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

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## Lake Union Conference Directory

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### Together

"The road is too rough," I said;  
"It is uphill all the way,  
No flowers, but thorns instead,  
And the skies o'erhead are grey."  
But One took my hand at the entrance dim,  
And sweet is the road that I walk with Him.

"The cross is too great," I cried;  
"More than my back can bear,  
So rough and heavy and wide,  
And nobody by to care."  
But One stooped softly and touched my hand;  
"I know. I care. And I understand."  
Then why do we fret and sigh?  
Cross-bearers all we go;  
But the road ends by and by  
In the dearest place we know;  
And every step of the journey we  
May take in the Lord's own company.

—Selected.

### Our Missions

DEAR BRETHREN: Believing that you are thoroughly interested in the progress of the work in all the world, I thought best to write you a letter.

The Adventist movement with which we are connected has been and still is a rapid movement. When we think that within the lifetime of men and women now living this movement had its beginning and has reached the proportions already of a world movement, we can only regard it as the miracle of the ages. Within the brief period of about seventy years, the work which began with one man proclaiming a special message to the world has grown in volume until today more than 5,500 individuals are directly engaged in the proclamation of this message.

The first half of the time since this work began was spent in preaching the message exclusively to the people of the United States. In that time every State, and almost every county in the States, was entered by some messenger. Since the first missionary was sent beyond the limits of this country, the truth has been carried to every continent, and almost every country of the world, until now the number engaged in preaching the last message outside of this country exceeds the number in the United States. This army of laborers is largely dependent on the home field for support. God is blessing us in America with abundant crops and general prosperity, no doubt for the very purpose that His people may be able to provide means to carry on the work to completion. Just now God calls for willing hearts and soon the harvest will be reaped.

The Lake Union Conference Committee, which is the Mission Board of the Union, has studied the question of the part to be performed by us for the work abroad. At a meeting of this Committee held last May, it was unanimously voted that we proceed to invite our people to raise, by the help of the Lord, the amount asked of our Union by the General Conference Committee. A special committee reported the following recommendations which were unanimously adopted:—

"We recommend, That the Union Conference furnish a monthly tabulated statement of the mission offerings of each local conference to the LAKE UNION HERALD with a proportionate statement of each.

"We recommend, That each local conference furnish each church a monthly statement of their mission offerings and the amount they are expected to raise, and that it be made plain what donations are included in the mission fund.

"We recommend, That large cards be prepared and sent to each church in the Union, indicating the various mission funds, with auxiliary slips to be sent out monthly indicating the progress of each church. The expense of the same to be borne by each local conference.

"We recommend, That all of our churches take up a regular mission offering each Sabbath."

The report appearing in the LAKE UNION HERALD shows the standing of each conference with this mission fund. It is not too late to cancel the deficit in your church and conference before the end of the year. The annual offering may be made to accomplish this, and at the same time to render great service to the cause of missions, and at the same time cause our brethren, abroad, to sing for joy of heart knowing that they are not forgotten in the home land.

ALLEN MOON.

### A Tour in the Lake Union

November 15 I left Chicago to visit our French church at Harris, North Michigan. On the way I took in other places. First was Milton Junction, Wisconsin where I had meetings Friday evening and Sabbath forenoon and afternoon. I much enjoyed my visit here. I found many who were children when I first began to labor among the Scandinavians in Wisconsin forty years ago. It is good to find them strong in the faith and earnest in the work.

Sunday, November 17, I had two meetings with our church at Oakland. This is our old home church where the first Scandinavian Seventh-day Adventist church was developed in 1858. Many changes have taken place. I was glad to see two of the charter members present and still joyful in the message. While their number has been much reduced by death and removals, I was glad to find a goodly number still on the ground. At our evening service the church was well filled with attentive listeners.

Monday evening we had a meeting at the home of Brother Ramsey in Cambridge. The members here belong to the Oakland church.

Tuesday we reached Neenah, where I made a number of calls and had a meeting in the evening. This church is much reduced in numbers. I was glad to find them of good courage.

The following day we visited Green Bay. Also here I made a number of calls and in the evening spoke to a well-filled church on the message and its progress. It is now for-

ty years last April since I first came to Green Bay in company with Elder J. C. Nielson, now deceased. The result of our labors was the beginning of the work here. A little company was raised up and organized a little out of the city. In 1880 we built the church in the city and united our work there. It is always a pleasure to meet with this church and to know their steadfastness in the truth.

Thursday evening I had a meeting with the little company at Little River near Oconto. This is a French community. Elder D. T. Bordeau labored in these parts years ago. I enjoyed my visit here very much.

Friday I continued my journey to Harris, Michigan. This place was my objective point. Here the brethren had arranged for a meeting the same evening, three on the Sabbath, and two on Sunday. Sabbath morning came with a heavy snowstorm. This prevented some coming from a distance. Still for all that we had a good attendance and very good meetings.

At Harris, Michigan we have our largest French church in this country, and connected with it are a large number of young people who feel a desire to prepare themselves to work among the French-speaking people. This is as it should be. We have a very large French population in North Michigan and Northern Wisconsin. I trust the way will open for a tent-meeting in one or the other of these conferences the coming season.

O. A. OLSEN.

### Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses

In some of our conferences the Reading Courses this year have been taken up with much enthusiasm. In others, this important feature of our Missionary Volunteer work is down. Never since this feature of our young people's work was inaugurated have there been more helpful and inspiring courses outlined than for this year.

For many years we had no official organ, no lesson outlines, no Standard of Attainment course, no reading courses, in fact, no helps of any kind. Neither was there a very strong sentiment in favor of young people's societies. Now all this is changed. The leaders of our denomination are recognizing the potential possibilities of the thousands of earnest, talented, young people among us when properly trained in heart and mind.

Now it rests with the young people themselves to rise to the occasion and to embrace every opportunity for self-improvement. It is a duty which we owe ourselves and our message to leave nothing undone which will make for real efficiency in our service.

It is not necessary to consume valuable space by going into details in describing these courses, or in enumerating the benefits to be derived from their pursuance. It is a cheap cast of mind which will continually feed upon trash, turning aside from all that is really beautiful and helpful and inspiring in literature. "What whiskey drinking is to the body, novel reading is to the mind." There is a real mental intoxication about it, and the habitue soon loses all taste for good reading. Even the Bible itself speedily becomes dull and uninteresting.

Naturally the young become omniverous readers. A very important, and, withal, a very delicate duty rests upon parents, teachers, and guardians. This taste for reading must be trained and cultivated, but most sacredly guarded. Lord Bacon says, "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." And we might be permitted to add in this twentieth century of almost human linotype and whirring printing press, some books, magazines, and newspapers are to be shunned as you would shun the leprosy. For they are leprosy to the very heart. Nor are these thoroughly bad prints more dangerous than the apparently respectable sheet, attractively dressed and decorated, yet covertly, insinuatingly, lowering the standard

of Christian culture and true refinement. Some who would scorn the society of the low and vulgar will curl up in the corner and fairly devour some book or paper which should cause the cheek to mantle with the blush of shame. In the words of James Russell Lowell, "The first lesson in reading well is that which teaches us to distinguish between literature and merely printed matter. The choice lies wholly with ourselves." The choice is ours to bathe in the mountain stream or the cesspool.

Write today to your conference Missionary Voluntary secretary for a leaflet descriptive of the reading courses which will be gladly furnished you free of charge. Read it through, and then order your books from the tract society. There is something of an inspiration in feeling that you are one among scores of other young people who are pursuing the same line of reading at the same time.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

### The Swedish Seminary, Broadview, Ill.

The Lord is blessing this institution. Even though it has a hard struggle, financially, it is growing and prospering against all difficulties.

The Lord has given a good crop on the school-farm, and the attendance at the school is growing year by year. By careful management and hard work the operating department is self-supporting, with the exception of some help given to the teachers by the conferences.

We have pledged to nearly cover our debt, and we would like to say a kind word to our brethren in the Lake Union Conference to encourage them to pay their pledges to this institution as soon as possible, because we would like to pay our debt. We also need more buildings and implements in order to make room for the students and run the farm more successfully.

We are pressing hard upon our Swedish brethren to do their duty toward the school, and we would also like to see our American brethren join in, and by united efforts we shall come out victorious. Send the payment of your pledge to your tract society, and it will soon be forwarded to us.

There is a great work to be done among the foreigners in this country, and we like to do our part. Our hearts are in the work and our courage is good.

We have absolutely no debt except such as could not possibly be avoided in order to get the school started, and we believe that money for which our dear brethren have worked and donated to our school should be used very carefully. We hope our brethren will do their best to help us as soon as possible.

S. MORTENSON,

*Secretary of the Seminary.*

### The Morning Watch

What is the Morning Watch? Your mind, in reply to the query, instantly reverts to the little calendar, much worn and soiled by this time, presenting a gem from the treasure casket for each day in the year.

But this is *not* the Morning Watch. It is a valuable aid to its observance. It is a mute reminder of the precious season. It is a means to an end.

I fear some have made the mistake of simply committing to memory, some time during the day, the specified text of scripture supposing that in so doing they have observed the Morning Watch. All this is good—excellent. But it is *not* the Morning Watch.

What *is* the Morning Watch? By the observance of the Morning Watch is commonly meant the spending of at least the first half hour of every day alone with God in personal devotional Bible study and prayer. . . . At the very beginning of the day the soul is in its most receptive state. The mind has been refreshed by the rest of the night, and is also much less occupied than it will be at any subsequent hour of

the day. The first hour is pre-eminently the still hour. The noises of yesterday have receded. The din of the world of today has not yet broken in upon us. It is easier to say, 'Be still and know that I am God.'

By observing the Morning Watch we are fortified against the insidious attacks of our wily foe. Many of our failures during the day are due to the fact that we have failed to array ourselves in the Christian armor in the morning. He who enters the toils and perplexities of the day with the mind soothed from conscious communion with God has won a victorious position at the very portal of the morning from which the enemy may try in vain to dislodge him.

At the very beginning of the Morning Watch, make sure that there is nothing between you and God. Penitently confess every sin. To cherish known sin is to completely insulate us from God. We must clear the way for God to speak to us through His word. Then listen to His voice. After reading some precious passage, listen. Too often we hurry through our devotions, reading a bit and saying a few prayers, and take not time to listen to the still, small voice. By our constant practice we say, "Hear, Lord, for thy servant speaketh," rather than, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth."

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1913 is ready for distribution. As an aid in the faithful observance of the Morning Watch, it is invaluable: This year each text contains one of the "exceeding great and precious promises." One unique and very helpful feature is found this year. There is a daily record of missionary work performed for the whole year. Order through the tract society, and order early before the supply becomes exhausted. Five cents per copy.

CLIFFORD A. RUSSELL.

### Wisconsin Conference

Office Address, Grand Rapids, Wis.

President, W. H. Thurston; Sec'y-Treas., John McReynolds; S. S. Sec. Mrs. Mary Howell; Ed. and Y. P. Sec'y, Miss Frances L. Case; Sec'y and Treas. of the Tract Society, Mabel L. Cutler; Field Missionary Agent, H. W. Johnson, 227 Oak St., Stevens Point, Wis.

Required for Mission Fund 1st 10 months 1912	\$16,783.00
Received by Union	7,671.31
Balance due	9,111.69

### The Week of Prayer

To Be Read in All the Churches

How quickly another year has gone and the record is made for time and eternity. Many changes have taken place and great events have gone into the records since we last devoted a week to prayer, study, and praise. We are one year nearer the finishing of the work, and the privileges of service, and the responsibility of souls increase as the years go by.

The readings for this week of prayer impress us with the solemnity of the work and the importance of the time in which we are living. The Lord is calling a people out of "Babylon the great," and out of the world, who will be denominated, "a glorious church not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing." This work is being done and we are associated with it. This week of prayer should be a very profitable time for every church and every believer. It is a time for self-examination, and rededication of our lives and of our means for service. The call is for unselfish service. The world must see the marks of the nails in the palms of the church if it is to believe. The signs of the times are blood-red in their intensity and a new day is dawning. This should be made so clear by the life of the church that none but the "willingly ignorant" can fail to see it.

Speaking of this time, one writer has said: "God's time is now. The whole air is full of Pentecosts which have never come down because there has been no resting place for the cloven tongues. If there had been, Pentecosts would have fallen long ago."

At a certain time when the Master was praying, one of the disciples exclaimed, "Lord, teach us to pray." Not *how* to pray, but to *pray*. So let it be with us during this week of prayer, and as we pray, believe and receive. Then when the day comes for the offering let us experience the blessing referred to by the great apostle: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." We need this experience and a good offering will be made.

The annual offering should be larger than any previous year. The calls for help are greater and the Lord has blessed in store this year. "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which He hath given thee." Deut. 16:16. Not according to what one thinks he is able. The Lord determines a man's ability by His gift to him, and He asks us to give as we are able, according to the prosperity. Some can make large offerings and the liberality will be noted by the all-seeing eye that watches over all. This occasion should be effective in our own hearts and in carrying the message to the world.

Let all plead for the Holy Spirit at this time, and may the Lord teach us to pray and incline our hearts to give liberally of that entrusted to us that the work be not hindered, but greatly advanced. We are *messengers* to all the world with the truth, and we must be willing to stake our lives upon it if we are to be of any worth.

The Saviour had compassion on the multitude as He saw their needs and He ministered to them. The multitude is before us and their needs appeal to us. We believe therefore have we spoken. We have received therefore we give.

We shall supply help for the churches during the week of prayer as far as we can. All should plan for regular services as far as possible that all may have the benefit of the readings.

Let all be prompt in sending the offerings to the conference treasurer early the following week. We would also be pleased to receive from the churches reports of the week of prayer.

May this be a season of great blessings to us all.

W. H. THURSTON.

### Milwaukee

Although we have not as large an attendance as we would like to see, the work in the Bible Training School progresses nicely. We also have several interested readers. These, with the school work, keep us busy. Our school wishes to acknowledge recent much appreciated favors of furnishings, vegetables, and fruit from the churches at Antigo, Bethel, and Omro. It would be a pleasure to hear from other companies in like manner. Last week a sister who had, because of discouragement given up her hope, again took her stand with this movement. How good it seems to see the wanderers return to the way that leads home. O you who have become weary and lost your hold on God, come back; your Father calls, *come back!* There is *power* in His call to hold you if you will only turn your face toward home. Much interest is awakened at present regarding the Eastern Question; the daily press noting the relation of the present struggle to a general war, and finally Armageddon. What opportunities are thus afforded for presenting the testimony of Jesus by the prophets in regard to this matter as a sign of the near approach of the end. And though the details of the coming struggle we may not see clearly as yet, still we may know that the forces are even now wheeling into position to fulfil the latter part of Daniel eleven, and that the great power called the "king of the north" will soon "plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious mountain, yet he shall come to his end and none shall help him." And now, in place of any alienation because we may not see the same with reference to this prophecy, let us *press together*, and understand that whatever the identity of the

powers in question, the conflict can not end till *we have done our part*, for this, heaven and earth are waiting. Let us work now, and *together*, while the day lasts.

B. L. POST.

### An Interesting Temperance Program

The young people of Bethel Academy gave a temperance program at Arpin, Wis., in the Old Arpin church, Sunday evening, November 24. The church was snugly filled. Many signed pledges not only to abstain from the intoxicants themselves, but also to help and encourage others to do the same.

Pastor F. H. Brown of Vesper, Wis., welcomed the young people and assured them that he would always cooperate with them in the temperance cause.

Prof. E. E. Gardner, formerly of South Lancaster, Mass., now principal of Bethel Academy gave an address on the problem of intemperance that is sweeping through this land of stars and stripes, robbing our country of many of its best sons and daughters.

One of the leading features of the program was the music rendered by the students of Bethel Academy. There were an instrumental voluntary by Messrs. F. W. and J. E. Gardner, a male quartette, a ladies' duet, a solo by J. E. Gardner, and a selection entitled "Water, Pure Water" by a double mixed quartet.

Other interesting parts of the program were a recitation, "The Cost of a License," by Miss Alma Christopherson, and a reading, "The Efficient Life," by the chairman of the academy temperance committee, Mr. J. A. Dominski.

NEWS COMMITTEE.

### Bethel Academy Notes

Miss Benson expects to commence school in a few days.

Mrs. E. Bjsbee is visiting her daughters at the academy.

Prof. J. N. Kimble was in Grand Rapids, Monday, on business.

A temperance program was successfully rendered at the Bethel church Sabbath, November 23, by the temperance band.

Mr. Chris Hanson was severely hurt in a runaway of a team of colts last week while working for Mr. Roerhig of Arpin. He is now at the hospital at Marshfield. It is reported that he is improving.

### Northern Illinois Conference

Office Address, 3645 Ogden Ave., Chicago, Ill.

President, G. E. Langdon; Sec'y-Treas., H. E. Moon, Y. P., S. S., and Ed. Sec'y, Edith Shepard; Field Agent, J. A. Applegate, 184 Woodland Ave., Aurora, Ill.

Required for Mission Fund 1st 10 months 1912	\$8,729.50
Received by Union " 10 " "	5,473.83
Balance due " " 10 " "	3,255.67

### Field Notes

The South-Side church has organized an effective campaign for city work for the winter. They have divided the city in the vicinity of the church into districts for individual work from house to house with our literature. They are beginning with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* and will continue with a systematic selection of tracts in envelopes from week to week, something like a lecture course in subjects, only abbreviated. "The Spirit of God will accompany the printed page to impress the truth upon the hearts of the readers the same as if spoken from the desk." This is a great encouragement to all.

We are planning for a minister and Bible workers to go in to the church April 1, and hold a strong series of evangelistic services to gather up the interest created. Other churches are adopting this plan.

Our week of prayer is now just upon us—next Sabbath will be the first reading. It is the consummation of a "year of prayer," not to make up for our year's lack; it is a united week's prayer meeting and offering for our mission and missionaries, and a reconsecration of ourselves and families to this great work of God in the earth.

Ten thousand dollars annually is our portion of what is required by the General Conference to carry on the work Jesus gave us—"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We are about \$3,000 in arrears. Now brethren, let us raise this during this week of prayer. God will add many stars to the crown of those who sacrifice for lost souls.

G. E. LANGDON.

### Ottawa and Joliet

Sabbath, November 16, I was with the church at Ottawa. For various reasons it seemed necessary to have the election of church and Sabbath-school officers at this time. The Lord came very near as we sought His counsel in this important matter. Brother Charles Morrell, who has recently moved to Ottawa from Iowa, was chosen elder, and Brother Ernest Dunn, who has treatment-rooms in Ottawa, was elected deacon. The sweet Spirit of the Lord came in as these brethren were set apart to this sacred work, and all felt that it was good to be there.

A few struggling souls have been holding firm to the precious truth for many years in Ottawa. But it looks now as though there are brighter days for this church. Just before we moved from Ottawa the Lord gave us four Sabbath-keepers, heads of families, three of them uniting with the church. These all seem to be having a bright Christian experience; and others are interested whom we hope will soon be with us.

The work is still onward here in Joliet. There are positive evidences of the Lord's willingness to help us. Nearly every Sabbath interested ones not of our faith come to the services, and on Sunday evenings quite a number come regularly and seem deeply interested.

At Fairmount, a suburb of Joliet, there is a union church building where they do not have regular preaching services, and I have been kindly invited to preach to them once a week, which I am glad to do. They turn out well and listen with the best of interest to the precious gospel truth.

Some of the members here in Joliet are having rich experiences working with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs*.

Continue to pray for the work at Ottawa and Joliet.

308 N. Eastern Ave., Joliet, Ill.

J. C. HARRIS.

### Southern Illinois Conference

Office Address, 304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill.

President, E. A. Bristol; Secretary, Edith McClellan; Tract Society Secretary-Treasurer, Nettie Eaton; R. L. Sec'y, E. A. Bristol; Field Agent, E. M. Fishell; Medical Sec'y, R. B. Craig.

Required for Mission Fund 1st 10 months 1912	\$3,952.00
Received by Union " 10 " "	2,856.41
Balance due " " 10 " "	1,095.59

### Canvassers' Institute

The annual canvassers' institute of the Southern Illinois Conference will convene at Springfield, December 17-24. It is expected that this institute will be the most profitable one ever held in this conference. A number of recruits have expressed their desire to come, so we expect a large number to be in attendance. Good instructors will be present.

Meals and lodging will be furnished free of charge to the prospective workers as well as to the regular canvassers. It will be advisable for each one to bring a bed blanket with him. The plan that was adopted by the Lake Union will be followed this year in regard to railroad fare. The fare of all regular canvassers to and from the institute will be paid,

and the fare of those new in the work will be refunded when they have delivered \$125 worth of books.

As usual, the institute will be held at the church.

A general invitation is extended to all who feel a burden for this work. Is it not time for many to respond to the earnest calls that are being made for workers? I should be pleased to hear from all who are planning to attend.

E. M. FISHELL.

**News Notes**

A canvassers' institute will be held at Springfield, December 17-24.

Brother Kelley reports an interest at Herrin where he is at present.

Brother Suda writes that he was able to place several "Great Controversy" in the homes of First-day Adventists last week.

Brother and Sister W. B. Langston are working near Eldorado and report good experiences in placing the printed page in the homes of the people.

Services are being held four nights in the week at Casey, the remainder of the time being devoted to Bible readings and cottage meetings. Some have begun the observance of the Sabbath.

Good reports comes to us of the work our members are doing for their neighbors at Lovington, Carterville, and Bluford. "Wherever we see work waiting to be done, we are to take it up and do it, constantly looking to Jesus."

**West Michigan Conference**

Office Address, Otsego, Mich.

President, C. F. McVagh; Sec'y-Treas., H. H. Todd; Ed. and Y. P. Secretary, Flora H. Williams, 467 Hamblin Ave., Battle Creek, Mich. Religious Liberty Sec'y, S. B. Horton, 564 Cass Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.; Field Agent, A. L. Van Fossen.

Required for Mission Fund 1st 10 months 1912				\$15,444.00
Received by Union	" 10	"	"	9,827.90
Balance due	"	" 10	"	5,616.10

**Canvassers' Notes**

"This week I have not done as well canvassing, but it has pleased God to let me lead a precious soul to Jesus, and that is worth so much to me. I thank and praise Him today because He can use my poor feeble efforts to His glory."—Anna Gilbert.

Sister Gilbert has home duties and an invalid mother to look after, but each week she manages to get a little time to carry the printed page to some one, and the Lord is blessing her efforts.

Brother Nathie and daughter Lydia, of Scotts, write the glad news that they are now ready to enter this blessed work. "If all who have a knowledge of the truth would now work in unison with the Spirit of God we would see a great work done."—Volume III.

"When I go over this last work and see where we are in the message, when I recount God's promises to us, and the experiences of His own through all the ages, and realize that we have the most important work to do today of all time, I certainly feel His call to work and that I must go forward trusting Him."—J. B. Fletcher.

"I worked in Stanton last week. The Lord certainly blessed, though the enemy worked hard to overcome me I had some grand experiences during the short time I was at Stanton."—Myra Hodges.

With his hand of faith clasping that of Jesus and taking the Lord at His word, "Go work today in My vineyard and whatsoever is right that will I give you," Brother Otis Palmiter of Portland started canvassing November 18. His sales amounted to \$29.25 in about thirty hours.

A. L. VAN FOSSEN.

**Indiana Conference**

Office Address, 521 E. 23d St., Indianapolis.

President, O. Montgomery, Office Address; Sec'y-Treas., H. H. Rans, 521 E. 23d St., Indianapolis; Ed. Sec'y, Marian C. Bissett; S. S. and Missionary Volunteer Sec'y, R. M. Grey; Medical Sec'y, Dr. F. A. Loop, Wabash Valley Sanitarium, Lafayette; Field Missionary Agent, O. Morris, 1722 South E St., Elwood.

Required for Mission Fund 1st 10 months 1912				\$11,641.50
Received by Union	" 10	"	"	5,988.69
Balance Due	"	" 10	"	5,652.81

**News Notes**

O. Morris made the office a pleasant call on Tuesday.

Brother H. H. Rans is spending the week in South Bend attending the Bookmen's Convention.

Elder O. Montgomery spent the first part of the week in South Bend attending the Union Conference Committee meeting.

Mrs. R. W. McMahan reports a good interest in the Bible work at Anderson, where she is giving readings to about twenty-five people. Monday evening her readers showed their appreciation of her earnest efforts by presenting Sister McMahan with a fine morocco bound Bible.

Upon opening our mail this morning we were pleased to find a check for \$25 from the Merchants National Bank of this city to be applied on the Harvest Ingathering Fund. We are also receiving many good reports from our people and everyone seems to be having fine success in this good missionary endeavor.

Mrs. Montgomery is making a splendid recovery from her recent surgical operation at the sanitarium.

The teachers are arriving for the convention which opens this evening at the Indianapolis 23d Street church. Elder Montgomery will deliver the address of welcome. Miss Mryta Kellogg, Mrs. R. W. McMahan, Miss Marian C. Bissett, Professors C. A. Russell, W. L. Avery and others will be in attendance. A full report of the convention will appear later.

**East Michigan Conference**

Office Address, 426 Trumbull Ave., Detroit, Mich.

President, Wm. Guthrie, Office Address; Sec'y-Treas., Frank Hiner, Holly, Mich.; Tract Society Sec'y, S. S. Sec'y, Tillie E. Barr, Office Address; Ed. and M. V. Sec'y, H. A. Boylan, Office Address; Field Missionary Agent, A. V. Morrison, Holly, Mich.; Field Missionary Sec'y, E. I. Beebe, Ovid, Mich.

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Balance Due	"	" 10	"	3,961.67

**The Week of Prayer**

I have been very anxious since entering this conference to have every soul receive all the benefit possible from the service rendered, not only by me personally, but by each worker in the field.

In order to awaken a strong missionary spirit and open the way for the Lord's special blessing during the week of prayer, we have arranged for each of the workers to visit a number of the churches, thus providing for as many as possible. We have instructed the workers to take this matter up with the church elder and let it be known just the day the church will have conference help. I trust there will be a full attendance of all members during the entire week and especially on the day or days when help is provided.

If this season proves to be what we desire and what God will set His approval upon, it must be entered upon by both workers and people with a spirit of true consecration and devotion. Empty vessels can only be filled when they are right side up and standing erect. This is the season for us to receive a refreshing from the Lord and gain power for the prosecution of the work He has given us to do. Let us pray now that the week of prayer may be to this people what the cause of the Master demands.

It is not a time for rioting or frivolity, but for sober thought and concern in behalf of the unsaved millions in the dark places of the earth.

Have we been lulled to sleep by the pleasures of this world? Where are we placing our treasures? What do we count of value, earthly treasure or the pure gold of an unselfish and untarnished character? Do we remember the pit from which we were 'dug and count the washing we have received of any worth? If we do, then let us tell other lost men the way to be saved.

Let us pray for a good week December 7-14, that all may get the benefits of this season before the Lord. Are there sins unconfessed? Let us put them away. Are there tithes unpaid? Let us bring them in. Are there offerings kept back? Let us pour them out before the Lord and receive the blessing. Are there souls unsaved about us? Let us hold them up before the Lord till we come to be as Moses or Paul who could desire their own name blotted out or to be accursed from Christ except those for whom they worked might also be saved, see Exodus 32:32; Romans 9:1-3; 10:1. Will we ever have a better chance to get into that condition where God can manifest His power through us for the finishing of the work? You answer no. Then let us get ready now. This work and message must and will triumph and the time hasteneth on apace. God is ready, the angels are waiting with preparation all made, and hungry souls are waiting. Only the children of God are loitering about the work.

The spirit is willing, and our weak flesh will be greatly blessed and strengthened while we fall at the foot of the cross and plead for lost men during this coming prayer season. May God bless us all.

WM. GUTHRIE.

### Alma

Sabbath, November 9, was a good day for the Alma church. After a stirring sermon by Elder Hoxie based upon the words of our Saviour to Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." At the close six precious souls took their stand for the truth, and went forward in baptism. A week later four were taken into the church; the other two will join later.

DANIEL WOOD.

## North Michigan Conference

Office Address, 510 Petoskey St., Petoskey, Mich.

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Required for Mission Fund 1st 10 months 1912	\$5,492.50
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Balance Due " " 10 " "	3,254.36

### Tract and Missionary Work—No. 3

All are agreed that there is dire necessity for home missionary work, and every one to whom I have mentioned the subject regrets that so little work is done by the churches. We have the organization so that every church and company may be set to work.

The elder or leader and his officers—missionary secretary, Sabbath-school, and young people's officers especially—are chosen to lead out and plan for this work. Let me quote again from the spirit of prophecy: "The elders and those who have leading places in the church should give more thought to their plans for conducting the work. They should arrange matters so that every member of the church shall have a part to act, that none may lead an aimless life, but that all may accomplish what they can according to their several abilities."

The Missionary department of the General Conference prepares an excellent program each month for the fourth Sabbath, which is published in the *Review*. No church officer

can faithfully perform his work without the *Review*. This monthly program is very helpful in suggesting plans and ways of working. We would be glad to hear from any who may need help along this line of planning work for the church.

On page 117 of Volume IX, the servant of God writes: "In every church there is talent, which with the right kind of labor might be developed to become a great help in this work." And on the same page are these solemn words: "The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church-membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." Until our church-members rally to the work, the work of God can never be finished. Would that we could sense the full meaning of the words.

We are greatly encouraged by the fact that "heavenly intelligences are waiting to cooperate with human instrumentalities . . . for the saving of souls that are ready to perish." Though of ourselves we feel incapable of accomplishing anything for God, yet He has supplied us with angelic help, who shall go before us to prepare the way for us. Ex. 23:20. The first requisite in all missionary work is the willing mind, 2 Cor. 8:12; then we can lay claim to His promises, and they never fail.

S. E. KELLMAN.

### News Notes

If your subscription to the HERALD has expired or is soon to expire, send your renewal to this office.

S. E. Kellman and B. F. Williams are attending the convention of tract society secretaries and field agents at South Bend.

Remember the annual offering, December 14. Begin to plan for it now. Foreign missions need our help more than ever before.

Elder J. J. Irwin left Petoskey, Thursday, November 21, for South Bend to attend the meeting of the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee.

We have received several orders for the *Protestant Magazine* to be sent to the addresses of prominent men. We believe this is a good work, and trust that our readers will help circulate it as widely as possible.

It is time for you to send in your orders for lesson pamphlets and Memory Verse Cards for the next quarter's lessons. Many who have sent in orders late have had to be disappointed. So we trust all will send in orders early this time.

The next thirteenth Sabbath offering on December 28 will be sent to assist the rapidly developing work in South America. The needs of this work are truly great, and it will be a pleasure for us in North Michigan to remember this needy field with a liberal offering on December 28.

We have seen the new Morning Watch Calendar. It is very much improved. There is a sun-set calendar for each month, and it is interleaved with pages for recording missionary work done each day. For each day there is a text containing a beautiful promise from the Word of God, and will certainly be of inestimable value to the one who faithfully studies his morning watch text. Price five cents each. Order early from the tract society.

One of our good sisters began working with the Home Worker's prospectus last week. She writes: "Yesterday was my first day canvassing. I enjoyed it very much, and took \$8 worth of orders for the day. I received an order at nearly every house. I find some of the people very much interested." This is very encouraging, and shows what can be done by a great many of our people. We should scatter the pages of truth like the leaves of autumn.

A canvasser relates the following experience: "One lady whose brother wrote a book against us and whose husband would not let us have the church for one of our ministers,

has taken me many miles in their buggy to sell the good books. She would sit out in the cold while I took the truth to the people, and helped me in every way she could." Our books carry a good influence wherever they are introduced properly. Perhaps a similar experience awaits you.

**Obituaries**

**DELAWARE.**—Catherine Snider was born in Germany seventy-five years ago, and died Oct. 29, 1912, at the home of her son in Marinette, Wis. She came to America and was married to S. Delaware in Chicago in 1854. For forty years they resided at Oconto, Wis., where he died over a year ago. She was the mother of eighteen children, eight of whom are living. Eight years ago she joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 14:1-3.  
E. E. TROWBRIDGE.

**SHIPPY.**—Robert M. Shippy was born in Ohio, Oct. 11, 1835, and died Nov. 4, 1912. He was a member of the United Brethren Church until the year 1886 when he changed his religious views, favoring the Seventh-day Adventist, although not becoming a member. He leaves a wife, seven children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer in the U. B. Church of Corunna, Ind., assisted by the pastor.  
E. R. LAUDA.

**JOHNSON.**—Mrs. Almira Barter Johnson was born in Albany, New York, 1823, and died at the home of her daughter, Ada Fitzjerald, in Hancock, Wis., Oct., 19, 1912. She was nearly ninety years old and had kept the Sabbath about fifty years. She leaves four daughters to mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted by the writer, using for a text Rev. 14:13. Interment was made in the Fish Lake Cemetery, where she sleeps "until the day break, and the shadows flee away."  
W. H. THURSTON.

**BELT.**—Effie J. Lugenbeal was born in Marion Co., Ohio, March 31, 1874, and died Sept. 19, 1912, aged 38 years, 5 months, and 19 days. In 1900, she was married to Geo. W. Baugher, but death claimed him after but three years. One child, Ada, was born to this union. To her marriage in 1909 to F. I. Belt was born a second daughter. The deceased was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Winamac, Ind., and has lived a consistent Christian life, loyally upholding the cause in every way. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, two daughters, a father, step-mother, four brothers, and one sister; but they sorrow in hope. The funeral was held in the M. E. Church, and words of comfort were spoken from Mark 11:22, by the writer, assisted by the M. E. minister.  
THOMAS HARRISON.

**HULL.**—Sister Elizabeth Hull died at her home in Onarga, Oct. 27, 1912. She was born in Highland County, Ohio, January 28, 1850, was married to Elmer Hull in 1866. She leaves two adopted daughters and her husband to sorrow over her departure. She embraced the message, was baptized, and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church January 4, 1903. Before accepting present truth she was a member of the M. E. Church of Onarga, and was buried from that church. There was a very large attendance, although the weather was stormy. We believe Sister Hull sleeps in Jesus, and we hope to see her when He comes. Mr. Hull asked me to go to his house at a special hour and pray with him and his family according to Sister Hull's request. This my wife and I did with real freedom.  
CHAS. E. STURDEVANT.

**PRINCE.**—James Prince was born in London, England, April 12, 1838, and died at Camanche, Iowa, October 31, 1912, at the age of 74 years, 6 months, and 19 days. The early part of his business life was spent as a sailor. In 1870 he came to Chicago, and two years later was united in marriage to Miss Annie Nelson. In the year 1878 he became a

member of the first English-speaking Seventh-day Adventist Church in Chicago, and held membership at Clinton, Iowa, at the time of his death. Both he and his wife were baptized by Elder O. A. Olsen, but were brought into the truth through Bible readings given by Sister J. D. H. Camp, not hearing a sermon on the truth for quite a while after beginning to keep the Sabbath. For thirteen years Brother Prince labored as a colporteur in the Illinois Conference, residing for some time in Plano, Ill. Two children, a son and daughter, died in infancy. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife and son. The funeral service was held on Sabbath morning, November 2, 1912, and he was laid to rest in Grove Hill Cemetery at Morrison, Ill. Words of comfort were spoken by R. M. Acherman, pastor of the Methodist church.  
A. N. ANDERSON.

**Canvassers' Institutes for 1912-3**

Conference	Date	Place
S. Illinois	Dec. 17-24	Springfield.
Wisconsin	Dec. 27-Jan. 5	Place not decided yet.
N. Illinois	Jan. 17-23	Chicago.
W. Michigan	Jan. 24-Feb. 2	Place not decided yet.
E. Michigan	Feb. 1-9	Place not decided yet.
Indiana	Feb. 7-16	Place not decided yet.
N. Illinois	Feb. 21-Mar. 2	Fox River Academy.
Wisconsin	Mar. 3-13	Bethel Academy.
N. Illinois	Mar. 14-23	Broadview Swedish Seminary.
W. Michigan	Mar. 24-Apr. 3	Cedar Lake Academy.
E. Michigan	Apr. 4-13	Adelphian Academy.
Indiana	Apr. 14-24	Beechwood Academy.
W. Michigan	Apr. 27-May 4	E. M. College.

Those desiring to attend any of the above institutes should correspond with the field agent in their conference. We should expect to see a large army go out from these institutes who will push forward the work with great zeal and earnestness during 1913.  
J. B. BLOSSER.

**Canvassers' Report for Week Ending November 22, 1912**

Canvasser	Northern Illinois			Helps	Total	Del.
	Book	Hrs	Ords Value			
O. M. Randall.....		46	12 42 00	4 25	46 25	.....
John Hicks.....	P.G.	33½	18 54 00	3 00	57 00	.....
L. Clarke.....	B.R.	38	13 40 00	.....	40 00	.....
		117½	43 156 00	7 25	143 25	.....
	Wisconsin					
O. O. Potter.....	G.C.	30	9 35 00	5 40	40 40	3 00
W. A. Griffith.....	G.C.	2	2 6 00	.....	6 00	65 50
Louis Scholz.....	B.R.	32	6 18 00	13 10	31 10	.....
Martin Foss.....	B.R.	13	3 9 00	1 00	10 00	22 00
		77	20 68 00	19 50	87 50	90 50
	Southern Illinois					
Mary DeWitt.....	G.C.	56	1 2 00	4 00	6 00	22 45
Hugh Stearns.....	G.C.	41	17 59 50	1 95	61 45	.....
Jerry Suda.....	G.C.	64	1 3 00	1 50	4 50	130 00
Ivan Falconer.....	G.C.	41	7 20 00	3 25	23 25	68 00
W. E. Bailey.....	B.R.	35	13 25 00	.....	25 00	32 00
R. J. Watson.....	G.C.	37	4 16 00	8 15	24 15	60
Mr. and Mrs. Langston.....	.....	.....	.....	8 10	8 10	.....
Levi Tidrick.....	B.R.	40	9 27 00	.....	27 00	.....
Frank Tidrick.....	C.K.	38	.....	.....	.....	92 00
Grace Thomas.....	C.K.	19	13 21 00	.....	.....	.....
Hugo Mitzelfelt.....	G.C.	33	8 24 00	1 00	25 00	120 00
Frank Crail.....	C.K.	35	9 14 50	.....	14 50	.....
A. P. Lager.....	G.C.	43	7 18 00	7 50	25 50	.....
		482	84 230 00	35 45	265 45	434 55
	East Michigan					
Geo. McClenathan.....	G.C.	75	13 39 00	10 70	49 70	7 25
Mrs. Countryman.....	C.K.	46	19 31 00	25 35	56 35	47 35
Floyd Myers.....	G.C.	21	4 10 00	3 50	13 50	3 50
F. W. Brainard.....	D.R.	14	4 11 00	.....	11 00	.....
		156	40 91 00	39 55	130 55	58 10
	Indiana					
H. W. Flake.....	C.K.	38	11 18 00	6 50	24 50	.....
Stephen Boze.....	H.M.	23	4 8 00	1 75	9 75	.....
O. O. Richardson.....	G.C.	40	13 41 00	5 00	46 00	.....
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Mrs. Lou Kirby-Curtis

Editor

Prof. C. A. Russell left South Bend last Wednesday, November 27, to attend the teachers' institute at Indianapolis.

A report of some important actions taken at the recent Union Conference Committee meeting is being prepared for publication in the next issue of the HERALD.

Among those in attendance at the Bookmen's Convention held in South Bend, November 25-28, were Brethren N. Z. Town and I. A. Ford, both of Washington, D. C.

The fall session of the Lake Union Conference Committee was held at South Bend, Ind., November 22-27, 1912. At several meetings all the members of the Committee were present.

In four years the circulation of the Morning Watch Calendar increased from 6,000 to 25,000. These facts declare clearly and loudly the value of the Calendar. Do not fail to get one for 1913. Price 5 cents.

The question of delegates to the next session of the General Conference was not acted upon at the late meeting of the Committee, but was deferred until the winter session which will probably be held in the month of February.

At the Sabbath service in South Bend, November 23, Elder G. E. Langdon gave an interesting discourse to the church-members and visitors in attendance. At the young people's meeting held in the afternoon, Prof. C. A. Russell spoke.

How to encourage our brethren throughout the field to increase their offerings to missions, also the question of arranging the time of our camp-meetings next summer, are two of the items which received consideration at the South Bend meeting.

The Union Conference Committee voted in favor of the new system of accounting recommended by the General Conference. This will effect local church treasurers, conference treasurers, and union conference treasurers, in the keeping of their accounts. This new treasurers' record for churches was announced in a recent issue of the *Review*. Your conference treasurer will give you further information. The new system is to be started January 1, 1913.

Aside from conference presidents, the following persons were in attendance at the Bookmen's and Tract Society Secretaries' Convention: East Michigan, Frank Hiner, A. V. Morrison; West Michigan, A. L. Van Fossen; North Michigan, S. E. Kellman, B. F. Williams; Northern Illinois, H. E. Moon, J. A. Applegate; Southern Illinois, Miss Nettie Eaton, E. M. Fishell; Indiana, H. H. Rans; Wisconsin, Miss Mabel Cutler, H. W. Johnson. Brother J. B. Blosser and J. W. Mace represented the Union.

"As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."

## College

The short talks given by the bookmen at the young people's meeting were enjoyed by all.

The evening after the Sabbath, the students and teachers enjoyed the winter term's reception, given in the chapel.

We were pleased to have with us the city superintendent of public schools of Berrien Springs as a visitor last Friday.

Elder S. B. Horton will spend the first half of the week of prayer at the College, and Elder W. A. Spicer the later half.

A chorus of forty voices was organized Saturday evening, under the efficient leadership of Professor McHenry of South Bend, Ind.

Elder Spicer will give the first number of the lecture course, December 14, on "South America; or A Trip South from Panama."

The good chapel talks given during the past week by Prof. C. L. Taylor, Elder G. E. Langdon, and Elder N. Z. Town were much appreciated.

The new students who have arrived are Roy Swartout, Miss Willa Parker, Grant Robinson, Walter Reese, Myra Hodges, Fred Anderson, Ethel Anderson, and Eloise Hellerick.

Those attending the Bookmen's Convention at the College this week were Miss Mabel Cutler, E. M. Fishell, A. J. Applegate, A. V. Morrison, B. F. Williams, A. L. Van Fossen, J. B. Blosser, and N. Z. Town.

A stirring talk on the splendid progress of the message and its *sure going* to all the world in this generation, was given at the Sabbath morning service by Elder N. Z. Town.

Some Thanksgiving visitors at the College were Esther Pearce of Bay City, Carrie Rasmussen of Battle Creek, Mrs. E. E. Jewell of Grandville, Mrs. W. W. Robinson and Carl Robinson of Grand Rapids, Carl Decker of Battle Creek, Mable Clarin of Chicago, Miss Rika Wohlers and Master Harry Wohlers of Bunker Hill, Ill., and Helen Hayward of Bethel, Wis.

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