Lake Union Herald

"Am I my brother's keeper?"

"I am debtor to all men."

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PSALM TWENTYTHREE In pastures green? Not always; sometimes He Who knoweth best, in kindness leadeth me In weary ways, where heavy shadows be, Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright,-Out of the sunshine into darkest night; I oft would faint with sorrow and affright Only for this—I know He holds my hand; So, whether led in green or desert land, I trust, although I may not understand. And "by still waters"? No, not always so; Offtimes the heavy tempests round me blow, And o'er my soul the waves and billows go; But when the storms beat loudest, and I cry Aloud for help, the Master standeth by And whispers to my soul, "Lo, it is I." Above the tempest wild I hear Him say: "Beyond the darkness lies the perfect day; In every path of thine I lead the way." -Selected



What Shall the Harvest Be?

Novembr 5, I was present at the Chicago Conference workers' meeting. This was held in the Pacific Press building at Brookfield. The Chicago Conference has raised over sixteen thousand dollars in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, which is five hundred over their goal. They are a happy corps of workers. Their faithfulness, also the faithfulness of the brethren and sisters in that field is commendable. They are not stopping because their goal has been reached. More may be said of this in the HERALD elsewhere.

The letter given below was sent to the General Conference, and they have asked us to look this man up, get acquainted with him, and help him to get a better understanding of our work. This we gladly do.

"Enclosed you will find \$10 which I give to the Seventh-day Adventists. I have heard and read of the wonderful work you are doing for our foreign neighbors. I wish you would send a missionary to our part of the state so that we blind people could learn something of the true light from God. May God bless you in your work, and I hope He will guide me in my daily work, that I, too, may become a Seventhday Adventist, in the near future. I am a God-fearing man."

There is a sister in Danville, Illinois, who has accepted the truth since the Harvest Ingathering began. She was found by one of our Ingathering workers. These experiences may be greatly multiplied if we watch our opportunities.

The Ingathering report up to date is given below.

Chi ca go	\$16,000.00
East Michigan	7,640.64
Illinois	4,132.87
Indiana	7,012.46
North Michigan	3,240.00
North Wisconsin	2,513.20
South Wisconsin	9,770.40
West Michigan	6,000.10
	56,309.67

WM. A. BUTLER

Bread Cast Upon the Waters

A short time after we entered the World War our brethren in New York made arrangements to place a library of our books on a number of the transports. An appropriation was made by the Greater New York Conference and supplemented by the branch office of the Review and Herald Publishing Association to cover the cost of thirty sets. Captain Johnson, our veteran ship mission colporteur, with other workers of the local and union conferences placed these books on the transports in the New York harbor.

A young man on board the "Dixie" lying in the harbor at Queenstown became interested in these books and selected the "Seer of Patmos" to read. The message of this book kept ringing in his ears. It made a new man of him, enabling him to cast aside the evil habits of smoking and drinking.

Following the Armistice he returned home. This summer, while walking along the streets in Green Bay, his attention was arrested by the singing of gospel hymns at the tent where Elder Woodman and Brother Piper were conducting a series of meetings. He listened to the preaching of the word and much to his surprise he found the brethren were preaching the same message he had read in the "Seer of Patmos." In three weeks he was baptized, and at the last Sunday night meeting of the tent effort when I made a call for colporteurs he volunteered for the Master's work. Thus bread cast upon the waters was found after many days. E. E. FRANKLIN

My endeavor: To be true—first to myself—and just and merciful; to be kind and faithful in the little things; to be brave with the bad, openly grateful for good, always moderate; to seek the best, content with what I find, placing principles above persons and right above riches: of fear, none; of pain, enough to make joys stand out; of pity, some; of work, a plenty; of faith in God and man, much; of love, all.—Selected.

NO TIME

"No time to pray!" Oh, who so fraught with earthly care As not to give to humble prayer Some part of day?

"No time to pray!" 'Mid each day's dangers what retreat More needful than the mercy-seat? Who need not pray?

What thought more drear Than that our God His face should hide, And say, through all life's swelling tide, "No time to hear!"

-Selected

Our Young People's Page

Conducted by the Lake Union Missionary Volunteer Department

Bethel Academy

It has been my privilege to spend several days with Brother Jorgensen at Bethel Academy. We found here in this one of God's training centers young men and women filled with a desire to enter some branch of the soul-saving work which is the greatest movement entrusted to human kind.

There is a splendid spirit in the homes, in the classrooms, and on the campus. The greatest privilege ever given to men is to help direct and mould the lives of the youth of this denomination. We greatly enjoyed meeting with the students and teachers in worship, at the chapel hour, at vespers, and at the Sabbath services.

It was indeed gratifying to meet with the students in their prayer bands, held each day. On this page you will find an article showing a direct answer to the prayers of one of the young men's bands.

There is at present an enthuastic Harvest Ingathering campaign in Wood County, also one for special building funds.

I trust all who read this page will unite in prayer with the teachers and students of Bethel, that the Spirit of God may continue throughout the entire school year. T. S. COPELAND

What Is Your Plan?

To what are you looking forward, young friend? What is your objective? Are you hoping some day to be a second Montgomery Ward or Marshall Field and join the merchant-kings of the world? Perhaps you wish to be a James Hill or a Thomas Edison. These men had an objective, and it was a consuming fire within them. By ever keeping this objective before them and laughing at failure, they made possible their success. Having an objective will do the same thing for you.

I read the other day that "no system will be a success without the human touch back of it." We might add that no plan or work "will be a success without the human touch back of it." As Christians we have an Elder Brother who will help us in emergencies, but He desires His children to do all they can and He will do the rest. We must throw our lives into the work before us if we would make it a success. "There is no royal road to learning." In other words, we must be willing to burn midnight oil at times in order to reach our objective. Young friend, what is your plan? What is your objective? First make your decision and then back it up with your whole being, with

your very life, and you will be assured of success at the end of the road.

Do you desire an education for service in God's work as a preacher, a teacher, a nurse, or possibly a worker in some other line? Then make that your objective. Hold this one thing in view and bend your energies to the accomplishment of your purpose. Perhaps you lack money to enter school, or perhaps there are other lions in the way. Do not let these things discourage you. Say with Napoleon, "There shall be no Alps," or the motto of another, "Where there is a will there is a way." This spirit will conquer all obstacles and you will eventually reach the desired goal.

I wonder if you are saying, "I have no talents," letting the talent you do have lie dormant? It is surprising what can be accomplished by the aid of our Elder Brother. We are told that there is a place for all in the cause of God. Then let us arise and prepare for our part in it. Have you a greater obstacle than Demosthenes who talked with pebbles in his mouth to overcome stuttering? He became the greatest orator of his day. Have you heard the early experiences of men like Elder Corliss and others of our early pioneers? They became leaders in the cause of God. What others have done you can do. Let us decide now to plan for a thorough preparation, and a definite work in connection with this closing message.

"We rise by things that are under our feet; By what we have mastered of good or gain, By the hopes despoiled and the passions slain And the conquered ills that we daily meet." H. M. COLBURN

An Answer to Prayer

My brother felt for some time that he ought to yield his heart to God, but somehow he never had enough courage to take the step. Labor for him seemed vain. Our prayer band at Bethel Academy prayed for him, and in a week's time I received the following letter from him:

"The Saviour has recently come preciously near to me. I know He has stood by me through trials and tribulations. There is power in His blood. You know I have been a doubting Thomas, but I have come into personal contact with my Saviour and beheld His power. Sometimes I cannot understand why the Saviour has bestowed upon me the privilege and honor of knowing Him. I will tell you the whole story when I see you."

My friends, consider if you will the mighty power there is in prayer: J. P. BEACE

East Michigan Conference

Office Address, Holly, Mich. President, W. H. Holden

Cash Promotion Fund

Many will remember that at our last camp-meeting I presented the needs of the East Michigan Conference Association, and Sunday morning we took up pledges for this fund. I have also presented the needs of the association in several of our churches. About twelve hundred dollars has come in, but there still stands on our books a large number of unpaid pledges. You remember this fund was to bring one dollar a month to the conference during the year from each one who pledged. Some, however, have perferred to pay their pledge in a lump sum. Can the rest of you not do so now?

We are anxious to purchase a parsonage in Detroit, thus reducing the heavy rent we are obliged to pay for the home of the pastor of the English church. We have also found it necessary to add about forty acres to the Adelphian Academy farm, and we believe this will strengthen the farm so that we can keep enough cows to furnish sufficient milk for the school. At present we are paying 7 cents a quart for practically all the milk the school uses. The farm will also furnish more work for students.

The legal association is continually being called upon to meet its obligations, and there is no fund from which it can draw except from gifts and legacies. Please remember us at this time, and, if you have not heretofore had an opportunity to assist on this particular fund, we give you an urgent invitation to help. Send your gift to the conference treasurer through your local church teasurer, stating that it is to assist the conference association, thus enabling it to pay cash for its essential needs. W. H. HOLDEN

Harvest Ingathering

The home missionary secretary has informed me that only six of our fifty churches have reached their Harvest Ingathering goals. They are Adrian, Alaiedon, Belleville, Detroit German, Grand River, and Oxford. Many of the other churches have not raised as much in their Harvest Ingathering as they did last year. The six weeks' campaign has ended, and the churches that have reached their goals will not be required to take further part in the campaign. However, we do earnestly appeal to our churches that have not reached their goals to make a strong effort to do so during the month of November.

Reapers are needed for the harvest field. Let us go forth in the name of the Lord and make our mission work even stronger than it has ever been before. I am sure the appeal coming to us at this time from the General Conference will find a response in willing

hearts. The cause of God must not retreat. Forgetting about goals and remembering the crying need of a dying world, let us go forth in the name of the Lord to finish the work. W. H. HOLDEN

September, 1923							
Adrian	\$100.36	\$17.39	\$117.56	Lapeer	\$109.66	\$3.70	\$65.25
Alaiedon	5.00		3.50	Linden	25.89		8.10
Ann Arbor	233.68	13.26	85.43	Luce	38.17	.15	65.72
Arbela	16.80	.70	16.06	Napoleon	33.41	2,30	12.37
Bancroft	89.35	15.46	18.81	North Branch	82.53	7.87	16.60
Bay City	383.41	17.41	210.26	Oxford	83.86	5.26	113.77
Belleville	44.05	1.42	63.62	Owosso	158.28	4.12	57.36
Brent Creek	6.00	1.07		Pontiac	293.29	6.45	224.11
Bunker Hill	87.80	3.52	34.39	Port Huron	49.06	••••	37.44
Chapin	24.58	· · · ·	9.43	Prattville	116.13	5.99	47.23
Chesaning	23.39	3.05	70.07	Rapson	32.00	• • • • • •	95.31
Clarenceville	212.24	8.64	55.18	Reese	18.75	3.20	9.73
Detroit Germa	n 292.71	9.95	621.67	Saginaw	294.68	2.25	187.46
Grand River	2368.38	50.74	2430.24	Sandusky	20.25	• • • • •	30.08
Hartford Ave.,	1184.95	6.69	298.86	St. Charles	196.54	4.85	144.67
Durand	57.32	4.38	42.68	Thornville	14.20	1.00	61.35
Elkton	24.50	1.40	73.63	Vassar	213.15	24.72	55.63
Fairgrove	69.11	2,19	17.90	Willis	118.73	6.06	40.45
Fenton	63.61	4.17	69.91	Wyandotte.	121.14		82.19
Flint	747.42	15.76	334.32	Walled Lake	41.64		32.23
Greenbush	41.86	2.92	30.51	Starr Corners	5.90		21.98
Gibson	7.35	1.45	4.80	Conference Ch.	125.27	10.18	44.06
Hazelton	46.52	1.06	22.63	Inlividuals	15.70		4.65
Hillsdale	78.65	• • • • •	45.72	Leslie	6.00	· ·•• · ·	
Holly	917.94	20.29	268.20	St. Johns	31.34		
Imlay City	31.70	1.35	93.13	Westphalia	25.96	•••••	
Jackson	424.09	29.46	205.26			<u> </u>	
Lansing	861.48	23.43	304.18	Totals \$1	0,715.78 3	,45.26 2	,000.69

North Wisconsin Conference

Office Address, 620 Tenth Ave., West Ashland, Wis. Mail Address, Drawer 482

President, J. J. Irwin

News Notes

By the time this reaches our readers the colporteurs will be meeting at Bethel Academy. The date of the institute is November 16-26. If you want training, and desire to take part in this branch of the Lord's work, come to the institute, and get all the instruction possible.

We desire to obtain the addresses of two or three members of the conference church who have moved and left no addresses at their post office. Any one knowing the addresses of the following will confer a favor upon us by passing the information on to the conference office: Mrs. A. M. Holm, last known address, 424 Farwell St., Eau Claire, Wisconsin; James O. Lambert, Conrath, Wisconsin; Elmer Ross, Box 85, Trout Creek, Michigan.

We have the following news from the Bear Lake church:

Mrs. George Rathbun is at the Madison Sanitarium for medical aid.

The children of the church school, with Mrs. O. D. Scott as chaperon, went to Weyerhauser, Appollonia, and Bruce, Thursday, November 1, where they solicited funds for the Harvest Ingathering. They received about \$30.

If you have any news please send it in.

V. R. NEALL

Walderly Notes

We believe the readers of the HERALD will be glad to hear from Walderly Academy again. We are all busy trying to finish the fall work before the ground is covered with snow.

The academy family enjoyed having the workers' meeting held at the school. This meeting was an inspiration to us.

A number of the parents have visited their children since the opening of school.

Professor Forshee is still at the sanitarium. We are glad to say that he is slowly improving.

The students union has again been organized with Andrew Lidell, leader; Clarence Messer, assistant leader; and Flossie Irwin, secretary.

Miss Hilda Gunderson is keeping house for Mr. Gunderson and the children. Mrs. Gunderson is expected home soon. We trust she will be much improved in health.

The orchestra has some new members this year. Professor Straight meets with them an hour on Saturday evening, and we expect to hear some good music in the near future.

Last Thursday we went out in the Harvest Ingathering work. Four automobiles carried part of the crowd, and a number of the boys walked. At seven-thirty that evening we met in the chapel to relate some of our interesting experiences. Every one felt the day had been well spent. We had gathered a little over \$85. Having some territory left we have decided to go out again. You will hear more about it later.

Illinois Conference

Office Address, 304 W. Allen St., Springfield, Ill. President, W. A. Westworth

News Notes

We have been receiving many orders for the "Home Workers' Prospectus" from our people throughout the conference, and no doubt orders will soon be coming in for our small books. This will do much to rightly mold the minds of the children. We are sure there are others who will join our band of home workers, thus endeavoring to place our wholesome books in the homes of the people. Send us 50 cents for your prospectus.

Brother N. Buehler, one of our colporteurs located at Lincoln, has set his goal in the Ingathering work at \$150. Judging from the way his remittances are coming in, he soon will reach it.

Elder Taylor has been conducting a series of meetings in our church at Stewardson.

Practically all of our conference workers, together with members of the executive committee assembled in Springfield, November 6 and 7, to attend a general meeting in the interests of our future work. A detailed report will be given later.

Brother E. F. Slater was a welcome caller at the office a few days ago. He and his family passed through Springfield on their return from Michigan where they spent a few days visiting friends.

"Ups and Downs of Life" is a new book by Ruth Lees Olson. It is especially written for our young people and makes a beautiful gift book. The price is \$1. Write us for a special holiday list of our good books.

North Michgan Conference

Office Address, Reed City, Mich. President, H. H. Hicks

Forward

Filled with fear and dread, and momentarily expecting to be captured by the Egyptains, Isreal complained to Moses. Moses turned to the Lord and was given a brief, but significant and encouraging answer, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward," and they went forward to victory. Some have wondered if our Ingathering work will stop now. The command is "forward" until our goal is reached, and surely we do not want to stop now. Let us not lose sight of the purpose of this work. Think of the millions who grope in darkness. From every land where heathenism prevails, comes the cry of the lost, "Send us light." Will we, because of our indifference and the fear of man, deprive lost souls of the hope of eternal life? God is counting on you and me to do our part to advance the gospel of Christ. A stanza of this poem by Annie Johnson Flint illustrates the responsibility that is ours:

> "Christ has no hands but our hands To do His work today; He has no feet but our feet to lead Men in His way; He has no tongue but our tongue To tell men how He died; He has no help but our help To bring them to His side."

One of the greatest blessings derived from this work is the spiritual inspiration that it brings to those who take part in it. There are many poor souls who are seeking for light. This work puts us in touch with them and we are given an opportunity to present the Saviour to them. A personal visit may be more effective than many sermons.

I appeal to you who have not spent ten hours in this work, do not let this year pass without doing your bit. The longer you put it off the harder it becomes. Do not wait, but choose the first good day and call on your friends and neighbors telling them of the dire need of our fellow-men across the sea. Many of our brethren have been busy digging potatoes, but they will soon have this work finished, and then they will do their part. Even though we have spent more than ten hours in this work, let us gather in a few dollars more and reach our goal. We are publishing a partial list of those who have \$100 or more, also those who have \$10 or more. We would like the names of all who have at least reached the \$10 goal.

Those who have \$100 or more are: N. M. Jorgensen, O. M. Kittle, A. P. Petersen, Mrs. Thomas, and L. M. Petersen.

Those who have \$10 or more are: C. M. Gruesbeck, Florence DuBois, Mary Ernst, L. Shepard, Mrs. Andrew Knecht, T. H. Butler, Alice Bennett, Mrs. N. M. Jorgensen, Nellie Grahl, Nettie Brace, F. J. Harris, Ida F. Olson, Mary Evy, Clara Smith, Cora Gaul, Harven Evens, James O'Rilley, A. V. Morrison, Anna Stevens, Mrs. A. R. Hayton, Anna Gilbert, Emma Montgomery, Anna Bemis, Mrs. James Fisher, Mrs. C. C. Ashley, Myrtle Plumb, R. P. Olds, Joseph Franklin, Wm. Drier, Joseph Conklin, Chancy Wood, B. F. Williams, Robert Gladstone, Mrs. G. G. Brown, J. C. Jorgensen, Inis Morey, Carl Pruitt, Wm. Freeman, F. W. James, Lee Barmun, A. H. Evers, Mrs. Wm. Grey, and Elazeda Glidden.

L. M. Petersen

News Notes

A young man not of our faith recently ordered 200 tracts to use in doing missionary work. How many of our lay members have used that many this year? Many people appreciate our literature. Others would if they had a chance to examine it. Last week one of the secretaries met a stranger in a northern city and conversed with him about world events. The stranger, as he listened to a description of the future in the light of prophecy, exclaimed, "That's just what I believe! You surely have a wonderful knowledge of world conditions." During the conversation the stranger said he had obtained his information from an unusually interesting book called "The World War." That book had converted him to a firm belief in the prophecies as we understand them.

Fall and the long evenings have come. Help your neighbor to get something out of these evenings. Sell him some of our Crisis Series books, or give him some of our literature. Remember we are to sow beside all waters.

Last week the missionary volunteer secretary found an old Adventist brother who has been out of touch with our people for many years. He subscribed for the *Review and Herald*, also the *Liberty Magazine*. Although eighty years of age he ordered a club of *Present Truth* which he plans to use among his neighbors.

Last week the missionary volunteer secretary visited some of the northern cities in the interests of the Ingathering work. Traverse City was late in getting started, but is determined to do its part. Brother and Sister Pruitt are working hard to inspire the church in missionary activity. Sometimes we meet with surprises. Last week one of our workers called on a family in the interest of missions. They were supposed to have little use for religion, but he found them much interested in true religion and above the average in intelligence. They made a liberal offering to missions and stated their desire to attend any meetings that we might hold. Never pass any one because he is reported to be disinterested.

Have you a set of reading course books for your children? I am quite sure they would appreciate a set.

Some of our people are making use of the Earthquake Special *Signs*. Perhaps you could use a few in your community.

An Earthquake Special in German containing eight pages has been prepared for distribution among the German speaking people. The price is \$2 per hundred.

An isolated sister, who was recently baptized and joined the conference church, writes that she became convinced of the truth through reading "Our Day." A knowledge of present truth has come to many in just that way.

Orders for the special November Signs issue are still being received. The price is 4 cents per copy for ten or more ordered at one time. Single copies 10 cents.

Indiana Conference

Office Address, Cicero, Ind. President, C. S. Wiest

Notice

Elder L. H. Christian, Vice-President of the European Division, will speak in the Union church on Sturm Avenue in Indianapolis, Sabbath November 17 at 10:30 A. M. He will also speak at the twenty-third Street church at 3 P. M., the same day. Elder Christian came to the United States to attend the General Conference Fall Council. He has much information fresh from Europe. We invite all nearby to attend either of these two services. C. S. WIEST

Boggstown

Sunday night, October 21, we closed one of the most interesting revivals at Boggstown that we have had since coming to Indiana. I had often heard of Boggstown, but it was my first visit there. Our meetings opened Wednesday evening, October 3, and we expected to hold them the remainder of the week, but the interest grew so rapidly that the church members did not wish to have them closed. I returned to Connersville and took Mrs. Allen back with me to help in the singing, and for the next two weeks the church was filled every night. Members of the Methodist, Presbyterian, and Pentecostal churches attended our meetings. Mr. Fred Rasp and his son, and Mr. Fred Garber, although not mem-

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bers of the church, added much to the success of the meetings with their musical instruments. I wish to thank the Boggstown people for their kindness to us while we were there, and their cooperation in making the meetings a success. We hope that at some future time we may have the privilege of visiting this church again. Three new members united with the church and many are interested. MATT. J. ALLEN

Attention

We have an over supply of Lesson Quarterlies for the fourth quarter. We will be glad to accept orders for these, if you need them.

INDIANA TRACT SOCIETY

Chicago Conference

Office Address, 619 South Ashland Ave. Chicago, Ill. President, J. W. Christian

And "We Will Not"

Some years ago, when I was laboring in the Nebraska Conference, serving as its president, the mission board called one of our young men, Elder Bernhard Peterson, to enter Manchuria as one of our pioneer missionaries in that field. It seemed hard to see him go. He was one of the men upon whom we could always depend. He would cheerfully undertake whatever he was asked to do.

Having made arrangements to go, Brother Peterson spent his last day at College View, Nebraska. In the evening we sat alone, and during our visit had the following conversation:

"Well, Brother Peterson, you are going a long way from home. What would you do should the word reach you some day that our people had grown tired of giving, and you found yourself without support while carrying forward your heaven-appointed work?"

He replied, "I hardly know, but they won't get tired of giving."

"Yes, yes," I said, "I know, but other church people have changed, and what would you do if we should suddenly cease this steady mission flow?"

"Well, Brother Christian, I don't know what I would do, but they won't."

"You are taking a splendid, but not overly strong wife with you who is entitled to some comfort," I said. "Really now, have you considered this question fully, and decided in case the mission funds should fail, what you would do?"

"Well, I think I have been tempted to fear on that point, but I refuse to be shaken in my confidence. Our people have a vision, and they will not fail or become tired of giving until the work is finished. God has never been caught in a losing fight with evil. He is my captain and leader and I am a soldier. I shall let Him

look after the provisions while I fulfill His command by going forward."

I had nothing more to say. As I looked into the face before me and caught the spirit of this brother, I felt an assurance that God will honor the faith of these splendid loyal men and women. This cause has given its best to foreign missions, and we in the homeland must sacrifice that these brave soldiers of the cross shall not suffer or be crippled in their self-sacrificing endeavor.

"The suffering Jesus, His love so deep as to lead Him to give His life for man, was again held up before me; also the lives of those who professed to be His followers, who had this world's goods, but considered it so great a thing to help the cause of salvation. The angel said, 'Can such enter heaven?' Another angel answered, 'No, never, never, never. Those who are not interested in the cause of God on earth, can never sing the song of redeeming love above.' I saw that the quick work that God was doing on the earth would soon be cut short in righteousness, and that the messengers must speed swiftly on their way to search out the scattered flock."—"Early Writings," page 50.

With fathers and mothers willing to give their sons and daughters, and with these dear young people willing to answer the call of the world's need, we will not get tired of doing our part, will we, brethren and sisters? May God send the power of His love into our hearts that no sacrifice shall seem too great that wins men and women to the kingdom. J. W. CHRISTIAN

North Shore Church

Having been recently called to take charge of the evangelistic work on the North Side, I have, first of all, visited practically all the church members in their homes. As I have traveled over this section of Chicago I have come to sense its needs and the problems to be solved in getting the truth before the pleasure-loving and indifferent people. Our members are widely scattered, some residing in Evanston, Winnetka, Highland, and North Chicago, but I feel that a carefully organized campaign of literature distribution will be beneficial if a sufficient number of our members will rally to the work.

Our greatest need, first of all, is a creditable church building in which to worship and to which the public may be invited. For over twenty years our members have held up the light in this important section of the city, with no permanent meeting place. It is time that a church building be secured that the work may be put upon vantage ground. The North Side church has no Bible worker at present.

The third quarter of the year found the North Shore Sabbath school over its goal for missions. The church has reached its 60 cents a week per member goal for the first nine months of 1923. On Sabbath, October 27, we had reached our Harvest Ingathering goal, and the young people have trebled the goal of \$10 per member set by the General Conference, but we shall not stop now. A complete report of our work will appear at the close of the year.

Most of our young people are attending school either at Berrien Springs or the Chicago Academy, and three of our young men have been engaged in the colporteur work. I am glad to see our young people definitely planning for service in the Lord's closing work.

On September 16 two of our young men were bapat the Humbolt Park church where I am holding Sunday night services, and on October 28 three other adults were baptized. We expect to organize the church into active missionary bands, and we plan to hold evangelistic campaigns in various sections of the city.

We ask that you remember us in prayer that the message for this time may be given in "the spirit and power of Elias." The North Side has a large number of connected and beautiful cities stretching along the lake northward toward Milwaukee. In these days of evolution and criticism, the God of heaven will see that the gospel of the Creator is sounded to all, and the work finished on time. STEMPLE WHITE

Harvest Ingathering

We are grateful to our brethren and sisters in the Chicago Conference for their hearty cooperation in the Harvest Ingathering work during the past ten weeks. The Lord is not unmindful of our labors of love and will reward us accordingly. It is faithful effort that made it possible to reach our goal in so short a time. We have greatly appreciated the reports as they came in from week to week.

The largest amount raised in any week last year was \$1,200 while this year reports are as follows: First week, \$1,222.84; second week, \$1,174.34; third week, \$1,833.48; fourth week, \$1,819.08; fifth week, \$1,350.96; sixth week, \$1,676.75; seventh week, \$1,913.75; eighth week, \$1,392.38; ninth week, \$1,404.33; and tenth week, \$1,906.02.

Nine churches reported having reached their \$10 per member goal. Six have reached over \$1,000, and one over \$3,000, with more to follow. We believe that special mention should be made of the Broadview College. They set their goal at \$1,500, having raised \$1,100 last year. Enthusiasm ran so high, however, that they now set it at \$1,800, and will have reached it before this appears in print. We are sure nearly every church in the conference will reach its goal before the close of the year. S. T. SHADEL

News Notes

A farewell reception was given Elder Wright and his family by the South Side church and conference workers on the evening of November 3. Appreciation was expressed of the constructive work which Elder Wright has done during his stay in the conference. We regret to have him leave but are glad that he is called to a broader field of service.

Dr. C. C. Landis, who is now on his furlough from China, attended the medical convention held in Chicago last week. We were glad to have him call at the office.

The South Side missionary volunteer society, composed of 34 members, has passed the \$1,000 mark in its Harvest Ingathering work.

Mrs. Stemple White was called to her home in Iowa because of the illness of her mother.

Miss Blanche Shoup from South Lancaster, Massachusetts, is assisting Miss Brodersen at the Humboldt Park school. She has charge of the first four grades.

The second council of the Chicago Conference teachers was held at the Humboldt Park church, Sunday, October 28. Mr. Fattic and Miss White were present and gave us valuable help.

Miss Rose Herr, a former Bible worker in the Chicago Conference and now educational superintendent in East Michigan, is spending part of her vacation with Miss Jean Henry.

A letter has been recently received at the conference office from Miss Hazel Leach who is in charge of the magazine work in the Pacific Union. She says she is enjoying her work but misses her old friends in the Chicago Conference. She asks especially to be remembered to the magazine workers.

Our Broadview juniors, twenty-four in number, have raised \$117.51 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Good for the juniors!

A home school association is being organized at Joliet. They had their first meeting October 24. Surely this will prove to be a great benefit to the church and school. We are hoping more of these associations may be organized later.

Dr. Vera Clough, of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, is inspecting the children in our church schools. Parents will be notified when the children need special attention. The inspection will be followed by parents' meetings.

West Michigan Conference

Office Address, Box 472, Kalamazoo, Mich. President, J. F. Piper

Home Missionary Items

The home missionary secretary of the Dowagiac church writes that although her husband has been in the hospital for eight months and she had double work to do, she has spent six hours in the Harvest Ingathering work, receiving seven dollars. She says she expects to reach her ten dollar goal before the campaign closes.

Sister Sadie B. Cook of Valparaiso, Indiana, writes: "Inclosed please find a check for fourteen dollars, my last installment of Harvest Ingathering money. This brings my total up to about ten hours of soliciting and twenty-two dollars collected. I used about thirty magazines."

November 4, the home missionary reports were in from Glenwood, Wright, Holland, Hartford, St. Joseph, Grand Ledge, and Dowagiac. We thank all for their promptness in sending in these reports. We plan to publish the report from the church showing the best record.

We wish once more to call attention to the *Present Truth* subscription list which begins January 1. This is a special offer made but once a year. The *Present Truth* can be sent so as to reach the subscribers once every week, for twenty-four weeks. The price is twenty-five cents for each subscription, and these subscriptions must reach the West Michigan Book and Bible House before the close of December.

E. R. POTTER

How God Prepares the Way

Recently, while calling on a doctor in Grand Rapids, I was impressed to ask him for a Harvest Ingathering gift, after he had made this statement: "Yes, I have known some of your people, and I understand they are quite a missionary people."

I told him something about our work, how it had nearly outgrown us, and how we are giving nearly three times as much per capita as any other religious organization for mission work. He then said, "It seems strange, but this very morning as I was driving to the office I was impressed with the thought that I was doing very little to help missions. I suppose this thought came to me because yesterday I noticed the large amount one of my companion doctors is giving for this good work."

It was easy to induce this man to write out a substantial check as a gift to our work. The Lord goes before and prepares the hearts and minds of men who will help us. E. W. DUNBAR

Coldwater, Freemont, Union City

The Lord has a great deal of money in the hands of the Gentiles. His people must step out by faith and solicit it. Tuesday, October 16, the writer and Sister Guy Abbot of Fremont, Indiana, spent about six hours among the business men of that town. Fremont has a population of seven hundred. We received quite a sum of money and had several good talks with men about our work. We met a lady who is acquainted with our sanitarium at Lafayette. She seemed much pleased to have an opportunity to help us and said that she would always recommend the institution.

We next went to Union City, Michigan, which is a little town of about fourteen or fifteen hundred people. The prospect there seemed poor, and the brethren felt that it was almost useless to attempt to solicit. How-

ever, Sister Michael and I decided to see what could be done. After working several hours and making twenty-eight calls we received twenty-three contributions. One doctor said, "If I helped any church on earth it would be the Adventists." A merchant said, "I know but one Adventist who is not strictly honest." We left the brethren in Union City much encouraged.

We also visited the little village of Burlington, near Union City, and from six or seven places of business secured four contributions.

The business section of Coldwater was only partly worked, and we went out again in that section on October 25. We were made welcome and from fourteen or fifteen calls received ten offerings, amounting to \$22.50 We still have part of this city to work.

Seventeen hours were spent soliciting in the four above named places, and we received forty-seven offerings, totaling \$77.25, plus a most interesting and valuable experience. The Lord added His blessing to our efforts. I believe the individual card system can be used to good advantage in soliciting business men. I have almost wished that I might spend my time at this work the year around. I have already received \$76.50 on my fifty dollar goal. F. R. WIGGINS

Personal Experiences

The following letter was received from Mrs. Smith, the missionary secretary of the Hartford church, now living on a farm near Decatur. A good spirit is shown in her earnest endeavor not only to secure \$10 on her goal, but to follow up the good work of her father who died recently.

"I am thankful to be able to say that as a result of distributing six papers I have ten dollars. Although I am twelve miles from our church and my friends, I have been able, by correspondence, to receive seven dollars for two papers. I have been to three homes and received one dollar in each of them. Father and I have always each solicited ten dollars. Year after year he has faithfully gone to Waterveliet and Coloma. Before he died last May I told him I would go and meet some of his friends. I feel sure they will be glad to give, and although he is gone his works will follow him." E. R. POTTER

Church School Directory

Battle Creek—Florence Ashley, 340 W. VanBuren St. Blanche Hicks, 374 N. Kendall St.

Lillian Kirshner, 245 N. Kendall St.

Florence Utter, 245 N. Kendall St.

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Mrs. O. T. Burt, 100 Manchester St.

Belding-Pansy Middaugh, 622 Pleasant St.

Berrien Springs-Edith Hazelton, 508 N. Main St.

Carlton Center-Helena Sargeant, R. R. No. 5, care of

O. N. Landon, Hastings, Mich.

Charlotte-Miss Emilie Crouch, 518 S. Cochran Ave. Douglas-Mr. H. P. Waldo, General Delivery.

E. M. C. Training School

Susie Klose, Berrien Springs, Mich., College,

Vesta Clymer, Berrien Springs, Mich., College.

Myrtle Schultz, Berrien Springs, Mich., College.

Glenwood-Madge Kamerer, R. R. No. 3, Dowagiac, Mich.

Grand Rapids-Faye Strickland, 605 S. Division Ave.

Kalamazoo-Miss Aurora Bailey, 529 Vernon St.

Otsego-Myrtle Peterson, Otesgo, Mich.

South Bend-Gladys Bakeman, 204 E. Donald St.

Urbandale-Viola Boat, R. R. No. 4, Battle Creek, Mich.

Paw Paw-Mary Stevens, Paw Paw, Mich.

News Notes

The Morning Watch Calendar is a dainty little booklet containing a Bible reference for every day of the year. The references are arranged in groups, and one subject is covered each week. Bright, helpful, devotional poems accompany the Bible references, also a wholesome Christian thought for you every day. Secure enough copies for yourself and your friends this year. The DeLuxe gift edition is bound in a beautiful brown or cream loadstone cover and tied with silk cord. Price, with holiday envelope for mailing, 15 cents. The plain edition, paper cover, printed in two colors, 5 cents.

A special Earthquake issue of Present Truth in the Danish-Norwegian, German and Swedish languages is now being issued. Prices: German, 8 pages, \$2 per hundred; Danish-Norwegian and Swedish, 16, pages, \$3.50 per hundred.

Do you know that next year is the golden jubilee celebration of our foreign mission work? Just fifty years ago next September 14, Elder J. N. Andrews sailed to Europe. Our home missionary calendar for 1924 has been arranged to commemorate this golden jubilee, and it should be placed in every Seventh-day Adventist home. Order early.

We are anxious to secure the address of Brother Sam Roger. The address we have, Marshall, Michigan, R. R. No. 2, is incorrect. Will anyone knowing his present address please communicate with us. Write the West Michigan Book and Bible House.

"Ups and Downs of Life," yes, we have them, but this is the title of a new book for young people by Ruth Lees Olson. Her stories and articles in our leading periodicals have won for her wide popularity. In this book she tells the stories of Bible characters who struggled through the up and down experiences of life to perfection of character. "Ups and Downs of Life" is a wonderfully inspirational book and one that we believe will be the means of accomplishing a great G. W. STRAY deal of good. Price \$1 postpaid.

South Wisconsin Co. ference

Office Address, P. O. Box 513, Madison, Wis. President, I. J. Woodman

Harvest Ingathering Notes

The Harvest Ingathering is progressing but we will have to work harder in order to reach our goal of \$14,500. South Wisconsin has not failed on its goal for several years and we cannot and must not fail this year. The following churches have reached their goals, and some have doubled their goal of ten dollars per member: Eau Claire, Janesville, Lodi, Milwaukee English, Milwaukee Scandinavian, Neenah, Racine Scandinavian, Robinson, Sparta, Milwaukee Italian.

The following is a list of the churches together with the amount raised up to November 3, 1923:

	Amt.	Per.	,	Amt.	Per.
Church	Raised	Capita	Church	Raised	Capita
Almond	\$ 18.90	\$.55	New London	184.89	3.93
Appleton	142.85	11.90	Oakland	5.55	.19
Bethel	162.90	.88	Oneida	1.00	.08
Baraboo	104.45	2.67	Oshkosh	101.23	2,47
Clintonville	51.35	2,23	Osseo	21.26	2.12
De Bello	38.95	1.14	Oxford	61.60	1.31
Beloit	45.09	1.60	Pardeville	89.50	4.71
Eau Claire	502.25	13.60	Portage	127.87	9.13
Fish Creek	44.75	4.47	Poy Sippi	15.95	.38
Fond du Lac	282.06	7.05	Racine Eng.	30.27	1.59
Ft. Atkinson	114.25	6.72	Raymond	41.20	1.42
Granton	4.75	.25	Racine Scan.	239.50	21.72
Green Bay	374.00	3.81	Robinson	87.05	7.25
Hebron	50.00	7.14	Sheboygan	121.10	3.78
Hylandale	37.75	1.88	Sparta	73.83	5.68
Janesville	218.53	9.50	Stevens Point	5.25	.44
La Crosse	82,47	2.11	Sturgeon Bay	42.00	1.61
La Farge	155.02	2.63	Underhill Eng.	46.25	2.89
La Grange	63.84	1.30	Underhill Ger.	85.64	3.05
Lena	43.77	.97	Victory	9.29	.22
Lodi	110.09	5.50	Waterloo	18.00	1.20
Madison	803.48	5.54	Watertown	588.36	42.02
Marshfield	25.74	6.12	Waupaca	10.00	.38
Milton Junction	203.42	1.63	Wausau	28.53	1.50
Milwaukee Col.	77.61	3.10	Wisconsin Rap	ids	
Milwaukee Eng.	1,559.92	10.75	Beaver Dam	50.00	3.84
Milwaukee Ger.	639.18	11.41	Shawano	65.00	4.33
Milwaukee Ital.	482,63	20.98	Isolated	38.85	
Milwaukee Scan.	123.09	8.79	Miscellaneous	412.82	
Moon	198.59	4.22			
Neenah	132.00	14.50		\$9,645.48	

News Notes

Elder Woodman spent Sabbath with the Fond du Lac and Oshkosh churches, and on Sunday held a baptismal service at Green Bay.

Mr. Nelson visited the Janesville church on Sabbath. He spoke in the Rock River schoolhouse near Milton Junction, Sunday night. The members of the Milton Junction church have been instrumental in developing an interest in this neighborhood, and they are anxious to have it followed up.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Higgins and Miss Lillian Engle, of the Fond du Lac church, called at the office on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Purucker and daughter Marion of Ft. Atkinson spent Sabbath in Madison.

Mr. Emanuel Remsen, the field secretary of the conference, and Mr. E. E. Franklin, the Lake Union field

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secretary, have been visiting several of the churches in the conference in the interests of the colporteur work. Thursday evening Brother Franklin gave a stereopticon lecture at the Madison Sanitarium on "Old Landmarks and New Monuments."

As the Madison church members are anxious to raise their goal of 60 cents per week per member, the ladies of the church are planning to do their part by holding a fancy work and baked goods sale two days of this week. They have secured the use of a store window for one day, and will continue the sale the second day at the Madison Sanitarium.

Mrs. Jorgensen has returned to the office after a ten days' trip among the church schools of the conference.

The new church school room at New London was dedicated on Sabbath, October 27. Professor Fattic, Elder Woodman, Elder Westermeyer, and Mrs. Augusta Jorgensen were present. A large number of visitors from Waupaca, Weyauwega, and Clintonville were there also.

Our last junior Harvest Ingathering report shows that the juniors of the conference have raised \$1,139.78 of their \$1,400 goal. Russell Tolf of Madison heads the honor roll with over \$90. Twenty-one children have raised more than \$10 each; twenty have raised at least \$5 each; and forty-three, \$2 each. Thus we see that eighty-four children in South Wisconsin have each raised \$2 or more in this campaign.

Bethel News Notes

Bethel Academy has had several visitors during the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Dessain of Green Bay were among them.

Brother Remsen spent a day or two with us and spoke to the student body at their vesper services last Friday evening.

Mr. Jorgensen came Sunday evening and has been with us for several days. The students appreciated his visit which was longer than usual.

Mrs. Jorgensen and Dr. Olive Ingersoll spent two days with us giving physical examinations.

Professor Copeland reached here Sunday afternoon and has spoken to the students several times.

The walls of the new garage are about finished and we are ready to put up the roof. We hope to have this completed before the bad weather comes.

The newspapers are taking a kindly interest in the academy and are giving our campaign publicity.

BUSINESS NOTICES

All advertisements from this time forward must be sent through your local conference office, as it will require the conference president's O. K. to get advertisements in the Lake Union Herald. The rates are: Forty words or less, \$1 for each insertion, and two cents per word for each additional word. Cash must accompany copy for all advertisements.

Wanted.—Men for woods work by the month, also piece makers. Free transportation from Rhinelander to Camp 6, over the Thunder Lake Lumber Company R. R. Address H. Wheeler, Rhinelander, Wis., care of Thunder Lake Lumber Company, Camp 6.

Wanted.—A position to do light work by a middle-aged lady. Could be a companion and do light house work for an old lady living alone. Address Laura N. West, Sparta, Wis.

Quality Health Foods.—Meatose (vegetable meat) 1 lb. 3 oz. can 35 cents. Nuttene (vegetable cheese) 1 lb. 3 oz. can 35 cents. One case of 24 cans \$6.30, postage extra. Indiana Vegetarian Health Food Co., Cicero, Indiana. 8

Wanted.—Salesman or saleslady who can also do stenographic work. Must be a Sabbath keeper and interested in the health reform work. Also a baker who can bake or wants to learn how to bake whole wheat flour products. Have opening for a truck driver who is also a mechanic. Address George Saether, Nature's Own Food Company, 309 Pond St., Madison, Wisconsin.

COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 3, 1923

North Wisconsin, H. G. Jensen, Field Secretary

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Canvasser	Book H	Irs. O	rds.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
D. D. Johnson	HP	59	27	\$178.50	\$2.50	\$181.00	\$593.50
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Muriel Nolin						131.25	131.25
Elsie Surber						131.25	131.25
Rosa Meyer						125.00	125.00
Mrs. R. M. Ross						109.40	109.40
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Ole Fisk	OD	15	5	20.50	4.10	24.60	7.55
Burt Sisson	OD	26	3	12.00	19.50	31.50	
A. W. Alderman	BR	77	25	133.00	21.35	154.35	26. 9 0
John Culver	OD	21	5	17.00	7.25	24.25	3.00
Mrs. John Culver	OD	43	19	63.00	18.90	81.90	12.15
Ed Matheson	OD	46	34	108.00	52.80	160.80	70.00
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N. Buehler	BR	46	3	16.50	47.50	64.00	189.00
A. W. Woolpert	BR	41	10	53.00	5.50	58.50	99.50
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O. A. Redman	BR	24	4	23.00	14.50	37.50	4.25
E. W. Anderson	BR	23	3	15.00	15.75	30.75	
C. A. Park	DR	18	4	20.00	3.75	23.75	5.00
Ruth Pickering	BR	4	••				30.00
		247	50	262.00	130.65	392.65	374.25
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Arva Nickless	BR	35	24	132.00	3.00	135.00	
Sherman Clark	BR	- 25	16	86.00		86.00	
Pauline Wesner	НМ			33.75		33.75	
Cecil Tunis	DR	26	10	36.00	10.50	46.50	
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Lewis Hake	BR	30	7	38.00	13.75	51.75	
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Phillip Dangelo	BR	22	20	109.00	23.15	132.15	
Mrs. A. Agnew	BR	12	2	10.00	8.75	18.75	••••
Albert Agnew	BR	40	10	50.00	41.50	91.50	••••
		116	42	222,00	87.15	309.15	33.00
Summary		1,010	353	\$1,870.75		\$2,850.95	

Absent

Adam and Eve were absent when God called to them in the cool of the day. All the world but eight souls were absent when the hand of God closed the ponderous door of Noah's ark. Thomas was absent when, on the eighth day, the Master said to the other disciples, "Peace be unto you." All but the "little flock" will be absent when the pearly gates are at last closed between the saved and the unsaved.

One of Satan's most effective methods in having men absent from the kingdom in heaven, is to keep them absent from the church on earth. God says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together." Satan says, "Stay away from services." Whom do you obey?

Any service of the church that is of enough importance to be held at all, should be attended by all. No meeting should be missed, if it is possible to attend. All workers should set the example. Jesus is always present, and surely we want to meet Him there.

How often we let trifling things keep us away, and, like Thomas, we miss the blessing. Hot weather, cold weather, rainy weather, and dry weather, keep many from church. A light rain on the Sabbath or on Wednesday night is *so* wet, yet if there is a bargain sale, a recital, a social gathering, or an outing, even a heavy rain is *quite* dry.

A slight headache, toothache, backache, lame foot, a cold, or nervousness, many times keep people from meeting God in His sanctuary; yet, through the week, housewives continue their daily tasks, the children keep up their play, and men go to the office, store, shop, and farm. All can testify that bodily afflictions are forgotten in the mere doing of duty.

Not only should we attend all the services, but we should enter enthusiastically into all parts of *every* service. The intense interest we manifest in other things should be given to every song, prayer, Scripture reading, and sermon. How often we are excited about temporal things through the week, and then are listless and silent on the Sabbath! May God stir us to put first things first!

It is in church that we receive help. If a loved one suddenly becomes seriously ill, we hasten at once for the doctor. Yet many a loved one is dying in sin, and we too often take it as a matter of fact. Why not hasten to church, where the great Physician is, and get help. Remember sinners are no more interested in themselves than we are interested in them.

One of the most important of all the services is the Sabbath school. Statistics show that a large number of our people in every conference, who ought to be in Sabbath school, are absent each week. What a record ! Are you one of them? Of all the services, surely you cannot miss the good Sabbath school.

Think of the splendid lessons we are having now. How practical! How helpful! How inspirational! They are weekly messages that you and I not only need, but must have if we remain faithful. Oh, how poor in spirit is the one who remains away! How rich are those who attend!

Remember, God says not to forsake assembling. This means Sabbath school. What are you going to do about it? Dear reader, if you are one who has not been attending regularly, will you not pledge before God that from this time on you will meet Him there each Sabbath? Do not be absent, for it might mean that you would eventually be absent from heaven.

When you read this you may see only cold, black ink on the page before you, but some way I wish that the Spirit of God might be in every line, around each word, cover each letter, and put into your heart what the Lord has put into mine. Dear remnant, let us meet Jesus every week in the Sabbath school.

G. C. Bellah

AUTUMN

- I wondered all the summer long about a certain tree.
- It was a frail and twisted thing, and poor it seemed to be; Its handsome brothers jeered at it,
 - The shapely maples sneered at it
- And towered above it in their pride and winked their eyes in scorn;
 - I fancied I could hear them say:

"That useless tree is in the way;

'Twere better for the woods we rule if it had not been born."

It lived, and yet it had no grace-

- I wondered why it grew,
- The weakest brother of its race, despised and lonely, too. And oft I thought: "This lovely scene
- Were fairer if that tree had been
- Cut down, so men would never know or see its sorry state. That twisted trunk, those branches bare, Destroy the landscape's splendor there;
- It is the beggar of the clan before the palace gate."
- And like the beggar, day by day I fancied I could hear it plead:
- "Alms! Alms of food and drink I beg. Pray give to one in need."
 - But trees, like men, when they are strong
 - Forget the weak and pass along;
- That ill-shaped tree in leafy rags no touch of friendship found.
 - I watched it struggling to survive,
 - At times I thought it scarce alive,
- But still it weathered storm and gale when mightier trees were downed.

Now autumn with its matchless paints has visited once more And, strange to tell, in scarlet stands the beggar at the

- door.
- That poor and twisted, helpless tree
- Which once was pitiful to see,
- Lends splendor to the distant scene, the fairest of the fair. And I who was a doubting man,
 - Now see the purpose of the plan
- And understand that twisted tree and why God placed it there.

-Edgar A. Guest