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PSALMS 41:3

MRS. S. L. STOUT

In the midst of my sickness and pain, Lord,
Can I trust Thee, and know Thou art true?
Can Thy comfort refresh my poor brain, Lord?
Can Thy promises thrill my heart through?

Ah yes! Praise His name! He has spoken:
He foresaw all my pain and my grief:
He knew, when my spirit was broken,
It would turn to the Fount for relief.

"I will make all thy bed in thy sickness."
Blest Lord, Thou dost make it for me!
I will pillow my head in Thy bosom,
I will rest in Thy promise so free.

"E'en through the dark valley and shadow,"
Healing comfort of Thy staff and rod
Is enough to quell the wild tumult
Of a heart that pants only for God.

In pity and love Thou hast spared, Lord,
And borne with my burden of tears:
Now I can but trust in Thy word, Lord,
And it soothes and allays all my fears.

And I hear in the night-time of anguish
Thy voice sounding thrillingly sweet;
"Fear not, child, nor let thy heart languish,
I am bringing thee close to My feet."

Mackinaw, Ill.

Deacons

There seems to be no well defined view as to the service to be performed by the deacon in the church. The character of the man for this office is quite clearly set forth in the New Testament, but as to the responsibility of the men holding the office we have only the purpose for which men were chosen on one occasion, as recorded in the sixth chapter of Acts, and that was to minister in temporal things.

The work of the eldership is more clearly defined in the New Testament, and is a continuation of the eldership, or judgeship, of Israel.

But where can we find in God's plan of organization for the church, a counterpart of the deacon in the Christian church? It is not difficult to trace this office likewise to the church in the wilderness, but coming down to a later date when the church was being re-established after the seventy years' captivity, it is definitely outlined:

Nehemiah said: "And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities, the portions appointed by the law for the priests and Levites." Neh. 12:44.

Here we find a class of men who were treasurers, and at the same time were collectors of tithes and offerings. This service belonged to, and was a part of, the work of ministration. "Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the Lord; and they prepared them. And brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite was ruler." 2 Chron. 31:11, 12.

These chambers in the temple contained the tithes and offerings of the priesthood, and those in charge had to prepare the offerings for the service in the temple. It was also their duty to distribute to those who lived from the tithes and offerings.

"And I made treasurers over the treasuries (naming several men): for they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute unto their brethren." Neh. 13:13. "For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning pertained to them. And certain of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale." 1 Chron. 9:26-28. (See also 1 Chron. 28:12, 13 and 1 Chron. 26:20, for a full account of this service in the days of Solomon). These treasurers are also referred to in the days of Joshua.

To sum up the contents of these Scriptures, then, these men were treasurers, and they collected tithes and offerings; they paid out the tithes and offerings to their brethren. They also had charge of the vessels of ministry, and the

preparation of that offered in sacrifice in the temple. There were different grades of these ministers, serving in various capacities, and they were a part of the ministry. It was a most natural thing in the apostles' day, when some one was needed to minister about temporal things, to relieve those engaged in spiritual work, that they should follow the plan that God gave to Isreal, with which they were familiar.

The word "appoint" in the Old Testament is the same as "ordain" in the New. The word translated "deacon" in the New Testament is "ministrant" or one who ministers. In the Jewish church there were two classes of ministers. One had charge of spiritual things, and the other temporal things. So in the Christian church the elder (bishop, overseer) and deacon. Hence the duties of deacon.

ALLEN MOON.

*Financiering the Book Business

J. W. MACE

To refer to the merits of the cash system of doing business, is to state an axiomatic truth which favorably appeals to every organization or individual doing business at wholesale or retail. With the exception of installment houses, and partial payment concerns, that flourish on the credit policy and are largely responsible for the present wide-spread credit system and its pernicious influence on legitimate business, the opinion in favor of the cash system is universal.

We everywhere find dealers advertising that their business is conducted on a cash basis, but it is universally recognized that the dealer who strictly ignores the credit system, runs the risk of decreased trade and business failure. It is a clearly understood fact that merchants must allow at least 10 per cent for carrying accounts, and that this additional 10 per cent must in some way be added to the selling price of the goods. Especially is this true in the retail trade.

A clothing merchant in Cincinnati, Ohio, conducts a large business on a strictly cash basis, and in his advertising emphasizes the fact, that because he gets cash for his goods, which enables him to secure cash discounts on his bills of purchase, he is able to undersell his competitors and at the same time secure his legitimate profit.

In our denominational business, speaking from the standpoint of the branch house, it is imperative that a cash policy be followed. We are the wholesale representative of the publishing houses in our assigned territory, and delay on our part in forwarding the necessary remittances to them would have the effect of cutting off our source of supplies and produce general con-

fusion, as it is impossible for the publishing houses to supply large demands for stock without the capital on which to work; and as we have no independent resources, we must look to the field alone to supply the money for the remittances as they come due.

The actual margin of profit in the book business is small for the publishing house and the branch, especially so when that margin is threatened. The margin above actual cost is divided and sub-divided in order to make the business self-supporting in all its branches.

The canvassers are our collectors or salesmen, working on a commission basis. We consider them just as closely related to our branch house as a firm's commercial travelers and representatives are to it, and a great deal more so if we take into consideration the religious character of our work.

A box of books reaches us from some publishing house; actual cost value to them \$100, this cost having been paid by them in labor and materials. We ship these books immediately to an agent on the order of his State tract society. The agent delivers the books, and collects the full amount from them, say \$350. \$175 of this amount belongs to him and \$175 to the State tract society, not six months or a year from the time of delivery but immediately, as soon as collected. Hence arises the importance of the State tract society keeping in close touch financially with every agent.

We have known of cases where books were delivered by an agent, the account being a little mixed, he did not know exactly his indebtedness to the society. He wrote to the society for a statement but received no reply for several weeks. Is it any wonder that bad accounts arise under such circumstances?

This might be considered an occasion for an agent to get in arrears. We would not call it an excuse, as there is never an excuse for not paying honest debts when the money is in hand. We believe that nine-tenths of financial trouble arises right here. We are talking on general principles and not on extraordinary and special conditions that may arise, such as failure in delivery, etc. Promptness in sending out statements is therefore a great factor in all cash transactions.

None of us are working for ourselves, the manager in a publishing house, the secretary in the tract society, nor the canvasser in the field; we are all but parts of this great second advent movement. If a collector or a solicitor for a mercantile house collects a sum of money on account, and fails to turn it in, he lays himself liable to arrest. It may not always be best to express the situation in such strong language,

*Paper read at Bookmen's Convention

but really is there much difference in the situation between actual results in either case?

In the case of the canvasser defaulting, the cause suffers; not a single publishing house, not a single branch office, but the cause of God.

But the canvasser is not wholly responsible for the failure to live up to the cash policy; there is the church tract society, the individual purchaser, and the State society itself, which may shape a policy that will tend to direct all business in the conference.

And let me state right here that the work done in our tract society offices is perhaps the most important work of any in connection with this great publishing department. The work is difficult, the situations that arise are perplexing, and to the gentleness of the dove must be constantly added the wisdom of the serpent.

A prompt financial business policy is a positive necessity to the successful establishment of the cash system in doing business. There is a psychological moment when a collection can be made, and that moment is liable to be just as near the date of sale as possible.

The State tract society in order to do its part must be entirely independent of every other department of the conference in a financial sense. If the funds of the society are used for other things, or are held back by the canvasser with whom they do business, then the house or branch derives no benefit from the working out of the cash policy within the conference boundaries.

Suppose a conference at its annual meeting votes to adopt the cash policy, then there needs to be no embarrassment in the collection of current accounts, and no worry over disgruntled individual members in the carrying out of this conference policy. And right here is demonstrated the ability of a working force in any conference; if they can enforce such a policy and at the same time keep the constituency sweet. This is, if you please, Christian diplomacy.

If our people could realize that the publishing houses are theirs in a personal sense, then the responsibility would fall upon our canvassers, our church societies, and our people generally to such an extent that the cash policy, or in fact any policy, would never have to be mentioned. If they could be led to understand that withholding money on accounts due on books and other publications is in the same sense crippling the work as withholding the tithe, then there would be a different condition of things. But is this not true? Is it not all one work.

When we reach this point of view, then we will be carrying out that great principle, "Owe no man anything, but to love one another." The necessary bickering over this question would then be eliminated, and love would be the ruling quality.

Then to sum up: With the cash policy goes prosperity for our publishing work, relief from worry and the constant possibility of trouble and misunderstanding; and with the old credit system comes embarrassment for the publishing work, and just the opposite conditions in the carrying on of everyday business. Which will you choose?

Madison Sanitarium

With the return of spring with its birds and balmy air, new life has come into our sanitarium and all of our family are in the best of spirits. Among the new comers for this week are the following: Dr. W. D. Stillman of Granton Wis., Albert Carlson, now of Tenn., but who formerly did much canvassing in this State, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Willey of Rhinelander, Wis., and Mrs. J. E. Green, of Watertown, Wis., Mrs. J. La Sage, is visiting her daughter Hazel, who is taking the nurses' course here, Miss Ida Thompson of China is here visiting her sister, Mrs. J. N. Anderson whose husband is also a missionary in China. Mrs. Schaffenburg of Milwaukee has come recently for treatment. She is the mother of Minnie Schaffenburg, and Mrs. Theodore Wangerin, who will be remembered as a missionary to Korea. John McReynolds of Grand Rapids was also with us for a short visit. Our patronage is increasing and we are hopeful.

W. W. STEBBINS.

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session of the West Michigan Conference

Third Meeting

The president called the meeting to order at 3 P. M., March 22, 1910.

The delegation joined in singing "Nearer My God to Thee." Elder J. J. Irwin offered prayer.

Minutes of the second meeting were read and approved.

On the call for delegates who had arrived since the last meeting the following persons reported: W. C. Hebner, Fred Green, Reid Shepard, Mrs. Cleora Green, delegates at large; James McAllister and J. B. Buck from Monterey; Mark Hoyt and Francis Savage from Frost.

The Committee on Seating of Delegates recommended the following persons who were voted in with the delegation: Mrs. J. E. Root from Wright; Mrs. Iva Woodruff from Bauer; Mrs. A. M. Ballanger from Bentor Harbor; Mrs. Anna Fleming from Carlton Center.

The educational secretary, Elder C. A. Hansen read his report which was as follows:-

Educational Report

"No better evidence of the latter rain could be seen among us, than the willingness on the part of fathers and mothers to spend hard-earned money to give the children God has entrusted to them a Christian education. There was a time when this could not be done, but at this time I am pleased to report that there are two academies and nineteen church-schools in which are employed 28 teachers doing this

noble work. This does not include Cedar Lake and church-schools in that territory. The total enrolment of children and young people now receiving instruction in these schools number 427.

"No one could visit these schools and the homes they represent without feeling that surely God is visiting the hearts of our people. And while we speak of the consecration of parents, it is equally true on the part of our teachers, who have shown themselves willing to refuse a salary of from \$40 to \$50 per month for one of from \$25 to \$30 in order to have a part in this closing work.

"A number of our faithful teachers have this year been stricken down with disease, which has caused us no little pain and much work to find teachers to supply their places; yet I am pleased to say that in every case the brethren have been very patient and have shown a Christian spirit in helping us to adjust these matters. You will be pleased to know that the teachers who have been ill are rapidly recovering and it is hoped will be ready for service next year.

"Our summer school was a success in every way, there being present nearly one hundred persons. Your secretary examined the papers of 24 teachers, some of whom are teaching in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and North Michigan, and the rest in West Michigan. It should be an encouragement to our brethren and sisters of this conference to know that we are not only sending out ministers, but teachers as well, to other fields.

"Our teachers are located as follows:— Battle Creek, C. A. Russel, Flora Williams, Mabel Baker, Harriot Heffley, Mrs. C. N. Sanders; Bangor, Helen Cowles; Bauer, Edna Ayars; Bedford, Forest Schoonard; Berrien Springs, Mrs. Byron Butterfield; Bloomingdale, Glenn Schoonard; Buchanan, Edna Cooper; Carlton Center, Ruth Peel; Charlotte, Hattie Brassington; Covert, Susie Klose; Denver, Anna Collige; Frost, Tina Hoyt; Grand Ledge, Thallie Halverson; Grand Rapids, Hattie Hansen; Glenwood, Edith Colburn; Lake Odessa, Fyrnn Ford; Monterey, Mina Hege; Otsego, C. A. Hansen, Fred Green, Minnie Hart, Reid Shepard, Lulu Cobb, Mabel Jenkins; Wright, Flossie Hall.

"We are anxious that the educational spirit may grow continually among our people and that we may view the matter of teaching our children in the light it is viewed by Him who sees the end from the beginning, and let us hope that in the coming year there will be more schools established, and that soon all our children may be gathered into a place of safety, where they can be prepared for the Master's use."

It was voted to accept this report and make it a matter of record.

Elder Hansen also reported as follows for the Sabbath-school department:—

Sabbath-School Report

"Dear Brethren and Sisters of the West Michigan Conference:—

"In reviewing a factor so well known and important as our Sabbath-school work it will not be necessary to consume much time in preliminaries. I am pleased to report that this old college of the third angel's message is turning out as many graduates as ever, and wherever you find a good strong soldier in the cause of God, whether in the homeland, where the work is well known, or on the fighting line in foreign fields, you will find that that worker has received the training of the Sabbath-school.

"It presents a school free of tuition, and open to all ages. At the close of the year we had about eighty such schools in this conference with regular officers and places of worship. We have a little less than twenty-five hundred members; the number varies from quarter to quarter according to the weather and other circumstances. We have scattered throughout the conference one hundred isolated Sabbath-keepers,

many of whom are members of the Home Department Sabbath-school.

"We have had two important movements to foster this year in our Sabbath-school work. First, The plan suggested by the General Conference that we give all of our regular donations to missions, and that we take up a special donation for our home expenses. This plan has met with a hearty response on the part of nearly all our schools. We sincerely hope that in the near future all will see the beauty of this plan and fall into line. It is true it takes more money, but it is also true that it is banked in heaven.

"It is a noteworthy fact that this movement has not lessened the regular donations but in many instances has greatly increased the same. This can best be proved by comparing the donations to missions before this plan was put into operation and afterwards. In the year 1907 the donation to missions was \$1456.20, this was under the old plan, while under the new plan of giving all to missions in 1909 we gave \$2411.81, or a difference of \$955.61. In the year 1908 about thirty of our schools adopted the new plan and at present we have over sixty that have fallen into line. It is pleasing to find that in the Sabbath-schools alone in the past year there has been raised over \$2400 which has been forwarded to the needy fields.

"The second movement we have on foot is the Teachers' Reading Course. This fills a long felt need among our schools. For years there has been a call for trained teachers in the Sabbath-school; but how could it be done? How train our teachers who are engaged in daily employment for a livelihood? At last this great need is met in the Teachers' Reading Course, which the teacher can take at home with but little expense.

"In closing I am pleased to state that the work is onward. In the past year there were added one regular Sabbath-school and several Home Department schools. Some conventions were held in which souls were led to the Master, and on the whole I believe that God is with us in this grand work and that we are well able to go up and possess the goodly land."

Wm. Reefman asked for a visit from the Sabbath-school secretary. C. A. Russell was in favor of all of the regular donations going to missions. W. W. Robinson, Frank Hubbard, Allen Moon, and G. B. Thompson took part in encouraging this plan.

Religious Liberty Department

Elder S. D. Hartwell read the following report of the religious liberty department:—

"In presenting the report of the religious liberty department it does not seem wise to take the time of the conference in reviewing the situation in the general field, which must be more or less familiar to all the delegates present.

"The religious liberty department in this conference was organized four years ago by the election of a departmental secretary, and the appointment of local secretaries in the churches, and from time to time the principles of Christian liberty have been presented.

"During the year the Johnston Sunday bill for the District of Columbia introduced in the United States Senate, and the joint resolution proposing an amendment to the United States Constitution has furnished this department with an opportunity to present remonstrances against the passage, by the national Congress, of measures tending to make more effective the Sunday laws already on the statute books of nearly all the States. However the plan of doing that work, and the system of reporting is not such as will afford a definite knowledge of the number engaged in the work, the number of petitions sent in, or the signatures secured.

"In our own territory but three occasions have been reported of anything like public agitation on the Sunday law enforcement.

"At Coldwater, two men, brothers, were prosecuted for

Sunday labor, and upon inquiry we learned that the parties were not working on Sunday because of religious convictions but rather as the result of general lawlessness. We did not feel that it was a case for the department to connect with. Where people's liberties are jeopardized by prosecution for Sunday labor it often affords an excellent opportunity for the presentation of right principles, but we believe discretion should be used in championing cases of lawlessness.

"In Albion Hon. Robert B. Glenn from one of the Southern States, held a public meeting in which he endeavored to show that the cause of 'the wickedness and shame in our large cities' is that the nation has no laws respecting the Sabbath. His speech was reported in the *Albion Leader*, a copy of which was sent to the department and was replied to in an article February 10, in which it was shown that it was impossible for the nation to make a Sabbath acceptable to God, and, even if the nation could and did enact a Sunday law, that would not alter or change the character of its citizens. It was also suggested that the real cause of the lawlessness and iniquity in our cities is the tendency of the church to divorce itself from its true source of power, and to ally itself with the state to enforce the dogmas it has not the moral stamina to maintain.

"In Marshall, since the close of the year however, a meeting has been held agitating the enforcement of Sunday laws. An article has been sent the paper in which the meeting was reported, and a letter sent the editor, but with what results we cannot speak.

"We suggest that the matter of maintaining a secretary in each church who will give special attention to any attempt to agitate the enforcement of Sunday laws, and report the same to the department be adopted. Also that each church keep on hand ready for any campaign at any time, a quantity of religious liberty literature.

"An effort should be made to interest papers, in the various cities of the conference, in publishing articles on the subject of Sunday laws and religious legislation. This should be wisely handled however that the most good may be accomplished and the good will of the newspaper men be retained. Our local secretaries can render much assistance of this kind.

"Perhaps it may be well for the department to arrange for religious liberty conventions, but it is very certain that whatever plans may be suggested that will increase our diligence, and efficiency should be accepted and put into practical operation, for the evidences are becoming more and more conclusive that 'the dragon is wroth with the woman, and is making war upon the remnant of her seed, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.'"

Elder Geo. B. Thompson gave some very interesting facts concerning the Johnston Sunday bill. He concluded by requesting that this body pass a recommendation and send a telegram to the chairman of the committee having the bill in charge.

Moved by H. W. Miller and carried, that G. B. Thompson, S. D. Hartwell, and C. A. Russell be instructed to draft such a telegram.

Missionary Department

The report of the missionary secretary was read by Elder Hartwell as follows:—

"In submitting the report of the missionary department from the standpoint of the field missionary secretary I would call attention to the fact that while the report is for the whole year, the appointment of the present secretary was made July 28, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of the regularly elected secretary, Elder J. W. Hofstra, to a General Conference appointment in Java.

"I would also state in this connection that while the appointment was made in July, owing to other work, it was not until November that the present incumbent could give the work of the department any personal attention, and consequently is not entitled to much credit for anything that may have been accomplished.

"To the tract society secretary, E. L. Richmond, we are indebted for the items of the labor report which follows, given by quarters:

	Churches Reporting	Members Reporting	Letters Written	Letters Received	Bible Readings Held	Subscriptions Received	Periodicals Distributed	Pages of Books and tracts loaned and given away	Missionary Visits	Persons supplied with Food or Clothing
1st	29	144	299	105	146	570	9,849	216,036	53	187
2nd	28	70	151	93	48	251	7,766	100,211	728	—
3rd	28	78	163	69	31	123	6,022	33,407	6	133
4th	28	79	247	125	80	375	2,242	32,491	856	—
Totals			860	392	305	1,319	25,879	382,145	1,643	320

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West Michigan

BENTON HARBOR, AND ST. JOSEPH. My field of labor from August until January 11 was Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, and surrounding country. Besides pastoral work in the cities, I took many long walks into the country, distributing literature and talking to the people as I had opportunity in visiting from house to house, reserving city work for bad weather. I preached at the City Rescue Mission several times, and led a few meetings for another sect of people who appeared to be sincere Christians.

I sold and gave away several hundred copies of magazines and papers. My visiting list was growing decidedly. I loved the work, and was anxious to do much more.

I regret the necessity of saying that just before Christmas I was taken suddenly and severely ill. By counsel with the church and conference committee, I decided to return to my more comfortable home in Grandville.

I am thankful that the Lord has healed me of disease that my physician said never could be healed.

Saving for lack of strength incident to my age, I rejoice in the thought of accomplishing an efficient work in the cause of God during the season now opening.

A. SMITH.

Grandville, Mich.

Report of East Michigan Church-Schools for November

Name of School	Teacher	Mem.	Half Days Absent	Tardy	Visitors
Fairgrove	Hazel Vail	16	76	16	5
Holly	Winnifred Tefft	15	7	35	7
St. Charles	Ivah Krome	23	13	88	1
Jackson	Mildred Smith	10	20	18	3
Owosso	Agnes Everest	11	5	42	2
Otter Lake	Ardenne May	2	3	—	1
Jefferson	Alfaretta Sherman	4	7	2	4
Juniata	Nettie Stevenson	7	2	11	1
Vassar	Ida J. Malin	6	2	33	5
Edenville	Kate Nolin	20	45	5	6
Ithaca	Myrtie Fishell	12	25	14	2
Munger	Reta Fenner	6	—	9	2
Hazelton	Mildred Rathbun	7	2	1	—
Prattville	Ethel Burnett	6	10	21	3
Flint	Ina Hicks	11	34	21	2
Total 15		156	251	316	44

Because of sickness and the extreme weather there are a good many absence and tardy marks, but we hope that with the coming of more favorable conditions these will not appear. We are glad to have the first report from the school recently started at Flint. The work is well spoken of and this is true of the work throughout the conference. We trust the prayers of all our people may ascend to God daily for these faithful workers that their work may be a success and that the children may be a power for good in the world.

H. A. BOYLAN.

Wisconsin

SUPERIOR.—An excellent letter came yesterday from Elder J. H. Hoffman, who promises to send the HERALD a personal report in the near future. He has been working in Superior the past year, his wife assisting him.

When they began work there they found a small company of Sabbath-keepers needing encouragement. Last summer three Swedish families accepted the message through the labors of Brother and Sister Hoffman. Last Sabbath six more who have recently accepted the truth were baptized. Their Sabbath-school now numbers thirty. A sister living in the south part of the city who cannot get out to the usual place of meeting, has a Sabbath-school of seven in her own home.

Brother Hoffman's letter contained another item which will be encouraging to our faithful sanitarium workers. His mother-in-law, a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota, informs him of an influential lady of that city who went to the Madison Sanitarium for treatment last winter. In a few weeks she returned home improved in health. While in the sanitarium she learned the truth of the third angel's message which she fully accepted, and has since united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in St. Paul

Brother L. M. Johnson of Ashland, spent a few days recently assisting Elder Hoffman in house-to-house work and in holding evening services in Billings Park, a suburb of Superior. Brother Hoffman says that the greatest need of the work in that city is a suitable public place for their meetings. He has recently disposed of the piece of land he purchased last fall and gained \$100 which he has decided to make the basis of a fund to provide a house of worship in Superior. God will bless such unselfish effort, and we believe the time is not far distant when his purpose will be realized.

C. McREYNOLDS.

KENOSHA.—A letter just received this morning from Elder M. H. Serns gives an interesting account of the work in Kenosha. He says: "Last Friday evening I called on a prominent lady who has taken a firm stand for God's commandments. Another, one of Sister Wampole's readers who is employed by a family, asked the privilege of having the Sabbath off. The lady of the house said, 'Why of course you may have Saturdays off if you will be willing to work on Sunday.' That was just what the young lady desired and so she will henceforth observe the Sabbath. Last Sabbath was her first. The superintendent of the Jeffries' Automobile Works is very much interested and asked me the question, 'Why do we not have the gifts of the Spirit in the church?' He said, 'I think they ought to be in the church.' He then asked how our people get along in the world—that is, for employment. Sister Wampole said, 'We have no trouble at all when we want to obey God.' He then asked if some of our men do not want work, and said, 'Send them to me and I will set them to work.' They are studying the truth very earnestly."

Elder Serns relates a conversation with a lady who said because it is hard to change from one's old views and adopt the new, she had decided to keep both days. He is sure she will soon drop the Sunday observance.

Brother Serns hopes that a man who is convinced of the truth will see his way clear to keep next Sabbath, and says further, "Now, Brother McReynolds, we have four other men who are much concerned and we are making them special subjects of prayer, and I think that three others should come under the same head, making seven besides those mentioned before, to be spoken of by name in our petitions to God."

Let us all unite our petitions for these interested ones. It looks like the work is just begun in Kenosha and surely the workers' hands need to be upheld by the earnest prayers of the Lord's people.

C. McREYNOLDS.

Southern Illinois

The following recommendation was passed at the elders' meeting in Springfield:—

Whereas, Many of our churches have fallen so far behind in raising ten cents a week for missions; therefore,

11. WE RECOMMEND, That each church balance up any deficit of this fund at the close of the quarter by donations.

The following list shows the amount each church should raise during the first quarter of 1910:

Cottage Home.....\$ 23.40	Oakland	2.60
Charlestown..... 11.70	Pontoosuc	15.60
Du Quoin104.00	Peoria.....	76.70
Decatur..... 49.40	Pana	10.40
Farmington..... 23.40	First Springfield	61.10
Foosland..... 16.90	Second Springfield ..	32.50
Herrin..... 19.50	Stewardson.....	22.10
Brownstown..... 36.40	Twin City.....	36.40
Kingman..... 7.80	West Salem	9.10
Lovington..... 19.50	Woodburn	5.20
Martinsville..... 19.50	Conference Church ..	124.80
Noble		28.60

Book Work In Southern Illinois

I am glad to report progress in the book work in this conference. Many are entering the field with a determination to make a success. I am thankful for the hearty co-operation of all. I was never in a place where everyone seemed more determined to make a success of the work. We realize, to some extent, that we have only a short time in which to work, and that the hearts of the people are being prepared for this truth as they have never been in the past.

I was convinced of this the other day while out in the field with a brother who expects to engage in the work this summer. In the evening, about dusk, we decided to work if possible by lamplight, as we had failed to secure the desired number of orders; so we knelt and prayed earnestly that God would give us more orders if it would be to His glory. We then canvassed five houses, taking an order at every house for "Daniel and Revelation." We can see that God is going before us in a remarkable manner, preparing the hearts of men and women for this truth. Let us all put forth our best efforts and God will surely fulfill His word, going before and accomplishing wonders for us.

E. M. FISHELL.

Canvassers' Institutes

- N. Mich., Perkins, April 1-11.
- Wisconsin, Sparta, " 15-25.
- E. Michigan, Holly " 22-May 2.
- N. Michigan, Cedar Lake, April 29-May 9.
- Emmanuel Missionary College, May 6-16.
- Indiana, Beechwood Academy, May 20-30.
- Wisconsin, Bethel, June 1-10.
- S. Illinois, Springfield, date not certain.
- W. Michigan, Otsego, " " "

J. B. BLOSSER.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING

MARCH 25, 1910

Southern Illinois

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
J. E. Dent.....	B. R.	35	12	\$36 00	\$ 4 40	\$40 40
Mattie Dent.....	D. R.	13	8	16 50	2 45	18 95
W. E. Bailey.....	B. R.	18	13	45 00	2 25	47 25
A. J. Scott.....	C. K.	25	6	6 00	48 20	54 20
Louisa Groves.....	D. R.	8	2	6 00	1 50	7 50
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Emmanuel Missionary College.

Charles Willis of Cedar Lake, Mich., is now working in the farm department.

Arthur Thiele of Chicago came last Monday, and is now working in the fruit department. He is a prospective student for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Graf of Plateau, New Mexico, are making their son and daughter, Prof. O. J. Graf and Miss Alma Graf, an extended visit.

Miss Edna Cooper visited the College last Thursday on her way back to her school work in Buchanan. She has been having a short spring vacation.

Elder Kirkendall and family of this place are moving to Ontario, Canada, where he will continue in the ministerial work. Elder Kirkendall has been working in Chicago for several years.

Miss Mary Ballard of Chicago who is attending the Lewis Institute, and Miss Winifred Trobert of Niles, Michigan who is a teacher in the schools at that place, visited friends and relatives at the College Sabbath.

Mr. Clarence Boyle, one of the students from the village, was drowned last Thursday while fishing. He had been with us only a few months but had won many friends. We all sorrow with his parents and friends.

The agriculture class is conducting experiments demonstrating the water evaporation from various soils. The necessary equipment for this work was secured last winter by Mr. King and donated to the agriculture department.

Among the books received for the library last week, are several volumes on Old Testament history, evidences of Christianity, and moral science. Besides the Southern Publishing Association has made the library a donation of all the books they publish that were not already in the library.

We regret not being able to learn the exact whereabouts of more of the old College students of the early years here, but give below our "findings" for 1902-03:

Libbie Irwin-Wright is at Loma Linda, Cal.

Lola Vance is at homes in Newcastle, Ind.

Robert Pringle is farming near Green Bay, Wis.

Carrie Applegate-Harris lives in Fairland, Ind.

May Sandborn-Nickels lives in Bay City, Mich.

Homer Howe and family live at Otsego, Mich.

Nellie Hoopingartner-Plaine lives at Nappanee, Ind.

Roy Doty is working at the Sanitarium in Battle Creek.

C. Edwardson is in the ministry and located at Kenosha, Wis.

Mina Hildreth is teaching a church-school at Monterey, Mich.

May Warren is teaching the church-school on the South Side, Chicago.

Carl Snow is working for the Southern Publishing Company, Nashville, Tenn.

Alice Bramhall and Bertha Phelps live in Madison, Wis., and the latter is teaching.

Louis Kephart is a civil engineer and is surveying in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Edna Bellows-Grey lives in Benton Harbor where her husband is pastor of the church.

Mrs. L. A. Curtis lives in Cedar Lake, Mich., where her husband conducts a general store.

A. E. Thompson and his brother-in-law, Bert Wright are in Chicago working at paper hanging and painting.

Henrietta Parfitt-AcMoody died several years ago and Emma Runck very recently; also Dr. Amy Bascom of Huntsville, Ala.

Rosella Snyder-Davis of 1903 and B. B. Davis of 1904 are assistant instructors in the normal school of Fernando Academy.

Marie Buhaltz-Boyd is matron of the Oakwood Manual Training School, Huntsville, Ala., and also teaches sewing and domestic science.

Professor Judson Crouse is connected with the school of music at Union College, making a specialty of Sight-singing and band instruments.

Carl A. Hansen is principal of the Otsego Academy and is Educational and Sabbath-school Secretary of the West Michigan Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jones are in Union College, the former as student expecting to graduate next year, and the latter as matron of the College.

We learn that the item given concerning H. W. Johnston was not true of the E. M. C. student of that name. We are very glad to receive the correction.

J. G. Hanna has the combined office of Missionary Secretary and Secretary of the Young People's Volunteer Department in the Virginia Conference, and is located at Lynchburg.

Morris Sabin, with his mother, wife, and little son, lives on a large homestead in Saskatchewan, Canada. Mrs. Sabin was formerly Edith Parland, who was also an E. M. C. student.

Southern Illinois

Brother E. M. Fishell spent last Sabbath at DuQuoin.

Brother J. L. Shuler reports a good interest at Martinsville.

A canvassers' institute will be held in Springfield April 11 to 20.

Brother E. F. Ferris reports five new Sabbath-keepers at Elizabethtown.

Elder S. E. Wight expects to move from Springfield to Otsego, Mich., this week.

Miss Edith Shepard recently visited DuQuoin in the interest of the school work.

Elder G. B. Thompson gave a profitable and interesting sermon to the First Springfield Church Tuesday evening, March 29.

Misses Ethel and Nellie Kirkpatrick, of DuQuoin, have gone to Paradise Valley Sanitarium, California, to take the nurses' course.

The conference committee held a meeting in Springfield Tuesday, March 29, Elder G. B. Thompson uniting with them in council. Elder S. E. Wight, having been elected president of the West Michigan Conference, offered his resignation as president of Southern Illinois, and Elder E. A. Bristol, of North Michigan, was chosen to fill the vacancy.

Sister Stout of Mackinaw is recovering from a serious illness. In a recent letter to the HERALD she states that she and Sister Flesher have a reading rack in their railway station, which they use their spare change in buying tracts to fill. She says they are pleased to state that it needs refilling two or three times each week.

Southern Illinois

Tithe Report for January and February

Brownstown.....	\$ 40.00
Cottage Home.....	97.36
Charleston.....	19.03
Du Quoin.....	96.07
Decatur.....	96.47
Farmington.....	49.19
Foosland.....	79.00
Herrin.....	4.44
Kingman.....	41.67
Lovington.....	12.08
Martinsville.....	45.60
Noble.....	8.15
Pontoosuc.....	50.00
Peoria.....	118.62
Pana.....	12.00
First Springfield.....	197.66
Second Springfield.....	41.99
Stewardson.....	8.13
Woodburn.....	4.00
Miscellaneous.....	75.07
Conference Church.....	195.24
Total.....	\$1291.77

North Michigan

The institute for the canvassers is being held at Riverside from April 1-10. Brother Johnson left last Thursday for this field. It is expected that a large number will go out from this institute and we hope that success will attend their efforts

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Mrs. LOU K. CURTIS, EDITOR

A. P. Friday made the office a pleasant call on his way to his home in the Upper Peninsula.

Letters continue to come into the office expressing satisfaction with the Acre Plan and promising support to it. This bids fair to be a success in all ways.

Brother Bristol has been holding some meetings out south of town and as a result one lady has decided to keep the Sabbath and a number more are interested.

In a letter from Brother Nyman we find that three more have accepted the Sabbath in that place and fifteen are awaiting baptism. He has been doing some work on local option lines this spring and finds good results from it.

We have heard a good many reports from those who are handling the "Family Bible Teacher" and all seem well pleased with it. We trust this will be the means of helping many an individual to see the message for these times.

Miss Baird was called to her home at Hillsdale on account of the serious sickness of her grandmother. She writes that undoubtedly she will be delayed there for a week or more, so if letters are not answered promptly you will know the reason.

Doubtless our people in the Upper Peninsula will be pleased to learn that the camp-meeting will be held at Ishpeming, June 20-26. We have not learned as yet what ministerial help we will have, but due notice will be given later on. Begin now to plan for this meeting for it will be an important gathering.

Wisconsin

The board meeting of the Clearwater School will be held next week.

Elder T. G. Lewis met with the Grand Rapids church last Thursday night.

The quarterly meeting of the Grand Rapids church is appointed for Sabbath, April 9.

Miss Mable Slater who has been called to the Madison Sanitarium to take the work in the business office as stenographer and bookkeeper, arrived there this week.

Miss Clara Paeschke and Miss Emma Pflugradt, students of the Bethel Academy, left for their home in Milwaukee, but will return in a few days to finish the work of the spring term.

The time for the graduating exercises of the senior class at Madison Sanitarium, is now definitely appointed for Monday evening, April 18. Professor O. J. Graf has been invited to give the address on that occasion. An interesting program will be rendered by the class.

Professor Stone and wife were welcome callers at the conference office Monday afternoon, the 28th. Sister Stone who has been unable to perform her duties as a teacher because of sickness is much encouraged at present in regard to her prospects for recovery. She will probably spend a few weeks at the Madison Sanitarium before resuming her work in Bethel Academy.

Will our periodical workers kindly bear in mind that orders for periodicals should be sent in at least two weeks before they are wanted, and so avoid probable disappointment. For instance if you desire May magazines, send us your orders by the middle of April, if possible. We will send orders on at once and you will doubtless receive them soon after they are published.

Again we want to call the attention of our people throughout the State, to the canvassers' institute to be held in Sparta, beginning April 15. Good ministerial help will be provided. Brother Blosser will be with us through the institute, and this will afford an excellent opportunity for those who are ready to enter the Master's work, to get the instruction needed to fit them for successful work.

Elder McReynolds has just received a letter from Elder U. Bender, president of the West Indian Union Conference. He has recently visited St. Thomas Island in the Danish West Indies, where Elder Walleker has charge of the work and Miss Jennie Nelson is teaching school. Elder Bender reports very favorably, indeed, from the school work and says it has accomplished much good and has been the means of breaking down prejudice and materially assisting in establishing the work there. He says: "I shall be much pleased to hear from you. I do not think of you only as we want help, but my mind goes back to the days when you had charge of us boys in the Southwestern Union Conference, and when you helped us in Arkansas."

That Temperance Instructor

I have seen many good things and read much good literature on temperance, but I am constrained to say that

the late Special *Instructor* is the best production on that subject I have ever seen. It is not saying too much for it to say that it should be placed in every home in the land. Words are too weak to tell in full the real value of the paper.

Its illustrations are so striking and say so much at first sight, that to sell it one would need only to show the pictures and read a few of the statements connected with them. I shall order a good supply and recommend every brother and sister to do the same. The children can sell hundreds, yes, thousands of them. They have never before had a paper that will sell so easily as this one will.

In no better way can you help the cause of temperance. Nothing will so effectually break down the prejudices of the people against us as to strike such a strong blow at intemperance as this paper does. You can help in this way to gather in the \$300,000 for building homes for our missionaries in the fields beyond.

What can I say to cause you to feel the importance of this matter as I do? If you will only get one into your hands and read it for yourself you will not wonder at my enthusiasm. Order your papers from your own tract society and enjoy the blessing of selling them to your neighbors and friends and give them an opportunity to get the blessing from reading them.

C. McREYNOLDS.

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.