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

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"I shall be satisfied "-Oh blessed thought! Sometime, somewhere, I know not how or when, But sometime in the coming years When love has banished all our fears And dried the weary mourner's tears,-Oh blessed thought! And then

No more the tempest and the biting storm, The lonely watching through the anxious night; No more the worn and tired feet; No more the cup of bitter-sweet, Making life's pleasure incomplete, But perfect, calm delight.

The frost and fever days forever past, Life's disappointments all forgotten dreams ! Somewhere, sometime beyond life's care, Beyond the sorrows that we share, Beyond the burdens that we bear, When Love Divine redeems

"I shall be satisfied"—just then,—just there. —Robert Hare.

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HUMILITY BEFORE HONOR

"When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel?" Here Samuel points out the reason for Saul's appointment to the throne of Israel. He had a humble opinion of his own capabilities, and was willing to be instructed. When the divine choice fell upon him, he was deficient in knowledge and experience, and had, with many good qualities, serious defects of character. But the Lord granted him the Holy Spirit as a guide and helper, and placed him in a position where he could develop the qualities requisite for a ruler of Israel.

Should he trust to his own strength and judgment, Saul would move impulsively, and would commit grave errors. But if he would remain humble, seeking constantly to be guided by divine wisdom, and advancing as the providence of

God opened the way, he would be enabled to discharge the duties of his high position with success and honor. Under the influence of divine grace, every good quality would be gaining strength, while evil traits would as steadily lose their power.

This is the work which the Lord proposes to do for all who consecrate themselves to Him. There are many whom He has called to positions in His work for the same reason that He called Saul,because they are little in their own sight, because they have a humble and teachable spirit. In His providence He places them where they may learn of Him. To all who will receive instruction He will impart grace and wisdom. It is His purpose to bring them into so close connection with Himself that Satan shall have no opportunity to pervert their judgment or overpower their conscience. He will reveal to them their defects of character, and bestow upon all who seek His aid, strength to correct their errors. Whatever may be man's besetting sin, whatever bitter or baleful passions struggle for the mastery, he may conquer, if he will watch and war against them in the name and strength of Israel's Helper. The children of God should cultivate a keen sensitiveness to sin. Here, as well as elsewhere, we should not despise the day of small things. It is one of Satan's most successful devices, to lead men to the commission of little sins, to blind the mind to the danger of little indulgences, little digressions from the plainly stated require-Many who would shrink with ments of God. horror from some great transgression, are led to look upon sin in little matters as of trifling consequence. But these little sins eat out the life of godliness in the soul. The feet which enter upon a path diverging from the right way are tending toward the broad road that ends in death. When once a retrograde movement begins, no one can tell where it may end.

In sparing Agag, the king of Amalek, Saul led his people to feel that they might follow their own judgment instead of God's explicit command. In deciding upon any course, we should not ask merely whether we can see harm to result from it, but whether it is contrary to the will of God.

, We must learn to distrust self, and to rely wholly upon God for guidance and support, for a knowledge of His will, and for strength to perform it. We must be much in communion with God. Prayer in secret, prayer while the hands are engaged in labor, prayer while walking by the way, prayer in the night season, the heart's desires ever ascending to God,—this is our only safety. In this manner Enoch walked with God. In this manner our Exemplar obtained strength to tread the thorny path from Nazareth to Calvary.

Self-confidence is the rock upon which many have been wrecked. The secret of the Christian's strength and safety is revealed in the words of the apostle, "Kept by the power of God." In all the undertakings of life, the language of the heart should be, "If the Lord will." We should humbly wait for divine instruction, never going before, or contrary to, our Heavenly Guide.

Would that we could comprehend the significance of the words, "Christ suffered, being tempted." While He was free from the taint of sin, the refined sensibilities of His holy nature rendered contact with evil unspeakably painful to Him.

All the followers of Christ have to meet the same malignant foe that assailed their Master. With marvelous skill he adapts his temptations to their circumstances, their temperaments, their mental and moral bias, their strong passions. He is ever whispering in the ears of the children of men, as he points to worldly pleasures, gains, and honors, "All this will I give you, if you will do my bidding." We must look to Christ; we must resist as He resisted; we must pray as He prayed; we must agonize as He agonized, if we would conquer as He conquered.

Whatever the position in which God has placed us, whatever our responsibilities or our dangers, we should remember that He has pledged Himself to impart needed grace to the earnest seeker. Those who feel insufficient for their position, and yet accept it because God bids them, relying upon His power and wisdom, will go on from strength to strength. When they enter upon their work, they may have almost everything to learn; but with Christ as a teacher they will become efficient laborers. God does not intrust His work to the worldly wise; for they are too proud to learn. He chooses those who, feeling their deficiencies, seek to be guided by unerring wisdom.

Those who have learned of Christ will manifest in all their intercourse a humble, teachable spirit, ever willing to receive counsel or correction. The Lord confers upon His servants varied gifts. No one person possessess all the qualifications essential in carrying forward the work of God. Hence no one is qualified to act independently in all matters pertaining to the Lord's cause. In the body of Christ there is the same law of dependence and the same necessity for harmony of action that exists in the human body. While no one member of the church is complete in himself, all combined form a perfect whole.

The meekness and humility of Christ will be seen in His followers. The grain ready for harvest, bending under the burden of its full, ripe ears, is a fitting emblem of the Christian ripening for the heavenly garner. The more closely he resembles Jesus, and the richer and more perfect his character in the development of the Christian graces, the less disposition will he have to honor or exalt self. With the sweet singer of Israel, the language of his heart will be, "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give we glory, for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake."—Mrs. E. G. White.

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THE MINISTER

ALLEN MOON

The question continues to be asked as to the relation of the licentiate to the ministry. Some of our people seem to infer that as soon as a man has been given a ministerial license, he is to all intents and purposes, a minister, with the possible exception that he may not perform the marriage ceremony, baptize, or administer the ordinances. In some localities the licentiate is called to preach funeral sermons, to labor in and for the church, the same as a minister. In some cases this has resulted in injury to young men, and to the church as well.

In the first place, it is harmful to a young man who believes he has a call to the ministry, to fall into the habit of doing a kind of pastoral work. He fails to gain the real experience to be found only in the work of soul-winning. The humility of heart, the utter dependence upon the Divine Arm, the heart-searching in order to discover individual weakness necessary to accomplish, by the help of the Lord, the conversion of the unbelieving, are the requisites for the development of the true minister. Every young man before he is able to do the work of the true minister needs to be made so thoroughly acquainted with the Master he serves as to be able to place a correct estimate upon himself. The difficulty with humanity generally is that they have themselves marked too high. But the man who places himself by the side of his Creator, and beholds His work, as compared to that of man, is able to mark himself down to something like real value.

Again, our people have not all learned the great injury done to a young man who has some talent as a speaker, when words of flattery are uttered in his hearing. The man has a struggle with human nature anyway, and such words only add to his burden, if he is at all seeking to overcome. The man who has learned by genuine experience in the field of missionary effort to feel how helpless he is without the help of God, is not affected by the flattering words of the thoughtless.

Again, it is oftentimes a decided injury to the church to call these young men in for help and counsel. The fact that a young man has a license to preach, is not evidence that he has the wisdom to give counsel to the church, either publicly or privately. When the elder of a church is unable to give the required counsel to a company of believers, men of experience should be called in-men of known humility and piety; men who by continual intercourse with the Divine Spirit, have learned to know the depravity of the human heart and the immutable counsel of the Divine. For years the Spirit of Prophecy has pointed out the weakness of the ministry and people. The burden of these testimonies is that the ministry is weak for lack of experience; the people are weak as a result of taking counsel of men lacking in experience.

The solution of the whole situation lies in the course to be pursued by those young men who are entering or shall hereafter enter the ministry. If these can be so instructed as to lead them, like the apostle Paul, to launch out into the deep, and by the help and counsel of God, become fishers of men instead of church molly-coddles, the tone of the Spirit of Prophecy will become entirely changed, and the work of preparation for the coming of the Lord will soon be completed.

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PRAYER

MARY C. MCREYNOLDS

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

"But I am not a righteous man." Not of yourself—no. The first prayer of our hearts and lips at this time should be for forgiveness of our own sins. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." And when one is cleansed from *all unrighteousness*, then in God's sight he is righteous and his prayer will be fervent and effectual and will surely avail much.

Remember that "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months,

and he prayed again and the heavens gave rain and the earth brought forth her fruit." He prayed in harmony with God's will and a mighty triumph was won for the down-trodden truth of God.

Nehemiah was a man of simple faith and great accomplishments. He accomplished much because his faith was simple, as simple as the faith of a little child. When the greatest of difficulties surrounded him, his prayer was simple, short and straight to the point. "Now, therefore, O God,strengthen my hands." With hands strengthened and heart inspired by the knowledge that he was doing a God given and Heaven appointed work, he carried on that work in spite of the opposition of men who should have rendered help rather than opposition. In the face of scorn and ridicule he wrought out in a marvelously short time, with inexperienced workmen, one of the masterpieces of history.

The records tell us that Daniel "kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did afore time." Let it be remembered that Daniel was no man of leisure. He was a busy man, perplexed with the affairs of state in the greatest universal kingdom this world has ever yet seen. Yet he had time to kneel three times daily to pray and give thanks. Who would not covet the favor which God showed to this man? He had no closer relation than any one may have who will "pray without ceasing," "pray and give thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Let the habit of prayer be established in every life.

The men who have accomplished great things for God have been praying men.

"The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." "Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands."

[This was intended for publication before the week of prayer, but was received too late. The good thoughts it contains will be just as helpful now.—ED.]

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"If you wish to be miserable, think about yourself, what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay to you; and then to you, nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch, you will make misery out of everything which God sends you; you will be as wretched as you choose."

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Our character is but the stamp on our own souls of the free choice of good and evil we have made through life.—*Geikie*.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Who can pray like a thoroughly Christian mother? Such a mother will continue to pray for her bad boy long after the father has given him up as hopeless.

Many years ago, there was a mother in Somerville, New Jersey, whose son, a young man, had begun to live a dissolute life. One evening she begged him not to spend that evening away from her, but he declared that he would.

He said, "Mother, I'm not going to be tied to your apron strings; I am going out."

The mother replied, "Please try and remember, every moment to-night, until you come back, I am going to be on my knees asking God to save you."

The son with a rude gesture, rushed from her presence and spent most of the night in a shameful carousal. It was four o'clock in the morning when he returned home. He managed to keep his mother out of his mind during his revelry.

When he got home he saw a light shining through the shutter. Turning the blinds and looking in, he saw his mother on her knees, and heard her pray, "O God, save my wandering boy."

Going to his room, he threw himself on his bed but could not sleep. After awhile he arose, then knelt down and it seemed to him as though Christ's power proceeded from the room where his wrestling mother was pleading with God, and it led him to cry out, "God be merciful to me, a sinner." That yery morning he was converted.

The news of his salvation soon spread in the neighborhood, and in three weeks from that time more than two hundred young people were converted to God.

This young man became the father of T. De Witt Talmage, the noted writer and preacher of Brooklyn. Could that young man doubt that God hears and answers prayer! And what blessed encouragement this is to pray on. Christian mothers, persistent praying leads to conversion of hard sons.—*Gleaner*.

The above from the *Gleaner* shows the mightiness there is in prayer. G. W. AMADON.

BE CONTENT

Be content with such things as ye have. Some people have better things; others have worse. You perhaps cannot have the better, and you have no desire for the worse; then be content with what you have. You may have had better things in the past, you may have worse things in the future. Be thankful for the present, and be content. If your lot is a hard one, you may im-

prove it, but not by murmuring, fretting, or repining. Just here, to-day, learn the lesson of contentment, and wait on God for brighter days, for richer fruits, for purer joys.

No blessing comes to the murmuring, complaining, discontented heart. When once this evil demon of discontent has entered into the soul, nothing is right. Even the "angels' food" was not good enough for the murmuring Israelites, and the "corn of heaven" could not satisfy those whose souls were filled with the discontent of earth. But when once the heart has found its rest in God, and all its murmurings are hushed in sweet submission to His will, there is peace in believing, and joy in the Holy Ghost, and a hallowed confidence in the kind providence of Him who hath done all things well. "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He has said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."-The Christian.

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UNDER PRESSURE

That which is most precious in character, and which is of most service to others as an outcome of character, is never made manifest except under pressure. The Arabs have a proverb : "Nothing will get oil out of an olive but crushing it." And this is only another phrasing of the thought of Bacon: "Virtue is like precious odors, most fragrant when they are incensed (burned) or crushed." Only when the alabaster vase of perfumed oil was crushed, by Mary of Bethany, did that possession of hers rightly honor her Master; and only then did its fragrance fill the house, and begin its filling of the air of all the world beyond. It is not pleasant, but it is good to have one's character brought under the crushing pressure of adversity, or of other trial, which shall force out its best influence, as a mean's of gain to one's self and to one's fellows. As wise Seneca said: "The good things which belong to prosperity are to be wished for; but the good things which belong to adversity are to be admired." Chastisement from God is a sure evidence of the love of God; but at the first, God's loving chastisement seems not to be joyous, but grievous.-S. S. Times.

The darkest picture of paganism is not overdrawn. The poorness and hardness, narrowness and joylessness of human existence in paganism, in Central Africa at least, must be seen to be understood.—"Dawn in the Dark Continent."

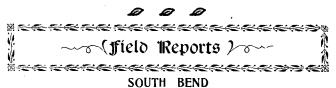
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ALPHABET FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

- A is for Anybody, who can help prevent consumption, a child just as well as a grown person.
- B is for Breathing, which you should learn to do deeply. Take deep breaths in the fresh air often.
- C is for Coughing, which you should never do in anyone's face, nor should you sneeze in anyone's face. Turn away your head and hold your hand before your mouth.
- D is for Don't. Don't swap apple cores, candy, chewing gum, half-eaten food, whistles, bean blowers, or anything you put in your mouth.
- E is for Eating no fruit that has not been washed . or peeled, or anything that is not clean.
- F is for Fingers, which should not be put in the mouth nor wet to turn the pages of books.
- G is for Giving good example to your fellow pupils and playmates by being always neat and clean, just as much so at home as at school.
- H is for Handkerchief, which should be used only to wipe you nose and not your slate, desk or shoes.
- I is for Illness of other kinds besides consumption, which following these rules will help prevent, such as colds, measles, grippe, diphtheria and pneumonia.
- J is for Joints, where children have tuberculosis more often than in their lungs.
- K is for Keeping your fingernails clean. A scratch from a fingernail may make a bad sore.
- L is for Learning to love fresh air, and not for learning to smoke.
- M is for Mouth, which is meant to put food and drink into, and not for pins and money, or anything not good to eat.
- N is for Nose, which you should never pick nor wipe on your hand or sleeve.
- O is for Outdoors, where you should stay just as much as you can. Always play outdoors unless the weather is too stormy.
- P is for Pencils, which you should not wet in your mouth to make them write blacker.
- Q is for Question, which you should ask the teacher if you don't understand all these rules.
- R is for Roughness in play by which you may hurt yourself or your comrades. If you have cut yourself, have been hurt by others, or feel sick, don't fear to tell the teacher.
- S is for Spitting, which should never be done except in a spittoon, or a piece of cloth or handkerchief used for that purpose alone. Never spit on a slate, on the floor, the playground, nor the sidewalk.
- T is for Teeth, which you should clean with toothbrush and water after each meal, or when you get up in the morning and before you go to

bed at night.

- U is for Unkind, which you should never be to a consumptive.
- V is for Vessels, like drinking cups and glasses, which should not be used by one child after another without being washed in clean water each time.
- W is for Washing your hands with soap and water before each meal, even if it is only lunch.
- X is for X-rays, which sometimes help to discover consumption or other forms of tuberculosis.
- Y is for You who should never kiss anybody on the mouth, nor allow them to do so to you.
- Z is for Zeal in carrying out these rules.—Dr. S. Adolphus Knopf, New York Post-Graduate Medical School and Hospital.—*From "Public Health," Michigan*.



Perhaps the readers of the HERALD would like to know something about the place of the headquarters of the Union Conference and the work here. Headquarters were established at this place while Ohio was a part of the Lake Union, and South Bend was very near the geographical center. We have very unpretentious office rooms in a central location in this little city. Besides the president, Brother W. H. Edwards, the treasurer, and Brother Thaddeus Legg, the *charge de affairs* of the office, reside here.

The company of believers here is a small one, numbering only about twenty; but they are a faithful few. Brother E. C. Townsend is located here, engaged in house-to-house work among the people, and doing what he can in a public way to sow the seeds of truth. Some interest has been created, and fruit may be looked for as the result.

This city has a large Catholic element, but there is also a very respectable class of Protestant people, and we hope to see a good strong company of true believers in Bible Christianity.

The little company here has for some time been engaged in the Missionary campaign, and we expect when the time of reckoning comes there will be a goodly sum to the account of the church in South Bend, as well as a liberal annual offering. ALLEN MOON.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Elder K. C. Russell lately devoted nine days of his valuable time to work in Chicago. During this period he conducted eleven services. Our people greatly enjoyed his stay with us and were much benefited by the lessons he gave. We will certainly welcome him at any time he can come.

Just now we are in the midst of the week of prayer and nearly all our churches and companies have been supplied with workers. Or course, these can not remain all the time in the churches they visit, but we have tried to arrange the work so that every church will have help during the week of prayer.

Elder P. E. Broderson has arrived from New Jersey and is taking up work for the Scandinavians in Chicago. We are greatly pleased to have him with us, and believe that the Lord will use him in accomplishing good work here.

Of course, we are not doing much aggressive work this week on account of our laborers all being appointed to service with the churches, yet we have planned so as to not let the irons get cold while we are seeking the Lord. I will say that our people who are getting the LAKE UNION HERALD are enjoying it since the different conferences are reporting faithfully through its columns. WM. COVERT.

INDIANA

KOKOMO.—The general meeting held at Kokomo, December 1-5, was the last of a series of eight such meetings held in Indiana this fall. The good results have demonstrated the worth of such meetings.

Elder' Lukens, Anderson, and the writer conducted the meeting at Kokomo. A good spirit prevailed from the beginning, the Lord coming especially near on the Sabbath, when a man and his step-mother came forward and united with the church. This brother's wife has been a member of the church for a number of years, and hearts were made glad by his conversion. On Sunday the writer baptized three willing souls. Others are deeply impressed and we are hopeful that they will soon take their stand among God's remnant people.

The subjects considered in this meeting were missionary work, religious liberty, organization, the regions beyond, young peoples' and Sabbathschool work, and other topics usually discussed in general meetings. A number were present from other churches to carry the good impressions home with them.

The work is advancing along all lines in this conference. Our motto is, "The gospel to all the world in this generation." To be "like men that wait for the Lord," is to be "minute men," ready for service as the Lord directs to promulgate the glad news of our soon coming Lord.

May our hearts respond to the note "Come Lord Jesus, come quickly."

VICTOR THOMPSON.

KALAMAZOO, WEST MICHIGAN

In a communication just received from Elder A. C. Bordeau he says:—"I have sold my property in Battle Creek, and have purchased a home at 1211 March Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Sabbath, December 4, I baptized two willing souls immediately following our morning service. The Lord blesses in the work and my courage is good in Him."

OTSEGO (W. MICH.) ACADEMY

Doubtless the readers of the HERALD will be glad to hear that the school work in onward at the Otsego Academy. While there are always some hardships in connection with the opening of any school, we have been freed from nearly all of these and the students have seemed cheerful and willing to co-operate with us in making this a successful school from its very beginning. We have forty-three students on our roll in the academic department and fifteen in the primary, and we look forward with the assurance that soon these students will be listed as workers in One student has asked if he the vineyard. would be permitted to do some canvassing for our magazines. We presume the permission will be granted. We feel thankful to God for these young people and sincerely hope to be remembered in the prayers of God's people.

C. A. HANSEN AND FRED GREEN.

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Obituary

COON.-Lyda Coon was born at Mendon, Mich., Jan. 27, 1890, and died at the home of her sister Mrs. Edelbert Mesick, Mesick, Mich., Nov. 26, 1909. The family moved to Mesick when she was one year old and this place has been her home most of the time since until her death. She was brought up to know the saving grace of God from sin, and before the operation which caused her death, she confessed her sins and felt at peace with God. The funeral was held in the Adventist church which was filled with her many friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Luke 19:10. She was laid to rest in the Mesick cemetery to await the call of L. G. NYMAN. the Life-giver.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Emmanuel Missionary College

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Crary are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Smalley.

Professor C. J. Boyd of the Oakwood Manual Training School was a very welcome visitor this week.

Brother J. B. Blosser is spending a few days at home after an extended trip among the conferences.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Greer of Aledo, Ill., gave their daughter Faye a pleasant surprise.

W. E. Straw attended the courchschool teachers' convention at Springfield, Ill., last Thursday and Friday.

The regular holiday vacation will begin Friday, December 24, and continue until January 3. Most of the students plan to go home.

Mr. Carl Meves who has been at the Hinsdale Sanitarium since last spring, returned to the College at the opening of the winter term.

Miss May Taylor of Moline, Ill., is visiting her parents and brothers residing here. Miss Taylor is taking the nurses' course and is here spending her vacation.

Mr. H. C. Lausten, who canvassed this summer in Illinois, spent a few days at Brother Blosser's last week. He left the first of the week for Oswego, Kansas.

"Music and the World's Reform Movements." was the title of an interesting and instructive paper read by Miss Margaret Mallory at a recent chapel exercise.

Any one having experience in the printing business may finish his education and pay expenses by taking advantage of the opportunity offered in another column.

Mrs. Daisy Doty—Pitman and her husband attended services at the College Sabbath on their way to their future home at Elkhart, Ind. Their friends extend to them hearty congratulations.

Our week of prayer has been a season of blessing to the school. The readings were given daily at the chapel hour, and social meetings conducted each evening at 6:30 These meetings were well attended and nearly every student has placed himself on the side of right. The assignments of lessons were shortened, thus extra time was given to devotion.

Elder F. M. Wilcox spoke to the church and school Sabbath forenoon, December 11. Many helpful points were brought out. In his summing up he appealed to us to examine ourselves in the light of the character of Jesus Christ. At the beginning of the week of prayer this was surely timely, for the blessing cannot come unless everything is surrendered to God.

An instrument known as the sonometer has been recently added to the equipment of the musical department and physical laboratory. The purpose of the sonometer is to measure the number of vibrations of strings, when emitting musical sounds, and to determine the number of the vibrating parts which produce what are called overtones. The quality of a note depends on the number of overtones.

Our advanced Bible class, known as Bible V, spent about two months studying the history of Bible manuscripts and versions, seeking to learn how we got our English Bible in its present form. We used as a text book "Ancestry of the English Bible" by Price. Following this we began a systematic study of the principles of religious liberty, using Cobb's "Rise of Religious Liberty." Beginning about January 1, we are to take up an advanced study of doctrines, with practice in writing outlines, giving Bible readings, etc.

The College devotes two terms a year to the systematic study of missions. During the past term we have studied Leonard's "Hundred Years of Missions," which gives a general idea of missionary work in all lands, and Tho-' burn's "Christian Conquest of India," which gives the biographies of the leading missionaries to that country and presents the problems and difficulties confronting the missionaries, and the great need of consecrated workers in heathen India. Each member of the class has lately made a careful study of some missionary, and has written a biography of that missionary. Sometime during the present term each one expects to study and write about some

other noted missionary. At present we are studying Naylor's "Daybreak in the Dark Continent," which deals with Africa in much the same way that "The Christian Conquest of India" does with India.

While thinking of the coming vacation and in view of soon getting home, one of the students had an inspiration which resulted in the following :

Going Home

How our hearts are filled with rapture When we think of going home!

When our loved ones write and tell us They're expecting us to come.

Happy thoughts ! There is no other Half so dear to us as mother.

O the pleasure of the moment When we meet our friends again;

They will meet us at the station When the train comes rolling in. O we love them !-father, mother And our sisters and our brother.

We have dreamed of future greatness And our spirits love to roam,

But the greatest consolation

Is the joy of going home. How our anxious hearts are beating! Speed O time that happy meeting! May it be so in the morning

E're the setting of the sun;

When the Master's work is ended And the race of life is run ;

Then we long to meet our mother, Father, sisters, and our brother.

HEBERT M. KELLEY.

Northern Illinois

Elder C. Meleen paid a visit to the Galesburg church during the week of prayer.

Brother Howard Banty has sent us an order for a supply of our ten cent magazines, which he is at present disposing of in the city of Elgin.

At our last meeting of the conference committee it was voted not to hold our annual conference until after the biennial session of the Lake Union Conference, which will be held Feb. 8-18.

Elder M. C. Kirkendall visits Zion City one day each week in the interest of the work there. Miss J. A. Lauter is still laboring faithfully among the interested ones of this northern suburb.

We are glad to welcome to this conference Elder P. E. Broderson, formerly from New Jersey. He has located his family at 1643 N. Springfield Ave.; Chicago, and will labor for the Danish people.

After spending some time in the East, Elder O. A. Olsen returned to Chicago last week and has established the office of the North American Foreign Department at Room 670, 324 Dearborn St. He will have as his assistant Miss Bertha Erickson who was formerly a stenographer in this office. We are glad to have these workers associated with us.

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MRS. LOU K.	Curtis,	-	Editor

Elder Wm. Lewsadder, in a private letter, reports five new believers in the Sabbath and other kindred truths, at Streator, Illinois, three of whom were formerly Catholics in faith. This is an evidence that truth is mighty, and will prevail against the most powerful deception of the enemy.

Elder F. J. Harris reports having found some people in Ogle County, Illinois, who had become deeply interested in the truth. They were engaged in constant study of the Bible, and also reading our periodicals, with every indication that they will accept all as the truth unfolds to them. Thus the good work goes on.

Brother C. R. Puels, one of our regular canvassers, has returned to the work again after several weeks vacation. We are glad to see that he started in with energy as he reports thirtyeight hours work for the week ending Dec. 10, the coldest of the season. His orders amounted to about \$20. Such work will bring success.

We have received from Elder E. F. Collier a neat little announcement of the series of Friday evening meetings, which he will conduct at 648—109th St., three doors west of Lowe Ave. These evening studies will be a continuation of those conducted at the gospel tent at West Pullman last summer. A Sabbath-school will also be conducted Sabbath afternoons from 3 to 4 o'clock.

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Our president, Elder Morris Lukens, was with the Anderson church Sabbath morning December 11, and with the Marion church in the afternoon and evening of the same day. Large congregations also attended services conducted by him there on Sunday.

On the first day of the month, the treasurer of the Wolf Lake church sent a tithe remittance of \$304.60, and on the sixth, the Middletown church treasurer, Brother J. W. Goodwin, sent tithe amounting to \$205.54. The prospect is good for an unusually large tithe for December.

Brother E. A. Kern, of the Wolf Lake church, has been canvassing in LaPorte County and recently delivered \$75.50 worth of books there.

To date, Beechwood Academy has received \$118.25 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. They received about 1125 *Reviews*, almost all of which have been used.

On account of a change of numbering in the block where our office is located, our office address is no longer 515, but 521 East Twenty-third Street, Indianapolis, Iud. Correspondents are requested to make note of the change.

Two recruits to our corps of colporters were recently secured from the Honey Creek church. Brother and sister Alfred G. Burchill began last month to sell "Bible Readings" and "Coming King" in Logansport and they are enjoying a good degree of success.

The middle of last week, our treasurer had received \$409.85 that had been sent in by our churches on the Harvest Ingathering fund. We expect the last week of the month, when most of our churches make monthly remittances to our office, to receive several hundred dollars on this fund.

Our educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, who also has had the burden of the Sabbath-school department for some years, is to be relieved of the latter responsibility January 1, 1910, in order that she may devote her time entirely to the other two departments. Sister Carrie Lukens becomes the Sabbath-school secretary of Indiana.

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Southern Illinois

Tithe Report for November
West Salem\$ 7.00
Martinsville 4.50
Noble 40.58
Cottage Home 5.60
Charleston 9.67
Pana 6.00
Woodburn 25.00
Stewardson 11.10
Oakland 2.83
Decatur 112.60
First Springfield 75.15
Second Springfield 29,19
Peoria
Du Quoin 103.43
Farmington 9.07
Brownstown 16.00
Individual 15.19
Conference Church110.54
Total\$616.29

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Are vou going to bake your own bread this month? Let George E. Cornforth, in January *Life and Health*, help you. He will do it for ten cents. The latest report from Lousiana is, that poor as the people are in that conference, they have contributed to the cause of missions already this year ten and three tenths cents a week for each member. This ought to stimulate our people in the more favored sections of the country to emulation, if no more.

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Mrs. McKee, in the January number of *Life and Health*, portrays, in a very instructive manner, the character of three classes of girls, the modest, the curious, and the reckless girl and definitely defines the character of each, and places the source of responsibility for the errors of the curious and the reckless classes. To parents, Mrs. McKee especially appeals in behalf of coming womanhood.

Among the articles which will appear in the January number of the Watchman, the Editorial Department will present an introductory article on "Present Truth." by L. A. Smith; "Russia's struggle for the Sea" (Eastern Question Series), by P. T. Magan; and "A Present-Day Problem," by C. P. Bollman. Of the General articles, J. O. Corliss, will give the first of a series of "The Future of Our World." C. Santee will present another article on "The Sanctuary in Heaven." "The Three Witnesses," by C. F. McVagh, is an excellent study of the place that the Word, the Spirit, and the church occupy in the great plan of salvation.

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Do not neglect to secure the books at once for the Sabbath-school Teachers' Reading Course, so you can begin the study in January. The books chosen for this study are practical and helpful. Each teacher should see in this an opportunity for improvement not to be neglected. The outline of study will be printed in the Worker. The books to be used are "Testimonies on Sabbath-School Work," price twenty-five cents cloth, thirty-five cents in leather; "The Art of Securing Attention," fifteen cents; "History of the Sab bath-School Work," five cents. Order these books from the Review and Herald Publishing Company.

☆☆ An Opportunity

This office could furnish work for the coming year to a young man who wishes to attend College and who has had two or more years experience in the printing business. This is an excellent opportunity for any earnest young man wishing to finish his education by work. Send references and address, F. O. Rathbun, Berrien Springs, Mich.

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No paper next week.