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"Am I my brother's keeper?"

"I am a debtor to all men."

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF EMMANUEL MISSIONARY COLLEGE

To the Constituency:

Herewith I have the honor to present to you the president's quadrennial report of Emmanuel Missionary College. Since the school year closes in June, and this report is being given in March, some of the facts stated will represent the condition of the institution at the close of the school year June 15, 1927, others the current operating situation. Some comparisons will be given covering a period of years.

Let my first word be one of appreciation for the good men who have preceded me in this office, and whose lives and talents and works are inseparably linked with the history of the college. In sincerity, I also wish to express my appreciation of the strong moral and financial support of the Board of Trustees whose personal interest has given spirit and color where such qualities were most needed. Any successes which may have come to the college are due in large part to the consecrated devotion, congenial cooperation, and unusual ability of the individual members of the faculty which they have given to the college in unstinted measure. But above all human connection, we humbly and sincerely acknowledge the guidance and protection of the divine Teacher without whose help all other effort would fail.

Trusteeship—Facultyship

To the trustees and the faculty I will say that no one can overestimate the honor, the opportunity for service, and the burden of responsibility which comes to a person elected to serve the Emmanuel Missionary College. While it is a distinct honor, the desire to honor a person does not constitute sufficient reason for electing him either as a trustee or a teacher. These are positions of vast responsibility. All connected with the college should be honestly interested in Christian education, and should possess an unimpeachable character, sound judgment, progressive spirit, adaptability, and a high sense of the spiritual. In the final analysis, the Board of Trustees has full power over the college, but tradition has decreed that much of their power be delegated to the president of the college, other administrative

officers, and to the faculty. The trustees are responsible for making an adequate variety of sound investments of funds entrusted to them. They should always be alert to discover means for enlarging the resources of the college, and for increasing its efficiency in spiritual, intellectual, and industrial lines. They are the direct representatives and servants of the denomination, and must always bear a heavy burden in the planning and management of the school.

Policies, Purposes, and Spirit of Emmanuel Missionary College

The policies of the college, its administration, and its operations are open for inspection and suggestion at all times. The policy of full publicity and not secrecy must always be followed in denominational institutions. The financial operations of the college are always open for inspection to any who care to learn the exact status of the institution.

The plans for developing the college that were foreshadowed in 1900 when it was moved to the present location have matured during twenty-seven years. They have built the college of today with its great company of devoted and productive workers, its large body of eager and ambitious students, and its steadfast adherence to the original purpose of the college. It must always be remembered that the college is more than a mere advanced type of school. It can play its part well only when all connected with it, board, faculty, and students, keep in full consciousness of its origin and purpose. It must stand as a mighty bulwark against encroaching evils. It must maintain the traditions, standards, and practices as they came from the founders of this denomination.

It is the spirit and purpose of the college to lay a foundation for high intellectual and spiritual life; for genuine scholarship; power of reflective thinking; and for a spirit to obey a "thus saith the Lord" regardless of the enticing allurements of the world.

It has been our studied plan to make the college serve the purposes of the denomination which it represents, and by which it is supported. We have endeavored to provide a place where young people may obtain an education without being subjected

to the influences of the world, and to prepare these same young people to carry forward the work the denomination has set out to do—giving the gospel to all the world in this generation. The degree to which we have succeeded can best be shown by a study of the purposes of the students as they have told them to us. At the beginning of the second semester a blank was passed out, on which the students were asked to name the line of work for which they are preparing. Some of the results follow:

Ministerial, 44; Bible workers, 13; music teachers, 12; medical, 22; college teachers, 7; secondary teachers, 42; elementary teachers, 42; nursing, 9; stenographic, commercial, 8; home economics, 5; business, 12; preceptorial, 6; matron, 4.

Enrollment

Since 1908 when the enrollment was 138 the attendance has been steadily increasing. The following figures are for each fourth year period since 1908: 1908, 138; 1912, 229; 1916, 274; 1920, 420; 1924, 513; 1926, 532; 1927, 543; 1928, 532 to-date.

A large geographical area is represented by the student group—33 states in all, and 10 countries outside of the United States.

The conferences in the Lake Union are represented as follows: West Michigan, 223; Indiana, 24; East Michigan, 46; Wisconsin, 50; Chicago, 17; Illinois, 10.

Financial Report

During the last ten years the assets of the college have increased from \$200,000 to \$500,000. During the last four years over \$100,000 has been added in new equipment and buildings. The largest single item has been the new chapel, \$44,000 has been spent in completing this building. It is now practically finished, and is entirely paid for. Since school closed last year the pipe organ has been installed at an additional expense of \$13,000. With the exception of \$500 this amount has all been paid, and this is covered with good pledges which will be met before the close of the present school year. The instrument is a large three-manual Moller organ, and is giving excellent satisfaction.

The total assets at the end of the month ending January 31 were \$504,932.17.

Other important and recent improvements are the new milk house, the coal pit and side-track, water-filters, water softeners, one high pressure down-draft smokeless Kewanee boiler, steam cooker, electric

baking oven, steam tables, morticing machine, lumber shed, tractor, etc.

The note-indebtedness has varied considerably from year to year. In 1925 it was \$78,000. Jan. 31, 1928, it was \$33,850. With the Lord's blessing we hope this will be entirely paid off in two or three more years. The supplies inventory varies between \$55,000 and \$65,000 from month to month. At the present time it is costing more than a thousand dollars a day to operate the school.

Instructional Department

The following courses are now being offered. They are constructed for the primary purpose of meeting the denominational needs as they exist today in the various departments of our organized work. College theological, college literary, junior theological, Bible workers, normal, business, secretarial, shorthand, agricultural, home economics, premedical, music: piano, organ, voice.

Enough work is here offered to keep a student doing full work each year for twenty years after completing the academy. This may seem like a large mental and industrial "bill of fare" but of course no student takes it all. It must be remembered that our work is extending out in many lines. We are continually receiving calls for ministers, Bible workers, teachers, preceptresses, matrons, bookkeepers, stenographers, music teachers, men to head industrial departments, etc. A large variety of subjects is required to prepare young people to fill successfully these different positions.

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Of course the Bible receives most attention. Two men spend their entire time, and several others spend part time in Bible teaching. About 400 students are enrolled in the Bible classes, which is the largest number in the history of the school. Strong work is being done in preparing young men for the ministry, and young women as Bible workers. At the present time 50 young people are engaged in conducting 8 efforts. The following paragraph is quoted from the closing report of the teacher carrying the largest number of Bible students:

"I do not know that I can report any higher literary attainments this year than in former years, but I believe on the whole there has been a better spiritual atmosphere in my classes than ever before. The students are in the main, earnest and attentive, and some have received marked spiritual blessings." W. H. Wakeham.

It would consume too much time to comment upon the history, English, foreign languages, science, education, commerce, normal, expression, economics, health, art, and industrial departments, but a special word should be spoken with reference to the music department. During the past year Professor Morey has taken over the vocal work. This releases Dr. Summers for the required time on the new pipe organ. With the addition of the organ, and Professor Morey's help, we feel that we have a music department second to none in the denomination.

It is felt quite keenly that our classrooms are too small for the large classes which are now being conducted.

A few facts from the normal training department will be of special interest. Since its organization, 113 teachers have been graduated: 14 per cent of these have gone as foreign missionaries, 49 per cent have taken up work in our church schools, 11 per cent are teaching in our academies, 4 per cent are teaching in college, 7 per cent are teaching in normals or acting as superintendents. Only one has left to engage in teaching outside our denomination.

The Homes Section

The homes section includes Maple Hall, where 91 young men have registered so far this year, Birch Hall where 127 young women have enrolled, and 50 cottages and apartments occupied by married students and families. The cafeteria, where 625 meals are served each day is the most important single factor in the homes section. To this date, the cafeteria has done \$28,000 worth of business and has given \$6,500 worth of labor, largely to young women.

We are thankful for the preservation of health among such a large number living so closely together. There has been very little sickness. Those in charge of the health of the college have rendered faithful service. The following paragraph from the dean of men reveals something of the atmosphere of the school homes:

"I have never had a better company of young men than at this time. Most of them make a profession of religion, and with very few exceptions, they are here to obtain all that the school holds out for them. Worship is conducted both morning and evening each day in the assembly room, with the exception of Thursday morning when the members of the home are divided into prayer bands and meet in private rooms. Voluntary prayer bands meet nearly every night just after worship and also on Sabbath mornings. Three members of our family were recently baptized." At the time this was written only three academic students from the Lake Union were living in the school homes.

Industrial Department

The college is operating the following industries at the present time: Canning, dairy, farm, fruit, store, cafeteria, garden, greenhouse, laundry, mechanical, poultry, printing. While attending college students should learn to work with their hands. The industrial departments serve two purposes to the students:

1. They are educational. A place to learn a useful trade while in school. During the present school year classes are being conducted in horticulture, soils and crops, poultry husbandry, carpentry, mechanical drawing, and printing; which are mostly for the young men. For the young women there are strong classes in foods, clothing, nutrition, interior decoration, home making, institutional management, etc.

2. The industries are a financial benefit to the students, in giving them an opportunity to help defray their expenses while obtaining an education. During the first half of the present year \$40,562 was given in labor to students. This is just about equivalent to one-half the students working all their way, or all the students working one-half their way. Those of you who have had experience in directing men at work realize the problem which this presents in supervising the labor of so many unskilled students, and trying to make it profitable to the school. We have found it an almost impossible task to make this work a financial asset to the col-

lege. Last year the total gain from all departments was only \$1,164, while the year before the loss was \$1,791. To-date this year the total loss has been almost \$4,000. We expect that this loss will be overcome, and that we shall show a small gain at the close of the school year. We shall name a few of the things that have been produced in the departments during the last year: 110 tons of hay, 2,800 bushels tomatoes, 1,800 bushels oats, 240 tons silage, 400 bushels corn, 12,000 screen doors, 5,000 window screens, 500 kitchen cupboards, 3,000 clothes racks, 1,500 basswood ironing-boards, 18,000 pine ironing-boards, 3,000 lawn chairs, 50,000 kiddie kar parts, 13,000 mail boxes, 1,000 sleeve bands. In manufacturing these 2,400,000 holes were bored or punched, 150,000 screws were used, 50 kegs of tacks and nails used, 27 cars of lumber. Work was furnished to 40 students during the school year and 15 during the summer. The press has done \$13,000 worth of business to-date. The college store has done \$20,000 worth of business to-date.

Before closing this section a word should be spoken in appreciation of the faithful service of the men who are leading out as superintendents of the industrial sections. Eight more faithful and hard working men will not be found in any of our institutions. They are giving their entire time and energy to the promotion of their respective departments.

G. F. WOLFKILL

REPORT OF WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

To the delegates, workers and believers assembled at the quadrennial session of the Lake Union Conference,

Greeting:

The united Wisconsin Conference was organized in December, 1927. As the youngest child of the Lake Union family, it must be carefully nursed to stimulate its proper growth and development. In its infant days, it is struggling hard to apply, appropriate, and assimilate helpful suggestions to strengthen, aid and uphold it in its endeavors to meet its obligations and carry on aggressive soul-winning work.

The newly-organized conference is composed of the entire Badger State, plus the Michigan peninsula bordering Wisconsin on the northeast. It comprises an area of 64,456 square miles, land surface and 1,596 square miles water surface. It has a population of nearly three million people, composed of various nationalities. The combined field has 97

churches with a membership of 3,437. If this army, scattered throughout the field would arise as one man in the strength of their Master to become active soldiers of the cross, what a victory it would bring to the cause!

Due to the fact that the two conferences have recently been united, and since I have been in the field but two months, it is very difficult indeed, to render a complete report of the work done during the past four years. In searching the records, I find it impossible to give a detailed report, and therefore, I shall make this report very brief, touching only some of the high points as we scan the field for the past quadrennial period.

First of all, I wish to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to our heavenly Father for His constant care and protection that has been over all, and His guiding hand that has led in the work in spite of our infirmities and weaknesses. As far as I am able to ascertain, none of the workers in either South or North Wisconsin conferences have fallen at their post, while all around us workers in the great harvest field have been called to lay down their burdens to rest until the Life-giver shall appear to awaken them out of their dusty graves. We also praise the Lord for our faithful and loyal laymembers that shared the burdens with the workers. Their hospitality, courtesy and kindness have been an inspiration to the workers as they came into their homes and worshipped the Lord together around the family altar.

In spite of the prevailing wickedness manifested in the crime wave, theft, love for pleasure, vanity and pride, the power of the gospel has been demonstrated in behalf of them whose hearts are perfect toward the Lord. No doubt the prayers of God's children in behalf of their loved ones and friends reach the throne of grace. The Lord noticed their untiring efforts and watered the seed that was sown. I am glad to report that in this quadrennial term, the workers and laity of the two Wisconsin conferences have won from the enemy's ranks, 793 souls who manifested their faith through the sacred rite of baptism. I would greatly appreciate to make a comparison between this period and the preceding one, but records are not available. We are thankful, however, that souls are being saved, and we wish to urge the laity to cooperate with the workers in a soul-saving campaign.

We have at present 29 conference employees, including the principals and Bible teachers at Bethel

and Walderly. They are as follows: 11 ordained ministers; 10 licentiates; 2 Bible workers; Sabbath school secretary, Miss Erickson; field secretary, Brother Nickless; three stenographers, and the secretary-treasurer, Brother Green and his assistant, Brother Knecht. We would greatly rejoice to strengthen our force in the field, but because of our undesirable financial embarrassment due to the heavy indebtedness and the loss in operating, we have been obligated to lay off workers so as to enable us to operate within our income and meet our obligations.

The Good Book says, "Owe no man anything." The spirit of prophecy says, "Debts must not be allowed to accumulate term after term. The very highest education that could be given is to shun the incurring of debt as you would shun disease." And again, "We should shun debt as we would shun the leprosy." With this admonition before us, we are determined, under God, to operate the conference affairs without further deficit.

I would gladly submit a complete statement of our resources and liabilities, but because of the brevity of time, it has been impossible for me to get in touch with Brother Bloum, who recently examined our books, to ascertain our present financial standing.

The title receipts for the four-year period amounted to \$415,161.08. The North Wisconsin Conference had a total of \$120,120.89. The South Wisconsin Conference had a total for the four years of \$295,040.19. The two-per-cent for the North Wisconsin Conference amounted to \$6,654.74. For the South Wisconsin Conference, \$15,683.11. The amount received for missions during the four years in the North Wisconsin Conference was \$64,771.87; in the South Wisconsin Conference, \$203,982.08.

These figures speak well for the loyalty of God's people who made such a good report possible. The Wisconsin Conferences not only provided means for the furtherance of God's cause in the mission fields, but also responded to the call of the mission field in releasing some of their most promising workers to the fields beyond. It is a pleasure, indeed, to know that many have gone from this field to various parts of the earth, giving their lives for the salvation of those in darkness.

In the South Wisconsin Conference, five new churches were organized and admitted into the sisterhood of churches—one at Cudahy, one at Kenosha, one at Evansville, one at Whitewater and one at

East Madison. The Lord blessed the evangelistic efforts of His ministers by bringing souls into the kingdom.

Home Missionary Department

Under the faithful leadership of Elder George Butler, the home missionary work was greatly advanced. The principal objective of this department is soul-saving. Every member is to do his part in bringing souls to Jesus. The home missionary work has become a great factor in our churches, not only for the raising of funds, but for doing real, active, house-to-house missionary work. During the past four years, 35,391 missionary visits were made; 8,412 Bible readings given; 769,098 papers and magazines distributed; 468,222 tracts given away; 29,023 books distributed. This work resulted in 364 conversions. The Lord is calling His people to enter into the work and use the talents which He has bestowed upon them. His promise is, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The Harvest Ingathering campaign has proved a success. During the four years the faithful brethren and sisters who participated in the campaign in the South Wisconsin Conference raised the amount of \$59,399.76. In the North Wisconsin Conference, \$16,550.70, a total for the combined field of \$76,250.46. This is a splendid report, but we realize that there is room for improvement. The General Conference goal is ten dollars per member. We are endeavoring very earnestly to reach that goal this present year and if every member avails himself of the opportunity given, I am sure we shall not only reach the goal, but pass it.

Sabbath School

The Sabbath School Department is one of the largest departments in the denomination. It is closely allied to the home missionary work. Through the efforts of this department, more than 50 per cent of our foreign mission offerings are raised, but it is not active in this way only, for through its influence many have been led to the throne of grace where they received a knowledge of the truth and the forgiveness of sins. Miss Erickson will render a more complete report of this department.

Colporteur Work

The book sales and missionary work accomplished through the colporteur work in the two conferences during the past four years, are very encouraging. The colporteur army has won many battles through the spiritual weapon, the Word of God. The large book sales for the combined fields amounted to \$125,-

584.28—the North Wisconsin Conference, \$41,652.61; the South Wisconsin Conference, \$83,931.67. Truly this is a good report and to God be the glory.

Missionary Volunteer Work

The greatest assets of the church are our young people and children. Christ's admonition to Peter was, "Feed My lambs." The Prophet Jeremiah raises the question, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" Records fail to show the amount of good accomplished through the faithful efforts of our young people.

At present we have nearly 1,800 young people between the ages of six and twenty-five. There are about 650 church members. It is sad, indeed, that so many of our young people are drifting into the world. Special efforts should be made to save them. At present we have 27 junior societies and 28 senior. Most of these are actively engaged in soul-saving work.

Educational Work

Definite instructions have been given to us as a people, relative to educating our children. The wise man said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." The spirit of prophecy says the church has a special work to do in educating and training its children that they may not, in attending school or in any other association, be influenced by those of corrupt habits.

In 1924 we had 25 schools with an enrollment of 337 children. In 1925 we had 21 schools and 337 children enrolled. At present, we have 28 schools, 30 teachers, and an enrollment of 384 pupils. These schools and teachers are in need of our cooperation and prayers.

The academies at Walderly and Bethel have done a splendid work in training young men and women for Christian service. Walderly Academy, headed by Professor Straight, has been especially blessed through his careful management, making it possible for the school to operate without showing a great loss in spite of a small attendance. Bethel Academy has had a severe struggle financially. Professor Schank has endeavored to his utmost to operate without increasing the indebtedness, but in spite of all efforts, the school ran behind. Bethel is in need of the loyal support of all the believers in the Wisconsin Conference. We hope that something can be done to increase the enrollment so that it shall be possible to operate without further loss.

In connection with the educational work, we must

not fail to mention the medical work, which Dr. Olive Ingersoll has carried on so faithfully and successfully in this field through lectures in the churches as well as in the examining of school children. Because of this, the Wisconsin Conference ranks high in the medical inspection of its schools, standing at the head in this respect of the conferences in the Lake Union.

In closing I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Lord for His constant care and love to us. I trust that as workers of the Wisconsin Conference, we will dedicate our lives more fully to the Master so that we may prove a help to our churches and those who are anxious to know the truth for this generation. E. H. OSWALD

THE BETTER WAY

It is better to lose with a conscience clean,
Than win with a trick unfair;
It is better to fall and to know you've been,
Whatever the prize was, square,
Than to claim the joy of a far-off goal
And the cheers of the standers by,
And to know down deep in your inmost soul
A cheat you must live and die.

Who wins by trick may take the prize,
And at first he may think it sweet,
But many a day in the future lies
When he'll wish he had met defeat.
For the man who lost shall be glad at heart
And walk with his head up high,
While his conqueror knows he must play the part
Of a cheat and a living lie.

The prize seems fair, when the fight is on,
But save it is truly won
You will hate the thing when the crowds are gone,
For it stands for a false deed done.
And it's better you never should reach your goal
Than ever success to buy
At the price of knowing down in your soul
That your glory is all a lie.

—Detroit Free Press

EAST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

OFFICE ADDRESS, HOLLY, MICHIGAN
PRESIDENT, J. F. PIPER

ENCOURAGING GROWTH OF ADELPHIAN MILL

We believe the readers of the LAKE UNION HERALD will be interested in learning of the growth of the woodworking industry which recently was es-

tablished at Adelphian Academy. Just a little over two months ago serious consideration was given by the school board to the starting of an industry at the academy, and during the months of January and February board actions materialized into a wood-working industry.

January 3 Mr. Homer Parish connected with the school as head of this department. Since that time machinery has been purchased and installed, a building prepared to house the industry, lumber ordered, circulars describing products printed, samples made and distributed, and best of all, orders amounting to several thousands of dollars are in sight.

The mill is now in operation with at least ten boys working full time each afternoon. There is also a night force working to fill the orders on time. As one enters the mill and observes the various boys busily at work, and manifesting a real interest in the product which they are making, he cannot help but see the true benefit of such an industry to a school.

We feel that the Lord has blessed us in a very special way. When God's program of Christian education is followed, we may expect His blessings to rest upon our efforts.

JOHN Z. HOTTEL

JACKSON

As a result of evangelistic services conducted in the Jackson church by Brother H. B. Taylor, twenty-one have accepted the third angel's message. Sixteen of these were baptized February 18, and the other five will go forward in baptism soon. Many are deeply interested. Special Bible studies have been arranged for them. Brother Taylor expects to begin another effort in the Jackson church soon.

MRS. W. P. ELMORE

ACADEMY NOTES

Sabbath afternoon the ministerial band conducted the M. V. meeting at Flint.

Beautiful new rugs have just been purchased for the girls' and boys' parlors. Soon the respective parlors will present a very attractive appearance with new paper, paint, curtains, and furniture.

We have been very glad that Elder R. E. Harter spent several days at the academy. His chapel talk Thursday morning was timely.

On Saturday night members of the civil government class gave a lively debate on the subject, "Resolved, That capital punishment lessens crime." The affirmative side won.

Elders F. Oster and W. B. White visited the school family last week. Elder Oster showed us the needs of Persia, and created in our hearts a greater interest in foreign mission fields.

Another class has been organized at the academy—the junior. Lawrence Randall was elected president; Velma Griggs, vice-president; Grace Willette, secretary; and Thelma Wohlfert, treasurer.

Work on the school annual has begun. Walter Shepard is the editor.

CHICAGO CONFERENCE

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PRESIDENT, J. W. CHRISTIAN

SABBATH SCHOOL ITEMS

The South German church has only twelve members who do not attend Sabbath school. Last Sabbath afternoon the superintendent of the Sabbath school visited some of the twelve in an endeavor to secure them as Sabbath school or Home Department members.

A South Side Home member, Mrs. Wierman, is to receive a new gold and purple bookmark for five years' perfect record as soon as they come to our office.

Mrs. J. F. Oblander and Kenneth Babcock of the Brookfield Sabbath school are also to receive bookmarks for five years' perfect record.

Brother Bruemmer, superintendent of the Gary Sabbath school, reports that 75 per cent of their members are following the daily study plan, and carrying Bibles to Sabbath school.

Elder A. D. Bohn reports five new adult members at the Elmwood Park Sabbath school.

Two children in the Russian Sabbath school have been able to repeat the memory verses each quarter for seven years; two other children have the same record for three years.

ROSA N. KOZEL

INDIANA CONFERENCE

OFFICE ADDRESS, CICERO, INDIANA

PRESIDENT, FREDERICK A. WRIGHT

WHAT A LITTLE PUSH DOES

Much depends upon the kind of fire burning in our bones as to the "push" we get into our activities. Some seem to have an electric light plant operating inside, the way their faces shine and their bodily members move. They get results.

Our Indiana workers have seemed to be electrified in the *Signs* campaign. Brother Brooks has

visited a number of churches and had splendid success in getting a good subscription list. Miss Gillam reports 31 for West Street church where the membership is 38. Elder Coon has been sick but he is pushing the campaign. Fort Wayne planned for 41 and Ligonier for 10, the latter place having only 6 or 7 members. A number of subscriptions have come from scattered Sabbath keepers. Brother D. S. Hammond writes as follows:

"I visited Hartford City last Sabbath. The *Signs* campaign was presented and 40 yearly subscriptions were taken. They said they were sure they could make it 50. They will take it up again next Sabbath.

"I am glad to pass on to you the good word of our meeting at Peru Sabbath. The *Signs* work was discussed again, and they increased their club from 40 to 70. All seemed anxious to have a part in it."

Several of our workers have not yet been heard from but we know they are not forgetting. Remember, our aim is a club of *Signs* in every church, and as many yearly subscriptions coming to the conference as we have members. Has *your* church sent its order yet? If not, why not?

F. A. DETAMORE

A RECORD FROM INDIANA THAT CHEERS

The year 1927 was one of advancement for the Sabbath School Department. The membership has increased and many missing members have been reclaimed. Half of the schools report baptisms which total 163 for the year. The daily study is about 50 per cent of the membership. All but five schools are taking the *Sabbath School Worker* while twenty-three officers and teachers have completed the Training Course and received their certificates. Others will finish soon.

The pennant Sabbath schools for the year were Anderson, Bedford, Cicero, Evansville, Fort Wayne, Frankfort, Hartford City, Ingalls, Indianapolis 23d, Indianapolis Union, Indianapolis West Side, Ligonier, Logansport, Martinsville, Middletown, Richmond No. 2, and Wabash. Nine of these schools have held the pennant for two years. They are Anderson, Evansville, Frankfort, Hartford City, Indianapolis 23d, Logansport, Martinsville, Middletown, and Richmond No. 2.

The year's average was 25 cents per capita, while for the fourth quarter it amounted to 28 cents. We are hopeful of reaching the 30 cents per capita during 1928.

All schools reaching a per capita of 35 cents will receive an Advance Mission Banner.

The Conference Sabbath School also made some good records during 1927 as follows:

Comparative Conference Sabbath School Report

Working Points	Goal	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3d Qr.	4th Qr.
Sabbath School Membership	111	111	152	152	152
Number Reporting	111	93	116	105	125
Number Wks. Perfect Attendance	1362	1086	916	1365	1365
Number Weeks Daily Study	721	416	165	369	430
13th Sabbath Offering	\$111.00	\$150.75	\$213.10	\$238.87	\$378.52
Total Offering for the Quarter	423.90	276.64	332.44	298.55	559.68

A Year's Perfect Attendance and Daily Study

Mrs. G. and Minnie Anthony, Mrs. Cora Benson, Mrs. Belle Hall, Mrs. Florence Jackson, Mrs. Sarah Ratcliffe, Mrs. Alwilda Rusher, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trinkner, Angeline and Maggie Webster, Mrs. Clara Young have this record.

May each school make the following mottoes theirs for 1928: (1) More soul-winning, (2) No missing members, (3) Daily study of the lessons, (4) Better trained officers and teachers, (5) Advance offerings (35 cents) for missions.

EDITH SHEPARD

INDIANA TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

A few days ago I had the privilege of attending the Indiana teachers' institute held at the Indiana Academy. The institute began Wednesday night. Methods were laid aside on Thursday morning for as much as two hours, or possibly more. Elder Wright spoke very earnestly, showing us that God's great method is man; a prayer season followed, and a consecration service, in which all present took part. The presence of the Lord Jesus Himself in those early meetings, and indeed all through the institute, made the hours intensely profitable to us.

Technical instructions with spiritual lessons woven in were given by Professor Adams, Mrs. Ella King Sanders, Prof. B. B. Davis, Miss Grace Evans, and Miss Shepard. The teachers, themselves, also gave talks on topics of present interest in the educational world. Miss Shepard had gathered a great many helps such as flash cards, work tablets, number, language, and sight-reading drills, health posters and other materials which the teachers selected for use in their schoolrooms. Models of the pupils' work in basketry, sewing, painting, drawing, and writing, were exhibited.

The season closed as it began with a prayer service. Indiana's educational department has an arrangement which seems peculiar to that field, and

that is that several young men who are teachers are also elders of churches, and some are doing the work of evangelists. These carry a double burden, and with the others, found help in united prayer. We separated at the close of the service with a firmer purpose that the Master should be glorified and His plans carried out in our work.

Faculty members and students seemed glad to make any sacrifice which would make the visitors comfortable and the meetings more profitable.

ROSA N. KOZEL

BAPTISM AT BLOOMINGTON

As the result of our five weeks' effort at Bloomington fourteen were baptized, and seven others added to the church subject to letter and on profession of faith. This increases the membership from forty-six to sixty-five. We praise the Lord for thus blessing the efforts of His servants and hearing the many prayers for souls. Brother Mote was with me.

The meetings closed February 29. The next evening we had a praise service and a business meeting. The report of the treasurer showed that their new building will be paid for when the pledges are in. Friday night the entire church with many friends met at the First Christian church for the baptism which was administered by the writer. The next day, Sabbath, was a good day. All present either dedicated or rededicated their hearts for cleansing and their lives for service. The right hand of fellowship was then extended to those just baptized, and the ordinances celebrated. A Bible class will be formed, led by Brother Blake.

There are about fifteen others who plan to be baptized in the near future. They invite the prayers of all.

J. D. REAVIS

WABASH VALLEY SANITARIUM NOTES

Elder William Butler, formerly of the North Wisconsin Conference, left Monday for his home at Ashland. Elder Butler has been with us several weeks in search of health and left in a much-improved condition.

The young people of the sanitarium sent two delegates to represent them at the convention at Cicero.

The following persons have recently undergone successful operations here and are recovering nicely: Mrs. W. R. Williams of Berrien Springs, Mich.;

Mrs. De Long of Senica, Mich.; Mr. Burris of Circleville, Ind.

Dr. Simmons is attending the Lake Union Conference in Chicago.

Brother Roy McKenzie left this morning for Cicero from which place he plans to attend the Union Conference meeting.

The monthly meeting of the medical staff was held in the chapel Thursday evening. Important matters were discussed which proved helpful to all who were present.

Miss Nina Hunt, a student at the college, is spending a few weeks with us. She is improving nicely.

We extend a hearty invitation to all those who are in poor health to come to the sanitarium for rest and treatment. A willing, loyal, whole-hearted service awaits you.

FLORENCE MARGARET TURNER

WEST MICHIGAN CONFERENCE

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SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

Last year 2,678 members received honor cards for faithfulness in daily lesson study and attendance, as compared to 2,416 in 1926; 261 ribbons for a year's perfect record were issued, in comparison to 192 the year before; 386 faithful Home Division members increased their offerings to missions from \$1,880.05 to \$2,551.39. Investment offerings amounted to \$2,315.64, as compared to \$2,025.43 in 1926. The birthday offerings that are used to advance the work in new and unentered fields increased from \$874.55 to \$976.34. Our Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings in 1926 amounted to \$15,302.78 and in 1927 it was \$21,333.23. In 1926 the total offerings to missions through the Sabbath school were \$52,949.79, while last year they increased to the splendid sum of \$62,400.69, a per capita for the year of \$.317.

During the fourth quarter of last year 694 members had a perfect record in daily study and attendance. Out of this number 113 received the ribbon bookmark, 35 completing a two years' record, 9 a three years', 1 a four years', 2 a seven years' and 2 an eight years' perfect record. I am sure the Lord is pleased with such faithfulness.

I am glad to report that 33 Sabbath schools reached their membership goal, 36 the financial, and 37 the thirteenth Sabbath goal. Out of this number 33

schools received the conference banner, having given an average of 30 cents a week per church member, including an average of \$1 per church member on the thirteenth Sabbath. Cleon, Elkhart, Grand Rapids, and Stittsville schools are added to our banner list. The Level Park school now has a large gold star on its banner, having kept it for a year. Carlton Center and Covert had the privilege of adding their second gold star to their banner.

The birthday offerings for the quarter amounted to \$227.65, Investment \$1,788.28, Thirteenth Sabbath Offering \$4,387.28, and twelve Sabbaths' offerings to \$10,253.92, making a total offering of \$16,657.13, which is a per capita of \$.338. This is the largest Sabbath school offering ever given in West Michigan for one quarter and gives us the General Conference banner for the fifth quarter in succession.

INIS MOREY

TRAVERSE CITY UNION MEETING AND CONVENTION

There will be a union meeting and convention of the following named churches: Traverse City, Frankfort, Mesick, Fife Lake, Alden, and Central Lake, held in the Traverse City church March 23-25. The meeting will begin Friday evening. Those churches planning to send delegates or representatives to this meeting should see that their list of names is sent immediately to Elder F. G. Hibben, 252 East 9th St., Traverse City, Mich. Places will be provided for those who send in their names. Elder W. H. Holden will be with us and will conduct the service Sabbath morning, March 24. Elder S. T. Shadel of the Union will also be with us throughout the three days. All our people in this district are cordially invited to attend these meetings. Especially are the elders, missionary leaders, treasurers, church missionary secretaries, Y. P. missionary leaders, and Sabbath school superintendents requested to be present.

H. K. HALLADAY

NEWS NOTES

Brother Stray of the Book and Bible House reports that over 800 *Signs* subscriptions had been ordered at the close of February.

Elder H. K. Halladay attended a three-days' convention at Muskegon in the interest of home missionary work. The church there had a club of 12 *Signs* but during the meeting 50 more were added to this club.

Elders S. T. Shadel and H. K. Halladay recently held a three-days' convention with the Elkhart church. The interest there seemed to be very keen and we believe that much good was accomplished. Thirteen subscriptions to the *Review and Herald* were received and a club of 25 *Signs* was taken by the church. In both Elkhart and Muskegon a Bible workers' band was organized to prepare our lay members to do real Bible work.

The fifteen-minute missionary service in the West Michigan Conference is getting well under way. Many of our churches have adopted the intermission missionary program and we notice that the reports which are coming to us for the months of January and February are much better than they have been for some time. We trust that all of our churches in this field will see the need of adopting this plan.

Our Book and Bible House informs us that they have 100 Home Missionary Calendars left. Those who have not received one as yet, do not know what they are missing. Order yours direct from the Book and Bible House by sending 25 cents.

COLDWATER UNION MEETING

The next union meeting for this district will be held at Coldwater, March 17. Sabbath school commences at 10 A. M., Central time. I trust a goodly number will be present at the church on North Polk Street.

O. S. THOMPSON

WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

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"JUST JUNIORS"

It takes the younger members of the flock to teach us older ones the reason for prayer. This was brought to my attention while visiting the Junior Volunteers of the Milwaukee church.

As a conference, the Missionary Volunteers were asked to raise their proportionate share of a \$5,000 goal for the Davis Indians in South America. This figures out about 25 cents per junior for the first quarter of 1928.

Miss Johnson's juniors in Milwaukee were assigned a goal of \$5.50. These little folks set out to reach it. Every week their pennies and nickels have been coming. When other means fail, the Lord puts money into their hands. On the way to school

one day, a little boy found two cents on the car seat. Did some one lose it? Surely not. The Lord took this means to increase this junior's faith in prayer.

Others are running errands and finding various means of earning their share of the goal. It is very certain that the Davis Indians will not be disappointed, because our juniors, as well as our seniors, are behind this mission project and in it to win.

The Lord's plan is best in placing the finishing touches of this message upon our young people. They have already accepted the challenge; the work is finishing!

T. S. COPELAND

SUPERIOR

Our Sunday evening services in Superior continue to be well attended, and several are already asking for baptism. A revival seems to be on here in the church. There is a coming up to the standard in health reform. A very inspiring and helpful home missionary convention was recently held here. Elders Oswald, Joyce, and Holbrook brought to us messages of hope and courage. I am deeply anxious that the churches under my care, shall enter fully into the spirit of revival and reformation so long over due.

B. L. POST

M. V. RALLY

The second of a series of sectional Missionary Volunteer meetings will be held at Milton Junction, March 16-18. The following societies are invited to attend: Beloit, Raymond, Oakland, Madison, both South and East, Sand Prairie, Yuba. This includes both juniors and seniors.

Young people are urgently invited from all nearby churches. Come with many questions in your mind, and prayer in your heart that the Lord may make this a helpful meeting.

We have every reason to believe that the Lord is blessing in this Missionary Volunteer work. Our report for the month of January showed that the 111 seniors who reported had made 222 missionary visits. Surely this is splendid work. We are expecting that this work may continue to grow.

"The Lord Jesus knows just what His children need, how much divine power we will appropriate for the blessing of humanity; and He bestows upon us all that we will employ in blessing others and ennobling our own souls."

T. S. COPELAND

JANUARY, 1923

Church	Tithe	2%	Mis.	Church	Tithe	2%	Mis.
Appleton	\$94.34	\$4.03	\$30.43	Menominee	5.00	.....	5.46
Almond	.....	.....	.....	Merrill	11.74	.....	6.76
Antigo	.....	.....	.....	Mil. Junc.	178.81	7.69	97.86
Ashland	160.08	20.88	66.77	Mil. Col	54.85	1.40	28.03
Baraboo	13.70	1.63	12.64	Mil. Eng.	916.46	44.88	202.73
Barron	47.73	.....	4.45	Mil. Ger.	186.51	1.18	50.40
Bear Lake	17.42	.....	5.50	Mil. Ital.	100.41	8.07	.....
Be'ver Dam	113.24	1.66	10.08	Moon	49.50	6.45	58.11
Beldenville	47.88	2.00	13.60	Nee nah	49.94	6.11	19.27
Beloit	33.05	1.77	28.96	New London	81.67	2.95	32.98
Bethel	203.39	8.15	104.00	Oakland	.....	.....	.....
Bloomville	49.43	.....	3.84	Oneida	4.09	.....	5.91
Chipp. Falls	98.17	4.19	19.35	Orange	37.65	1.57	11.00
Clear Lake	108.51	8.99	48.18	Oshkosh	76.65	.....	19.40
Cl'water L.	72.39	.40	35.26	Osseo	6.00	.....	2.40
Clintonville	.....	.....	.....	Oxford	118.87	6.92	54.05
Cooks	.....	.....	.....	Pardeeville	12.15	.....	5.53
Crandon	.....	.....	.....	Plum City	39.15	1.19	1.00
Cudahy	58.95	.....	10.70	Polar	50.65	.....	.....
Cumberland	55.54	1.77	8.62	Portage	9.42	1.07	8.32
DeBello	.....	.....	.....	Pound	560.05	1.00	7.50
Eau Claire	68.70	6.47	19.70	Poy Sippi	49.91	2.20	12.94
Escanaba	49.11	5.28	20.53	Prentice	8.75	.....	13.44
Evansville	37.12	2.00	7.25	Racine	72.78	6.09	22.88
Fish Creek	.....	.....	.....	Raymond	33.87	3.67	31.91
Fond du Lac	42.46	3.42	23.68	Rhinelander	11.00	.....	2.76
Ft. Atkinson	60.47	7.10	32.29	Rib Lake	19.10	.....	46.98
Frederic	88.74	5.44	20.27	Riverside	.....	.....	.....
Granton	45.71	.....	8.00	Sagola	.....	.....	.....
Grantsburg	15.91	.....	9.40	Sand Prairie	24.20	.....	23.75
Green Bay	76.94	.20	73.87	Shawano	.....	.....	.....
Hancock	59.48	6.34	13.04	Sheboygan	146.65	.....	32.37
Hylandale	9.00	.....	8.60	Sparta	42.89	1.20	15.27
Ir. Mountain	82.43	3.74	18.35	Spooner	50.70	1.50	16.68
Ir. River, M.	2.00	.40	10.00	Stevens Pt.	13.85	.....	4.52
I. Riv., Wis.	22.55	.....	4.93	Stur'on Bay	.....	.....	.....
Ironwood	64.30	.....	21.40	Superior	163.58	4.99	53.01
Janesville	83.00	6.56	41.47	Und. Eng.	38.91	1.00	6.35
Jim Falls	3.50	.....	2.60	Und. Ger.	83.59	3.63	23.32
Kenosha	4.21	.....	11.44	Victory	8.18	.40	10.56
Knapp	71.93	1.00	5.55	Waldery	166.55	7.16	115.41
La Crosse	120.45	5.05	8.40	Waterloo	9.40	1.88	.....
La Farge	10.24	.55	11.22	Wausau	2.10	.....	11.50
La Grange	.....	.....	.....	Whitewater	4.46	.90	11.14
Lena	90.40	.....	57.12	Watertown	42.35	.....	14.50
Lodi	33.50	.....	35.91	Wilson	18.54	1.31	1.60
Lucas	22.52	.....	1.11	Wis. Raps.	9.66	1.06	4.02
E. Madison	34.81	.90	25.75	Wittenberg	63.73	.....	.....
Madison	918.34	11.76	141.64	Conf. Ch.	624.28	17.22	81.42
Maplehurst	20.41	3.34	4.25				
Marshfield	106.94	6.81	18.25				
					7677.59	276.52	2231.26

SABBATH SCHOOLS, PLEASE NOTE

To promote the interests of the Sabbath school work more fully in Wisconsin, a series of week-end conventions has been planned. Members of surrounding Sabbath schools will please note the dates of these conventions and the places where they will be held so plans can be made for a good representation: Madison, March 23-25; Milwaukee, March 30-April 1; Appleton, April 6-8; Waldery, April 13-15; Eau Claire, April 20-22.

Since the Sabbath school is the whole church at

study, this announcement should be of interest to every church and Sabbath school member. Talk the matter over with your Sabbath school officers, and definitely plan to send a good delegation from your church.

SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Every man should have a fair-sized cemetery in which to bury the faults of his friends.—*Henry Ward Beecher.*

PRESENT AND FUTURE POSSIBILITIES IN RURAL WORK

There is no indication that opportunities for rural school work are no more to be found in the South. Looking over our school reports for the second semester, we see evidences of appreciation of this work in the communities where it has been established.

Most of our people have heard of the work at Fountain Head, Tenn. The school work which is an important line of the activities carried on there is evidently winning its way in the community. In addition to the children of Adventist parents, we find that thirty are coming in from outside homes. On a recent visit to Nashville, Mrs. Eva A. Jenks, the principal of the school, told us that the enrollment from the outside was rapidly increasing so that it was necessary to break out of the confines of the two schoolrooms and hold classes in the adjoining room which has been used for church services. We would judge from our visit there last fall that conditions are favorable for an evangelistic effort.

On Sand Mountain in northeastern Alabama, Brother and Sister Harbolt are operating their school again this year with an enrollment of thirty-four from the outside. To carry on the work in their locality calls for real missionary zeal and fortitude and we believe God will bless the faithful efforts of these workers.

A substantial beginning has been made in the new location of the Lawrenceburg, Tenn., rural enterprise. Its chief source of strength is in the sanitarium which has a flourishing patronage. There is no hospital within a radius of forty miles and the plant has filled a real need along surgical lines. The sanitarium is growing and new equipment is being added. Along with the health work a school is being conducted with an attendance of sixteen, ten of whom are not from Adventist homes. This school

is being taught in an old dwelling situated on the top of a steep hill overlooking the other buildings. If primitive educational facilities have any value in character training, we are sure that in some respects there will be no deficiency in the lives of the children attending this school. With the assistance of the students, the school was made more comfortable by stripping the wide cracks between the siding, and by covering the walls inside with building paper held on with lath. To our surprise we were told that the roof of the building did not leak. School desks of five different varieties were in evidence as part of the equipment. A cheerful, cooperative, Christian spirit, however, prevails in the school.

From the rural school fund and from other sources it will be possible to provide a good school building together with a meeting house and the interest which has been awakened can be continued. Our ministers receive good hearings in this place and doubtless a strong church will eventually grow up at Lawrenceburg.

There should be more schools of this kind in the South. People are glad for the privileges and influences of a Christian school in their neighborhood, especially where the facilities otherwise available are inadequate or entirely lacking. Best of all, an opening is provided for the preaching of the message. The ability of the Union Conference, through the provisions of the Rural School Fund, to offer assistance to such enterprises has meant much in the building up of the rural school work.

W. P. BRADLEY

WHAT ABOUT YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE?

Several months ago, during a series of evangelistic meetings, I was impressed to make a special effort to reach a certain young woman who seemed to be very undecided and vacillating. She would promise to come for an interview, then change her mind. Finally she came, and after I had presented to her very earnestly the claims of God upon her life, she decided not to surrender.

It was a crushing defeat, but I told her I still stood ready to help and that I would keep on praying. In a day or two she came and asked for an interview, and after a hard struggle surrendered.

A few months later a mutual friend wrote of her death. Being conscious a few minutes before she died, she sang two stanzas of "Holy, holy, holy, is what the angels sing," and "God's Way is Best."

Then she pleaded with her father to be a Christian and died.

Many times since I have thought, "Suppose I had not made this special effort, or had not been so persevering? Or suppose there had been no revival effort in that place last year?" We do not know of course, what might have been; but we do know the time of salvation is passing for somebody every day.

And I wonder what eternal loss may be if no one is stirred to pray, and plan, and work for revival in your church during Missionary Volunteer Week this year, March 24-31. Readings for M. V. Day, outlines, material, and helps have been published in the *March Gazette*, but unless church elders, Sabbath school superintendents, or others take this matter on their hearts, there are doubtless young people who might be reached this year who will be beyond the influence of any loving effort next year.

M. E. KERN

IS PREPARATION DAY OBSOLETE?

"Well, Henry!" cried Mrs. Brown as her husband came into the house one Sabbath morning with hands and face covered with dirt and grease, "It is almost time for Sabbath school. I fear we shall be late. Hurry up and wash and change your clothes. What makes you so late?"

"Oh, I had a little work to do on the automobile this morning," explained Mr. Brown. "You see, when I went out to the garage to get the car I remembered that the spark plugs needed cleaning, and I had a flat tire; I forgot about it yesterday, so I had to patch a tube, and it took me quite a while to get the casing back on and inflated. And you know the battery was out of the car on the radio set; I had to get it and put it back in the car; and you know the last time I took it out of the car I broke the battery connecting wire; I had to mend that. And besides all this, the car was so muddy I was ashamed to drive it to church in that condition, so I washed it up a bit: it looks better."

After a hurried application of soap and water to his hands and face, Mr. Brown rushed to his bedroom and jumped into his Sabbath clothes. A minute later the auto was standing at the front gate, tires mended, spark plugs clean, battery installed, ignition wires repaired, and the wheels and body washed spick and clean. In another minute the Browns were off to Sabbath school and church, halting long enough at the filling station to get a little

gasoline and oil, for as the head of the household explained, he was so busy the day before that he had not time to bother with the car.

That beautiful Sabbath morning the Browns listened to a forceful and appealing sermon by the minister, who took for his text, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy."—*D. D. Rees, in Central Union Outlook.*

STOP WORRYING

The best way to stop worrying over your own troubles, real and imaginary, is to look around you and find out how many people are worse off than you are—then, maybe, you will feel that things are not so bad as you thought. Constant dwelling on your own troubles tends to magnify them; and every time you retail your woes they seem more real to you. Stop this business of pitying yourself so much—this business of saying, "Ah, poor me!" Get out of your sackcloth and ashes, and give yourself a good scrubbing to get the ashes off you, and burn up the sackcloth. Then put on your finest raiment, and sally forth like Solomon in all his glory. If you can't find anything good in your own case, take an interest in someone else's, and thus get your mind off your own.—*W. W. Atkinson.*

LIFE'S LITTLE WHILE

Only a little while
To smile above our fears;
Then let us smile our very best,
In spite of flowing tears.
For tears may fall like rain,
However bright the sky;
And grief may girt the weary way
With many a sigh.

Only a little while
To walk in love's domain;
The blossoms round us wither fast,
In loss and bitter pain.
Then let us love our best,
With loved ones by our side;
Life's fairest dreamland paradise
Will not abide.

Only a little while
To whisper words of cheer;
Oh, then, speak only kindly words
For other hearts to hear.
Smile on, love on, nor doubt;
Those whispered words will bring
Some echoes from the silent past
To greet our King!

Robert Hare

IF YOU HAVE

a place to send that club of *Signs* you have ordered in this year's annual missionary effort, then do not read this, for we are trying to reach only those who do not know the best place to send their papers.

Among the most insistent calls for more *Signs* to help in their work, are those from our foreign fields. Quite a few clubs have been supplied through our Cooperation Corner plan, but still there are many either unfilled or only partly supplied. Some of the places where there is great need are:

Rangoon and Maymo, Burma, at least 100 copies; Hongkong and Shanghai, China, 100 or more to each place; Cristobal, Canal Zone, 100 or more; Philippine Islands—five or six different stations could use from 10 to 50 or more each; the Virgin and Leeward Islands, Jamaica, Trinidad, and other West Indian points, could use several hundred; and there are insistent calls from India, Africa, South America, Japan, Malaysia, and other countries.

There is also a great need in many of our home conferences with small membership and scattered population, and in many of these fields, the conference office will carefully follow up any interest shown with other literature or visits.

Clubs to any of these foreign fields, and single copies mailed to individuals in any of these needy home fields, will cost you only \$1.50 a copy; ten for \$15; twenty-five for \$37.50; fifty for \$75. You may send your order to your Book and Bible House office, and if desired we will see that you are put in personal touch with the field or worker using the papers.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

OBITUARIES

Rasmussen.—Mrs. Christina Rasmussen was born in Sweden, April 4, 1847; and died at Neenah, Wis., Feb. 2, 1928. Sister Rasmussen was for many years a member of the Adventist church. Four daughters and one son mourn their loss. **A. P. Petersen**

Adams.—Helen Gillam Adams was born in Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 28, 1870; and died in Chicago, Feb. 6, 1928. She accepted present truth in 1923, remaining faithful until death. She leaves a sister, two brothers, and an adopted son. **H. A. Lukens**

Bergquist.—Edward John Bergquist was born in Sweden, Dec. 3, 1855; and died at Oshkosh, Wis., Jan. 27, 1928. Brother Bergquist is survived by the wife of his second marriage, one son, and four daughters. The hour of death found him firm in the message. **A. P. Petersen**

McGill.—Jennie McGill was born in Scotland; and died in Chicago, Jan. 11, 1928. Sister McGill with her husband accepted present truth under the labors of Elder George Selzer. **H. A. Lukens**

Wilbur.—Ruth Elma Wilbur died in Bay City, Mich., January 28, 1928, reaching the ripe age of eighty-two years. She was faithful in the cause of truth and awaits the call of the Life-giver. **W. P. Ortner**

Osgood.—Mrs. Mary Osgood was born July 3, 1852; and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. P. Shuster, of Jackson, Mich., Jan. 3, 1928. She was a consistent, faithful Christian. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. **R. E. Harter**

Benner.—Etta Teachout was born April 6, 1873, at Covert, Mich. She was married in 1895 to A. T. Benner. She was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, doing what she could to promote the third angel's message. She died Jan. 29, 1928, at her home near Blanchard, Mich., and leaves to mourn, her husband and four children. **C. M. Gruesbeck**

Wolcott.—George Marvin Wolcott was born at Steamburg, Mich., April 3, 1875; and died at his home near Coldwater, Mich., Jan. 12, 1928. Brother Wolcott was baptized and united with this movement in June, 1899. He served as elder of the Coldwater church for ten years, and will be greatly missed. His aged parents, wife, one son, and one daughter survive. **B. F. Williams**

Allen.—Thomas Allen was born at Ottawa, Canada, Sept. 25, 1834; and died at the home of his son near the village of Leeman, Wis., Feb. 5, 1928. Brother Allen was one of the pioneers of his community. Since the death of his wife two years ago he has been practically helpless. The deceased is survived by a son, a brother, and three sisters. **A. P. Petersen**

Hall.—Eliza Hall was born at Plymouth, Wis., Nov. 15, 1864; and died at her home in New London, Wis., Feb. 6, 1928. July 4, 1880, she was married to George W. Hall. To this union six children were born. In 1887 they gave their hearts to the Master and were baptized into the three-fold message. Sister Hall was an active member in the church while her health permitted. She is survived by her husband and two daughters. **E. H. Oswald**

Bovie.—Mrs. Rosanah Bovie was born in Buffalo, N. Y., July 4, 1837; and died at the James White Memorial Home, Feb. 23, 1928. There were born to Sister Bovie three children, two of whom died in infancy. After the death of her husband fourteen years ago she made her home with her one remaining child, who was called by death in 1924. Sister Bovie was a faithful member of the Allegan Seventh-day Adventist church since her conversion in 1868. She sleeps, awaiting the call of the Life-giver. **F. G. Lane**

Videto.—Mrs. Lovina M. Videto was born at Spring Arbor, Mich., April 7, 1845; and died in Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 7, 1928. In 1870, she was united in marriage to James Videto, and to this union were born four children, one of whom is Elder William Videto. More than fifty years ago she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. She was laid away in the cemetery at Spring Arbor to await her Lord's return. **E. L. Smith**

Eason.—Robert Reddick Eason was born at Lancaster, Ky., June 12, 1850; and died Jan. 22, 1928. In 1872 he was married to Elizabeth M. Graham to which union were born six children. In 1898 he accepted present truth, soon after which he connected with the Battle Creek Sanitarium. In 1900 he became connected with Doctor David Paulson in the sanitarium work at Chicago, continuing with this work for several years. Brother Eason remained faithful to the last. He is survived by his wife, three sons, and two daughters. **H. A. Lukens**

"Light never disturbs anybody but the sleeping man, or the man who wants to go to sleep."

"Worry kills more people than work, because more people tackle it."

Do you find the Sabbath school lessons in Ephesians hard to understand? You will find the little book, "Studies in Ephesians," by Elder Milton C. Wilcox, a great help. His careful research and spiritual vision has greatly enlarged our concept of the beautiful truths Paul has taught us in this book. Price, 35 cents. Order of the Book and Bible House.

Ruth M. Harkins	RJ	27	11	33.00	5.00	38.00	8.00		
D. D. Johnson	HP	22	15	99.00	3.00	102.00	.....	
Mr. H. Beyer	Mag.	21	7	38.50	9.25	47.75	5.50		
Birdie Menzies	RJ	21	10	32.00	16.00	48.00	.....	
L. M. Kleiner	RJ	20	4	12.00	13.50	25.50	4.50		
Dorothy Butler	RJ	18	7	26.00	8.25	34.25	.....	
Archie Kruger	BR	18	9	55.50	.....	55.50	.....	
Mrs. H. Beyer	Mag.	16	..	.....	41.45	41.45	41.45
Mrs. L. Kleiner	Mag.	16	..	.....	16.50	16.50	16.50
J. M. Jackson	GC	14	6	33.00	6.50	39.50	.....	
Mrs. Sara Stork	Mag.	11	..	.....	35.00	35.00	35.00
Mrs. C. H. Budde	Mag.	..	..	.....	24.90	24.90	24.90
Miss Sue Jones	RJ	..	1	3.00	7.50	10.50	.....	
Mr. Wm Squires	WCS	..	..	.....	7.25	7.25	7.25
				774	176	768.50	421.30	1189.80	355.93

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 rate is: 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.

Wanted.—A man by the month to work on a farm. Must be steady, reliable, and a good milker. Write, stating age, experience, and wages expected, to D. E. Dean, R. F. D. 3, Holly, Mich. m14

For Sale.—Three-acre, ideal chicken farm. Seven-room house, barn, garage, chicken house. On bus line, five miles north of Allegan, one-fourth mile south of Monterey S. D. A. church. For particulars write Mrs. Anna M. Rumery, R. F. D. 5, Allegan, Mich.

Wanted.—Opportunity now open for two or more business men to take exclusive sales in Wisconsin and Minnesota for new article selling to garages and grease racks. Sell four out of five easily. Absolutely bona fide proposition. Address G. H. Hewitt, care of Juneau Hotel, Milwaukee, Wis.

For Sale by Wholesaler.—Nucoa Nut Margarine in 12-lb. carton, postpaid in 2d zone, \$2.64. Best Foods shortening 12-lb. carton, postpaid in 2d zone, \$2.52. Orders for 3d zone should enclose 15 cents additional postage and 4th zone 44 cents additional. Shortening in 50-lb. tins, 19 cents per pound, transportation additional. Order and remit to H. P. Buzzel & Co., Inc., Kalamazoo, Mich. m28

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 3, 1928

Wisconsin, Arva Nickless, Field Secretary

	Book	Hrs.	Ords.	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Mrs. Ellen Dahlgren	Mag.	49	..	\$.....	\$91.60	\$91.60	\$91.60
Alvin J. Baker	RJ	48	3	9.00	1.25	10.25	.....
A. D. Davis	RJ	42	23	76.00	8.00	84.00	.....
August C. Hirsch	BR	41	7	43.00	16.50	59.50	19.25
Gaylord Lee	RJ	40	17	51.00	6.25	57.25	.....
Mrs. Viola Boehrig	Mag.	39	..	.....	62.50	62.50	62.50
Fern Moses	RJ	39	7	21.00	12.00	33.00	12.13
L. Blumenschein	GC	37	6	33.00	.....	33.00	.....
Helen Moses	RJ	36	6	18.00	7.10	25.10	.95
John Ruffing	BR	36	3	18.00	4.75	22.75	26.40
J. O. Bossmann	BR	35	2	11.00	6.75	17.75	.....
David Japel	PP	34	8	44.00	.....	44.00	.....
Walter Kopitzke	PP	31	9	49.50	.75	50.25	.....
Frank McClellan	RJ	30	9	27.00	6.75	33.75	.....
Claude E. Hall	GC	29	6	36.00	3.00	39.00	.....

West Michigan, D. E. Collins, Field Secretary

L. J. Ringer	BR	45	12	66.00	9.00	75.00	.....	
Mary Cave	BF	43	7	26.00	22.10	48.10	.....	
S. W. Redmon	GC	43	4	22.50	14.25	36.75	.....	
Lawrence Ringer	RJ	42	6	20.00	4.50	24.50	.....	
Vivian Scroggs	RJ	35	7	23.00	14.75	37.75	3.00		
A. Fleck	RJ	35	3	9.00	10.25	19.25	.....	
Mabel Brower	GC	34	8	44.50	15.00	59.50	45.50		
Mary Ogle	GC	33	4	22.00	21.25	43.25	.....	
Ray Garrison	RJ	32	4	12.00	4.50	16.50	.....	
E. M. Phillips	GC	53	2	12.50	8.75	21.25	.....	
Ralph Kulgore	BF	54	9	34.00	24.75	58.75	.....	
Olivia Stagg	BF	23	1	3.00	.75	3.75	.....	
E. M. Doyle	RJ	38	9	30.25	23.25	53.50	2.25		
Sidney Johnson	BF	15	5	18.00	6.75	24.75	.....	
				525	81	342.75	179.85	522.60	50.75

Chicago, W. I. Coleman, Field Secretary

Anna Ambrosia	Misc.	..	..	19.20	.....	19.20	19.20
Mrs. Mary Boone	Crisis	..	..	3.25	.....	3.25	3.25
Carl Dahlman	BR	..	..	5.50	4.45	9.95	17.10
Samuel DeBenedetto	OD	33	9	31.50	1.25	32.75	10.50		
Mrs. Rachel Frost	Misc.	5	..	3.50	.....	3.50	3.50	
Louis Goldstein	YHP	9	..	5.50	.80	6.30	1.25		
L. L. Hayes	GC	89	12	93.00	11.75	104.75	2.10		
Elsbeth Herman	Mag.	..	..	.....	20.00	20.00	20.00
Louise Lohman	GC	11	3	18.00	3.00	21.00	.75		
Albert Marx	RJ	29	13	42.00	4.50	46.50	6.00		
Fannie Moore	Mag.	..	..	.....	4.25	4.25	4.25
Mr. and Mrs. Murray	Mag.	15	..	.....	36.46	36.46	36.46
N. S. Pappas	Misc.	24	..	20.35	.....	20.35	20.35	
Emma Peterson	BR	34	7	44.50	9.75	54.25	17.50		
Flora Schmoll	Misc.	..	..	2.50	.....	2.50	2.50
Mr. V. Sibbio	OD	12	..	.....	3.06	3.06	13.56
Rose Staab	BR	5	..	.....	.....	.....	5.50
R. J. Watson	GC	43	4	22.00	4.75	26.75	55.85		
B. D. Williams	RJ	32	2	6.00	5.75	11.75	.....	
				341	50	316.80	109.77	426.57	239.62

Illinois, W. E. Ryan, Field Secretary

H. R. Stearns	OD	40	18	54.00	5.75	59.75	11.75		
A. L. Rice	PP	77	17	99.00	27.25	126.25	41.00		
M. F. Falconer	GC	39	11	60.50	19.00	79.50	48.75		
J. E. Fox	DR	31	4	17.00	21.00	38.00	.....	
Edna Estes	RJ	26	14	43.00	12.50	55.50	4.50		
Dorothy Hume	RJ	26	8	24.00	7.50	31.50	7.50		
Howard Young	OD	18	2	6.00	2.50	8.50	2.25		
H. C. Vahle	RJ	9	11	33.00	.....	33.00	.....	
				267	85	336.50	95.50	432.00	115.75

A LOSS

As I picked up the field missionary report for the month of February I was greatly astonished to see the results. In our subscription book business our total loss as compared with February of 1927 is 57 per cent, the loss in some conferences running as high as 72 per cent. The loss in our total business for the month of February as compared with a year ago is 47 per cent. In not a single conference have we made a gain in either subscription or total business. Where are the colporteurs? Where are the men in the churches who are interested in the distribution of our wonderful literature, and what is the influence of the workers and preachers throughout the field that we have allowed such a tremendous drop in our literature business? Let us awaken and change this showing at once. Who will come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty? Let us see to it that the month of March has a different showing.

WM. GUTHRIE

AFRICA IS CALLING

In Central Africa there are unnumbered millions to be reached by this message. The doors are wide open. Prejudice has been broken down. Government officials are friendly and the natives are pleading for teachers.

There are twenty million souls in the Belgian Congo who have never heard the name of Christ and we have but fifteen missionaries there—less than one worker for each million! To human eyes the task looks impossible, but God is preparing the way before His faithful workers.

Mohammedanism is rapidly spreading. Converted to the Moslem faith, these people are almost beyond the reach of the gospel. What a challenge to Seventh-day Adventists! What we do must be done quickly.

In Nyasaland the gospel has spread more rapidly perhaps than in any other part of South or Central Africa.

Recently the attention of European officials, traders, and planters, as well as of the natives themselves, has been attracted by the wonderful work that Dr. Birkenstock and Nurse Ingle are doing for lepers. Scores have been relieved of their suffering and several have been sent home cured. But the whole country teems with leprosy and other horrible diseases. What a call such conditions must constitute to our doctors and nurses in the homeland.

But it is a comparatively small area that has been

lighted. Great unentered stretches of territory lie to the north. Not all the natives want Christianity. Many resent the coming of the missionary to disturb their tribal customs and habits. Their great need must be their strongest plea.

From scores of villages repeated calls for out-schools are coming—coming so much faster than they can be filled. In heathen villages schoolhouses are being built and grain stored away for the teacher. Yet there is no teacher to send, nor money to support any more aggressive work.

Oh, can you not see those millions with outstretched hands, pleading for us to send them the gospel before they die? God loves them just as much as He loves us.

Pastor Sopha, one of our native workers in Nyasaland in commenting on the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," said, "What did Jesus know about giving? We know that He gave ALL—His kingdom, His Father, His home, His life for us. Now what about us? We just receive. Are we going to be content to receive and not to give?" Then he urged his hearers to work for others of their own race who have never heard the gospel.

How can we better show our love for God than by giving—"giving 'till it hurts.'" He has done so much for us. Can we not measure our love for Him and for the third angel's message by our willingness to sacrifice for those in darkness?

HELEN M. HYATT

WHAT TO FORGET

If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget all the slander you have ever heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the fault finding, and give a little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peculiarities of your friends, and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. Forget all personal quarrels or histories you may have heard by accident, and which, if repeated, would seem a thousand times worse than they are. Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come, but will only grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness, or, worse still, malice will only tend to make you more familiar with them. Obliterate everything disagreeable from yesterday, start out with a clean sheet today, and write upon it for sweet memory's sake only those things which are lovely and lovable.—Claremont Herald.