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"Am I my brother's keeper?"

"I am debtor to all men."

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THE CONSTANT GOD

Sometimes a radiant glory seems to light my inmost soul
When I hear the blessed Saviour speak the virtue-words,
"Be whole;"

And my thankful soul sings praises that He summons even
me

To a banquet of immortals with the King eternally.

Sometimes a mist arises and befoes the patch once clear.
Though I cannot see His presence, yet I know that He
is near;

For ever in the darkness is the Lord my hope and stay,
As I hear Him gently whisper, "I am with the all the way."

Sometimes I cannot journey, but must wait and just be still.
Then beside the living Fountain I can feast me, if I will;
For there never is a pasture where He cannot feed His sheep,
And through all the lonely watches, God will slumber not
nor sleep.

Never weary of my seeking, never chiding at my love,
Though my feeble strivings render faulty gifts for God
above,

Like a father, like a mother, like the best of earth is He,
With the breadth and depth of heaven, e'er abiding con-
stantly.

Worthie Harris Holden



THE WINTER INSTITUTES

Since the first of the year we have conducted three regular annual colporteur institutes in this Union Conference. The first one was held at the Wabash Valley Sanitarium at Lafayette, Indiana. We appreciated very much the cordial invitation of the sanitarium family to hold the institute at that place, and we believe our workers as they are in the field will be able to speak a good word regarding the work that is being done at the sanitarium. Our colporteurs find a large number of people who are suffering from physical ailments, who might be encouraged to come to the sanitarium for treatment. We believe this is one way in which the gospel work and medical missionary work can be combined.

Since this institute, the workers have been sending in some most cheering reports, and if the work in Indiana continues to grow this year as it has started, 1924 is going to be one of the best years Indiana has ever had in the colporteur work. Brother Maris has a band of faithful workers in the field, and the Lord is giving them a rich measure of success, not only in the matter of making large sales but also in winning souls.

Springfield Institute

We went direct from the institute at Lafayette to an institute which had been called at Springfield. We were pleasantly surprised to find upon arriving that Brother Butcher had about a score of workers, colporteurs and prospectives, on hand who had come to attend the institute. Our literature work in The Illinois Conference during the past year, suffered some reverses. Two of the best workers were laid away, but others are now answering the call. Brother Butcher is an energetic worker and under his fostering care the work of the Illinois Conference this year will make great progress. The territory of the Illinois Conference is a most fruitful field for the colporteur, for he has a variety of city and rural territory. Our hearts are made to rejoice as we see the work developing and a new interest being revived in the work. We hope that many others during the course of the year will respond to the call of service, and that the Illinois Conference will hold her rightful place in the growth and progress of this great literature work.

The Michigan Institute

This year all three Michigan Conferences joined in one regular annual institute. This meeting was held at Lansing, which is a central location for the state, and a large company of workers came together to take advantage of the instruction that was offered. Over forty colporteurs attended from various parts of the state.

We were especially favored at this meeting by having Brother J. W. Mace of the Review and Herald Publishing Association with us a few days, and with the help that was given us by the various conference presidents, much inspiration was brought into the meeting. For years a considerable amount of literature has been sold in this state, and in return we see many evidences that the Lord is watering the seed that has been sown. People are accepting the truth as a direct result of the evangelistic colporteur work. A good spirit of harmony and industry prevailed at the institute, and we believe that as these workers return to their fields of labor that the Lord will give them a rich measure of success. Since the first of the year some extraordinary reports have come in, especially from our workers in East Michigan. The workers in that field have determined to take advantage of every opportunity that is presented to make 1924 a banner year in their experience.

At this meeting we had the privilege of getting acquainted with Brother D. W. Percy, who recently came to North Michigan to take charge of the col-

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porteur work in that field. A number of workers from North Michigan attended the institute, and we believe the Lord will prosper their work. There is a large territory to be worked by the colporteurs in North Michigan. There will be hundreds who will be searched out by the faithful colporteur evangelist as he goes over the rural districts. What we need in North Michigan is a larger army of men and women filled with faith and courage to search out in the "highways and hedges" those who are earnestly longing for truth. I feel confident that our people in North Michigan will rally to the efforts that Brother Percy will put forth to revive the work in that field.

West Michigan had a delegation of colporteurs at this meeting, whom Brother Johnson will start in the work. West Michigan is largely a city problem. With more than sixty-five per cent of the population residing in cities, we must train a class of colporteurs who will be able to go into these cities and make the work a success. While it is true that the message has been preached in West Michigan for years, there are still thousands who have never heard it and who are waiting for the colporteur to visit them. It is expected that others will join the ranks in West Michigan and carry the work forward in this conference.

The work is onward.

E. E. FRANKLIN



OUR NEEDS IN GERMANY

The critical turn of things in Germany during recent months affects our work in no small measure. We have three union conferences and some seven hundred churches in that country with a membership of over 30,000, which is almost one-half of our believers in the European Division and one-seventh of those in the world field. Hence we can realize that the weal and woe of the work in Germany must deeply concern all of God's children in this Advent Movement.

It is difficult to imagine the degree of suffering through which our people have gone the last few years. They have gradually become trained in the art. In the month of November, however, developments in Germany reached their climax. The current paper mark rapidly lost its value, speeding first, through the millions, then the billions until, in a comparatively short time the American dollar was negotiated in some places at 15,000,000,000,000, that is fifteen trillions—a thing certainly unparalleled in the history of finances.

Our workers in Germany have always been underpaid when compared with those of other countries even

in normal times. This experience has helped them to stand the test now when greater trials come upon them. The value of the mark wasted away with such speed that three-fourths and more was lost during the time of remittance by mail. This on the top of the low wages figured on what is known as the "index," the cost of living when compared with pre-war rates, which was always weeks behind time.

The principal of our large Friedensau Training School tells us that, in a certain month, he could buy just about two pounds of margarine for the whole amount of his salary by the time the money actually reached him.

Generally speaking, just to give an illustration, our workers were receiving something like \$1.50 a week when exchanged into dollars at the current rate prevalent that day, while prices for commodities ranged on a level as when they were receiving \$18.50 a week, not to speak of extra expenses not covered by this figure. There was always a mad rush for the stores in order to invest the earnings in food-stuffs that would not lose their value.

A farmer relates how he paid 4,800,000,000 marks to shoe one of his oxen which was the equivalent of 1,045 quarts of milk, whereas in times of peace he needed only 22 quarts. Thus there was confusion on every hand in the matter of prices.

Everybody began to sell the things he could possibly spare: clothing, linen, furniture, and even the bedding. In Berlin the slogan was current: This winter one-half of the population will have to feed on the other half. This, certainly, was a most gloomy outlook. We begin to ask ourselves: How have people managed to live? And it must be frankly admitted that we do not know.

What wonder that physical and mental exhaustion should be the result of this continual strain of years of under-feeding? Disease is lurking in every quarter. As Dr. L. R. Conradi, the medical superintendent of the Zehlendorf Sanitarium at Berlin states that it is only in very exceptional cases that people will consult the physician whom they can no longer afford to pay. While the masses are suffering from all sorts of maladies the hospitals are closing down, many of them beginning to dispose of their equipment. The insurance companies for the sick are practically all bankrupt and refuse to pay the medical fees. Hence the medical profession went on a strike. Annuities paid to people who have invested all their capital in the good old days are such a mere pittance that they will not buy

the salt for the food. In fact notices have been sent out to the effect that payments would be suspended because all the money would be absorbed by the cost of mail.

Our workers and believers in the churches all suffer alike from these conditions. The tithes are not sufficient to pay the salaries and must be supplemented by special appropriations. The Hamburg Publishing House went through a fearful trial. There were times when all the orders sent in by the 500 German colporteurs could be carried by two men under their arms to the post office to be mailed.

Prices of books climbed to fabulous figures several times a day. Consequently the canvassers could buy only a fraction of new stock for the returns on the old. How could 140 employees subsist under such conditions? This was a great blow to our veteran publishing house in Europe. Some fifty of the family of workers went out canvassing part of the time. But the Lord has helped them pull through.

All our institutions; our local conferences, unions and churches are without any working capital. Everything has been absorbed and they are literally living by faith, from hand to mouth on the contributions made by our faithful brethren who are not slacking in their duties to the cause in spite of their own dire needs. But there is a limit to their ability. Many of our own people are emaciated and sick with tuberculosis which is gripping the masses. Yet the gruesome harvest is still to come.

In a recent meeting of our committee when considering the needs of our German work that needed prompt attention, \$8,000 was appropriated to our faithful colporteurs in that country. Books were supplied them free of charge which they could sell during the holiday season; \$10,000 was advanced to our other workers many of whom are wearing their last pair of shoes, their last suit. In the Hamburg House, the committee had to donate pantaloons to one of the heads of their department when sending him on a journey to a certain place. Those he had on were so covered with patches of different cloth and color that it was evident he could not be asked to make the trip in this condition.

But our churches need help as well. They have been making every effort to help the poor. But who is not poor in Germany today? A celebrated blind organist in one of the large Lutheran churches writes me today that he just gets one-tenth of his modest pre-war salary with prices about one hundred per cent higher than they were in normal-times on the gold basis. It is true that in the meantime the currency has been stabilized. But people have not much faith in its endurance. The misery will continue as earnings are out of proportion to the cost of living.

Our poor funds are exhausted and our churches have no capital from which to draw. In all Germany

we own only about a score of houses of worship for our seven hundred churches. They all meet in rented quarters. Many of them are being turned out. This is a crying need among our people that enhances the hardships they are suffering already. Rents are rising to amounts that are beyond their means; fuel and other expenses in taxes, likewise. These are problems with which our dear brethren throughout the country have to wrestle. Some solution must be found at an early date. We can delay no longer without incurring irreparable loss not only to the cause in Germany but to our work in general. The German people have always been faithful in contributing to the cause and have been instrumental in planting the message in other countries of Europe. Great joy was brought to their hearts on receipt of the cable sent by the brethren from the Fall Council at Milwaukee: "Brethren pledge help Europe." We know you will not fail us.

Says the apostle: "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it." We are all one united people the world over and we rejoice to see the work grow in all countries until its glorious consummation. It was in Germany that the advent message first took root and it is here that the Lord has gathered the bulk of His people in Europe, in the land of the Protestant Reformation. Shall we not come to the rescue of our dear brethren in this time of their need?

W. K. ISING

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IS TITHING ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION?

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Gen. 2:16, 17.

Surely it was essential to Adam's eternal life to regard that which God reserved out of all that He gave to man at the beginning. A brief comment from the spirit of prophecy is sufficient to make the answer to the question above plain:

"The Lord created every tree in Eden pleasant to the eyes and good for food, and He bade Adam and Eve freely enjoy His bounties. But He made one exception. Of the tree of knowledge of good and evil they were not to eat. This tree God reserved as a constant reminder of His ownership of all. Thus He gave them opportunity to demonstrate their faith and trust in Him by their perfect obedience to His requirements.

"So it is with God's claims upon us. He places His treasurers in the hands of men, but requires that one-tenth shall be faithfully laid aside for His work. He requires this portion to be placed in His treasury. It is to be rendered to Him as His own; it is sacred, and

is to be used for sacred purposes, for the support of those who carry the message of salvation to all parts of the world. He reserves this portion, that means may ever be flowing into His treasure-house, and that the light of truth may be carried to those who are nigh and those who are afar off. By faithfully obeying this requirement, we acknowledge that all belongs to God.

"And has not the Lord a right to demand this of us? Did He not give His only begotten Son because He loved us and desired to save us from death? And shall not our gratitude offerings flow into His treasury, to be drawn therefrom to advance His kingdom in the earth? Since God is the owner of all our goods, shall not gratitude to Him prompt us to make free-will offerings and thank-offerings, thus acknowledging His ownership of soul, body, spirit, and property? Had God's plan been followed, means would now be flowing into His treasury; and funds to enable ministers to enter new fields, and workers to unite with ministers in lifting up the standard of truth in the dark places of the earth, would be abundant."—*Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 386.*

This letter from a new convert may help us to see how those of us who pay our tithe may be able to help others who do not understand that God requires the tenth as His holy tithe:

November 18, 1923

"Elder I. J. Woodman

"Madison, Wis.

"DEAR BROTHER IN CHRIST:

"Inclosed you will find \$2.74 for tithe. I am sorry to say that this is the first tithe I have given. But I am now willing to give the Lord all that belongs to Him. I really did not know what tithé meant when I was a Lutheran before Mr. _____ told me. I was baptizd at Fond du Lac last summer. Please pray for me.

"Your sister in the truth,
"_____"

I. J. WOODMAN



FINAL HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT FOR 1923

It is with a sense of thanksgiving in our hearts that we present the final report on Harvest Ingathering for 1923. The conference workers this year were tied up in their tent efforts and could not get away until the first of October, and there are not very many workers to visit the churches, so the amount raised was done largely by lay members. Watertown church raised the most per member and stands at the head of the list in the Harvest Ingathering. Racine Scandinavian comes next, then Milwaukee Italian. Appleton was second last year, but takes fourth place this year, then comes Eau Claire, Neenah, Janesville, Milwaukee Scandinavian, and Beaver Dam. Then we drop to the eleven dollars per member until we reach the lowest mark. The

following averages and amounts will reveal whether your church made progress this year in the Harvest Ingathering work:

Church	Amount	Average per Mem.	Church	Amount	Average per Mem.
Sturgeon Bay	191.00	7.03	New London	256.03	5.44
Lodi	133.61	6.68	Osseo	50.16	5.01
Sparta	83.98	6.46	Wis. Rapids	30.00	5.00
La Farge	363.66	6.16	Underhill Ger.	137.81	4.92
Oshkosh	252.29	6.15	Underhill Eng.	71.47	4.46
Watertown	\$673.99	\$48.14	Poy Sippi	183.21	4.36
Racine Scand.	257.08	23.37	Baraboo	165.36	4.24
Milwaukee Italian	520.13	22.61	Bethel	756.14	4.24
Appleton	224.55	18.71	La Crosse	156.31	4.00
Eau Claire	610.14	16.49	Wausau	58.85	3.62
Neenah	132.00	14.66	Lena	161.17	3.58
Janesville	296.57	12.89	Beliot	82.97	2.99
Milwaukee Scand.	174.78	12.48	Racine English	54.76	2.98
Milwaukee German	812.75	12.46	Granton	52.65	2.92
Beaver Dam	171.27	12.23	Raymond	82.09	2.83
Fond du Lac	476.93	11.92	Oxford	131.46	2.79
Portage	140.00	10.76	Milton Junction	305.78	2.44
Sheboygan	338.00	10.56	Hylandale	46.54	2.32
Hebron	73.61	10.51	Almond	74.40	2.18
Fish Creek	105.00	10.50	Marshfield	86.88	2.06
Milwaukee Eng.	1,609.39	10.09	Waterloo	30.00	2.00
Ft. Atkinson	171.52	10.08	Albany	21.17	1.92
Sand Prairie	200.00	10.00	De Bello	63.35	1.86
Pardeeville	184.14	9.69	Stevens Point	19.98	1.66
Robinson	116.00	9.66	Victory	41.45	.98
Shawano	152.00	8.44	Waupaca	25.05	.96
Madison	1,209.83	8.34	Oneida	5.66	.47
Green Bay	814.59	8.31	Oakland	.....	.....
Milwaukee Colored	186.84	7.47	Con. Church	179.00	.....
La Grange	334.99	7.04	Individuals	20.65	.....
Clintonville	138.55	6.02			
Moon	273.51	5.82			
				\$14,773.16	\$7.79

The conference goal was \$14,500 and we went above it \$273.16. Our goal next year is \$15,000 for South Wisconsin. We have not failed to reach one goal for the last six years. The amounts range as follows: \$4,555; \$7,500; \$10,000; \$13,200; \$14,200; \$14,773 16 for 1923. There has been progress each year. We thank all those who had part in the Harvest Ingathering work during 1923.

We must not forget to mention the amounts raised by the young people of the conference. The juniors raised \$1,469.53. We surely feel proud of our junior boys and girls for the good work they did. The senior young people raised \$2,746.42, making a total of \$4,215.95 for our young people in the Harvest Ingathering work. Their help in the mission program is appreciated.

L. G. JORGENSEN



SABBATH SCHOOL NOTES

The following items are culled from the summary of the Sabbath school reports for the fourth quarter of 1923:

New Sabbath schools at Monroe, Beaver Dam, and Shawano.

Forty-seven schools sent the report *on time* and are in the Gold Star class.

Twenty-eight persons requested the bookmarks for perfect record in both daily study and perfect attendance for *entire* year.

These four schools reached the daily study goal for the entire school: La Farge, Cassville, Beaver Dam, Athens (home). (These four were very nearly up to

this goal: Oxford, Janesville, Pardeeville, and La Crosse.)

These eleven schools reached the membership goal: Oconto, Albany, Hylandale, Underhill German, Cannonville, Oxford, Cassville, Monroe, Beaver Dam, Athens (home), Hundred Mile Grove (home).

These thirty-one schools reached the weekly thirty-cents-per-member goal: La Grange, Underhill German, La Crosse, Pardeeville, Milwaukee Colored, Sturgeon Bay, Baraboo, Milwaukee German, Albany, Watertown, Athens (home), Oconto, Monroe, Sand Prairie, Moon, Beaver Dam, Waukesha (branch), Hundred Mile Grove (home), Milwaukee Italian, Raymond, Appleton, Janesville, Marshfield, New London, Ft. Atkinson, Oxford, Cannonville, Portage, Sheboygan, Bethel Academy, and Green Bay.

These twelve schools reached Dollar Day goal on thirteenth Sabbath: Milwaukee Italian, Racine English, Athens (home), Oconto, Monroe, Sand Prairie, Moon, Beaver Dam, Milwaukee English, and Hundred Mile Grove (home).

The total offering for missions through the Sabbath schools was \$8,974.04. This is the largest offering by over one thousand dollars that has ever been given through the Sabbath schools of South Wisconsin. Our \$1,921.89 Investment offering helped to do it.

The average per member for the entire conference for the fourth quarter was 36 cents per member. This puts South Wisconsin for the second time on the Honor Roll.

The thirteenth Sabbath offering to South America was \$1,905.30. This is eleven dollars over the Dollar Day goal for our entire conference.

The total amount given to missions for 1923 through the Sabbath schools is \$24,735.27. (This is an average of twenty-five cents per member each week.)

These seventeen schools deserve special mention for having reached for the *entire year* the weekly thirty cents a week per member goal: Oconto, 41 cents; Watertown, 55 cents; Pardeeville, 47 cents; Waukesha, 33 cents; Appleton, 57 cents; Bethel Academy, 30 cents; Sand Prairie, 42 cents; Athens (home), 67 cents; Moon, 50 cents; Neenah, 35 cents; Milwaukee English, 33 cents; Janesville, 41 cents; Ft. Atkinson, 35 cents; Portage, 30 cents; Sheboygan, 38 cents; Milwaukee Italian, 31 cents; Hundred Mile Grove, 38 cents.

After grading the schools on the little blue report cards at the close of the fourth quarter, we find twenty-nine schools receive a higher grade than they received at the close of the first quarter of 1923.

According to the classification of Sabbath schools there were no "standard" schools, one "first grade" school, one "second grade," ten "third grade," thirteen graded in the sixty-point schools and the rest below sixty. The seventeen points upon which the schools are graded are important ones and we are glad to note the splendid efforts most of the schools are making to reach the standard of efficiency for God.

Let us remember ever the sound philosophy, "He who would win success must diligently study the causes of failure" and press toward the mark of high calling of God for our Sabbath schools.

AGUSTA B. JORGENSEN

NEWS NOTES

By mistake the record of the Sabbath school Investment Day for Oxford and Oconto Sabbath schools was not included in the Investment summary for 1923 which appeared in last week's HERALD. The \$32.07 which Oxford Sabbath school raised and the \$31.60 raised by the Oconto Sabbath school brings our total Investment for 1923 up to \$1,921.89 as compared with \$1,576.53 in 1922.

Mrs. Jorgensen reports that Milton Junction has completed the new schoolroom for the primary grades. It is light, warm, and comfortable. Miss Eva Lewis has been employed there to teach the seventeen children in grades one to four.

All Sabbath school teachers who have been taking the Training Course during the past year should write out the answers to the questions and send them in at once. Our new course began the first of February. The books in the new course are "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," "A Little Kit of Teacher's Tools," and the Departmental Leaflet Series. The two together are \$1.10; separate, the price is for "A little Kit of Teacher's Tools," 75 cents; for the "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work," cloth, 50 cents; Departmental Leaflet Series, free.

The splendid book, "Our Story of Missions," by W. A. Spicer will help to make the first quarter's Sabbath school lessons much more interesting. Bound in cloth, 372 pages, postpaid \$1.75.

Elder Woodman is attending the Union Committee and College Board meeting at Berrien Springs this week.

Elder George Butler, field secretary, spent the weekend at Bethel Academy in the interests of the colporteur work.

We are glad to report that Elder Sherrig is recovering from his recent illness and will be able to open his hall effort on North Avenue Sunday night, February 17.

Brother Jorgensen met with the Baraboo church Sabbath, February 2, for quarterly services.

THE DIFFERENCE

Some murmur, when their sky is clear
And wholly bright to view,
If one small speck of dark appear
In their great heaven of blue.

And some with thankful love are filled
If but one streak of light,
One ray of God's good mercy, gild
The darkness of their night.

—French

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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THE BANNER YEAR

The year 1923 marks a new era in the progress of the East Michigan Conference. Heretofore the year 1920 was the banner year for East Michigan. But the year 1923 sets a new mark. It will be interesting for our readers to note the following comparisons between these two years:

	1920	1923
Membership	2,008	2,143
Paid Workers	30	32
Canvassers	7	8
Tithe	\$106,743.23	\$110,490.66
Mission Offerings	43,251.55	47,698.17
S. S. Offerings	24,753.62	26,156.93
Harvest Ingathering	7,789.18	11,658.15
Baptisms	166	238
Profession of Faith	16	55

It will also be of interest to note the comparison of the year 1922 with 1923.

	1922	1923
Membership	2,005	2,143
Paid Workers	27	32
Canvassers	6	8
Tithe	\$77,234.14	\$110,490.66
Mission Offerings	38,704.90	47,698.17
S. S. Offerings	20,803.89	26,156.93
Harvest Ingathering	9,277.12	11,658.15
Baptisms	274	238
Profession of Faith	33	55

The question that naturally comes to our minds at this time is what will the 1924 record be? Now is the time for us to begin the increase. Let us seek God earnestly that the first quarter of 1924 may show a gain in every respect over that for 1923. Let us throughout the year be faithful to God in the financial support of His work, and above all things let us work and pray for an increase in the salvation of souls and a decrease in the number that lose out in the race. One great handicap to our work has been the loss of souls through apostasy, which has greatly offset the number taken in by baptism and profession of faith.

Let us therefore work earnestly to reclaim the lost, and to hold in the faith those already won to Christ.

W. H. HOLDEN

A CORRECTION

Due to an error in our report of last week entitled "The Banner Year," I have asked that the report be corrected and repeated, for I wish our people to know that during the year 1923 we baptized 238 instead of 55 as shown in the report. In addition to the 238 we took into the churches 55 on profession of faith.

W. H. HOLDEN

HOME MISSIONARY REPORT FOR 1923

No doubt all will be interested to know the result of the efforts put forth in missionary activities in our conference for the past year. The following is a report of the work done, and I am sure that every one will agree that the Lord has richly blessed our efforts:

Letters written	- - - -	2,341
Letters received	- - - -	1,034
Missionary visits (personal work)		8,736
Bible readings or cottage meetings held		1,992
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	- - - -	1,098
Papers sold	- - - -	7,993
Papers mailed, lent, or given away		71,569
Books sold	- - - -	5,416
Books lent or given away	- - - -	2,859
Tracts lent or given away	- - - -	32,486
Hours of Christian help work	- - - -	17,054
Articles of clothing given away	- - - -	4,481
Value of meals provided	- - - -	\$973.38
Treatments given	- - - -	1,666
Offerings for home missionary work		\$792.06
Number of conversions	- - - -	68
Bouquets given	- - - -	652

The following churches helped make this splendid report by reporting faithfully every month: Detroit Grand River, Detroit German, Fenton, Flint, Holly, Lapeer, Oxford, and Walled Lake, while Alaedon, Ann Arbor, Detroit Hartford, Elkton, Imlay City, Linden, Memphis, Thornville, and Willis failed only one month. No reports were received from Bancroft, Port Huron, and St. Charles during the year. As a whole we had a very good year, and I want to thank all for their splendid help and cooperation. However, we must not stand still or retreat in God's work, so let us strive to make 1924 a banner year in the Lord's work.

C. M. BUNKER

Home Missionary Secretary

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER REPORT

The Missionary Volunteer work for 1923 has been closed up and all credits given to each society that is due. As we look over the total report of activities for the year, our hearts are made glad to know that the young people have played such an active part in the work. During the year three new societies were added to the list and one dropped. At the close of December we had twenty-three senior societies and nineteen junior. The following is the summary of their work for the year:

Letters written	- - - -	1,544
Letters received	- - - -	656
Missionary visits	- - - -	4,949
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	- - - -	673
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	- - - -	980
Papers distributed	- - - -	40,924
Books distributed	- - - -	2,989
Tracts distributed	- - - -	14,184

Hours of Christian help work - - -	13,054
Articles of clothing given away - -	2,270
Value of meals provided - - -	\$509.11
Treatments given - - - - -	903
Offerings for home missionary work -	\$422.75
Conversions - - - - -	81
Foreign missions - - - - -	-\$643.15
Harvest Ingathering - - - - -	\$3,270.57
Tithe - - - - -	\$5,754.56

Our goals as set by the General Conference for the year 1923 were as follows: Converts 81, Standard of Attainment 26, Reading Course 204, Bible Year 51, reporting members, all, and missions \$2,768.43. Our records show that 81 young people were converted and we issued 351 Reading Course certificates, 101, Bible Year certificates, 40 Standard of Attainment certificates. For foreign missions \$3,913.72 was raised with a reporting membership of 435. Surely the love of Christ has constrained the young people to make this splendid record, and with the Lord's help we shall reach our aim, "The advent message to all the world in this generation."

C. M. BUNKER

Missionary Volunteer Secretary



A TREAT FOR VASSAR

We were favored at our midweek prayer meeting, January 24, by having Elder W. B. White with us. Though the weather was the coldest of the season, our hearts were warmed as he recounted the blessings of God to our people, on Friday evening.

Sabbath afternoon he traced some of God's reform movement from that of Savonarola of Italy down to Martin Luther of Germany and John Knox of Scotland, who through the Presbyterians gained us the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience; then to John and Charles Wesley who founded the Methodist church, and on to the Baptists who revived immersion; then the Seventh Day Baptists who gave place to those who proclaim the three angels' messages of Revelation 14.

On Sunday night our large church was packed to hear Elder White's "Travelogue" on south and central Africa. The children as well as adults were charmed with his large, lifelike pictures—the clearest ever shown in Vassar—of native life and customs of Africa. Our hearts burned within us, as we saw the marvelous transformation which the gospel has worked in Stanley's "darkest Africa."

We hope that Elder White will come again.

P. J. GIBSON



DETROIT WILLING WORKERS

The year beginning 1922, the ladies of the Detroit Grand River church organized a society to help pay for a suitable place of worship, and at this time pledged to raise \$1,000. They choose for their name "Will-

ing Workers." We have had an average attendance of twenty members each Wednesday.

In this time, 1922-23, we had two sales in stores. We have cleared in this short time the amount of \$1,307.89. In these sales we had quilts, aprons, towels, and many fancy articles. We also had groceries for sale, these being donated by different manufacturers.

The poor and needy were taken care of by the Dorcas committee. During the year 1923 this committee gave away four hundred pieces of clothing, four complete baby layetts, besides flowers and cash.

We thank our dear Father for His many blessings to us in the past, and with His help we hope to raise another \$1,000 in 1924.

MRS. MAY PEDLAR, *Secretary*



FLINT DORCAS SOCIETY

Report for year 1923:

Number of garments made and sold, 58; quilts made and sold, 10; quilts tied, 7; garments given away, 50; hours of Christian help work, 602; amount used for plants, flowers, and donations, \$26.54; amount given to the church, \$69.11; amount received in collections and donations, \$56.91; money received from articles sold, \$122.44; total received, \$179.35; balance on hand, \$39.66.

MRS. MAUDE MILLER

Secretary-Treasurer

ILLINOIS CONFERENCE

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PRESIDENT, W. A. WESTWORTH

LATEST NEWS FROM THE FIELD

The midwinter institute is over and all present voted it a success. With you we welcome the following self-supporting workers to the Illinois Conference: Mr. W. I. Coleman, Springfield; Mr. Edward Higgins, Marion; Miss H. Davis Patterson, Carmi; Mrs. Grace Bradney, Jacksonville; Mr. Geo. F. Angell, Golden; Mr. Jesse Fox, Whitehall; Mr. L. C. Neal, Danville. These men and women are devoting all their time to the cause of God. Pray for their success.

Brother W. I. Coleman is working among the leading people of Springfield and is having splendid success. His sales for the first week amounted to \$113. In seventy-five exhibitions, he secured nineteen sales for "Bible Readings." The rich are to be warned as well as the poor.

Miss Linnie Vance returned to Moline with a larger vision of the needs of that city, and we expect to see the *Watchman* scattered like the leaves of autumn.

Brother Edward Higgins, of Marion, is laboring among the miners. The conditions down there are not the most favorable for book selling, but the Lord is using this man of faith.

Brother E. W. Anderson, of Decatur, was called

home by the death of his mother. He has our sympathy in the loss of his best friend.

Vermillion County, with its new representative, L. C. Neal, will have another opportunity of hearing the last message.

Brother Redman is laboring in Decatur. He says, "The other day I called at the home of a lady to deliver a 'Bible Readings.' She met me at the door with a smile, and said, 'I have the money this time and I am glad that I do not have to dissappoint you again for we want the book.' Then she told me she thought that we were living in the last days of this world's history and that it behooves us to get ready for the coming of the Lord." J. I. BUTCHER

INDIANA CONFERENCE

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PRESIDENT, C. S. WIEST

INDIANA ITEMS

Elder M. J. Allen reports an increased interest in his meetings at Connersville.

Those who attended our annual teachers' institute, which was held at Decatur, Ill., report a splendid meeting. All the Indiana teachers were present.

Elder Wiest spent Sabbath with the Wabash church, and Sunday night, February 3, was at Marion. He then went to a board meeting at Berrien Springs.

Elder Lukens is holding special meetings with the three churches of Indianapolis. Miss Mary Kent is giving Bible studies to our Indianapolis members for the purpose of training them to give studies among their neighbors.

Sabbath, March 1, is Religious Liberty Day. Let there be a good offering in all the churches.

Brother Copeland, the young people's secretary of the Union, spent a few days at the office. Friday night and Sabbath he was with the Lafayette church.

The Administration building is now enclosed and is being plastered. This is a great need, but the president said that it could never be finished unless more money is sent to the conference office. Have you paid your pledge? Have you paid all you can toward this building? Think it over.



MARION

Just a few words to the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD about the work at Marion. This is one of the oldest churches in the conference, being organized forty-seven years ago. We still have a few of the charter members left, and it is a great pleasure to have these tired and faithful ones among us. They are — Nancy Wyser, who is ninety-six years old. She has not missed a camp-meeting since she became an Adventist forty-seven years ago, and is making plans to go again this year. She reads without glasses and her health is good. The others are Amanda Shook, eighty-five years old, and Brother and Sister Overman who

are around the eighty mark. As elder of this church, I esteem it a privilege to have the counsel of these aged pilgrims.

Several honest hearts yielded to the call of the third angel's message and identified themselves with us the past year. It was necessary for us to enlarge our church building, which we did, making it one-third larger. After it was all completed, we extended an invitation to our worthy president to come and hold a two weeks' series of meetings. He accepted the invitation, and began Sunday evening, January 13. There was a full house and a good interest at the first meeting. The last meeting was held January 27, with as many present as at the first meeting. The interest was good throughout, and I believe that a number will take their stand for the truth as a result. The meetings meant much to the church. Those who were in a back-slidden condition rededicated themselves to the Lord and the finishing of His work.

We are going to ask you to join us in praying for those whose hearts were touched, that they may respond to the Spirit's pleading and enter the ark of safety before the storm breaks.

D. S. HAMMOND



INDIANA ACADEMY NOTES

The academy orchestra is planning for another concert to be held in the spring.

Mrs. Amanda Kirkpatrick, our church school teacher, has just returned from the teachers' convention held at Decatur, Ill., and reports a very profitable session.

The school has recently purchased a new team of horses, a bay and a black. Last fall one of our horses died and its mate was traded in on the new team. This gives us two good teams to start our work this spring.

Wednesday, January 31, the students were favored at chapel time with a stereopticon lecture on the evils of tobacco by Mr. Finnell, a field worker in this cause for the Church of the Brethren. He gave some very startling facts concerning tobacco, and named eleven different poisons found in it. He gave quotations from several of America's great men, telling of the injurious effects of cigarettes, and gave pictures of several prominent men who have never used tobacco. It was proved quite conclusively that the average non-user of tobacco can think more clearly than the average user.

We were glad to have Professor Copeland with us at chapel Friday. In his remarks he brought us greetings from our sister academies and said that their ideals and ours were one.

The students and a number of friends from the village greatly enjoyed the fine set of stereopticon slides presented by Professor Marsh on the evening after the Sabbath. The slides were secured from the State Department and featured some of the natural beauty spots of Indiana from Lake Michigan to the Ohio.

SUGGESTIVE CANVASS FOR "SIGNS"

On the front cover of the February *Watchman* is a striking illustration of a man with a crown of gold, holding out a wand marked with a dollar sign, while underneath it are marching a woman, a waif, a man of finance, a clerk, and a laborer. At the bottom of the page are the words: "The Rule of Gold." The article thus illustrated on page three, informs us that of the three hundred billion national wealth—one-tenth is controlled by one hundred three American families.

"The News Interpreted," "The Fear Plague," "The Sheep and the Goats," and many other articles in this number show the diversity of subjects handled. What the *Watchman* needs in Indiana is men and women to carry it around and show it to the people. Mrs. Hubbard, working in Anderson and Muncie, has established regular customers, each month. Having worked for years, she is now seeing fruit from her efforts.

We need an agent in each city of 5,000 inhabitants and over. This magazine retails at 25 cents and comes to you at 10 cents, thus giving 15 cents profit on all sold. For a \$1.75 subscription you get 40 per cent profit. In connection with the missionary work, one could easily build up a good income in a few hours each week.

Following is a brief canvass that will help you in gaining a hearing:

Introduction: (Smile) "Pardon me just a moment. I want to leave you the latest copy of the *Watchman Magazine*. This particular issue contains. . . ." (Mention one or two leading articles and tell about the public interest in such articles. Do not forget to refer to "The News Interpreted." In selling single copies, one or two well-described articles will do more to interest a person than a too general and lengthy review of the entire contents.)

"I find a growing interest among all classes of people to know intelligently and concisely what the Bible says about the perplexing social, religious, and political events which are taking place in the world today. These subjects are discussed only in a general way in the newspapers and magazines, but you will note that here (pointing to the 'News Interpreted.') are some very interesting comments on. . ." Tell something about it in an interesting way and connect it with current events. In like manner refer to other articles showing the wide range of subjects discussed. To do this you must carefully read the magazine.

Closing remarks: "You will notice that this magazine has no commercial advertising. I might also state that it is not sold at news stands. As something distinctive in the line of reading matter, it stands in a class by itself. A banker in New York City recently stated that it was the greatest thing he had ever seen. (His statement in full is quoted on page 39 of the March, 1920, issue.)

"The price is 25 cents a copy, as you will see, but the subscription price is only two dollars a year, a

saving of one dollar, or one third, over buying single copies. It covers a wide range of subjects and is a high class publication—just the magazine that you will want for the helpful influence it will have in your home. Just look over the beautiful illustrations while I am writing out your subscription. (As you make the last statement, pass over your prospectus and fill out your subscription blank. While writing out the subscription you might mention some one or two articles that are going to appear in the next issue.) Thank you."

Suggestions

1. Read your magazine carefully.
2. Show enthusiasm.
3. See if the daily papers contain subjects discussed in your magazine.
4. Be natural. Don't act as if you were reciting a piece.
5. Be pleasant. Be agreeable.
6. Never get discouraged.
7. Pray.

Order 25 copies from the Indiana Tract Society, Cicero, Indiana today and help warn your town.

W. B. MARIS

CHICAGO CONFERENCE

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SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

The Lord blessed the Sabbath school work and workers in our conference in a remarkable way during the past year. The last quarter two new Sabbath schools were added to our list, one at La Grange with an enrollment of 44 and one at Chicago Heights with an enrollment of 27. This gives us 26 schools with an enrollment of 2,364. There were 118 new Sabbath school members baptized in our conference during the quarter.

The following ten schools reached the membership goal: Broadview, Hammond, German No. 2, Greek, Chicago Heights, Italian No. 2, Joliet, Kankakee, La Grange, and West Central. According to this goal there are 303 missing members in our conference.

The total amount of offerings for missions during the quarter was \$8,800.10; amount of Thirteenth Sabbath offerings, \$3,460.34; per capita offering during the quarter, 33 cents; amount given by Home Department members, \$262.15; birthday offerings, \$140.83.

Twenty-one schools went over the 30 cents a week; 16 schools went over the dollar day goal on Thirteenth Sabbath, and the following schools went over the double dollar day goal: Greek, Humboldt, Italian No. 1, Italian No. 2, Joliet, Kankakee, North Shore, Prairie Avenue, and West Central.

There were 216 perfect record cards given out in our conference; 321 blue seal cards, and 92 red seal cards.

Twenty-two schools are using 255 copies of the *Worker*, 15 schools are holding teachers' meetings regularly, and 9 schools have been conducting the Teachers' Training Course; 8 persons have sent in their papers completing last year's course.

Eighty-five children knew the memory verses for the quarter.

Thirteen schools are using the Picture Roll and sending it on to a mission field.

Twenty-two schools are in the Gold Star class since their reports were sent in on time, and 12 secretaries earned blue stars by sending in accurate and complete reports.

The following is a short comparative report for the years 1922 and 1923:

Membership (close of year)	1,979	2,364
Home Dep't. Membership	11	167
Offerings	\$24,194.66	\$30,535.88
Thirteenth Sabbath Offer's.	9,809.47	11,665.56
Home Dep't Offerings	705.05	856.76
Birthday Offerings	406.08	508.35
Per. Record Cards (both seals)	565	780
Red Seals	441	377
Blue Seals	1,341	1,179
Yearly Book Marks	19	60

There has been a wonderful spirit of cooperation and the officers seem to be anxious that their schools shall excel in everything that goes to make a first-grade school.

Our schools are adopting the slogan, "Every Officer and Teacher a Training Course Member." We also hope to build up and strengthen our work in other ways, and desire most of all that the Great Teacher may reward our efforts by causing many precious souls to be saved.

ROSA N. KOZEL



NEWS ITEMS

Elder Christian and Miss Evans attended the institute of the Indiana and Illinois teachers held at Decatur, Illinois, January 29 to February 2. Elder Christian returned in time to attend the Lake Union Conference committee meeting at Berrien Springs, February 3-6.

Recently, Elder and Mrs. Stemple White, of the North Shore church, were called to the deathbed of Mrs. White's mother at Pleasant Plaine, Iowa. These bereaved ones have our sympathy.

We are very sorry to announce the death of Brother Joseph Anderson, who for the last few years has been one of our faithful student colporteurs attending the Broadview College. While crossing the Illinois Central tracks near the school January 31, the truck in which he was riding (driven by another) was struck by a fast train and Brother Anderson received injuries from which he died three days later. This comes as a great shock to his relatives and many friends, and to the

student body and faculty. Obituary will appear in another issue of the *HERALD*.

An interesting meeting of the colporteurs of our conference was held at the South Side church Sunday, February 3. Brother Remsen has a band of loyal workers and prospectives. Their ringing testimonies and interesting experiences were the kind that molds and cements the true colporteur spirit.

Recently two more Missionary Volunteer societies were organized, one at the Humboldt Park church and the other at the Polish church. Naturally, we expect the well-known Missionary Volunteer spirit to characterize the activities of these new societies, and that they, too, shall become leaders in missionary endeavor.

We were glad, recently, to have a short visit from Elder E. F. Peterson, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, who was on his way to attend the meeting of the Southwestern Union Conference and other like meetings before returning to Washington.

NORTH MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

OFFICE ADDRESS, REED CITY, MICHIGAN

PRESIDENT, FREDERICK A. WRIGHT

SPECIAL PERIODICAL OFFER

During the last two weeks of January, considerable study was given to the missionary effort that can be carried on with the *Signs of the Times*. Some good clubs and a large number of single subscriptions were received. Much good will no doubt result from the circulation of this excellent literature among our friends and neighbors.

What do we have for our own families to read? We cannot escape the fact that a great deal depends upon the class of reading matter we feed upon ourselves and place before our families. The *Review and Herald* by its weekly visits is a strong factor in the spiritual development of our people, and in order to place this paper as well as our other good periodicals in as many homes as possible a special combination offer is being made during February only. If you have allowed your subscription to expire take advantage of this offer and renew at once. Special coupons have been mailed to each family as far as possible but if you were missed, write the Book and Bible House, Reed City, Michigan, at once for the special offer as it will mean a big saving on any of the eight periodicals issued by the Review and Herald Publishing Association. You will be given the privilege of making your own selections.

A. P. PETERSEN



SABBATH SCHOOL INVESTMENT FOR 1923

We are glad to report thirty-nine Sabbath schools that took part in the Investment program and as a result North Michigan is able to send \$1,070.92 more to help spread the gospel of Jesus' soon coming.

The following are the names of the Sabbath schools and the amount given by each:

Alden	\$20.00	Horr	57.35
Alma	12.00	Howard City	9.17
Alpena	16.50	Hesperia	7.79
Barryton	16.29	Ithaca	63.29
Bear Lake	3.50	Ludington	16.11
Central Lake	18.65	Muskegon	118.00
Clare	18.83	Midland	24.00
Carson City	83.52	Marion	26.54
Cedar Lake	64.60	Mt. Pleasant	8.00
Conference	13.92	Ola	20.00
Dublin	11.00	Riverdale	12.36
Evart	2.50	Reed City	4.69
Ellsworth	7.15	St. Louis	11.00
Edenville	131.00	Sand Lake	50.04
Edmore	17.94	Shelby	35.48
Frankfort	5.00	Sumner	19.20
Fremont	28.47	Traverse City	17.48
Frost	29.50	Twining	26.00
Glennie	11.25		
Grant	3.33		\$1,070.92
Greenville	\$27.28		

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

NEWS NOTES

Those wishing to take the Sabbath School Teachers' Reading Course will save by ordering both books together. Those having the special "Testimonies on Sabbath School Work" can secure "The Teacher's Kit of Tools" for seventy-five cents, postpaid.

Brother Brott and his sister, Mrs. Orcutt, of Kent City, are not well this winter and it has become necessary for them to engage a housekeeper to help care for them. Both of them are over eighty years of age.

The Evart State Bank was recently closed by the state authorities and several of our people suffered a loss of deposits.

"The Coming Man of Destiny" is the latest crisis book to appear. It is a very interesting and timely volume. The price is 25 cents with usual discount on quantity orders.

Mrs. Dan Halvorsen is spending some time with relatives at Berrien Springs. She and Mr. Halvorsen were called there by the illness and death of Mrs. Halvorsen's sister, Annabelle Ford.

"Our Story of Missions," one of Elder Spicer's helpful books, is being used as the Sabbath school lesson help this quarter. Price \$1.25.

A. P. Petersen was called to Midland February one, to conduct the funeral service for Mrs. S. F. Mc Mullan.

Five colporteurs from our field were in attendance at the Lansing institute.

Miss Maude Bisbee, who teaches the Edenville church school, recently underwent an operation for mastoid infection, at Saginaw Hospital. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The Book and Bible House still has a supply of the Lesson Quarterly. If you failed to get one or mislaid your copy do not go without, as a copy will be mailed

to you postpaid on the receipt of five cents, coin, or stamps.

Elder Wright, the conference president, went to Berrien Springs the night of February 2 to attend the Union Conference Committee meeting.

Some special money-saving combinations of our periodicals are being offered during February only. If you have not received one of the special coupons write the Book and Bible House at once, as all orders must be in before February 29. All who are renewing the subscription to the *Review* or *Instructor* can secure *Life and Health* also for only 25 cents additional.

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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HOME MISSIONARY ITEMS

The *Signs* subscriptions are coming thick and fast, as reported by Brother Stray. From South Bend comes a club of 65, 30 from Battle Creek, 14 from Allegan, 8 from Kalamazoo, 6 from Wright, 5 from Grand Rapids, Decatur, Quincy, and an isolated member, Sister Rosenthal of Three Oaks, and many more orders just received that have not been tabulated.

While in Charlotte recently I had my attention called to an error in the report of the Harvest Ingathering from the Charlotte church school. They raised the splendid sum of \$36.14.

We learn that the name of Mr. Adams as included in the published list of those who collected \$10 or more in the Harvest Ingathering for 1923, should have read M. Adams for Margaret Adams of New Buffalo, and we learn that Brother and Sister L. A. Warren of New Buffalo should have been included. Their Harvest Ingathering money was by mistake sent through the Sabbath school department and therefore was not properly credited in the Harvest Ingathering account.

We shall be glad to have our attention called to any other omissions or errors in the Harvest Ingathering report as published.

The January reports from the home missionary secretaries are coming in very nicely and we hope to have all in hand by February 15.

E. R. POTTER

AN OMISSION

North Liberty should have been mentioned last week among the Sabbath schools that had raised more than a dollar per member on the last thirteenth Sabbath. They averaged \$5 per church member.

MRS. J. F. PIPER

A man who does me a wrong injures himself; what then, shall I do myself a further wrong by injuring him?—*Epicetus*.

Our Young People's Page

Conducted by the Lake Union Missionary Volunteer Department

ONLY A BOY

A few years ago in the city of Saint Louis lived a boy of humble parentage by the name of Joseph Turner. This boy was an unusually bright boy and his talent as a painter and modeler had attracted considerable attention. He made much progress in the art school that he attended, but his parents were not able to give him the kind of education that his nature called for, so it began to look like his natural inclinations would all be checked.

There was a wealthy gentleman who came in touch with this school and gave particular attention to Joseph. He saw in him what perhaps a great many others could not see. As the result he sent him to the Washington University and manual training school. After he finished a course in the university he continued his study of art in a practical way, and he became very successful as a painter, and in addition to this possessed remarkable genius as a sculptor. He became one of the best papier-mache artists in America.

He finally gave himself over to the study of mechanics. The exact time is not known, but back of it all his whole training had pushed him in this direction. In the year 1900 his great success in one particular line was announced to the world. At this time he was granted a patent for an improved propelling device for steamships, which not only promised but did help to revolutionize the principles of marine engineering. Of course, this secured for Joseph Turner an immense fortune. This invention was considered of such great importance that Secretary Long ordered it patented as a special war emergency device, and within a short time patents were pending in England, Canada, France, Russia, and Germany. Long since has the invention been in a perfected state and was first introduced in France.

Those benefactors of Joseph Turner were indeed very happy as they began to think of the investment that they had placed in this boy. Joseph Turner, who was but a messenger boy at a telegraph exchange, within a short time, with the help of those who knew the worth of the lad, became worth his millions.

It seems only a fair question to ask, What is any Missionary Volunteer lad worth today? Is not any investment in our youth which helps them to obtain a Christian education for service in the Master's great vineyard, worth far more than is the millions of one who would give to the world a propelling device for steamships? The Lord is in great need of young men and women today who are willing to give themselves wholly to His service.

T. S. COPELAND

POSTER

Christ was eager that the world might know that the Father had sent Him.

No greater glory could be given than God gave His Son. Christ has given it to us. Why do we seek the flimsy glories of earth?

A boy's ambition is to be a circus performer; then, an elegant gentleman; then a rich business man or a wise professor. Ambitions grow; let us see that they grow to the mission field.

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever." 2 Peter 3:18.



A CHAIN OF MISSIONARIES

Robert Moffat went to Africa in 1817. There he labored untiringly until 1870. God did a wonderful work through him. Hundreds were converted. In 1840 he spent a short time in England lecturing on missions in Africa. David Livingstone, a young medical student, heard him relate that on a bright morning he could see the smoke of a thousand villages ascending, and not one of them had ever heard the name of Jesus. That was Livingstone's call. He went to Africa in 1840, and labored strenuously until 1873, doing a mighty work for God. In 1871 the world thought Livingstone was lost or dead. Nothing had been heard from him for months. The *New York Herald* and *London Times* sent Stanley to find him. After eleven months' search, Stanley found the dear old gray-headed man of God, and tried to get him to return to civilization. But Livingstone felt his work was not yet completed. Stanley spent four months with Livingstone, and the newspaper skeptic became a converted man. God then used Stanley to call the attention of the world to Africa and especially to Uganda. Mackay responded to the need, and thousands were converted. Thus Moffat won Livingstone, Livingstone won Stanley, Stanley won Mackay, Mackay won Uganda.—*Selected.*



THE STREET OF LOVE

Not far from the Black Sea, we have a church in quite a large town near the Russian border. There was much trouble on in the province. Bands of robbers scoured the country and captured the city. They burned and pillaged and killed, so that all the inhabitants were in danger. Our brethren who lived on one little narrow street met daily for prayer. Somehow no robber ever entered that street, and none of our people were ever molested. One day a man accosted

the bandits, and said, "Why don't you ever go on that street," naming the place where our members lived.

The bandit replied: "We are afraid of it. We have heard that that is the street of brotherly love, and that the people who live there pray daily for God's protection."

God sends His angels to care for His loved ones today as surely as He cared for Daniel in the lion's den. Later, this village was rescued and things became normal at once. Our brethren never tire of praising God for His kind, protecting care.

L. H. CHRISTIAN

BOOK TALK—No. 24

New Books—And Books Not So New

I recently met a resplendent "sissy" who explained to me, in what he thought were a few well-chosen words, that the old books are of no use to us. With a delightful sympathetic and considerate regard for my ignorance and stupidity, he explained that I was only wasting the time given to the reading of old authors; that more recent writers have summarized all the older ones ever wrote, and have given it to us in briefer form and in more modern terms. The more he talked the rosier his figures of speech became. It was futile to argue the question. He knew. Old books were "horrible boredom," "dull conventionalities" and "without sustenance or interest." I am "all ears" when men talk about books. I listened, and felt sorry—sorry for this little man who was trying to say something big.

It is not mere romancing to say that this young man's attitude toward the older books is but typical of a large class of readers. The newest is sought after. It is considered the proper one to read, regardless of its worth. Not to have read it is a confession few care to make. It is no longer good taste to read old books. They are out of date, as the young man I have just mentioned so graciously informed me. I was glad for the information, but shall continue to read old books as of yore.

I shall read new books, too, but not exclusively. A book is new to me which I have never read before. The passing of a thousand years between the writing and the reading is an irrelevancy. As Ruskin pointed out, there are "books for the hour, and books for all time." A book that has given pleasure, comfort, wisdom, or inspiration to thousands of others through a period of centuries is none the less likely to do the same for me. The modern writer does not have the stage to himself. He must compete with the writers of all generations. We compare him with those who arrived before him. Chronology has very little to do with this matter of writing "books for all time." It is quality we seek—the fine essence of the world's spiritual riches.

One of the best books in the English language is Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" (at any library or bookstand), written nearly three hundred years ago while its author was in the filth and muck of Bedford Jail. This book has lived through the centuries because it was forged at the heart and fashioned by the head of a god-like man who knew how to write about the great issues of life. His is a simple, but interesting style, without any effort to strut, to beat his wings, or to raise a cloud of dust, as is the manner of nearly all modern writers. A careful reading of this book is a valuable addition to one's equipment for the future.

J. D. Snider

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NORTH WISCONSIN NEWS

Brother Jensen left Monday, January 28, for Knapp, and expected at that time to spend Sabbath, February 2, at Plum City.

We have just sent our statistical report to the Union Conference for the last quarter of 1923. Perhaps one or two items on this report would be of interest to our brethren and sisters in North Wisconsin. The membership of the conference is now 1,072. In the fourth quarter these members paid into the conference treasury \$8,512.75 in tithes, or an average of \$7.94 a member. During the same time the treasurer received \$1,866.22 in Sabbath school offerings, and \$4,732.51 in other foreign mission offerings, or a total for missions of \$6,598.73. Each member averaged \$6.16 of this amount. Did you do your share? A large number joined heartily in the week of sacrifice. Included in the missions offerings is the amount of \$624.32 from this source. While these figures are good, and we have much to thank God for, let us look for greater things in the year now with us, and put forth every endeavor to close up the work, not only in North Wisconsin but in the fields beyond.

The following notice from the literature band at Walderly Academy merits a good response: The literature band of the Walderly Academy desires good clean copies of various periodicals suitable for mailing to interested persons. If any who have no literature desire to help by sending contributions these will be acceptable. Address all papers and correspondence to the Literature Band, Walderly Academy, Hines, Wis.

Brother Herwick returned to the office Sunday, February 3, and reports a most interesting trip. He held meetings at Iron Mountain, with that excellent and growing company. They have secured a small auditorium in the Methodist church for their services, and all are of good courage. A Missionary Volunteer Society was organized during his stay at Iron Mountain. A meeting was held Monday, January 28, in the schoolhouse at Pentoga. The house was filled, despite the fact that the meeting had been advertised by Brother Ole Johnson only the evening before. Brother Herwick spent two days visiting the members in and around Iron River, Mich., and holding meetings with the church. The week-end of February 1 and 2 was spent with the church at Bessemer, and the company at Ironwood.

Elder Irwin spoke in the Ashland church Sabbath, February 2, on "Tithing." He reminded us of the blessings which come from faithful tithe-paying, and reviewed some of the scriptures dealing with this important subject. "When we rob God, we rob ourselves

by exchanging the heavenly treasure for earthly treasure that vanishes away?"

Missions Rally Day is next Sabbath, February 16. That is the time for checking up our missions offerings for the seven weeks thus far in the year, and "squaring up" if we are behind. Let us go up before the Lord next Sabbath with our gifts ready to present before Him.

By the time you read this, we expect the Year Book for 1924 to be ready for circulation. This will contain full statistics as to the progress of our denomination during the year just closed, as well as a directory of all the ministers and conference workers. To be well informed you should secure and study the Year Book. Price 50 cents.

V. R. NEALL

ORDER IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

[Paper read at the Flint, Mich., workers' meeting]

In Volume V, of the "Testimonies," page 491, I read: "There has been a great change, not for the better, but for the worse, in the habits and customs of the people in reference to religious worship. The precious, the sacred things which connect us with Christ, are fast losing their hold upon our minds and hearts, and are being brought down to the level of common things. The reverence which the people had anciently for the sanctuary where they met with God in sacred service, has largely passed away. Nevertheless, God Himself gave the order of His service, exalting it high above everything of a temporal nature."

Sometime ago I attended an old German church of long standing in the community. As I was early, an opportunity was afforded me of watching the worshippers enter the church. One by one they approached their seats. Then I saw them reverently lean forward and silently invoke a Father's blessing upon His children. Brethren, in the stillness of that hour it seemed to me that God was very near to us in that little brick church. Then I found myself asking why we as Adventists omit this beautiful part of worship.

"We have abundant reason to maintain a fervent, devoted spirit in the worship of God. We have reason even to be more thoughtful and reverential in our worship than had the Jews." (And here is the answer to my question.) "But an enemy has been at work to destroy our faith in the sacredness of Christian worship."—*Ibid.*, p. 496. Yes, an enemy has been at work among us. Again we are told, "The lifeless attitude of the worshippers in the house of God is one great reason why the ministry is not more productive of good. All the service should be conducted with solemnity and awe, as if in the visible presence of the Master of assemblies."

I once visited one of our churches on the Sabbath where one could easily believe there was a kind of a family-get-together rather than a Sabbath service. The fire had just been kindled in the stove, and the brethren, with feet hoisted up against the stove, were apparently

enjoying a free-for-all chat on the recent auto accidents. Contrast this condition with the following instruction given to us through the spirit of prophecy: "When the worshippers enter the place of meeting, they should do so with decorum, passing quietly to their seats. If there is a stove in the room, it is not proper to crowd around it in an indolent, careless attitude. Common talking, whispering, and laughing should not be permitted in the house of worship, either before or after the service. If some have to wait a few minutes before the meeting begins, let them maintain a true spirit of devotion by silent meditation, keeping the heart uplifted to God in prayer that the service may be of special benefit to their souls." A good method to deepen the spiritual devotion before the opening of the church service is often found by having a quiet, sacred selection played by the organist.

When the benediction is pronounced, all should still be quiet as if fearful of losing the peace of Christ. A moment of silent benediction should follow before the congregation begins to pass out. Let the head be bowed in reverence to Him who has graciously met with us during the meeting, and a petition that His Spirit will bless the words spoken. Then let all pass out without jostling or loud talking, feeling that they are in the presence of the living God, that His eye is resting upon them, and they must act as in His visible presence. Let there be no stopping in the aisles to visit or gossip, thus blocking them up so others can not pass out. The precincts of the church should be invested with a sacred reverence. It should not be made a place to visit old friends.

We have heard how the *Signs* wins souls, our slogan being "More Signs, More Souls." But, is it not also possible that our reverent spirit can be made to so impress our friends that they will want to know more about a people who possess such quietness and orderliness in their worship?

The following is quoted from the *Review and Herald* under date of Nov. 23, 1922, being an article written by Elder Broderson: "The writer was holding tent meetings in a city in the Central States. One day, while visiting a family, the mother of the man on whom we were calling was present. This woman had been attending most of the meetings. While we were speaking to the family about the truth, she rose from her chair, and asked permission to say a few words. She said in part, 'The first evening when I stepped into that tent I was impressed by the reverence you people show in your devotions. You kneel when you pray. In our church we either stand or sit when we pray. Every evening when you people kneel in prayer, it makes me feel that I am a proud, wicked sinner. I want to tell you and my son and his family here today, that hereafter I want to kneel before God in humble prayer, and I also want to obey all of His commandments.'"

How beautiful it would be, brethren, if our churches could be to us a sacred sanctuary of prayer where we could shut ourselves away from this noisy world and be ushered into the beautiful quietness of holiness. What rejoicing there would be among the angels of Jehovah. What an impression this would give to our visitors! What a testimony to our exalted and triumphant message!

W. M. H. BERGHERM



BUSINESS NOTICES

All advertisements must be sent through the local conference office. It will require the conference president's O. K. to get advertisements in the *Lake Union Herald*. The rates are: Forty words or less, one dollar for each insertion, and two cents per word for each additional word. Cash must accompany copy for all advertisements.

For Rent.—Good 60-acre grain farm 6 miles west of Frankfort, Ind. Possession March 1, 1924. Write C. J. Harris, Indiana Academy, Cicero, Ind. —F 13

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. —F. 20

Wanted.—A good, dependable man to work eighty-acre farm, with means to furnish one-half of stock, tools and seed. Located near good market. Any interested Adventist write Wm. P. Shephard, 2645 Michigan Ave., Detroit, Mich. —F13

Wanted.—Good active young man for season, Seventh-day Adventist with small family to work on fruit and vegetable farm. Good wages. House and garden furnished; 2½ miles to church and school. Write B. R. Young, Milton Junction, Wis. R. F. D. 13. —F13

For Sale or Rent.—Farm 3 miles from Antigo, Wis., six-room house, 2 barns, silo, and other buildings, good well. Fine location for truck gardening and poultry. Church privileges. For further particulars inquire of R. R. Furlott, River Grove, Ill.

For Sale.—Farm of 20 acres, 1½ miles from Cedar Lake Academy. About half stumped, and good soil. A good 4-room house, and well with water piped into the house. Good opportunity for someone wanting to locate near a good school. R. F. Gilman, R. F. D. 2, Edmore, Mich.

Wanted.—A Seventh-day Adventist man and his wife to help, or take interest, on a 100-acre truck farm. Write, giving good references. Parties must be ready to begin work March 1. Herbert H. Harmon, R. F. D. 7, Flint, Mich.

Farm for Sale.—Contains 80 acres good tillable land. Modern house, basement barn new, silo, henhouse, milk-house; 6½ miles from Clear Lake, Wis., near church and church school. Will consider trade for house and lot near church school. If not disposed of by March 15, this farm will be for rent the coming year. Mrs. Etta Engebretson, Milton Junction, Wis.



COLPORTEUR REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2, 1924

Indiana, W. B. Maris, Field Secretary

Name	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Cecil Tunis	DR	57	12	\$72.00	\$52.45	\$124.45	\$ 3.75
C. P. Hall	BR	56	29	173.00	12.00	185.00	5.00
A. V. Roberts	DR	55	25	142.00	79.80	221.80	44.50
W. B. Ware	OD	61	22	87.50	17.00	104.50	84.00
Orville Fuller	DR	7	3	16.50	1.00	17.50	6.50
George Wright	..	..	..	..	..	..	36.50
Iola Wright	2	..	..	..	..	..	6.50
D. H. Renforth	COL	25	18	41.75	4.75	46.50	60.20
Sherman Clark	BR	28	5	30.50	6.00	46.50	1.00
Clark E. Wixson	DR	23	3	16.50	12.00	28.50	..
Ada Foster	HM	13	6	15.00	2.25	17.25	..
Arva Nickless	BR	26	17	96.50	..	96.50	..
J. A. Jackson	WCS	48	..	..	32.25	32.25	..
Ray Vories	DR	27	10	61.00	12.15	73.15	..
Albert Lawson	DR	21	11	65.00	6.50	71.50	..
Chas. D. Minnis	DR	80	26	143.00	39.50	182.50	51.20
Chester Budd	BR	26	11	69.00	8.70	77.70	..
		556	198	1,029.25	286.35	1,315.60	299.15

Chicago, Emmanuel Remsen, Field Secretary

Jas. Childrey	BR	37	4	18.60	1.50	20.10	..
Lozy Dixon	HP	30	21	115.88	1.00	116.88	6.50
R. W. Garratt	BR	30	6	51.00	..	51.00	158.00
L. L. Hayes	HP	32	8	52.00	..	52.00	13.00
Anna Hermanson	HP	35	4	29.00	6.50	35.50	6.00
Mrs. M. U. Murphy	DR	2	..	16.00	6.00	22.00	16.00
D. B. Myers	BR	14	6	36.00	12.50	48.50	..
Mrs. Eugene Myers	BR	7	1	8.50	9.20	17.70	..
Emma Nelson	HP	27	12	87.00	..	87.00	25.50
Mrs. Effie Peters	BR	28	4	25.00	..	25.00	8.50
Hattie V. Purce	BR	26	28	143.00	..	143.00	..
P. Samarchuk	BR	9	7	40.00	2.65	42.65	..
E. V. Sykes	BR	28	9	55.50	3.00	58.50	..
Nellie White	Mag.	..	..	..	..	..	50.00
		305	110	677.48	42.35	719.83	283.50

Illinois, J. Irvin Butcher, Field Secretary

Edward Higgins	BR	38	10	59.50	..	59.50	..
O. A. Redman	BR	30	9	49.50	15.50	65.00	2.75
Casper Thaber	BR	25	5	33.50	..	33.50	..
W. I. Coleman	BR	22	15	90.00	..	90.00	..
J. E. Fox	DR	21	4	22.00	13.50	35.50	..
C. A. Park	BR	17	1	5.50	5.50	11.00	2.30
F. E. Lamb	BR	16	4	23.50	1.75	25.25	..
Grace Bradney	16	..	..	..	15.00	15.00	..
Helen D. Patterson	OD	9	6	22.50	..	22.50	..
N. Buchler	77	..	..	..	87.00	87.00	87.00
* Mr. & Mrs. J. Grout	BR	30	12	69.00	15.35	84.35	30.10
Linnie Vance	Mag.	..	..	..	14.75	14.75	14.75
		301	66	375.00	169.10	544.10	137.10

South Wisconsin, Geo. Butler, Field Secretary

John Mayer	PP	44	8	48.00	7.00	55.00	34.45
Lewis Hake	BR	19	3	16.50	1.50	18.00	..
Paul Myer	PP	23	4	22.00	..	22.00	2.30
L. R. Langhoff	HP	40	6	42.00	7.00	49.00	2.00
Ray Sexton	BR	38	7	38.50	..	38.50	99.50
Miss Neverman	SB	27	..	..	18.55	18.55	..
H. L. Rothenbach	OD	20	..	..	7.00	7.00	..
Eva Hoagland	Mag.	11	..	..	53.07	53.07	53.07
		222	28	167.00	94.12	261.12	191.32

East Michigan, Walter Pergande, Field Secretary

Douglas McMaster	PP	37	10	56.50	22.50	79.00	..
D. E. Collins	BR	35	29	186.50	19.50	206.00	..
*W. L. Latham	BR	34	5	32.00	..	32.00	8.75
Irene Fitzgerald	BR	34	19	107.50	24.35	131.85	5.00
G. E. Watson	PP	32	19	109.00	21.75	130.75	..
Grace Buzzell	PP	31	15	91.50	18.75	110.25	3.00
M. E. Lowry	PP	53	35	198.00	45.00	243.00	18.00
L. Churchill	PP	26	14	78.50	18.75	97.25	2.50
Ivan C. Hainer	PP	25	10	58.00	11.25	69.25	..
Fred Zimowski	PP	24	9	49.50	20.30	69.80	..
J. E. Herrington	OD	24	21	89.00	..	89.00	17.50
Nellie Zimowski	PP	20	6	33.00	9.00	42.00	..
Mrs. G. E. Hanawalt	OD	18	..	..	24.50	24.50	24.50
Mrs. D. E. Collins	BR	13	7	46.00	5.25	51.25	..
Wilbur Andrews	BR	..	..	..	..	..	40.50
		407	170	1,135.00	240.90	1,375.90	119.75

North Michigan, D. W. Percy, Field Secretary

Geo. F. Leeseberg	GC	97	12	75.00	25.35	100.35	6.50
Roy Geisinger	OD	1	6	..	..	..	72.00
		98	18	75.00	25.35	100.35	78.50

North Wisconsin, H. G. Jensen, Field Secretary

D. D. Johnson	HP	28	41	292.00	36.75	328.75	..	
H. Utecht	PP	25	26	130.75	10.80	141.55	..	
Mrs. E. E. Brewer	OD	29	17	55.75	23.50	79.25	..	
Clark Bennett	DA	24	2	13.00	..	13.00	..	
H. J. Sandquist	PP	18	..	..	15.00	15.00	3.50
		124	86	497.00	80.55	577.55	3.50	
Summary	Agents	74	2013	675	\$3955.73	\$937.82	\$4894.45	\$1062.82

SQUARE-UP DAY

Following the plan during 1923 of squaring up our mission funds in the middle of each quarter had a beneficial effect on our mission funds, the amount received for missions in the Lake Union this year being about \$32,000 more than was ever received in any one year before, and \$46,000 more than we received last year.

In view of this fact, I am hoping that February 16 will be made a profitable day for missions. Will it not be possible for each church to square up on its six-cents-a-week for missions? Our great loss each year seems to be due to the fact that we fall so far short in the early part of the year.

A Missions Rally Program has been prepared by the General Conference and is in the hands of the officers of each church. There are many items of interest that will be very helpful on Rally Day if used. We are looking to the elders of the Lake Union for large results at that time.

WM. GUTHRIE

COLLEGE NOTES

That Professor Smith believes in practicing what he preaches is evident by the increasing number of piles of marl which are placed around the fields. He is a strong advocator of the good that may be accomplished by the use of marl to increase crops.

Sabbath, February 2, we were encouraged by the talk Professor Irwin gave. He brought forth the essentials of true greatness, taking David as his example.

Semester examinations are over. A spirit of determination to make the last semester better than the first one is noticed everywhere. Several new students have arrived to take up work the second semester. A number of new classes begin at this time. It is not too late for you to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy MacKenzie, of the Boulder Sanitarium, passed this way from their vacation which they spent in Canada. All roads lead by E.M. C.

The new radio broadcasting station will soon be in operation. It is one of the best in the middle west. Under ordinary conditions it can be heard all over the continent. A large placard over the operator's door reads—"Our Motto: The gospel to all the world in this generation by radio."

The mechanical department is a busy place this winter. They turn out one thousand complete screen doors each week.

It gives us all great joy to see Elder Wakeham back on the rostrum again after his long absence. He still carries his crutches and moves carefully. He has taken up his class work the second semester.

Professor Pearce has moved from his cottage by the interurban station to the village. Mr. and Mrs. Monger will occupy the cottage thus made vacant.

VIRGIL N. CLYMER

THE SIGNS CAMPAIGN

Now that the *Signs* campaign is over, those who have taken an active part in it will be interested in some items just received from the Pacific Press. These items indicate the interest that is growing all over this country in the *Signs*:

"Ohio manager of a radio company at Sugar Creek wants to advertise for a position where he can keep the Sabbath. He says the *Signs* has enlightened him.

"Southern Oregon man in renewing his subscription tells of working with the *Signs* and that one to whom he has given the paper has joined our church. He is non-sectarian, but believes Adventists are the remnant church.

"Wisconsin young Jewish man, educated, gave up his religion during the war. He now finds great light in the *Signs*, and wants to find a church or school that will teach him what the *Signs* teaches that he may become 'one of the Lord's servants among mankind.'

"Copenhagen, Denmark man begs for literature. 'I am a poor man, and for my last hard earned pennies I am buying stamps for this letter, only because I am starving and thirsting after the kind of reading matter I know you have in your possession. I have an irresistible craving for that sort of spiritual food in the English language.' (We are sending him *Signs*.)

"Pennsylvania lady at Wilkes-Barre is convinced of the Sabbath and wants to keep it. She writes a splendid letter. Her sister, an Adventist, has supplied her with *Signs* and other papers. She wants a position where she can keep the Sabbath.

"Indiana, 'We fell in love with your paper and would like to be a steady reader of it,' writes Rev. S. S. Losure, Van Buren, Indiana. He sends 50 cents and asks subscription rate. A friend introduced him to the *Signs*.

"North Carolina young man in U. S. V. Hospital at Oteen, near Asheville, writes his third letter. He is thoroughly converted to the truth through the *Signs*. We are getting him in touch with educational men, as he wants to get to one of our schools.

"Wisconsin woman reading *Signs* and 'Marked Bible' is deeply interested."

I MUST NEVER FORGET

*That God leads no backward movements.
That God builds no roads for retreat.
That Doubt carries no key of conquest.
That Faith makes no provision for failure.
That God's program is one of triumph.
That God's best rewards are ahead of us.
That faithfulness to the end is expected of every loyal ambassador.*

Ernest Lloyd