North Michigan						
C. E. Matteson.....	C. O. L.	46	27	33 75	5 65	39 40
E. C. Collard.....	C. O. L.	24	12	15 00	18 90	33 90
Fred Osier.....	G. C.	44	11	30 25	.....	30 25
F. M. Larson.....	G. C.	45	3	8 25	.....	8 25
E. S. Williams.....	G. C.	15	1	2 75	.....	2 75
A. P. Friday.....	G. C.	60	8	24 00	.....	24 00
L. A. Pettibone.....	G. C.	44	6	16 50	.....	16 50
Grace Crouch.....	H. H.	14	4	15 00	.....	15 00
Lilah Prentice.....	H. H.	20	2	6 00	.....	6 00
Armilda Bogar.....	H. H.	33	4	14 00	.....	14 00
Jas. Lowry, delivering.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mayme J. Hogan.....	C. K.	3	1	1 50	25	1 75
Anna Bjork.....	C. K.	23	10	11 00	90	11 90
R. V. Bjork.....	D. R.	16	5	10 00	1 20	11 20
		387	94	188 00	26 90	214 90
Southern Illinois						
LeRoy Knott.....	D. A.	39	20	60 00	.....	60 00
J. L. Galbraith, delivering.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
T. B. House.....	G. C.	31	5	18 75	11 20	29 95
Will Wohlers.....	G. C.	26	5	13 75	6 00	19 75
E. Jackson.....	B. R.	26	12	40 00	.....	40 00
John Ragland.....	C. K.	16	20	18 00	5 25	23 25
D. T. Olds.....	G. C.	31	6	16 50	6 15	22 65
J. E. Dent.....	B. R.	33	16	38 25	5 85	44 10
Mrs. J. E. Dent.....	D. R.	33	5	13 75	17 55	31 30
		235	89	\$219 00	\$52 00	\$271 00
Northern Illinois						
H. A. Tucker.....	G. C. & H. M.	26	11	26 25	5 40	31 65
J. R. Robson.....	G. C.	56½	13	35 75	3 35	39 10
J. H. Hicks.....	G. C.	46½	36	115 50	4 50	120 00
J. S. Johnson.....	G. C.	48	20	50 50	1 80	58 80
D. H. Taylor.....	G. C.	26	15	48 25	6 00	54 25
N. L. Taylor.....	D. R.	42	17	47 75	3 60	51 35
A. Paulson, delivering.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		245	112	\$330 50	\$24 65	\$355 15
Indiana						
W. W. Boston.....	C. K.	41	14	15 00	1 50	16 50
Stephen Boze.....	H. M.	58	3	6 00	4 75	10 75
W. G. Kelley.....	D. R.	20	7	11 75	25	12 00
Glessner Korn.....	C. K.	37	32	35 00	2 75	37 75
Athen Metzker.....	G. C.	31	1	2 75	2 20	4 95
Elizabeth Wright.....	H. H.	22	4	12 00	9 75	21 75
		209	61	\$82 50	\$21 20	\$103 70

\*For two weeks.



DUTIES are ours; events are God's. The successful man is he who takes up each day's duties, no matter how trivial and unimportant they may seem at the time, and goes through them just as faithfully as though they seemed of the greatest importance. Very often he will find these seemingly small matters have really been the most important when he comes to balance his accounts at the end of life.



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**Lake Union Conference Camp-meetings**

Wisconsin (local), June 15-22.  
N. Michigan (local), June 21-27.  
N. Illinois (local), July 8-18.  
W. Michigan (Gen'l), July 22-Aug. 2.  
N. Illinois " July 29-Aug. 8.  
Indiana " Aug. 5-15.  
S. Illinois " Aug. 12-22.  
E. Michigan " Aug. 19-29.  
N. Michigan " Aug. 26-Sept. 5.  
Wisconsin " Sept. 2-12.

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**ITEMS OF INTEREST****Emmanuel Missionary College**

The prospects for crops were never better than at present on the College farm.

Miss Elsie Andrews, of Union College, visited her sister, Mrs. Graf, on her return home from Conference.

Duncan Purdom and John Walker of the Hillsdale Sanitarium, spent Sabbath with friends at the College.

Prof. Graf occupied the pulpit Sabbath forenoon, relating many impressive experiences from the General Conference.

Prof. and Mrs. Rathbun, of Holly; Prof. Taylor and wife, of Beechwood Academy, have arrived for the Summer School.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord, of Galesburg, Ill., visited the College this week with a view of entering as students, the coming year.

R. J. King, of Willis, Mich., spent Sabbath and Sunday at the College visiting his son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. King.

Prof. J. B. Clymer, former president of the Mount Vernon College, gave a very helpful talk to the young people Sabbath afternoon.

W. S. Mead, former bookkeeper of the Fernando (Cal.) Academy, has

come to Emmanuel Missionary College to act as bookkeeper.

Elder L. A. Spring, Religious Liberty Secretary of the Nebraska Conference, visited his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Hill, on his return from the General Conference.

The prospects are good for a large attendance at the Summer School this year. The church school teachers of the Ohio Conference will be present, in addition to those of our own Union. Besides these, the educational secretary of Western New York, the principal of the Takoma Park Academy, a student from the Chicago University, and some of the academy teachers of the Lake Union, are planning to attend.

The Standard Graded Course of Sight-singing, printed and published by the Advocate Publishing Company, is having quite an extensive circulation. Orders have been coming in from South America and Australia. Professor Geritsen, the author of the new course, will visit the summer schools and institutes this summer to demonstrate the system before the teachers.

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**Notice**

Do you approve of making offerings in a manner to equalize the burden? If so, join the ranks of those who have engaged to pay one per cent of their income into a fund to be used for purposes for which the tithe may not be used; such as tent fund, poor fund, school fund, etc. This will make the burden light upon all.

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**A New Thing**

In view of the interest manifested in the selling of our literature, and the need of trained workers, we have decided to hold an institute following each of the regular camp-meetings in the Lake Union. In order to supply instructors for these institutes, the field agents will exchange assistance where necessary. Let those who are expecting to enter the work this summer, or fall, plan to stay about ten days after the camp-meetings. J. B. BLOSSER,

L. U. C. General Agent.

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**The Conference Over**

The General Conference of 1909 is now a matter of history. A record of its transactions has been written, and all the important acts may be known by all who are interested, in the years to come. Some of the decisions will be far-reaching in their results, and the instruction received, if followed, will bear fruit for eternity. Another record not made by mortal hands or scanned by human eyes, has been made by the recording angel, and deals with individual decisions and

individual acts, that may be final in many cases. The opportunities to engage in labor for the advancement of the truth, accepted or rejected, may enter into the future of many, and affect their destiny.

Calls were made for more than one hundred people to go immediately to other lands, but few were the responses to these calls, and to all appearances the work will have to wait until men and women can be raised up, who are willing to sacrifice their feelings for the love of the truth and the salvation of men. It would seem that out of the hundreds in attendance at the Conference, there might have been found one hundred to volunteer for the service of the Master. Some idea of the number of people attending the Conference may be gained from the fact that one thousand trunks were handled on the day of the close of the meeting, and still hundreds remained on the ground. The General Conference Committee were compelled to remain a week or more to finish up the work that was left over from the Conference.

The majority of the missionaries from abroad will remain in this country several months, and will attend many of the early camp-meetings. These missionaries will no doubt wish to confer with any who may yet decide to engage in labor in other lands. Men and means will be the burden of the men who will visit us the present summer. We will do well to consecrate both, as the Lord may direct, to the service of the Master.

While the Conference just held was in a strong sense a missionary conference, it was the prevailing sentiment in the minds of those best informed, that the best way to assure the permanency of the work abroad is to make the work strong in the home land—strong in the sense of energetic direction of all the forces in the field, to the end that the work of warning the millions of this country be finished very early, and that the children of God may be gathered out to take part in giving the last message. The testimony to the Conference was: "Warn the cities of America as rapidly as possible." With men this may seem an impossibility, but with God all things are possible. This again calls for deep consecration, and no doubt the One who has spoken will provide the means in His own way.

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THE delegates from the Lake Union to the General Conference have all returned to their respective fields. Many visitors also in attendance have returned to their homes, all feeling that they were well repaid for their trip to the excellent Conference.