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

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"Our lives we cut on a curious plan,
Shaping them, as it were, for man;
But God, with better art than we,
Shapes them for eternity."

Halley's Comet

It is not my purpose to enter into a scientific or astronomical discussion of comets in general, or of this one in particular as the heading of this article might indicate. Doubtless the entire civilized world is expecting without any question or doubt to soon see the much talked about Halley's comet. A few weeks ago I read a statement from a renowned astronomer that this comet would be visible to the naked eye about 3 o'clock in the morning in our part of the country the 6th of May. That being my birthday I had no difficulty in remembering it. And this morning, May 6, I chanced to be awakened at a quarter of three and quickly looked to the eastern sky for the expected comet. To my great satisfaction there it was in all its brilliancy.

I was moved profoundly, not merely from the sight of the comet, but from the thoughts that came to my mind in connection with the situation. It is seventy-five years since this comet made its last visit to our world. For seventy-five years it has been hastening through space, passing over the course of its vast orbit, one-half of that time receding from us, and during the past thirty-seven and one-half years it has been on its return journey, and here it appears at the exact time and in just the manner that men of science have pointed out. Grand old Kepler, the noted astronomer, who discovered the rotation of the planets, after having great light opened to his mind in his research made this statement, "O God, I think Thy thoughts after Thee." In this he gave expression to a wonderful truth. The power of God and the mind of God is controlling the movements of all of these heavenly bodies. This the ancient astronomer recognized. He, by whom all things consist, has ordained the great system known as the universe and His hand is guiding all. The word of inspiration is, "stars, and suns, and systems, encircling the throne of the Deity." There is inspiration and an awakening of devotion in contemplating God's wonderful works, as well as in witnessing the marvelous precision and accuracy of the movements of these heavenly bodies.

I would venture that scarcely an intelligent person in the world to-day has entertained any serious doubt regarding the statements that astronomers have made that Halley's comet would appear at this time. This is a wonderful expression of confidence, not only in the astronomers, but in the stability

and accuracy of the movements of the heavenly bodies. They have had very good grounds for faith, yet the heavens and earth may pass away, but the word of God will never pass away. That word which forms such a prominent basis for our faith tells of an event in no uncertain terms of vastly greater importance to every soul than the appearance of Halley's comet. While looking at that comet this morning this thought came to my mind. Halley's comet will never appear to our present world again, but soon, yes, much sooner than many of us expect, He, who made all of the heavenly bodies, He, by whom they are upheld and guided on in their vast circuits through space, is soon to visit our world. I hope that the thought of this will arouse the same emotions in the breasts of others as it did in me when contemplating these things. Far better authority than that of the world's astronomers assures us of the certainty of this great event. Very few in the world to-day compared to the fifteen hundred million of the world's population have any knowledge of the fact that the Maker of the universe is about to make His appearance to our world, nor is it known by but just a few the significance that event has for humanity. I feel that we should be more earnest than we have ever been in the past, and more untiring in our efforts to have the inhabitants of the world know of the nearness of that event that means so much to us all.

E. K. SLADE.

Damage of Fruit on College Farm

No doubt there will be some query on the part of those interested in Emmanuel Missionary College as to whether the fruit has been injured by the frost. It may be well to say that the College is located just outside of the fruit-belt and usually the liability to injury is as great here as farther east.

For nearly two weeks the wind blew from the south almost constantly, causing the fruit buds and blossoms to open three weeks earlier than fruit growers would have them appear. On Wednesday, April 6, the wind changed, turning to the north, and mercury rapidly lowered until at 9 p. m. it stood at 30 degrees fahrenheit.

During the night water in the open froze one-eighth of an inch thick. It would seem that this would destroy all fruit that was in the blossom, but the sap does not freeze as readily as water,—firstly because it is thick, secondly because of its continually flowing through the stem, and thirdly because during the growth of vegetation, there is slight generation of heat. This last is especially true in the blossom during the unfolding of its petals. Then, too, it may be well to say that each pear bud, if perfect, sends out eight blossoms all of which do not come out at the same time. Some of these were open on Wednesday night while some were still closed. Those that were closed retained the heat generated just as a closed dwelling room retains the heat from the stove. In this way the little room is kept warm and the fruit is uninjured. Even though the thermometer goes down to about 28 degrees, there is little, if any injury to the fruit buds, or even to the fruit blossoms, unless it remains thus for a long time, say twenty-four hours or more. Putting it another way, we may say unless water freezer more than one-eighth of an inch in an open vessel on a clear night, there need to be no alarm in regard to the injury to the fruit during the blossom season.

The later freezes, and frosts, however, have done much in-

jury to the grapes, pears, peaches, plums, cherries, and small fruits, so that not more than one-fourth to one-half a crop can be expected. Water froze on the evening after the snow, nearly half an inch. All grape buds that had started were killed. Secondary buds, however, may produce a partial harvest; but the bunches will be small, and may be caught by early fall frosts. Sweet cherries are entirely destroyed, and pears are borne chiefly on the branches opposite the side against which the wind blew, and on the lower protected branches. Not only were the fruit buds frozen, but the foliage blasted by the northwest wind, which for the time of year, was in its effects just about equivalent to a blizzard.

J. H. HAUGHEY.

"Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?"

At the recent Council of the General Conference Committee it was recommended that another edition of the tract, "Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?" be published. It was thought at the time we first published it that the Johnston bill would become law before this, but at this writing it looks as though this would not be the case during the present session of Congress. Should this bill fail to become law during this session, it would afford us a most excellent opportunity to enlighten the people of this country concerning the evils of Sunday legislation. This can be done by the circulation of the tract, "Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?" and with our other religious liberty leaflets and the magazine *Liberty*.

You may be assured that if the Johnston Sunday bill fails in becoming law during the present session of Congress, it will arouse the friends of these wicked measures to make the most bitter fight they have ever made to secure the passage of this or some similar bill.

These things should awaken all Seventh-day Adventists to do more this summer than they have ever done before to enlighten the citizens of this country concerning the true principles of religious liberty.

There is another consideration that should be taken into account in determining why we should improve the interim between now and the last session of the Sixty-first Congress, which will open December 5, and that is the fact that the Lord is the one who is holding in check this proposed evil legislation that His people may be given an opportunity to warn the world against these evil things before it is too late.

It should not be forgotten that what we do to prevent these bills being enacted into law by Congress has a very direct influence upon every State in the Union. The far-reaching influence of Congress, should it enact a Sunday law, is recognized by the friends of Sunday legislation outside the District of Columbia, for only a short time ago in Baltimore, at a session of the Methodist Conference, a strong resolution was passed, urging the passage of the Johnston Sunday bill, on this very account.

If it were possible, the tract "Do You Wish Congress to Prescribe Your Religion?" should be placed in the home of every English-speaking family in the land. Those to whom the tracts are given can be solicited later—say next autumn before Congress opens—for their signature to the petition against any religious measure that may be pending in Congress. These tracts can be ordered through your local tract society, or direct from the Review and Herald Publishing House, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., at the rate of seventy-five cents per hundred, or seven dollars and fifty cents per thousand.

Do not delay this work for every moment is golden!

K. C. RUSSELL.

A Promising Mission Field

A delightful sail of twelve hours from Key West, the extreme southeast corner of the United States, puts one into

the chief city of Cuba, our Island neighbor, among a people speaking what to us is a foreign tongue, and living a life in many ways different from that in the United States.

From the standpoint of climate and soil production Cuba is a delightful place to live. The temperature averages seventy-seven degrees for the entire year. Frosts are never known. The fruits of Cuba rival those of Florida and California. One is not confined to a fruit diet however, for sweet potatoes, yams, cassavas, and all the edible legumes grow in abundance. The yield of the land seems prodigious to one accustomed to our northern soil. I saw fields of sugar cane from which a crop has been taken annually for the past fifteen years without replanting.

But it is not the ease of a semi-tropic country that lovers of the third angel's message are seeking. Cuba's thousands need the gospel. They need it badly and they need it now.

Cuba was under the absolute sway of Catholic Spain for several hundred years and it is only since this rule was broken in 1900 that the people have begun to call for help. Ten years ago it was unlawful to sell a Protestant Bible on the Island. It was impossible to hold a Protestant service.

When I was in central Cuba in January last I met a company of eight Sabbath-keepers. The Sabbath truth was brought to these people by the teachings in a little self-supporting industrial school.

I was intensely interested in these Cubans who are now seeking for light. The young men want school privileges and my heart bleeds when I think of the opportunities for the gospel work there and the dearth of workers.

Cuba has no Sabbath-keeping physician; there are no nurses there; the children are without schools. Four self-supporting schools have been started, but what are four schools where several hundred are needed?

Plans have been inaugurated to open next fall, a small training school in central Cuba where teachers from the United States can spend a few months studying the Spanish language and Cuban ways of living preparatory to opening small industrial schools. There is a company of workers now at the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute who plan to go to Cuba this fall. Other consecrated, mature Christian workers are needed there. Do you know of any teacher, Bible worker, or medical missionary who would like to join this company?

On May six there was held at Madison, Tennessee a convention of self-supporting workers, and this Cuba problem was studied. Two teachers who have been doing self-supporting work on the Island for the past three years were in attendance at this convention.

Again, the summer school of the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, opening June 23, 1910 will offer special advantages to those who desire to prepare for the work in Cuba. The future teacher of the Spanish language in this Cuban training station will be with us during the summer and by fall a goodly company of teachers and workers should be ready to sail for Cuba.

One short article cannot contain many details, but further information will be gladly given to any who ask E. A. Sutherland, Madison, Tennessee.

Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE.—The work in Milwaukee is steadily going forward. Another dear soul followed her Lord in baptism Sabbath morning, May 7. This sister received her first favorable impression of the truth by the faithfulness and consecration manifested by one of our canvassers, who while trying to make a sale found her indifferent, and then and there prayed for her. This touched her heart, and she began reading. Then Sister Jennie Snow began readings with her; later her mother gave the sister Bible studies, and lastly Mrs.

Post studied with her. She has fully counted the cost and has made a full surrender. Now her heart is set on doing Bible work among the Polish people, there being thousands of her people in the city. A great and untouched field is opened before her. Let us all remember this field in our prayers.

A number of others are in the valley of decision, and we expect to continue reaping while sowing seed, and thus fulfil Amos 9: 13, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed."

BYRON L. POST.

727 4th St., May 8.

An Explanation

It was stated in the *Wisconsin Reporter* last winter that we wanted to dedicate the new schoolhouse in Bethel, at the opening of the winter term, January 1, but we would not dedicate it till the accounts were all paid. Now some think it was dedicated and they do not understand why we are calling for a collection May 14 and 21, to finish up the payment of the bills.

The explanation is easy. First,—we did not dedicate the schoolhouse; and for the very reason that the call we made then did bring means enough to pay the bills. These collections are being called for because we want to pay the bills. Payment is being demanded, and when these are paid the house will be dedicated.

Let us lift together once more and the work will be done. Come now, let us clear this up and all will be happy. But it will take the amount each church is asked to raise to do it.

We are praying daily. We ask you to unite with us in prayer that this money may be raised and let us all help to answer our own prayers.

C. McREYNOLDS.

Bethel Academy

Professor Fattic who has been obliged to spend some days at the sanitarium has returned to his work, full of vigor as usual.

The grounds south of the main building have been levelled and are to be seeded to grass. This will make a great improvement in the appearance of the academy lawn.

It has been decided by the academy board that school will close June 9. This was the original date set, but it was thought, at one time, to close a week later since a week had been lost during the winter.

Special attention is called to the fact that the canvassers' institute for the academy which was originally set to last the first ten days of June, will close on the 9th of June. Those who are planning to attend this institute should plan to be here no later than May 27.

C. L. STONE

From the Canvassing Field

It has been some time since a report has been sent from this part of God's vineyard, and am sure some are anxious to know how the work is prospering. I am glad to say it is the same good news that we hear from all parts of the great field,—God's blessing is with His faithful workers.

I can report good success, considering the territory in which I have been working. Most of the people are Catholics, but God has opened the hearts of a good many, and my prayer is that when Jesus comes there may be some from among them to join in the song of victory.

May God put it in the hearts of many more of His people to take up this work. We read in Volume 6 of the "Testimonies for the Church", page 313, that God has ordained this important work and we cannot estimate it too highly, also that many honest souls would never hear this warning message were it not for the canvassing work. So, let us awake

to our duty that this message we so much love may be given to all, and that none may say at that day, "O, why did you not tell us?" Think what that would mean. I, for one, wish with God's help to be clear of such an accusation.

F. E. MIDDELSTED.

Darlington Wis.

East Michigan

RAPSON.—Sabbath and Sunday, May 7, 8, were good days for the Rapson church. On Sabbath the ordinances were celebrated and the Lord came very near. On Sunday after a sermon and a short business meeting, we repaired to a small body of water where seven of the young people were buried with their Lord in baptism, to walk forever, we hope, with Him in newness of life. The parents of these young people were made to rejoice as they saw their sons and daughters arise from the watery grave.

The meetings which I have been privileged to hold the last two weeks with the church at Rapson have brought courage and hope to my own heart.

B. F. STUREMAN.

Funds Received April, 1910

Foreign Missions	\$ 169.23
Sabbath School	276.16
\$300,000 Fund	1057.00
Weekly Offering	17.82
Thanksgiving Offering	31.42
Southern Field	30.27
Religious Liberty	26.13
Equipment Fund	1.00
Paper For Blind	188.30
One per cent Fund	5.02
Two per cent Fund	9.18
Total	\$1811.53

E. I. BEEBE, *Treasurer.*

Comparative Tithe Report of the Years 1908 and 1909

Churches and Companies	Membership		Net Gain	Net Loss	Tithe from Jan. 1, 1908 to Dec. 31, 1908		Tithe from Jan. 1, 1909 to Dec. 31, 1909	
	1908	1909			Tithe per Capita 1908	Tithe per Capita 1909		
Alaiedon	31	32	1		\$506.53	\$18.76	\$443.82	\$15.62
Arbela	20	23	3		88.49	4.42	161.72	7.03
Alma	40	43	3		476.13	11.90	424.36	9.86
Ann Arbor	25	30	5		155.92	6.24	333.14	11.10
Adrian	13	20	7		217.99	17.33	368.93	18.44
Bay City	63	66	3		1808.99	28.71	1104.82	16.74
Birmingham	19	22	3		227.28	11.96	212.93	9.67
Bancroft	15	8		7	135.31	9.02	189.59	23.69
Bunker Hill	46	46			383.59	8.34	535.42	11.64
Belleville	18	19	1		277.15	15.40	192.39	10.13
Chesaning	43	25		18	325.92	7.58	313.43	12.53
Coleman	18	18			79.72	4.43	145.98	8.11
Chapin	13	13			122.74	9.44	186.26	14.32
Detroit	130	114		16	2623.45	20.18	2465.01	21.62
Durand	5	1		4	18.55	3.71	34.12	34.12
Dryden	4	4			*		*	
Exeter	41	30		11	272.65	6.65	190.32	6.34
Elmwood	8	8			149.03	18.63	152.50	19.06
Edenville	43	46	3		154.60	3.60	348.96	7.58
Fairgrove	38	39	1		358.23	9.43	526.13	13.49
Freeland	18	20	2		98.48	5.47	84.93	4.24
Flint	65	69	4		745.76	11.47	897.09	13.00
Flushing	17	16		1	454.21	14.95	329.76	20.61
Greenbush	25	26	1		358.62	14.34	274.22	10.54
Hazelton	37	37			416.55	11.26	296.80	8.02
Holly	60	59		1	919.93	15.33	1210.99	20.52
Hillsdale	21	22	1		292.36	13.92	430.47	19.56
Hanover	4	4			53.36	13.34	89.90	22.47

Ithaca	60	56	4	770.56	12.84	870.22	15.54
Jackson	51	49	2	241.13	4.73	314.95	6.83
Jefferson	42	39	3	265.61	6.32	459.88	11.79
Lapeer	34	36	2	284.95	8.38	403.22	11.20
Luce	18	18		166.36	9.24	237.61	13.20
Leslie	19	24	5	298.10	15.69	233.49	9.72
Lansing	72	68	4	590.21	8.21	604.76	8.89
Memphis	24	35	11	272.21	11.34	202.36	5.78
Mason	8	8		48.34	6.04	69.90	8.73
Mt. Forest	14	23	9	32.57	2.32	19.59	.85
Morrice	5	4	1	74.91	14.98	33.14	8.28
Marine City	20	20		250.36	12.52	451.25	22.56
North Branch	16	17	1	187.81	11.74	276.31	16.25
Ovid	14	13	1	175.10	12.51	252.29	19.40
Otter Lake	46	54	8	268.22	5.83	†778.69	14.42
Ola	28	30	2	228.57	8.16	192.93	6.43
Owosso	68	68		538.17	7.92	230.96	3.39
Port Huron		9	9				
Prattville	50	25	25	319.08	6.38	236.04	9.44
Pontiac	14	5	9	87.00	6.21	17.95	3.59
Rives	17	19	2	168.63	9.33	167.73	8.82
Reese	11	10	1	248.04	22.55	2,252.76	225.27
Rapson	41	40	1	327.45	7.99	400.29	10.00
St. Johns	14	13	1	106.95	7.64	80.97	6.23
Saginaw	61	67	6	560.96	9.19	515.86	7.69
Sumner	27	32	5	185.94	6.89	173.13	5.41
St. Charles	68	67	1	471.45	6.93	467.25	6.97
St. Louis	22	23	1	197.71	8.99	371.88	16.16
Sandusky	16	22	6	90.21	5.64	200.87	9.13
Spring Arbor	10	10		204.31	20.43	196.88	19.68
Vassar	33	39	6	294.14	8.91	440.81	11.30
Watrousville	18	22	4	101.06	5.61	242.19	11.00
Willis	22	22		168.78	7.67	152.98	6.95
White Lake	9	7	2	79.00	8.78	121.65	17.38
Westphalia	6	6		138.73	23.12	219.87	36.56
Individuals	16	23	7	439.27	27.45	579.57	25.19

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*Included with Individuals in 1908 and 1909 report.

†Including Otter Lake Sanitarium company \$421.44.

East Michigan Canvassing Notes

Our institute is over. The class expressed their determination to stick to the work by repeating Psalms 108:1. "O God my heart is fixed." Parting words of counsel were spoken from Josh. 1:7, 8 and Luke 9:62.

We are looking forward to a revival of our work when the students who took the institute training enter the field at the close of school.

It cheered our hearts to see Brother Peter Moore of Fowler step into the office and purchase a prospectus for "Daniel and Revelation." A love for souls inspires even those who are old and becoming feeble to enter the book-work.

Sister Mary A. Lewis has been added to our list of workers holding canvassers' credentials. Although handicapped by household duties, Sister Lewis has done faithful work, and we rejoice to see one keeping the Sabbath and others studying the truth as the result of her labors.

Brethren Mahr, Hainer, Rowland and Face have been hindered in their work by sickness. We are glad they are hopeful for a speedy recovery. The work progresses when they are with us putting in forty hours a week.

"There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing: for it involves the performance of the highest moral duties. . . . The word of the Lord to His people is that we are to lift the standard higher. If we obey His voice, He will work with us, and our efforts will be crowned with success. In our work we shall receive rich blessings from on high, and shall lay up treasure before the throne of God."

J. H. McEACHERN.

Southern Illinois

A few days ago we received the following letter which shows what can be done by an isolated believer when actuated by the Spirit of God.—N. E.

"Dear Brother:

"I thought I would write you a letter to let you know of my intention. I am studying 'Daniel and Revelation' and I have been keeping the Sabbath for eighteen months. I have been studying my Bible very hard to try to get the truth out of it.

"I have been an instrument in God's hands of showing four others the Bible in its purity and they are keeping the Sabbath. A little later on I would like to get a preacher to teach us the truth, and I thought you could give me some advice as to how to secure one. These people have not heard one of the Adventists, and I have heard only one sermon. There is so much of the gospel that I do not understand, and for that reason I would like to have one of the Seventh-day Adventists come and instruct us.

"I have had the pleasure of influencing the Methodists' superintendent to obey God. He and his wife are bright people. We are going to start a Sabbath-school here on the 23d. There are five that we know of, who are keeping the commandments of God."

Yours truly,"

HISSONG.—I have been busy during the last month gathering material for our church building. We have about seven thousand feet of hard lumber sawed. I helped to fell the first tree, and to pile the last board at the mill. We are glad to have a house of worship as a memorial for the truth in this community. Our flock has been reduced. Some found the way of God's commandments too narrow, and have turned to the broad road of the world. The seed did not all fall in good soil, but I am glad that there will be a small flock to witness for the truth here.

At the last quarterly service of the Brownstown church, two young men united with the church who will be baptized here at Hissong when we baptize those who have accepted the truth in this place.

As soon as the work is finished here, I expect to press on into another field, in search of the Lord's jewels. We earnestly desire the prayers of the church for the work of the Lord in this part of the vineyard.

J. B. LOCKEN.

Southern Illinois Tithe Report for April

Brownstown...\$ 21 00	Lovington..... 59 0	Twin City..... 79 03
Cottage Home... 29 61	Martinsville..... 44 53	West Salem..... 6 20
Charleston..... 8 30	Noble..... 9 51	Miscellaneous... 67 37
Du Quoin.....124 95	Peoria.....170 45	Conference.....116 79
Decatur..... 32 69	Pana..... 5 32	
Farmington..... 8 50	1st Springfield... 73 52	Total.....\$979 30
Herrin..... 31 50	2nd Springfield... 35 09	
Kingman..... 83 30	Stewardson..... 21 99	

Ishpeming (N. Mich.) Camp-Meeting

The camp-meeting for the Upper Peninsula will be held this year at Ishpeming, June 20-26. At this place Elder Bellows and Brother Stenberg conducted meetings last summer for the English and the Swedish. Large numbers of people attended the meetings and there is still a good interest to hear. Brother Bellows is conducting meetings in another part of town at the present time and reports a number inquiring about the message. It is expected that this meeting will be one of great importance to our people in the north and we hope that all of our people in the Upper Peninsula are planning to attend. It will be a decided advantage to us if we can know how many will need tents and tent equipment at that time. We want to ship enough to the camp to supply all who come, but we do not want to pay freight on more than will be used. Please send in your orders to the North Michigan Tract Society at once. Tents will rent for \$2.50, stoves \$1, bed springs 50 cents, tables 25 cents, chairs 10 cents. As this will be early in the season it will be necessary for all to come prepared for cold weather, and in fact at all

our camp-meetings winter wraps should be taken for use in case of sudden change of temperature.

The servant of the Lord has told us many times that the camp-meetings are seasons of great benefit to our people and also are the means of reaching souls with the message for these times who otherwise would not be reached. Elder Allen Moon, president of the Lake Union Conference, Elder S. Mortenson who has charge of the Swedish work in the United States, and Brother J. B. Blosser, Lake Union canvassing agent, will be present, and we hope to secure the services of Elder E. W. Farnsworth, but are not certain as to this. In addition to these, several of our conference laborers will be present and we expect that the Lord will bless us richly. Let us earnestly seek the Lord that His blessing may attend the meeting and that many precious souls may be gathered out from the camp of the enemy and transferred to the service of the Master.

J. J. IRWIN.

A Letter from New England

I eagerly read the LAKE UNION HERALD each week, and feel it is no more than right for me to send a few lines to those who know me.

My home is in the beautiful village of South Lancaster, Mass. My descriptive powers fail me when I try to describe the beauty of this little New England town, so will not attempt it. This is a place of historic interest, settled about 1650. Nearly all the inhabitants perished in an Indian massacre planned by Phillip.

The academy is a thriving institution of learning, having enrolled 313 of the brightest young people among us. Here I had the privilege of helping to train about fifty of the students for evangelistic canvassing.

I am now in the beautiful and historic city of Portland, Me., holding an institute for canvassers. I prize the privilege of walking the same streets, and of looking at the same scenes as did the noble leaders of the 1844 movement.

It was here where the servant of the Lord was turned out of the Methodist church, the same church being still here. In this place stands the churches whose walls echoed the powerful, soul-stirring words of Miller, Himes, White, and others. About seven miles from here is the birthplace of Sister White. These memories are sacred to every lover of the truth, and I feel it indeed a privilege to be here, having a very little part in the proclamation of the truth in this city and State.

There is a membership of about fifty here at present. A strong effort is now beginning to be made to give this message to every soul. A substantial, neat structure is under process of erection for worship, the lower part being now used for services.

I enjoy my work, but feel the need of divine guidance. No more beautiful country than New England with its massive rocks, hills, valleys, running brooks, fine roads, and well kept homes can be found in America. May the message speedily find its way to every city home and farmer's cottage, is the earnest wish of your brother.

C. J. TOLF.

Portland, Me.

**Canvasser's Institute Studies—No. 3
Needs and Opportunities God's Voices**

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." Eccl. 9:10. All about us is plenty to do. These opportunities are as distinctly God's voice saying to us "do this, or that" as if He were speaking audibly to us. As we do with our might these things, small though they may seem to be, greater things will be revealed to us. David faithfully cared for the sheep and lambs of his flock, even risking his life to snatch them from the jaws of the lion and the bear, and then when a greater opportunity presented itself to slay the giant Philistine, he had the courage and exper-

ience to do this successfully. Moreover God saw in him a character that He could trust with the great responsibility of being king of Israel. Doubtless such revelations of His will may be traced in the experiences of all Bible characters. When Isaiah's sins had been pardoned, and his ears opened to hear, (Isaiah 6: 1-8) he heard that the Lord had a work to be done and was looking for some one to do it, and he quickly responded, "here am I send me." He recognized in the need, the divine voice to him. The needs of our lost world appealed to the heart of the Saviour and caused Him to choose to come here on His great missionary visit.

God Directs By Circumstances

Perhaps one of the most common means that Infinite Wisdom employs to direct those who put their trust in Him, is the voice of providential circumstances. "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord." Ps. 37 : 23. God revealed directly to Joseph his life work by dreams, yet it was not comprehended. There was danger of his being exalted above his brethren by these revelations. Moreover his father Jacob was spoiling him by showing partiality towards him in dressing him better than his brethren, so the Lord had to speak to him by the stern voice of circumstances. His being sold as a slave and his unjust imprisonment in Egypt, were but "steps" towards the work of being prime minister of Egypt, the work God had in mind all the while for him. These experiences are not only "steps" towards our life work, but they are the schooling to prepare us for it. Can we not see in our own experiences the hand of a kind Father leading and preparing us for our life work?

J. B. BLOSSER.

**CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING
MAY 6, 1910
Wisconsin**

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
Louis Scholz.....	B. R.	37	11	37 00	4 50	41 50
F. E. Middlestead.....	B. R.	35	10	32 00	50	32 50
A. Carlson.....	G. C.	26	1	3 00	1 25	4 25
		98	22	72 00	6 25	78 25

East Michigan

W. D. Moore.....	D. R.	20	10	30 00	1 80	31 80
Chris F. Mahr.....	G. C.	26	13	39 00	.....	39 00
Hugh Collier.....	C. K.	38½	22	26 00	1 05	27 05
Mrs. A. L. Forbes.....	D. R.	4	1	5 00	.....	5 00
Mary A. Lewis (Del.).....						
Harrison Face (Del.).....						
		88½	46	100 00	2 85	102 85

***North Michigan**

A. P. Friday.....	P. P.	86	13	45 00	8 75	53 75
F. M. Larson.....	P. P.	83	5	15 00	9 80	24 80
Marie Bauram.....	G. C.	45	2	8 00	3 85	11 85
Della Starkey.....	P. P.	48	4	12 00	8 05	20 05
†Mrs. G. F. Ernst.....	H. H.	16	2	6 00	2 25	8 25
†K. V. Bjork.....	Finn Rev.	25	2	7 00	1 75	8 75
		303	28	\$ 93 00	\$34 45	\$127 45

Southern Illinois

E. L. Graham (Del.).....	D. R.	26	5	15 50	1 05	17 00
Clarence Emerick.....	G. C.	34	21	63 00	.....	63 00
A. J. Scott.....	C. K.		10	10 00	25 50	35 50
Frank Hicks.....	G. C.	30	15	49 00	7 50	56 50
Hugo Mutzfeldt (Del.).....	G. C.	30	4	12 00	2 50	14 50
J. L. Galbraith.....	B. R.	25	7	22 00	2 25	24 25
W. E. Bailey.....	B. R.	34	10	31 00	2 75	33 75
J. E. Dent.....	B. R.	28	13	41 00	.....	41 00
Flora Turner.....	C. K.	3	5	5 50	.....	5 50
		210	90	\$249 00	\$42 00	\$291 00

24 agents.

*Two weeks.

†One week.

Sunset Calendar

	NORTHERN	CENTRAL	SOUTHERN
Sun sets Friday, May 20,	7.16	7.14	7.11
Sun sets Sabbath, " 21,	7.17	7.14	7.12
Sun sets Friday, " 27,	7.22	7.20	7.18
Sun sets Sabbath, " 28,	7.24	7.21	7.18

Obituaries

HAZEN.—Alfred Hazen was born in Geauga Co., Ohio, August 9, 1832, and died April 14, at Akron, Michigan. He was married to Hulda Perkins Dec. 22, 1858. Three of the five children born to them are still living. He became a Seventh-day Adventist under the labors of Elder I. D. VanHorn over thirty years ago and died rejoicing in the truth. Words of comfort by the writer from Heb. 9: 28.

A. R. SANDBORN.

SMITH.—Charles Castle, the little son of O. M. and Lillie Castle Smith, was born Aug. 24, 1903, and died Apr. 4, 1910, at the age of 6 years, 7 months, and 10 days. He had learned to repeat many texts of scripture and loved to sing sacred songs. His faith in prayer was remarkable for one so young. His prayer that he might get well so that mama would not be worried, was a touching example of his thoughtfulness. The funeral was held at the home where the writer spoke to a large audience of relatives and friends.

W. E. VIDETO.

OLMSTEAD.—Malissa Olmstead was born at Parma, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1828, and died at Bancroft, Mich., April 15. She was married to O. F. Olmstead, Jan 31, 1849, and to this union six children were born, five of whom are still living. With her husband she was converted early in life and joined the Baptist church. Later they joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, becoming charter members of the Bancroft church. She died firm in the faith. She selected as a text for her funeral 2 Tim. 2: 7, 8. The mourning ones are comforted by the thought that she "fought a good fight . . . kept the faith" and that a crown is laid up for her.

A. R. SANDBORN.

APPLEGATE.—Sister Fannie M. Applegate died in Peoria, Ill., April 9, 1910, aged 46 years, 10 months, and 12 days. Her maiden name was Lovin. At the age of twenty she married Wm. P. Arthur. To this union four children were born. Two are still living. Her first husband died in 1905. Later she married Mr. Harry Applegate who now survives her. Sister Applegate united with the Seventh-day Adventist church about fourteen years ago, remaining a faithful member until her death. She expressed herself as being prepared to die. The immediate cause of her death was pneumonia. She was laid to rest in the Princeville Cemetary. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13.

C. H. BLISS.

FAST.—Washington Fast was born in Ohio May 23, 1840, and died April 22, 1910, aged seventy years, eleven months. Early in life he came to Southern Michigan and about this time became a Presbyterian. From studying the Bible he became convinced that the Sabbath should be kept, and began its observance. Later he came to Wexford County, where he married Maria Kinny Aug. 3, 1885. He was one of the first members of the Mesick church and nearly his last wish was that an Adventist minister might conduct his funeral services. A wife, two children and twelve grandchildren are left to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Rev. 15: 13 was the text used. L. G. NYMAN.

GREER.—Reuben Hugh Greer was born Feb. 15, 1848, and died of rheumatism of the heart, April 3, 1910, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Travillis, near Prentise, Wis. Almost all of his life was spent near Aldeo, Ill., where most of his relatives still live. He was married July 4, 1871, to Miss Sarah H. Dungan, and in the autumn of the same year they were both baptized by Elder R. F. Andrews and united with the Aledo Seventh-day Adventist church, of which church he remained a faithful member until death. The writer conducted the funeral service April 8, in the Methodist church at Aledo, the pastor of the church assisting. Few men in any community are held in higher esteem by their neighbors than was Brother Greer, because of his consistent Christian life. Rev. 14:13 was chosen as a text and seemed to be especially applicable to such as he. He leaves a wife, two children, and a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn, but not without a bright hope. We laid him to rest by the side of his two little boys who died in childhood.

F. J. HARRIS.

STILLMAN.—Mary E. Fairchild was born in West Winfield, Herkimer Co., New York, August 18, 1839. She was married to Dr. W. D. Stillman in January, 1865, and accepted the third angel's message in 1872 in Madison, Wisconsin. She was baptized by Elder R. F. Cottrell. Sister Stillman was one of the most zealous missionaries. She placed reading matter in the hands of all her neighbors and the strangers who called at her door. She was a consistent Christian, living up to the light on all points of our faith. She and her husband were for many years members of the Seventh-day Adventist church in Madison, Wisconsin. The last few years they were members of our church in Granton, where they have many firm friends. She became a victim of that dread disease, tuberculosis of the lungs,

and died March 11, 1910. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder W. W. Stebbins, in the church in Madison where for years she attended services every Sabbath. Many of their former neighbors and friends attended. It was the testimony of all that she sleeps in Jesus. We shall meet her when He comes.

C. McREYNOLDS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Emmanuel Missionary College

Miss Fern Ford has closed her school work for this year and is now enjoying a vacation at home.

Miss Mabel Boo was pleased by a recent visit of her sister, Celia, and her friend, Miss Ellen Lund,, both of Chicago.

Miss Jessie Foote left us Tuesday to join Mr. and Mrs. Gruesbeck in Tennessee. She will assist them in the school work they have started.

Those from away who are attending the canvassers' institute are: Misses Laura Fisher, Rena Montgomery, Mina Davis, Messers. Roy Swartout, Ezra Phillips, and Robert Barnhurst.

Professor Graf returned from a trip to Indiana last Monday. He visited the Beechwood Academy over Sabbath. Sunday evening he delivered the commencement address to the nurses at La Fayette.

At three o'clock on the morning of May 6, the teachers, students, and near patrons of the College were aroused by the large bell, assisted by the numerous alarm clocks, to get a view of Halley's popular comet. All felt repaid for the effort.

A pleasant surprise was given Miss Flora Randall on the evening of May 7, when about twenty-five of her friends called to spend the evening with her. She left the following evening for West De Pere, Wis., where she is to teach a church school for the Indian children of that locality.

Choir Emmanuel, assisted by Mr. F. G. MacLean, baritone; Miss Florence Scherer and Master Warren Scherer, violinists; Mr. Edward Beckley, organist, and Miss Winona Beckley, accompanist; gave a concert in the College chapel Monday evening May 2. This was the last number of the lecture course and the audience felt that the best had been reserved until the last.

Those aiming to canvass this summer are receiving instruction in the following books: "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation," "Coming King," "Home and Health," "Heralds of the Morning," and "Ministry of Healing." There are about twenty-five

students attending. Mr. Oliver Morris of Northern Illinois, Mr. N. L. Taylor of Indiana, and Mr. Wm. Wohlens of West Michigan, are the ones representing these conferences as State canvassing agents. They are giving the instruction with the assistance of J. B. Blosser.

The following is the program for commencement week.

Saturday, May 14, 1910, 8 P. M., Annual Recital, Piano Students.

Sabbath, May 21, 11 A. M., Baccalaureate Sermon, Prof. C. T. Everson of Chicago.

Saturday, May 21, 8 P. M., Piano Recital, Miss Pearce.

Sunday, May 22, 8 P. M., Class Day.

Monday May 23, 8 P. M., Commencement, Address, Elder K. C. Russell, Washington, D. C.

Motto,—"Forward, come what may."

The list of graduates for the various courses is as follows.

Collegiate; Literary, Olive Siemann, Thomas Wilson Steen. Scientific; Walter Edmund Straw.

Advanced Normal; Irene Harriet Campbell, Daisy Maud Butka, Anna Sophronya Garton, Henry Thomas Elliott.

Commercial; Roy Lester Luchenbill, Mabel Ione Slater.

Academic; Amy Francis DuBois, Cora Belle Hicks, Lyle Curtiss Shepard, Don Clifford Ludington, Ella May Verney, Hubert Oscar Swartout, Lewis W. Beatty, Loren Clayton Shepard, Leola Alda DeCamp, Ernest Arthur Craig.

North Michigan

In sending in her subscriptions for the *Instructor* and *Little Friend*, one of our sisters writes: "I find it would be impossible to keep my children interested in the truth without our periodicals."

Sister Lena Remington, living near Cadillac, writes that the outlook is brighter for their Sabbath-school, as several Adventist families have moved to that vicinity. They are hoping to keep up their regular Sabbath meetings now.

The clerk of the Gaylord church writes: "We held quarterly meeting Sabbath, April 16, with a fair attendance. We did not hold meeting during the winter, but have started to hold them every Sabbath now. A spirit of earnestness seems to prevail and the outlook is brighter than it has been for some time."

The conference committee held a meeting at Traverse City, May 9, and considered some plans for the summer's work. It was decided to hold the camp-meeting at Traverse City, corner of 10th and Wadsworth St., August 25 to September 4. Full particulars concerning this meeting will be given later.

One of our workers who is selling the

Temperance *Instructor* gives the following interesting experience: "While introducing the Temperance number to a gentleman, I found out that he was a Catholic. Having been myself reared in the bosom of that church, I desired to help him if I could. After an inward prayer for guidance, I sought to point out the errors of that system of religion. He was surprised to think of a Catholic converted to Protestantism. After talking with him for a little more than an hour, I was pleased to find him open to conviction. He willingly gave me his name and address and said he would be interested in receiving some literature. I plan to furnish him with the "Family Bible Teacher" every week, and also with a few special tracts on subjects I discussed with him."

Elder J. J. Irwin spent Sabbath, May 7, with the Leetsville church. This church is composed of individuals who live some distance apart but are faithful in gathering together and planning for work. While there he received some pledges on the Acre Fund and the people are generally interested in this. They also plan to hold a temperance rally some time this summer and the Methodist Sunday-school at that place has offered to assist them in it. Sunday was spent with the Alden church. This is one of the oldest churches in our conference and at one time had a membership of nearly one hundred. At this place Elder Geo. I. Butler spent one summer some twenty-five years ago. Because of deaths and removals the membership of this company is very small. They have lately been repairing the church, putting a new wall under it and fixing the interior. Here the brethren were getting a piece of ground ready to plant to beans, the proceeds to be used for missionary work.

West Michigan

Brother J. W. Bachelor of Battle Creek was in Otsego last Friday.

Five students from the academy joined the canvassers' institute at Berrien Springs.

Elder J. M. Wilbur has accepted a call to labor in East Michigan, and Elder C. N. Sanders will take up work in West Michigan.

Some of the conference workers were called in to study together for two days last week. A number of timely topics were discussed and all felt that it was a profitable occasion.

The conference committee met Thursday and Friday of last week. On Thursday the auditing committee was in session. All members were present, and several important matters were considered. Some changes in the tent companies were necessary, a report of which will appear latter.

East Michigan

Ripe olives, \$4.50 per 5 gal. can. East Mich. Tract Society.

Best grade cooking oil \$4.25 for 5 gal. can. East Mich. Tract Society, Holly, Mich.

Brother Fred Hoxie is holding a series of meetings in a schoolhouse seven miles from Ithaca, Mich.

Brother Harry Wescott and wife are spending their "spring vacation" visiting Brother Wescott's parents at Montrose.

Last week Elder Slade met with the Owosso church Friday evening, was at Lansing Sabbath, and Westphalia Sunday evening.

We are glad to report that Elder Haysmer, secretary of the North American Negro Dept., has promised to send in a colored worker for Detroit.

Brother Frank Hiner has returned from Missouri and will be out looking after the magazine work. Another institute will be held in the near future.

Married, At the home of the bride's parents near St. Johns, Harry A. Wescott and Myrtie M. Fishell. The wedding ceremony was performed by Elder A. R. Sandborn.

Miss Hattie Hamer, one of our magazine workers, reports that she is enjoying the work and meeting with good success. Miss Beatrice Harter who is with Sister Hamer has been unable to work the past week on account of a severe cold.

We would like to advise that each reader of the LAKE UNION HERALD in East Michigan send in at least one new subscription for this good paper. It is highly necessary that our people be informed regarding the work in our home conference.

Elder L. G. Moore of Lansing canvassed the members of his church for the *Review* and as a result secured ten subscriptions; also three subscriptions for the German paper. He says he will not rest until every family has the *Review*. Let all our ministers make the same resolution.

Wisconsin

The church-school at Almond opened Tuesday, May 3, with Miss Emma Trummer in charge.

We were glad to see the familiar face of Professor Shepler at the office, though only for a few moments, a few days ago.

Miss Bertha Rathbun returned to the office last week where she will remain until the opening of the Educational Convention at Berrien Springs.

Over 200,000 copies of the Temperance *Instructor* have been ordered from the publishers, and the end is not yet. It is meeting with great favor.

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MRS. LOU K. CURTIS - EDITOR.

Wisconsin, Cont'd

Miss Mabel Cutler, who has been taking treatments at the sanitarium for the past few weeks, is expected back at the office in a short time, greatly improved in health.

The *Protestant Magazine* contains the very core of the third angel's message. It seems to have the power to arrest the attention of the people. We believe the message it contains will also work upon the minds and hearts of the people.

Bethel Institute

I again call attention to the canvassers' institute at Bethel. The time is near for it to open, and before it closes we will decide on the locations for the canvassers. There may be some of our people in the State who would like to have their county worked and could furnish a home for one or more of these missionary workers. I will be glad to hear from any who feel free to help the canvassers in this way. There will probably be as many ladies as men in the canvassing work.

Also would like to hear from all who plan to attend, so that arrangements may be made for you.

FRANK HALDERSON.

Grand Rapids, Wis.

Southern Illinois

A young people's society was organized at Farmington, Sabbath, May 7.

Elder Wm. Woodford visited the companies at Centralia and East Alton last week.

Elder E. A. Bristol spent Sabbath and Sunday, the 14th and 15th, with the Martinsville church.

The churches of Herrin and Cottage Home united in a Sabbath-school convention, Sabbath May 14.

Miss Edith Shepard went to Carterville, Friday the 13th. She will attend

the Sabbath-school convention at Cottage Home.

Brother E. M. Fishell went to Green Valley the first of last week to spend a few days with Brethren Hicks and Mutzfelt. He planned to visit Brother Clarence Emerick of Peoria the latter part of the week.

Southern Illinois Institute

The canvassers' institute at Springfield was very helpful to the canvassers, and we believe the church members also received blessings as they cared for the canvassers, and joined with them in their meetings. Several old canvassers were heard to say:—"This has been the best institute I ever attended." Already good reports are coming in from those who were in attendance. The last Sabbath of the institute was a blessed day. A praise meeting was held and canvassers and people joined their voices in praise for the blessings received, and a humble part in giving the last message to the world.

J. B. BLOSSER.

The Best Help

The best help published for our Sabbath-schools is the *Sabbath School Worker*. No officer or teacher is fully equipped for his work without the aid of this most excellent journal. It is not helpful alone to officers and teachers, but should be in every family. There are many families in the various conferences who are not now subscribers who should become such at once.

One of the strong features of the *Worker* is the notes given on the lessons for the different divisions. These are written by the most capable and experienced writers in the denomination, and require much study and research. They are of great value to every pupil in our Sabbath-schools, and are worth much more than the price of the *Worker*.

The subscription list of the *Worker* is now over eight thousand, the highest in its history. The General Conference Sabbath-School Department is endeavoring to increase the circulation to ten thousand. You are asked to help. Please subscribe *now*. Single copy, thirty-five cents per year; thirty cents in clubs of two or more copies. Address your Tract Society.

G. B. THOMPSON.

Did you ever stop to realize that there has been more missionary endeavor in the last hundred years than took place before in nearly two thousand years? Such is the fact. What is the reason for it? The explanation of this question is given in the article "An Era of Evangelization" by Elder W. A. Spicer in the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for June. This will be a splendid number

to place in the hands of those not of our faith.

Dr. George Wharton James writes in the June number on "Physical Health." The introduction of the series in this number speaks promise of what is to follow. We can simply assure the readers of *Life and Health* that there will be no disappointment.

A great many people are perplexed over why Satan is allowed to exist; why Adam sinned and plunged the human race into woe; how God can be good and allow evil and suffering to continue. If these questions have puzzled you or any of your friends you should certainly read, and give them to read, the article in the June number of the *Monthly Signs of the Times*, by Elder S. N. Haskell on this subject entitled "The Universe on Trial." It deals with the great problem of evil from one of the most significant standpoints possible. It gives a clear statement of the whole matter.

Summer School

Because the date of the General Conference Educational Convention, which is to be held at Emmanuel Missionary College, has been set for June 10-20, it will be necessary to postpone the opening of our Summer School to June 22. Let all who are planning to attend note this change.

For announcement of the Summer School, address O. J. GRAF.

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Even though our prices are so low we are, until further notice, putting in extra foods to fully pay the freight on \$10 shipments at list prices, cooking oil and 45 lb. cans nut butter excepted. Send orders to the factory or to your tract society. Nashville Sanitarium-Food Factory, Nashville, Tenn.

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FOR SALE.—Eggs, \$2 per 15 from Barred Plymouth Rocks, Houdans, Cornish Indians, and Light Brahmas. Our fowls are the very best strains that can be found in the country, have won out in the leading poultry shows such as Detroit, Lansing, Port Huron, and Saginaw. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or your money will be refunded. Address Oak Ridge Poultry yards, St. Charles, Mich.