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A PRAYER

God, I pray to Thee for patience when the world seems all unfair,
When life seems one long injustice, and the end alone despair;
When I'm weary, O so weary! and my tears bring no relief!
When I question why Thou sendest to humanity such grief;
Grant me faith as well as patience, and forgive me when I pray
For some knowledge of the reasons why we suffer day by day.
Give me strength to keep on working, cheerfully to do my task,
Give me courage, hope, submission; perfect joy I cannot ask.
Teach me how to give to others something helpful, something true;
How to make my life worth living, how to start each day anew.
God in heaven, forgive my failures, and uphold me with Thy hand;
I am weak, impatient, restless, and I cannot understand.
I can only hope, believing there are reasons now unknown,
Which sometime, somewhere, we'll master, as we reap what we have sown.
God, once more I come imploring Thee with strength to fill my heart;
I have failed; wilt Thou forgive me, and Thy love to me impart?

—*Sylvia Chapin.*

Offerings

Next to the tithe, the giving of offerings to missions has come to be regarded as a most sacred service. There is still another obligation resting upon us, and that is the support of local work—such work as may not be supported from the tithe fund. We have been admonished that some systematic plan for making offerings of this kind should be devised. It has been the practice to make special calls at our camp-meetings for means for purchasing tents and other camp equipage, and for the maintenance of our schools and other institutions, as well as caring

for the poor and orphans; but it has not been satisfactory to the donor or those who had the burden of caring for these interests. A plan that distributes the weight of responsibility is more to be desired by all. Paul wrote the Corinthians, saying: "Let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him, that no collection be made when I come." 1 Cor. 16:2 (R. V.)—a good Scriptural authority for systematic benevolence.

Now if every one should lay aside a portion of the goods with which the Lord prospers him, he must have some system in it. That is to say, a certain per cent of his income. The poor saints at Jerusalem were in need, and while Paul did not mention any particular share of the income of the individual, it is a well known fact that the people of that day, especially the Jews, were in the habit of devoting a per cent of their income, and it was not necessary for him to name the proportion.

All who feel disposed to follow this example, and at the same time create a fund from which all the calls above mentioned may be met, will find in the recommendation of the Lake Union Conference a plan in harmony with the Testimonies and the Scriptures on this point. The recommendation is as follows:—

"Whereas, There are many expenses in the local conference for which no regular fund is provided; and,

"Whereas, the Lake Union Conference is wholly dependent upon the local conferences for funds; therefore,

"RESOLVED, That each conference in the Lake Union put forth a strong effort to get all our people to set apart an amount equal to two per cent of their income, to be known as the Two Per Cent Fund, one half of one per cent of which shall be passed over to the Lake Union Conference treasurer."

When our people adopt this plan generally, the question of raising means for the purposes named will be solved. It will be far easier to provide for this monthly and save the necessity for special calls. Besides, it has the virtue of being in harmony with the Lord's plan.

ALLEN MOON.

Confidence

A slight weakening of confidence is sufficient to throw the whole financial world into a panic involving much distress and great loss everywhere. Such abating of confidence may be brought about by a trifling incident or an unfounded rumor. There is no element of greater

importance in the business world to-day than confidence. Without it business would be generally paralyzed.

The preserving of strong confidence is much more needed and of far greater importance in connection with the work in which we are engaged who are carrying forward the Lord's work in the earth. Confidence in the ultimate outcome of this work, and in one another, as well as in the administration of the work, and in our ministers and missionaries is highly essential and absolutely necessary. Anything that tends to weaken the confidence that should prevail cannot help but be disastrous and defeating. It is a wicked thing for members of our churches or anyone connected with our cause to by word, act, or implication set on foot anything that will tend to weaken confidence. Many times the hands of our ministers have been tied, and the effectiveness of their labors has been greatly crippled by unwise talk on the part of those who claim to love the truth. Conference officers are many times made to struggle along with but feeble co-operation from the brethren in the churches simply because some have consented to do the enemy's work in the way of leading others to lose confidence in those called to sacred responsibilities in connection with the work. In no other way will a small and trifling thing lead to greater damage and more effective defeat than for our people to take a course that will lead to a lack of confidence in the conference president and other conference officers and in our ministers. Anything of that sort should receive a fitting rebuke whenever it appears.

It is true that ministers and conference officials are sometimes unworthy of our confidence, but when that thing becomes true it is usually clearly evident and can be easily corrected. The organization and administration of our work is such that unfaithful and disloyal or unreliable workers and officials are soon asked to step aside. Brethren, let us have strong confidence and also give a fitting rebuke to everything intended to destroy such confidence.

E. K. SLADE.

belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Longacre. It is a beautiful piece of land, 140 acres, all in a good state of cultivation, except about 30 acres of oak timber. A large barn, chicken house, cribs, sheds, and other outbuildings are on the place, also a good house, wells with splendid water, and a nice stream running through the timber which never fails to furnish plenty of water for the stock.

All of this property except the house, is offered as a gift, by warrantee deed to the Lake Union Conference for the use of the Swedish Seminary by these dear generous hearted old people.

No reasonable objection could be urged against this site except that it is 101 miles from Chicago where tens of thousands of Swedish people reside. We enjoyed a brief visit and a splendid dinner with the family on the farm, then took the train for Chicago.

I went on to Kenosha, Wis., where I spent the night and Sabbath forenoon with our workers there. Elder M. H. Serns was absent, being called home on account of the sickness of his wife. Brother A. E. Serns and Sister Mabel Wampole each had a cottage meeting that night.

The interest was so great that the workers were detained until the middle of the night answering questions. A number of men are much interested. Some of these will accept the truth.

I found the lady where the Brethren Serns have rooms rented, with her daughter of mature age keeping their third Sabbath. Brother A. E. Serns has 20 families that he is visiting once or more each week and a cottage meeting every night.

Sabbath P. M. I spent with the Milwaukee English church. We had a good meeting. I visited the people and arranged for a service Sunday P. M. when Elder O. A. Olsen would meet the English, German, and Scandinavian churches together. There was a fair attendance and all were much cheered and interested concerning the progress of the message among the foreign population of this country.

C. McREYNOLDS.

(Field Reports)

Wisconsin

Leaving the College Friday morning in company with Elder Covert, I went to South Bend where Elder Lukens joined us. From there we went to Elkhart, Ind., where we were met by Elders O. A. Olsen and S. Mortensen, and as a sub-committee on locating the Swedish School we went a mile into the country to view a farm

GRAND RAPIDS AND BETHEL.—From March 16 to 21, I visited the churches at Grand Rapids and Bethel, also some isolated believers at Fond du Lac. The young people's work is moving nicely in both the churches mentioned; good live societies have been organized and are working hard.

The burden of our message was that however essential to success perfect organization is, unless we get the third angel's message into our hearts, and allow its mighty power to become an

overcoming force in our lives, success will not be real. Our young people must not be permitted to trust in organization or mechanical working, alone. "These things ought to be done, and the other (most important thing—absolute and unconditional surrender of the whole being to God for service), not to be left undone." When work is done, not only with system and order, but with the heart surrendered to Jesus, there is no limit to what may be accomplished. May God help us all to sense these things.

B. L. POST.

PLAINFIELD.—A series of meetings has been in progress in the city of Plainfield for about eight weeks, and is now about to close. The interest has seemed to be good and some outsiders have been regular attendants. Present truth has been duly explained and made very impressive through the labors of Brethren Jesse Beggs and Arthur Belding, assisted by the writer. The Spirit of the Lord has certainly been present and brought conviction home to some honest hearts.

We trust that those who conducted the meetings have been rightly and richly blessed, even as those who attended. May the Lord keep His children in good courage until He comes, is my prayer.

N. A. RICE.

Young People's Societies Have Influence With Congressmen

The Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies of Wisconsin were encouraged to use their influence with congressmen in preventing the enactment of Sunday legislation. One society leader has received a letter from the congressman of his district, saying that though he did not see harm in this legislation, yet because of the protests which were coming to his notice from these young people's societies and others, he felt in duty bound to vote against it.

This should encourage all of our young people to sense their privileges. Their influence is truly great and the Lord designs that it should be exercised NOW in a way that *counts*.

B. L. POST.

Madison Sanitarium Items

The date of graduation for the spring class has been postponed till the last part of April. There are nine in the class.

Elder J. B. Scott, former chaplain, visited the sanitarium family a few days ago. Although his stay was short, he met the young people a number of times. An especially good season was enjoyed Sabbath afternoon, when he conducted the regular young peoples' meeting. All were very glad to welcome Elder Scott among us once more.

Mrs. P. C. Hanson, who has been a wheelchair patient here for some time, is showing marked gain and walks about quite freely now.

There have been a number of surgical operations performed at the sanitarium lately. Two of the most recent surgical patients have gone home and a third one is rapidly recovering.

There are from twenty-five to thirty patients registered here now.

There are but five vacant rooms at the sanitarium now and these are rapidly filling up. Any who are planning to come here should write in advance for accommodations.

Brother P. L. Larson, present business manager, tells us that he is enjoying his work very much, in spite of perplexing problems. He is well liked by the family.

Four of the nurses are out on cases. Three have recently returned from cases in Madison.

Extensive repairs are being made this spring. Brother F. E. Hickok, of Berlin, is doing the work, assisted by one of the helpers here. A number of the private rooms have been retinted and the parlors have been greatly improved by a good coat of dull finish wall paint. They are now working on the walls of the lobby and will continue work on through the gymnasium and diningroom. A number of much needed repairs have been made in the bath rooms also.

Funeral services were held for Mrs. W. D. Stillman, March 13, in Madison. Sister Stillman died in Granton but was brought to the old home for burial. Doctor Stillman is spending a few days at the sanitarium. The obituary will appear in another place.

North Michigan

Sabbath and Sunday, March 5 and 6, I spent with the Traverse City church. Here I found them engaged in the work of the *Family Bible Teacher*, and they reported interesting experiences. The Acre Plan was presented to them, and all seemed encouraged with the idea.

The 8th and 9th I spent at Mesick. This is one of our old churches. They have quite a congregation here, and are doing what they can to hold up the banner of truth. Thursday the 10th, I stopped over night at Cadillac. Here we have a small company which is composed largely of transient members. Still they report that work is being done with the people, and one or two have taken a stand for the truth there this winter.

At Clare we have a company which is very much scattered. Brother Starkey, however, had succeeded in getting the company together for quarterly meeting. I enjoyed my visit here very much. Evening after the Sabbath a business meeting was held, and plans were laid whereby some of the absent members who have failed to

report, will be corresponded with, and some will undoubtedly be dropped from the church list. It was thought not to be advisable to carry the names of individuals who are not living out the truth. The Acre Plan was also presented at this place, and nearly three acres were pledged and a cash donation of \$5 was received. I find wherever I go that the people are enthusiastic over this idea, and are doing what they can. In fact, I have not heard of a single instance where complaints have been made. All seem to feel that this is the most equal way of raising the money that could be devised.

After the meeting Sabbath night, I was called to Marion to visit a sister who desired prayers for the recovery of her health. Brethren Kitson, Nyman, and myself visited this family and had prayer with them. The Spirit of the Lord came near to us, and we all felt that He heard our petitions.

The work is onward in North Michigan. Many are planning to enter the canvassing work, and are doing house-to-house work with their neighbors.

J. J. IRWIN.

Harris, North Michigan

Our Belgium and French church, with a membership of about forty, is located eighteen miles southwest of Escanaba. This company has recently erected a new church building with a church-school room connected, free from debt, and a very successful church-school is being conducted by Miss Della Starkey of Lower Michigan.

It was the writer's privilege recently, to visit this church and conduct a few meetings which, we trust, were profitable to all

On one evening the special needs of the foreign fields were presented together with the \$300,000 Fund and the Acre Plan as a means of raising our share of the fund. A number of cheerful responses were made which resulted in raising \$60.00 in pledges besides three acres which were taken to be set apart for that purpose. We are sure that God's special blessing will be with all who respond to this urgent call.

R. J. BELLOWS.

East Michigan

FLINT AND OTTER LAKE.—The ten days ending Sabbath, March 12, I spent with these churches.

The interest at Flint is good and we are glad to see how the brethren take hold of all lines of work. Sister Ina Hicks is making a success of the church-school and the Lord is blessing her in her work. Both home and foreign mission work is being looked after. The church has raised more than what would be its portion of the \$300,

000 Fund. I trust all other churches may do likewise. One young man gave his heart to the Lord and is planning to attend Emmanuel Missionary College.

At Otter Lake, Elder Slade spoke to the people on Tuesday evening on the nearness of Christ's coming as revealed in the Eastern Question. I visited the brethren and spoke to them Wednesday evening.

I believe a good work is being done at the sanitarium and the outlook for that institution is brighter than it has been in the past.

The work is onward and all are willing to help finish it immediately.

A. R. SANDBORN, *Miss. Sec.*

East Michigan Tithe Report for February

Alaiedon.....	\$ 85 31	Flint	15 00	Otter Lake	
Alma	51 82	Greenbush		OtterLakeSan.	
Adrian		Hanover		Pontiac	
Ann Arbor	4 50	Hillsdale.....	43 80	Prattville	
Arbela	20 92	Hazelton	59 14	Port Huron.....	6 56
Bancroft		Holly	112 67	Reese	
Belleville.....	13 00	Ithaca.....		Rives	6 78
Bunker Hill ..		Jackson	49 49	Rapson	35 17
Bay City.....	35 25	Jefferson		Saginaw	6 20
Birmingham...	5 13	Luce		St. Charles.....	44 41
Chapin		Lapeer		Sandusky	12 55
Chesaning	21 26	Leslie	67 72	St. Johns	
Coleman.....	7 49	Lansing.....	91.00	Spring Arbor..	10 94
Detroit	116 95	Mason		St. Louis	
Durand		Morrice		Sumner	
Dryden	1 80	Memphis.....		Vassar	49 27
Edenville	14 50	Marine City....		Watrousville..	
Elmwood		Mt. Forest.....		Westphalia	12 00
Exeter	14 47	North Branch..	24 58	Willis	
Fairgrove	145 94	Ola		White Lake	18 00
Freeland	11 35	Ovid	5 10	Individuals	25 51
Flushing	20 00	Owosso	55 70	Total	\$1,321 28

E. I. BEEBE, *Conf. Treas.*

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference

(Gleaned from the minutes.)

The first meeting of the Eighth Annual Session was called to order at 7:20 p. m., March 21, 1910 in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Grand Rapids, Elder A. G. Haughey being in the chair.

"Wonderful Peace" was the opening song. Elder E. K. Slade read as a scripture lesson the 103d Psalm.

Elder Allen Moon invoked the divine blessing upon the conference assembled and upon the individual delegates.

"Higher Ground" was the title of the second hymn.

At roll call 109 delegates answered to their names, representing 29 churches.

It was voted that the General Conference and Union Conference representatives be seated as delegates. They were as follows: Elders A. G. Daniells, G. B. Thompson, Allen Moon, E. K. Slade, J. J. Irwin, and Brethren J. B. Blosser and J. W. Mace.

The Chair announced that the Conference Committee had asked Brethren Gravelle, Crandall, and Pool to act as a committee on seating of delegates, and upon motion of C. A. Russell it was voted to make the committee permanent for the session.

Elder J. W. Covert presented the request of the Cedar Springs church for membership and moved the acceptance of the church and the seating of the delegate, Mrs. Ida Wilson. Carried.

The reading of the minutes of the session for 1909 was waived by vote.

The president's address was in nature of a talk, no written report having been prepared. A brief resume of the year's work was given. Owing to the effort to supply the calls

made by the General Conference we have been a little short of help at times. Cedar Lake Academy was transferred to the North Michigan Conference which made it necessary to add dormitories to the Otsego Academy. The academy has been incorporated under the laws of the State. All departments of the conference show some gain.

Treasurer's report was read and questions asked in regard to it.

At the second meeting of the conference seven additional delegates were seated

A. T. Benjamin moved that the consideration of the financial report be postponed until 9. A. M., Wednesday, the 23d. Carried.

The Chair made some statements with reference to the appointing of the standing committees, and Elder Horton moved that twenty-one delegates be selected, not more than one from a church, to nominate the standing committees.

H. W. Miller moved to amend by making the selection on a numerical basis, and limiting the privilege of the nominations to one individual for any single delegate.

Elder Daniels suggested that the better plan would be to select a committee embracing not only the churches, but departments.

The question was discussed by Wm. Heffley, A. T. Benjamin, Allen Moon, A. C. Bourdeau, G. B. Thompson, J. W. Covert, R. A. Hart, J. M. Wilbur, and C. A. Russell. The amendment carried. The motion upon vote was carried unanimously.

The following named delegates were nominated from the floor to constitute the standing committee on counsel:—H. W. Miller, J. W. Covert, A. L. Curtis, W. R. Matthews, R. C. Horton, J. B. Sperry, S. D. Hartwell, Ella Carman, M. W. Wells, Mrs. Lou K. Curtis, Wm. Reefman, R. A. Hart, James Little, Mrs. E. W. Pitton, G. E. Davis, Jas. Root, A. C. Bourdeau, C. A. Russell, Sam Medler, W. W. Robinson, W. W. Shepard.

The entire nomination was voted upon and carried.

A. G. HAUGHEY, *Chairman*,
E. L. RICHMOND *Secretary*.

The Cost of a Book

I. A. FORD

(Concluded)

We have thus far considered only the cost of the manuscript and manufacture. Let us now consider the cost of handling. The book department of our publishing houses necessarily have a heavy expense to meet. It is necessary to carry many thousands of dollars worth of books in stock in order to be able to fill promptly the orders received from the various depositories. The interest on this investment is no small item. Then there is the item of freights which must be met from the price of the book. Then there is the clerical force, the stationary and postage and a hundred and one other things which cannot be mentioned in a paper like this. It is the general opinion of those who have had experience in the work that it takes about 5 per cent of the retail price in order to meet the expense of doing the business at the main office. Experience has demonstrated that this is certainly not too much to be allowed for the home office.

In order to be able to fill promptly the orders from the tract society in any part of our field,

since our work has increased as it has during the past few years, it has been found necessary to establish a branch office, or general book depository, in each union conference. In order that these may be self-supporting and make a reasonable profit, which all our institutions should, it has been thought advisable that these branch offices should have 10 per cent of the retail price for meeting the expense of rent, freights, drayage, salaries, office expense, etc. This recommendation was made at the recent meeting of the General Conference Council at College View. Whether the home offices will be able to allow this in all cases is a question which has not yet been fully worked out. We believe, however, that 10 per cent is not too much for the branch house to have, for aside from the ordinary expenses which have been enumerated above, which the branch house has to meet, there is also one half the salary and expenses of the union conference agent. This has been calculated to be about 1½ per cent of the retail book sales.

We now come to the State tract societies. It has been customary for years to allow the State tract society 10 per cent of the retail price for the meeting of its expenses. I am sure there is no one that would think it could do business on a less commission than that. It has its regular office expense to meet, the salaries of its secretary and assistants and State agent, the freights from the office to the agent, and many other things which might be mentioned. Surely 10 per cent is none too much for the tract society.

Last, but by no means least, in the item of cost in the handling of our books, is the faithful canvasser. I feel like taking off my hat every time I meet a canvasser, for it is these faithful men and women who go from door to door in cold and heat, in sun and rain, that makes the demand for the literature, and makes possible, not only their own livelihood through their exertions and the blessing of God, but also makes possible the manufacture of our publications containing the glorious truth for which this people stand, and the intermediate expense between the manufactures and the hands of the agent. They are certainly the most important link in the chain of success that has bound this publishing work together, and caused it to grow to its present proportions. It has been our custom to allow these workers 50 per cent for their work. Surely no one would think for a minute of reducing this commission to canvassers. One thing that I am glad of in the increased price of our publications is that it gives the canvassers a larger profit, and when we stop to think of the increased cost of living from what it was a few years ago, we must conclude that the canvassers do not get any too much for their services.

From statistics published in the January issue of the *Literary Digest* we quote the following with reference to increased cost of living: "So rapid has been the increase in the cost of living in the United States, particularly in the cost of the necessities of life, that many see in it a political as well as the economic problem of first importance. Representative Howland (Rep. of Ohio), wants to make it the subject of Congressional investigation, and has introduced a resolution in the House to that end. 'No subject since the free-silver agitation in 1906,' declares the *Macon (Ga.) Telegraph*, 'has attracted so much public attention.' In spite of bountiful harvest, the price of farm products have steadily advanced until the price of corn is 113 per cent higher than in 1896, while in the same period wheat has advanced 94 per cent and potatoes 100 per cent. Sheep and swine have increased in value 100 per cent, while lard has gone up 226 per cent, and pork 210 per cent. This list of soaring commodities, we are told might be extended to embrace almost everything grown or manufactured. Bradstreet's 'Index Number' shows that \$9.12 had the same purchasing power on December 1, 1909 that \$3.42 had in July of 1896. Among the various explanations advanced are the increased production of gold, the failure of our agricultural output to keep pace with our increasing population, the high tariff, the trusts, and the national spirit of extravagance."

Now let us recapitulate. We will take for illustration "Great Controversy" as that is perhaps the book which has the largest sale of any of our large publications. The cloth binding now lists at \$3. Out of this amount 50 per cent or \$1.50 goes to the canvasser. 10 per cent or 30 cents goes to the tract society. Another 10 per cent or 30 cents more goes to the branch house or general depository. 5 per cent or 15 cents goes to the author as royalty. This makes a total of 75 per cent or three fourths the retail price which goes entirely to the field. Of the remaining 25 per cent that goes to the publishing house, take 2½ per cent for initial expense, 18 per cent for cost of manufacture, and we have left 4½ per cent for the home office with which to meet all of its expenses in the handling of the product. When we come to think of the interest on the investment, of every day expense in the shipment of the books, the freights, salaries, office expenses, etc., surely it will take the circulation of a large number of books at this rate of profit to enable our institutions to pay all their debts.

It will be noticed that in all the expense connected with our book business only approximately one sixth is in the actual cost of manufacture. In other words, when the cost of manufacture is raised 1 cent the retail price must be raised 6 cents. This information will help us to see the necessity for the various increases in prices that have been made during recent years.

Southern Illinois Canvassers' Institute

An institute will be held at Springfield, Ill., at the Seventh-day Adventist church, 300 West Allen St., commencing April 10 and continuing until the 20th. This will be an important meet-

ing, and all who are expecting to enter the canvassing work are urgently requested to be present. Plans have been made to secure the best of help and thus make the meetings as instructive as possible. All necessary arrangements for board and room have also been made.

So come prepared to partake of this feast which God has in store for us, for we all know that if we fail to get the necessary training for the battle, we cannot expect to win.

Those who are unacquainted in Springfield should take the street car to Fifth Monroe Street and transfer to Second Street car which runs directly by the church. Those who come in on the C. & A. R. R. can by walking two blocks east, get a Second Street car going directly to the church.

E. M. FISHELL.

Wisconsin Canvassers' Institute

The time is near at hand for the institute to open. It will begin the 15th of April and continue to the 25th. Our people at Sparta have kindly opened their doors to us, and we are looking forward to profitable studies together.

Let those who attend come prepared to go directly into the canvassing field. Those not knowing how they will be provided for in their new location will need to bring bed clothes and small things which may be useful in furnishing a room.

The principal books which will be studied at the institute are "Great Controversy" and "Bible Readings."

The car fare to Sparta and to the canvassing field, also board at the institute, will be credited to each canvasser who sells books to the amount of \$125. This is considered a small delivery.

I will be glad to hear from those who are planning to attend the institute and let all come praying that God will give us the needed preparation to help carry forward His work.

FRANK HALDERSON.

Grand Rapids, Wis.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING

MARCH 18, 1910

East Michigan

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
Harrison Face.....D. R.		37	5	\$15 00	\$ 3 50	\$18 50
F. R. Malin.....C. K.		73	19	23 00	23 00
Chris F. Mahr.....G. C.		21	9	24 75	1 50	26 25
W. D. Moore (Del.).....D. R.		9	1	3 00	10 50	13 50
Mary A. Lewis.....D. R.		9	1	2 75	8 45	11 20
		149	35	68 50	23 95	92 45

Wisconsin

F. E. Middlestead.....B. R.		40	6	18 00	5 85	23 85
N. O. Kittleson (Del.).....B. R.						
Francis Elzea (Del.).....B. R.						

North Michigan

*K. V. Bjork.....Finn Rev.		72	18	51 75	20 31	72 06
W. W. Christian.....(Del.) G. C.						

*Northern Illinois

Lorenzo Clark.....B. R.		80	20	62 00	2 40	64 40
Hiram Young.....B. R.		54	6	18 00	3 50	21 50
		134	26	80 00	5 90	85 90

Southern Illinois

J. E. Dent.....B. R.		30	11	31 00	50	31 50
Mrs. J. E. Dent.....D. R.		17	6	11 75	4 20	15 95
W. E. Bailey.....B. R.		36	13	43 00	2 35	45 35
E. L. Graham.....D. R.		21½	10	32 00	8 00	40 00
Hugo Mutzelfelt.....G. C.		49	24	77 00	14 50	91 50
J. L. Galbraith.....B. R.		34	2	5 50	3 25	8 75
		187½	66	200 25	32 80	233 05

Totals. 18 agents.

*Two weeks.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Emmanuel Missionary College

Mr. E. L. Peterson of Hawthorne, Wis. is working in the fruit department of the College.

Mr. Williams of North Michigan has recently come, and is now working on the College farm.

Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Morrison and her two aunts of Elkhart, Ind., spent Sabbath at the College.

The fruit department has been a busy one for the past two weeks or more. Among other things done are the spraying of all the fruit trees to prevent scale disease, pruning the vineyards, and mulching the strawberry beds.

Considerable interest was aroused in the astronomy class last Monday while studying about the planet Venus, on account of the favorable position it now occupies in the heavens for observation. It appears quite well to the south of east before sunrise, and on a clear day remains clearly visible all the forenoon. All were surprised to see it between twelve and one o'clock, in spite of the full glare of sunlight, both with and without the telescope.

Adelphian Academy

Howard May of South Bend, Ind., was a visitor at the academy Thursday.

The school has rented forty acres near by which is being plowed for spring crops.

A graduating class of ten organized last week with George Sandborn as president and Clara Davis as secretary.

Professor and Mrs. Dresser spent a part of their vacation at Otter Lake on account of the ill health of the latter.

Brother H. A. Boylan made his monthly visit at conference headquarters Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Spring vacation began at the academy last Thursday noon and will last until Monday, April 4, then there will be eight weeks more of school.

Ira Woodman who was an academy student last year spent a few hours at the academy Thursday. He has been in school at Madison, Tenn., the past few months and leaves next week for the eastern part of Tennessee where he and his wife expect to assist in the starting of a hill school.

Northern Illinois

(Should have appeared in Field Reports)

Just now we are making a strong effort to revive some of our old churches in this conference. Elder J. C. Harris has moved his family to Ottawa, and I am in receipt of a letter from him say-

ing that he is finding a good many scattered Sabbath-keepers about the city. Last Sabbath, March 19, he had a house full of them in the home of one of our sisters. He thinks the outlook is splendid to get some new Sabbath-keepers.

Have also received a very encouraging letter from Elder Wm. Lewsadder of Streator, stating that he has eleven interested persons studying the truth with him in addition to those who have lately accepted it.

Brother Hugo Danke is moving from Chicago to Harvéy, and another family moved out of the city to Harvéy not long ago. These two families will unite with the remnant that was left in Harvéy at the time of the exodus of Seventh-day Adventists from there some years ago. We hope that these, with the persons who are becoming interested in the truth, will result in putting Harvéy upon its feet again as an active church.

In Aurora Brother Magoon has a splendid interest in Bible work. He reports twenty-five persons studying the truth with him. Some of these are becoming deeply interested in the truth and one has recently decided to obey.

In our committee meeting last Monday, March 21, plans were laid for opening up work in Freeport with a local camp-meeting, to be followed by a tent effort. We also voted to hold a local camp-meeting in the west end of the conference, but did not decide as to the time the meeting will be held. We also arranged to hold another local meeting in the southeastern part of the conference, unless we hold a general one in Chicago during the season.

It was voted in this committee meeting that the annual conference this year be held in Sheridan, as the tents are there, and a sufficient number of them to accommodate the delegates will be pitched on the church-house lot. By following this plan we will be able to give the delegates free lodging, and, of course we will not be under the necessity of hiring a house in which to hold the conference. Another consideration that impressed the committee was that we are anxious to have our people become more fully informed in regard to the school at Fox River, and thought that by bringing the delegates to Sheridan we would be able to have them get the information necessary in regard to the school. We lately have been informed by the Southern Illinois Conference that they have planned to send their students, who will be in their grade work, to the Fox River Academy, so that virtually we have Illinois united on the academy. Our prospects for the future of the Fox River school are very encouraging, indeed. Will tell you more about it later.

WM. COVERT.

Indiana

Brother N. L. Taylor, of the Northern Illinois Conference is expected to take up the duties of field agent of our conference about the first of April.

Last week Elder A. L. Miller left Indianapolis to hold some meetings with the Michael and Marion churches in the northern part of the State.

Brother Thomas Hubbard, who has been holding meetings at Flat Rock, reports a good interest and prospects for some to take their stand for the truth.

The Barber's Mill church, near Bluffton, is to receive a visit from Elder Lukens next Sabbath and Sunday. From there he will go to Muncie to speak Monday evening, April 4.

Elder Lukens attended a meeting of the Beechwood Academy Board last Thursday, and on Friday went to Wolf Lake where he expected to hold meetings with the church Sabbath and Sunday.

On the 17th instant, Brother R. C. Spohr went to North Vernon and held meetings with the church there two evenings and Sabbath morning, going in the afternoon to Seymour, where an afternoon service was held.

The campaign for the relief of our sanitariums, with "Ministry of Healing" and *Life and Health*, and the campaign for providing facilities for our foreign missionaries, with the \$300,000 Fund, are making encouraging progress in our conference.

North Michigan

Don't forget the canvasser's institute at Perkins the first ten days of April.

Mrs. N. H. Pool was called to Hillsdale, by the serious illness of her mother.

Brethren Peterson and Stenberg are holding a few meetings with the church at Iron River.

Some of the junior members of the Petosky church have taken up the periodical work.

N. H. Pool met with the little company at Rosebush, Sabbath the 19th. They had a good Sabbath-school and meeting.

Brother Hilliard of Boyne City has secured a prospectus for "Great Controversy" and expects to begin work next week.

Elder Irwin returned the 25th to Petoskey and will spend a few days at the office before leaving to attend the canvasser's institute at Perkins.

Mrs. Loranger writes from Alpena ordering a larger supply of the Sabbath-school Quarterly, and says some of those who are interested are studying the lessons and want the Quarterly.

Brother Pool writes: "We have had some very interesting experiences with our 'Family Bible Teacher' and some

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are asking for Bible studies, besides. I think it is fine work for the cities and a work that anyone with a will can take up."

Already people are beginning to lay plans for camp-meeting and wishing it could be held in their home town. We feel confident that this will be the means of having a good representation at our northern camp-meeting.

Elder E. A. Bristol spoke on the "Change of the Sabbath" to an interested audience a few miles out of Petoskey, the 20th. Some who have been attending these meetings are now attending our Sabbath services at the Petoskey church.

One of our canvassers writes as follows: "I delivered the 'Great Controversy' to a Methodist minister. He would like to have readings on the Sabbath question. I also delivered 'Great Controversy' and 'Bible Readings' to a spiritualist who is a great man to argue. I told him in a few words that I believed just the opposite. I gave him into the hands of the Lord. He ordered the two books just before I left his home. As a worldly man he is very honorable. He says he is my friend. His neighbor lost a pair of spectacles the morning I left. He thought I stole them so he sent an officer after me and had me searched. He found his spectacles in the house and now asks my forgiveness. I have had rich experiences."

We have just sent out to the librarians and other officers of the churches, and as far as possible to the isolated families throughout the conference, Oxford Bible catalogues, which we trust will be preserved. As you will notice, we have taken the pains to punch a hole and tie a cord in the corner of each one so it can be hung in a convenient place where it can be frequently used, as the North Michigan Tract Society has a good supply of Oxford Bibles, and you know that the Oxford Bibles are the best and most durable. If anyone has been overlooked please notify us and as long as our stock of catalogues lasts we will be glad to supply you. In the near future we expect to send to every family in the

North Michigan Conference a catalogue of our books and publications. These quote the latest prices, and will make it convenient for the people to supply their own needs and also to obtain supplies for missionary work.

Wisconsin

Elder C. McReynolds spent Sabbath the 19th, with the Milwaukee church.

Miss Schilling who took her niece to the Madison Sanitarium recently, is selling *Life and Health* very successfully in Madison.

Mrs. C. L. Stone and Prof. G. R. Fattic found time to make us a pleasant call last week and also to visit our church-school here.

Miss Lucy Shorey who graduated at the Madison Sanitarium last summer, and is now attending Union College, will return to Wisconsin at the close of the school and enter the Bible work as a real medical missionary.

The Senior class at the Madison Sanitarium, consisting of nine members, will be graduated April 18. The exercises will be held in the gymnasium of the main building on the evening of that day. We will announce later who will give the address on that occasion.

Mrs. Mabel Wampole has more interested people in Kenosha than she can properly care for with cottage meetings and Bible work. The conference desires to get some competent young lady who wishes to learn how to do Bible work to connect with her in the work there.

Elder B. L. Post remained with the Grand Rapids church last week from Wednesday to Sabbath P. M. March 16-19. He preached five sermons during that time, all of which were much appreciated and indeed, "meat in due season." His talks to the young people were especially helpful and inspiring.

At the close of the meeting one brother and his wife expressed a very earnest desire to enter the work in order to devote their entire time to the spread of the message. This is a German brother who will prepare to enter the German work as soon as the Lord opens the way.

Do not be afraid to send in large orders for the new temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. This is a fine paper and will sell easily. Our young people should all engage in the distribution of this timely and very attractive number which strikes not only at the liquor traffic, but also at its ally, tobacco, especially the cigarette. Send your orders at once to the Wis. Tract Society.

Elder McReynolds wishes to say to our people in Wisconsin that all of the other conferences in the Union who have been publishing local conference

papers, have either dropped their paper or are planning to do so soon. He thinks that when all become acquainted with the UNION HERALD they will forget the little sheet which was so much loved and will be able to see it in the HERALD and love it just as much.

A letter from Louis Drews dated March 16, gives an account of the meeting held by the Oshkosh church in response to the call that our people should pray for the blessing of the Lord upon the brethren who took part in the hearing on the Johnston Sunday bill March 8. He reports a very precious season that they had together, and says that the Spirit of the Lord came very near to them.

Elder M. Stuckrath, our German minister in Milwaukee, has been doing some work recently in Sheboygan. He finds a deep interest among a number of German families in that city. He spends about a week each time he goes there, and is already kept very busy both during the day and in the evenings, with Bible studies and cottage meetings. Some are keeping the Sabbath and others will soon take a stand to obey the truth. We expect to see a good company of German Sabbath-keepers there in the very near future.

Wanted

A man to mow the lawn, tend to the garden, and do general choring around the Madison Sanitarium. Address P. Larson, Madison, Wis., Care of Sanitarium.

Strawberry Plants

Send us the address of one or more parties who want strawberry plants, and we will give you a year's subscription to *Fruitman and Gardner*, (a 50c fruit journal) for only 10c. Catalogue of standard and new varieties free. Lake View Nursery, Box 9, Poy Sippi, Wisconsin.

FOR SALE.—Ten grape vines—strong two year roots—sent post-paid for the names of five fruit growers and one dollar. Your choice of varieties: Concord, Worden, Niagara, and Delaware. Our descriptive catalogue is free. Write for it. Fountain Valley Nursery. Box 46, Poy Sippi, Wis.

FOR SALE.—A twenty acre piece of timber land in Marathon Co., Wis., about two miles from S. D. A. church and church-school. Also 5½ acres land improved for gardening purposes, with 40 young fruit trees, some bearing. Two dwellings, situated in the central part of the village of Moon, one fourth mile from S. D. A. church and church-school. Address George E. Moore, R. F. D. 2, West Bend, Wis.