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"I AM DEBTOR TO ALL MEN."

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## Our Liberties Are Perishing

By J. L. McElhany

IT IS STILL true that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." The enjoyment of civil and religious liberty has been purchased for us at great cost. We inherit from our fathers the precious boon that was paid for by their blood. But in these times we are reminded that both civil and religious liberty seem to be perishing from the world. Day by day events are taking place that emphasize this tragic situation. But a few years ago a prediction that such a time would come was met with ridicule. In an enlightened age, with all the advancement in science and learning, how could such a thing happen? was the question asked by the ordinary individual. But today, despite all the boasted advancement in learning, in science, in material inventions, the world seems to be rapidly slipping back into the Dark Ages.

At the present time religious leaders are expressing the fear that unless all the religious organizations unite to defend themselves, all religion is in danger of becoming extinct through the aggressive inroads of pagan ideas and philosophies. To meet this situation there is more and more agitation of the need of all the religious forces combining to withstand these opposing forces. Yet in this very situation is inherent a great danger.

Through the years, Seventh-day Adventists have maintained a very aggressive attitude against every attempt to infringe upon our liberties. God has blessed these efforts and given us deliverance many, many times. But we dare not relax our vigilance at this time, nor abate our efforts. There has just come to my desk a letter from the president of one of our division fields, informing me that in one country in that division more than a hundred of our fellow believers are now imprisoned, and that many of our churches are closed. The cruel hand of persecution thus falls upon thousands of our faithful people. In other countries ominous signs are thickening, indicating the coming of the time when the rights of conscience and liberty of worship will be things of the past.

In view of these conditions, we should redouble our efforts in the field of our religious liberty activities. The month of January has been set apart for specially fostering the principles of liberty in our churches, and also to encourage the circulation of the **Liberty Magazine**. I want to call on all our members to cooperate heartily in this important work. Let us work while there is yet time and opportunity. The hour is late, and the times are serious. Let us all rally heartily to this call.

## A God-Given Opportunity

By C. S. LONGACRE

NEVER before have Seventh-day Adventists been presented with greater opportunities than in the present crisis to bear witness to the great fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty. The *Liberty Magazine* is regarded by public men as the ablest champion of the great American ideals of government concerning human rights and the separation of church and state.

A former Congressman, who is now the legal counselor to the Secretary of State of the United States Government, recently made the remark that the *Liberty Magazine* is occupying a unique position in that it is the only magazine in America that is exclusively devoted to a defense of our religious rights under our Constitution, and he expressed the wish that it might be placed in every home in the United States. If that could be done, he said we would not need to fear for our liberties in America.

Public men are greatly impressed with the *Liberty Magazine* and are anxious to get every copy. One of the Justices of the Supreme Court of New Mexico writes: "I have been receiving the *Liberty Magazine* for many years and would miss it did it not come. I regard it as the best of the periodicals in its field. I enclose my check for \$1. If in some way I am receiving my copies without charge, which has apparently been the case, you may employ the little check to send copies to others."

If we only give these public men an opportunity to read the *Liberty Magazine*, they will subscribe later for it themselves. It recommends itself. The Spirit of prophecy admonishes us to give this magazine a very wide circulation. It states that this periodical "is like a trumpet giving a certain sound. . . ."; that it "has been in God's order, one of the voices sounding the alarm, that the people

might hear, and realize their danger, and do the work required at the present time. . . . All our people should read it carefully, and then send it to some relative or friend, thus putting to the best use the light that God has given them. . . . There have been surprising indifference and inactivity in this time of peril."

This was written many years ago when we were facing a critical Sunday law situation before Congress. But the admonition is as timely now as it was then. One of the last things which Sister White wrote was an admonition to our people to support the religious liberty work with a "willing liberality." Also a solemn exhortation to our evangelistic workers to find "their way into all places where the minds of men are agitated over the question of Sunday legislation and the teaching of religion in the public schools. It is the neglect of Seventh-day Adventists to improve these providential opportunities that is hindering the advancement of the cause."—*"Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 51.*

Every attack made upon our liberties is a providential opportunity given us to advance the cause of truth. Our heritage of freedom has never been more severely attacked and assailed from every angle, than at the present time. Consequently, our opportunities to hold up the banner of truth and religious liberty have never been greater than in the present hour.

In Rumania, a decree went into effect December 15 dissolving all our churches and requesting them to reorganize under imposed conditions and restrictions, making it next to impossible to function as churches. The freedom to assemble is denied them, as well as the freedom to preach the gospel and to scatter our literature.

The Religious Liberty Day program to be carried out in all our churches

on Sabbath, January 28, deals with the United States in Prophecy, and shows clearly what is going to happen in these United States in the near future. It is a timely subject and contains a message that ought to stir all our hearts and give us a realizing sense of the importance of doing something to defer the calamity that is destined to come. Some say the sooner it comes the sooner it will be over. But that is not the case. The sooner it comes, the harder it will make it for us to finish the work and the longer it will take to complete it because of the exceeding difficulties and hardships under which we will be compelled to labor. The Lord will not come until the work is done. And what we do not finish in times of peace, we will be compelled to do under the most distressing and difficult circumstances. We should pray earnestly for the Lord to hold the winds of strife and delay the time of trouble, and then we should work in harmony with our prayers.

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Any worker who fails to carry out the Religious Liberty Day program this year is not only remiss in his duty, but gives evidence that he does not sense the gravity of the times in which we are living, nor the God-given opportunities to advance the cause of God in the earth.

A liberal offering should be taken in every church to send the *Liberty Magazine* to influential men and women in public office and life as far as possible. Place it in every school and public library. The Department of Education of the State of Colorado, through the office of the State Librarian on December 19, 1938, wrote: "The *Liberty Magazine* has been a valuable addition to our library and we trust we may continue to receive it during 1939." The State Librarian of Alabama wrote and asked for all

back numbers of *Liberty*. A Judge of a District Court of Amarillo, Texas, writes: "I have been much interested in the articles appearing in your magazine, *Liberty*. They are timely, helpful, and very much needed. I shall be interested in continuing to receive the magazine."

We could multiply testimonials like these. Why not continue to send the *Liberty Magazine* to these men who appreciate its message and who will be in a position to aid us in the near future when our enemies rise up to destroy us? The need has never been more imperative, nor has the opportunity been greater than in the present hour. Let every Seventh-day Adventist do his part and give a liberal offering on Religious Liberty Day and subscribe for the *Liberty Magazine*.

## Dangerous Tendencies

By HEBER H. VOTAW

IT IS SAFE to say that at no other time within the last half century have so many dangers threatened the liberties of mankind as at the present. In almost all the world today, the satanic spirit of intolerance is manifesting itself. Where but yesterday freedom seemed to be triumphant, today persecution reigns. Even in our own land signs are not wanting of dangerous tendencies. We have been inclined to think that what our forefathers bought at so much cost of blood and treasure could not be taken from us. Perhaps we have accepted too complacently the blessings we have enjoyed. A few things of recent occurrence may profitably be cited.

In the last session of Congress certain bills were introduced which had as their ostensible purpose the prevention of the spread of religious hatred or intolerance. Actually, however, if they had been enacted, one could have been fined or imprisoned for publishing the historical facts concerning the papacy. Freedom of speech and the press would have died.

Another measure sought to commit the Government of the United States to enforcing the use of the so-called reformed calendar. The chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives told us that tremendous pressure had been exerted to get this bill passed.

The fact that legislation hostile to the true principles of liberty failed of enactment should not lessen our zeal. That some of these bills should ever be introduced in our federal Congress is striking and alarming. It is hard to believe that anyone so ignorant of our Government's fundamentals could be elected to our highest legislative body.

Nor were these the only dangers. A great State altered its constitution so that public school busses could be legally used to haul children to parochial schools. In one State a Seventh-day Adventist barber was arrested and fined. In another, one of our brethren is now under arrest for Sunday labor. Right in Takoma Park two barbers, our brethren, have been

### A Call for Recruits

"The new year is just before us, and plans should be laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master's service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence." — "Colporteur Evangelist, p. 35.

warned about having their shop open on Sunday.

But why cite further instances? We are not to carry on our Religious Liberty campaign just to save ourselves from persecution. Let us forget ourselves and seek to save our neighbors and friends from becoming persecutors. Dangerous indeed is the position of the man who will attempt what God Himself will not do.

The Lord has given us the power of choice. Who is puny mortal man to attempt the use of force upon the consciences of his fellow men? Prophecy clearly shows that some will try this evil thing. What is our duty? To us a message of warning and education has been given. No preaching which omits the truths of the principles of religious liberty is a complete message. It is as important that our neighbors and friends be taught the Biblical principles of the relation of church and state as that they hear of the true Sabbath, the return of our Lord, the state of the dead, or any other of our cardinal doctrines. Our task embraces this. God has admonished us thus:

"We are to go forward in Christ's name, advocating the truths committed to us. If we are forbidden by men to do this work, then we may say, as did the apostles, 'Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.'

"We are to recognize human government as an ordinance of divine appointment, and teach obedience to it as a sacred duty, within its legitimate sphere. But when its claims conflict with the claims of God, we must obey God rather than men. God's word must be recognized as above all

human legislation: . . ."—*Acts of the Apostles*, p. 69.

Let us thank God for the liberty we have, and pledge anew to make every effort to preserve it so that we may carry on our task of warning the world without hindrance from the civil authorities.

## Give Me Liberty

By ROY L. BENTON

WHAT SCHOOL child did not blush with warm patriotism when he read those stirring words of the brave, young orator, "Give me liberty or give me death"? And who is not stirred, among Protestants, when he reviews the crisis, when mighty issues for the world were at stake and those who had accepted the reformed faith were assembled at the Diet of Spires, being faced with the decree restricting religious liberty, unanimously declared: "Let us reject this decree. In matters of conscience the majority has no power"?

The sad part of this picture is that it is only written in books and apparently not indelibly stamped on the minds and hearts of the successors of these noble patriots. The clear views of liberty and freedom and rights of conscience held by these pioneers are but ancient history with the multitudes today. A revival of interest in such matters is necessary to the preservation of the high ideals of society that were in the minds of the

men who framed the American Constitution.

Shall Seventh-day Adventists participate in such a revival? Referring to the rejection by the princes of the emperor's decree and their declared reasons therefor, Sister White says:

"This principle we in our day are firmly to maintain. The banner of truth and religious liberty held aloft by the founders of the gospel church and by God's witnesses during the centuries that have passed since then, has, in this last conflict, been committed to our hands."—*Gospel Workers*, p. 389.

In the light of this statement, it does seem very appropriate that at least once a year our churches should pause to give serious thought to ways and means for extending and expanding the circulation of our one religious liberty journal, *Liberty*. As steps have been taken in different parts of the world of late depriving Christians of their God-given rights, it should surely stir us as we have never been stirred before to leave no stone unturned in a united effort to disseminate the glorious principles of liberty far and wide in our own beloved land of the free.

This is a day of magazines. Public opinion is being molded by magazines. *Liberty* is a wonderful molding influence with those with whom it comes in contact. The difficulty is that its contacts are altogether too limited, and that difficulty is our opportunity. In addition to making the offering on Sabbath, January 28, the

largest ever, why should not every church member respond even to the point of sacrifice to the call to take large clubs of this magazine for free distribution to leading people? Many of us have tried it this year, delivering these magazines in person, and we find it a most excellent way to make contacts with men in prominent public life. *Liberty* is a fine approach to any man, and makes a good impression after you are gone. It even helps to pave the way to good Ingathering offerings; but, better still, it is preparing the minds of influential persons to know where to stand when the last great crisis comes which will be fought upon the battlegrounds of religious persecution.

Is it not true that we have been only half awake on this important matter and have only touched the possibilities with the tips of our fingers? With *Liberty* we occupy a similar position to that of the old gentleman in the bell tower; and shall we not

List the boy's exultant cry!  
"Ring!" he shouts, "Ring! grandpa.  
Ring! oh, Ring for Liberty!"

## The Secret of Happiness

"How CAN you look so pleasant tonight?" a man asked his friend. "You have had a score of interruptions this afternoon, when you had hoped to do a lot of work."

"That's all right," was the answer; "every morning I give my day to Christ, then I take what He sends. These interruptions come in the way of duty. Why should I complain about the service He has appointed?"

It was a very wise, trustful saying. So many of us offer a partial consecration, and therefore the interruptions are regarded as breaking the purpose of the day. The only way is to dedicate all our time, and then to take every action as prompted by the Lord. It is amazing how the moments are sanctified when they are thus accepted.—*Selected*.

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## Preserve Liberty

By JAY J. NETHERY

THE PERIL of losing our liberties is real. We are in peril the more so, as all these years we have been warned of the danger. The warning may have become too familiar to us. Our religious liberty brethren have faithfully observed the danger signals and by the Lord's help have met crisis after crisis. We are in danger of leaving the chief responsibility with them. Perhaps all too much we have depended on them to safeguard our liberties, which at various times have been seriously threatened. We all need to awaken.

We need only look to other lands to see how privileges and liberties have been withdrawn from various classes of citizens. This casual glance should be enough to awaken and alarm us as to how easily and how swiftly developments might come, and before it is scarcely known, cherished liberties are taken from us. We are told the last movements will be rapid ones. May God help us to arise and do our individual part to help stem the dangerous trends clearly seen in this beloved land of ours.

We are convinced that the appeals made by our General and Union brethren in this issue of the HERALD will be carefully observed by our

readers. We appeal that all church leaders, whether they be conference workers or church elders, faithfully observe, without fail, the Religious Liberty Day program to be given January 28. An announcement should be made on Sabbath, the twenty-first, asking all members to be present and prepared for the largest Religious Liberty Offering ever given in the history of our cause. Failure to do our part now may mean great loss which will be observed in the days to come.

The appeal of our Religious Liberty brethren calls for contributions of large sums by those who are able to give. All should have a part in order that the *Liberty* magazine may be sent to legislators, officers, judges, lawyers, city councils, editors, ministers, to libraries, and to all influential people. We seriously appeal to all believers to come to the service on Sabbath, the twenty-eighth, with an offering of sacrifice and of liberality to help meet the issue at the present time, and by all means while we are working to enlighten others, let us be sure that we are providing for our own reading, the *Liberty Magazine*, the only one of its kind in North America. May our liberties be preserved!

## Hard-Won Liberties Endangered

By CARLYLE B. HAYNES

THE WORLD has only recently emerged from a nightmare of horror during which, for long centuries, it was the established practice to hound and oppress and persecute minorities, both of race and religion.

These same evil forces have again entered the life of civilized nations. There are minorities in many lands today who live in constant dread of prison, of detention camps, of forced labor, of pogrom, of "purgings" and "blood baths." And this solely because

of their race or religion, or both, or because they have merely exercised their divine right to think and to express their opinions and convictions. In many a land today there is a veritable "reign of terror."

The prejudices and bigotries and oppressions and inhuman injustices of the Dark Ages are being renewed all about us. Hatreds which resemble those of the early barbarian hordes are blazing out again. The spirit of Nero and the sin of Cain are not out-

moded. They are being repeated. The onward march of civilization has been, not merely retarded, but stopped dead in its tracks. Indeed, we are on the backward path to the Dark Ages.

There are those even in America who partake of the spirit of intolerance so that they would not hesitate to overthrow the ideals of our Constitution and the spirit of the Declaration of Independence. This nation has stood from the beginning as a beacon light of liberty, of democracy, of social justice. There are those within its borders who seek to overthrow the traditional principles and bring back the oppressions, the intolerance, the cruelties of former ages. Their vengeful activities tend to arouse racial and religious passions as they seek to suppress all opinion and all worship but their own.

Examples of the swift and sudden destruction of human liberties on a vast scale are placed before us almost daily in our newspapers. It is altogether amazing how speedily the achievements and advancements made in human progress over a period of decades and centuries can be made to disappear as though by the waving of a magician's hand. We are living in a time of rapid changes, when the laborious and careful building of long years of struggle and costly expenditure of blood and life is ruthlessly destroyed overnight.

A national crisis develops—confusion and turmoil follows—a spectacular leader appears almost by magic and gains followers by millions by impossible promises—they place him in power—they consolidate his position—they support him in canceling and removing all obstacles against the use of dictatorial power—they make loyalty to him a fetish—they make disloyalty to him treason—and they shout with satisfaction when he proceeds to put down all opposition, and destroy all the safeguards of constitutional and well-ordered civilized so-

ciety as he gathers to himself the heart of absolute despotism.

It is an unbelievable picture. After centuries of hear-breaking struggle and sacrifice civilization, at the beginning of the twentieth century, was emerging into a condition of stability. The liberties men had fought for during long years of hardship were being consolidated everywhere. Liberty of speech, of the press, of opinion, of assembly, of conscience and freedom of religion, were coming to be everywhere recognized and established.

And now, almost overnight, we see these things tumbling as a house of cards, all the gains of centuries being lost. It is almost as if some super-human despot angered to the point of fury by the enlightenment and progress of human beings had made, had issued the order to bring it all to nothing, and lesser human despots leap to carry out his orders.

And these destructive movements take place with a swiftness that take one's breath. Never before in human history have such world-shaking developments taken place so rapidly. The stupendous changes now taking place before our eyes have never been equalled either in their speed or their vast importance.

A decree—and great parties of opposition, representing millions of votes, are suppressed or driven out of existence. An order—and a million citizens whose only misdemeanor is to be of a hated race, are disfranchised. A pronouncement—and the autonomy of universities, the liberty of the press, the right of free speech and debate, and freedom of assembly, are wiped out. An executive ukase—and millions of youth and children are militarized and placed under army training. An ordinance—and business and industry and commerce are regimented and brought under unconstitutional codes. An edict—and every activity of the state is brought under automatic control. A law—and the churches and religion are reorganized

and regimented as aids and activities of the state.

More and more the sense of balance has been lost. Everything moves with desperate haste. Stupendous projects, involving not millions of dollars, but billions, are rushed through without thought or plan. Turmoil reigns everywhere. The world is drunk or mad, or both.

Nothing so fitly describes the days we live in as the words of an old, old prophecy, dealing with this very time. Looking forward to the nations of today, and declaring God would send among them the cup of war and of His wrath, an ancient prophet wrote: "And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad." Jer. 25:16.

Drunk and mad—yea, that is an accurate description. Nothing else will explain the situation. Commotions rock the world. Turmoil reigns everywhere. Black clouds of evil presage hang on all earth's political horizons.

Mutual hatred embitters the relations of nations. Self-destructive infatuation pervades the councils of the mighty. Feverish restlessness permeates the whole world. Men's fairest schemes result in failure. There certainly is distress of nations with perplexity. Men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. The nations are heaving in a restless fury, like the roaring of the sea in a great storm. The machinery of civilization has suffered a shattering shock, and is dislocated. It cannot be reduced to order. The world is drunk—and mad.

We do well in these menacing times to study anew the principles of religious and civil liberty which, in the providence of God, were put into the basic laws of our land by the large-hearted and liberal-minded men who founded this nation.

We also do well in these times, when fundamental human liberties are in jeopardy, to use the means

which God has provided for us in enlightening and educating men in positions of influence and authority in the divine principles of civil and religious liberty which God has made a part of the three-fold message. No more important work in this direction can possibly be done than providing every newspaper editor, every judge, every municipal, state, and federal official and every other molder of public opinion with the regular visits of the magazine *Liberty*.

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"You need not go to the ends of the earth for wisdom, for God is near. It is not the capabilities you now possess, or ever will have, that will give you success. It is that which the Lord can do for you. We need to have far less confidence in what man can do, and far more confidence in what God can do for every believing soul. He longs to have you reach after Him by faith. He longs to have you expect great things from Him. He longs to give you understanding in temporal as well as in spiritual matters. He can sharpen the intellect. He can give tact and skill. Put your talents into the work, ask God for wisdom, and it will be given you."—*Christ's Object Lessons*, p. 146.

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"We need to look heavenward in faith. We are not to be discouraged because of apparent failure, nor should we be disheartened by delay. We should work cheerfully, hopefully, gratefully, believing that the earth holds in her bosom rich treasures for the faithful worker to garner, stores richer than gold or silver. The mountains and hills are changing; the earth is waxing old like a garment; but the blessing of God, which spreads for His people a table in the wilderness, will never cease."—*The Ministry of Healing*, page 200.

## A Moment of Respite

By W. H. HOLDEN

FORTY-FOUR years ago this month a solemn message came to the Seventh-day Adventist Church from the Lord by the pen of His servant, Mrs. E. G. White. From that message we quote the following:

"Solemn, serious times are upon us, and perplexities will increase to the very close of time. There may be a little respite in these matters but it will not be for long."—*Testimonies to Ministers and Gospel Workers,* p. 200.

From that time on during the life of God's servant, message after message came to the people of God urging us to do quickly the work that the Lord has placed in our hands. The angels of God are holding the winds of strife in check for this work to be finished.

Twenty-seven years ago the servant of God sent an earnest appeal to all our churches in a Week of Prayer reading recorded in the *Review and Herald*, in which message she said: "A moment of respite has been graciously given us of God. Every power lent us of heaven is now to be used in working for those perishing in ignorance. . . . Men will soon be forced to great decisions and they must have opportunity to hear and to understand Bible truths, in order that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side."

Seventh-day Adventists are placed in the world as watchmen and light bearers, and during the past forty years, while nations have been held in check so as not to hinder the proclamation of the third angel's message, much has been accomplished by the circulation of the *Liberty Magazine* to inform men of influence regarding what the Bible has said of these serious times. Once again we are called upon to assist in a tangible way to enable the publishers to place the magazine, *Liberty*, in the hands of

state legislators and officers, judges, lawyers, city councilors, editors, ministers, and other influential people, and to place the same in many libraries of the land. The number of leading men to be guided by this magazine will depend upon the liberality of God's people in supplying funds for its circulation. January 28 is the

day appointed for this special offering.

Let us consider the importance of these times, knowing that what we do must be done quickly. Shall we not bring a full hand to the treasury of the Lord for this important work? Many among us ought to give \$5., \$10., and more for this needy work. We are also asking our churches to take clubs of this magazine to be used in local work as can be planned systematically by the churches.

## Society of Missionary Men

By C. S. JOYCE

FOR SEVERAL years the leaders of the Home Missionary Department have felt rather concerned about the development of plans that would help to encourage and train the men of our churches for active missionary service. The Dorcas and welfare work, along with other social activities, have helped to stimulate a real interest in church activities among the women with very gratifying results. Now, we see the dawn of a new day. A new organization for the men is being effected. It is called the "Society of Missionary Men." The plan is to bring about a more lasting fellowship and give opportunity for study and development of actual missionary service in which men can function as circumstances warrant. In this way, they will better appreciate Christian fellowship by being thrown together in a social way and can plan themselves for active service. This fellowship will help to encourage our men to be missionary minded and will assist them in contacting men not of our faith which will lead these men to investigate the truth and to enjoy the association of Christian men right in their community.

A leaflet dedicated to the promotion and organization of the "Society of Missionary Men" has been prepared and is included in the list of home missionary leaflets. It is No. 21.

This leaflet should be distributed among our churches where it is possible to organize a "Society of Missionary Men." Truly, "a band of men whose hearts God has touched" should band themselves together to elevate the spiritual tone of the church, to improve themselves through study, to develop the brotherhood of man, and to be a real asset to the community.

We would encourage each church, where there is a sufficient number of men, to think seriously of organizing such a group. Contact your conference home missionary secretary for counsel and guidance and acquaint yourselves with the plan of organization by studying carefully Home Missionary Leaflet No. 21 prepared for that purpose.

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"Loving words will cost but little,  
Journeying up the hill of life;  
But they make the weak and weary  
Stronger, braver for the strife.  
Do you count them only trifles?  
What to earth are sun and rain?  
Never was a kind word wasted,  
Never was one said in vain."

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Thou must be true thyself,  
If thou the truth wouldst teach;  
Thy soul must overflow  
If thou another's soul wouldst reach;  
It needs the overflow of heart  
To give the lips full speech.

—Horatius Bonar

## Church Officers' Reading Course for 1939

By C. S. JOYCE

THE YEAR 1939 is still young, but it is none too early for each church officer and prospective church officer in the Lake Union Conference to be thinking of pursuing the course which will make him more efficient in the performance of his duty. There is no better way than to devote your spare moments to a careful reading of helpful books that have been selected for that purpose for 1939. These books have been carefully chosen and are reasonably priced, and are within easy reach of every church officer.

Information from Washington tells us that the new set for 1939 is made up of the following books: "The Early and Latter Rain," by F. M. Wilcox, a book of 187 pages with a beautiful cover; "The Carpenter of Nazareth," by M. E. Olsen, which is devoted to a study of the life of Christ as a source of example and inspiration in the daily life; and "Great Controversy," which nearly every Seventh-day Adventist home possesses at

the present time. The first two books are available at a cost of \$1.75 for the two. Inasmuch as the book, "Great Controversy" is in the possession of most of our people, this will make the course very reasonable this year.

Announcements of this course are on their way to the local conferences and when they are placed in your hands, we would suggest that you fill out the accompanying order blank and send the order to your Book and Bible House at an early date.

We trust that a large number of church officers and others will avail themselves of this opportunity to prepare themselves for greater efficiency in the service for the Master during the year 1939. When you have finished reading the course, you will be eligible to receive one of the beautiful leather bookmarks that is available to all who finish the reading course and will notify their conference home missionary secretary of that accomplishment.

### Unique Baptism at South Side

An unusual service at the South Side Church occurred Sabbath morning, January 7, when ten more precious souls were united with Christ by the sacred ordinance of baptism. Eight of the candidates were baptized by Elder H. J. Capman, more fruitage from the Masonic Temple effort now in progress, one candidate was baptized by Elder Gabriel Varga, pastor of the Hungarian church, and one by Elder A. D. Haynal of the Czechoslovakian church. During the ceremony of baptism the baptismal vow was heard in three different languages — English, Hungarian, and Czechoslovakian.

A special feature of the service was the presentation of a red rose to each candidate as Elder Capman sang in English the "Rose Song," pledging each candidate to his Lord:

Jesus keep me ever  
Like unto this flower,  
Pure and sweet and modest,  
Every day and hour.

Rose, rose, rose,  
Prettiest flower that grows,  
Emblem of love that came from heaven  
Through which a Saviour, Christ was given.

Rose, rose, rose,  
Not 'till the whole world knows  
Of my dear Saviour King  
Will I cease to sing,  
Sweet rose, rose, rose.

The large auditorium and balcony of the church were filled to capacity owing to four churches, Chicago Heights, South Side, Hungarian and Czechoslovakian being united in this unique service.

Another baptismal service is planned for the middle of February when more souls from the South Side Masonic Temple effort will go forward.

Elder Capman's subject for Sunday evening, January 22, in the Masonic Temple is, "God's Signboard in the Sky." This sermon will be illustrated with twenty-four beautiful picture slides.

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## Illinois Conference

Box 29, Brookfield, Illinois  
PRESIDENT, M. V. CAMPBELL

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### News Notes

#### A Cappella Choir on Tour

THE AEOLIAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR of Chicago recently spent a very enjoyable and profitable week end visiting churches in northern Indiana. In each of the churches visited, this group of talented singers, directed by Prof. O. S. Beltz, was received by a most appreciative audience. The tour included Indiana Academy at Cicero, the Kokomo Congregational Church, the Presbyterian Church of Marion, and our church in South Bend. The choir was very pleased to have Grace Hansen Buell, violinist, of southern California, accompany them on this

two-day trip, and her numbers added greatly to the concerts given by the singers. Many expressions of appreciation for the excellent spiritual music rendered have been received by the choir.

#### Illinois Colporteur Institute

Judging from the interest which has been manifest in the forthcoming colporteur institute, we are led to believe that there are others who have not expressed themselves openly, but who have been thinking of engaging in this important work in the near future. The Illinois annual colporteur institute begins January 24, and may we suggest that you get in touch with Brother P. M. Lewis, our field missionary secretary, and take advantage of this course in Christian salesmanship which will prepare you for a greater work in the year 1939.

### Progress in District Twenty-one

SHORTLY before camp meeting last year the conference committee invited us to take up work in the central part of the State as superintendent of district twenty-one, with headquarters at Springfield, and on June 30 we bade farewell to the Humboldt Park Church in Chicago, where we had labored for a little more than three and a half years. During our stay at Humboldt Park the church increased in membership from 89 to 114, a net gain of twenty-five as compared with a net loss of eighteen during the five-year period preceding our connection with the church. While laboring in this district we also organized a new church at Barrington.

On Sabbath, July 23, representatives from three of the five churches in the district assembled at Springfield to welcome us as we were introduced to our new field by the president of the conference, Elder M. V. Campbell. It was a beautiful day and we were very cordially received by the district, and later by representatives from the civic organizations of the city. It is a very large district and we have found much to be done, but the members have rallied nobly to the various undertakings, and this has been very encouraging to us.

During the past five months four of the churches and companies in the district have reached their Harvest Ingathering goals, and one did better in the 1938 campaign than for several years in the past. At Springfield we have repaired and redecorated the church building, organized a church school, and are now in the midst of an evangelistic effort. With the splendid help given us by the conference during the Week of Prayer, the members enjoyed the spiritual uplift that came to them as they were led to seek the Lord more earnestly, and on the last Sabbath four souls were buried with their Lord in baptism at the Springfield church.

We are enjoying our work and are looking hopefully forward to 1939, praying the Lord to give us a good harvest of souls for His kingdom.

O. J. DAHL

### Effort at Wyoming

ONE SABBATH at the Peoria church Mrs. Tracy, of Princeville, invited me to show my pictures of our doctrines at Wyoming where she said there were several interested people. I gave the request but little thought, for Wyoming is a thirty-mile drive from Peoria.

After about a month a member of the Peoria church, who could lead music, and I went to look up the interest. After getting permission of Elder Campbell, the conference president, and speaking to one of the local elders I asked Mrs. Tracy about a home in which to meet once a week for the meetings. She obtained permission to hold them in a large room with a piano in it at her sister's home and invited the interested people.

With an attendance of eight at the first meeting, the attendance soon grew to an average of about thirty, with forty as the high mark. One of the interested people played for us while members of the Peoria church led the music. We gave *Present Truth* on each subject and Mrs. Tracy visited and invited people to come from time to time.

After a few meetings Mr. Harold Iles, the Peoria Sabbath school superintendent, took charge of the music. Upon giving ten or twelve subjects I went to Hinsdale Sanitarium as a patient for nine weeks. From this time Mr. Iles conducted the meetings. Upon my return from the sanitarium I gave a fifteen-minute review of the last subject given. When Mr. Iles made a call for hands of those who would keep the Sabbath ten women and girls responded. Elder Ortner, the Peoria pastor, advised us to organize a Sabbath school and not baptize un-

til spring. Miss Morey, Sabbath school secretary of the Illinois Conference, came and a Sabbath school of twelve members was organized with Mrs. Tracy in charge as superintendent and adult teacher.

It might be of interest to know that the total expense in gas and *Present Truth* is to date \$30.26. It surely is worth more than it cost in money and effort to bring the light to these souls.

W. H. LYON

### You Can Help Safeguard American Liberty

OURS is a grand privilege to sustain and to support the fundamentals of American freedom. The first article in the American Bill of Rights specifically sets forth the three fundamental liberties: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Mr. James Truslow Adams wrote in the November 20, 1938, issue of the *New York Times Magazine* as follows:

"In many countries personal rights and liberties now have largely ceased to exist. Think what has happened in Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Germany. There is no right of person or property.

"If there ever was a time when we should read again our guarantees of freedom and think of what they mean, surely it is now. Our freedom is unique, yet we take it for granted. We worship as we please. We are free to assemble and debate the issues. Our press may speak its mind and print the news.

"We are a free people because freedom has been the American ideal from the first days of the republic, an ideal embodied in the opening words of the Declaration of Independence

and firmly planted in the Constitution.

"Freedom stands only so long as free men make it stand against the winds of intolerance and abuse. Our Bill of Rights shall stand, likewise, only so long as we realize and value the unique and fundamental freedoms of which it is the bulwark. Only so long as we are vigilant."

During 1938 the Illinois Conference Religious Liberty Department supplied the *Liberty Magazine* to sixteen hundred of our prominent men—the governor and members of his cabinet, members of our State legislature, judges, lawyers, doctors, and clergymen. Added to this selected group of sixteen hundred leading men of the State were 532 individual subscriptions, making a total of 2,132.

The Religious Liberty Offering which will be taken in each church on Sabbath, January 28, is for the purpose of paying for subscriptions of the *Liberty Magazine* to go to prominent men in the State. The Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference suggests that for 1939 each church endeavor to raise a sum equal to thirty cents per member for the Religious Liberty Offering. If we succeed in this objective it will enable the conference to send subscriptions to 5,000 prominent officials and citizens in the State rather than 1,600 as heretofore. This is a small individual goal, and not one of our members would think of losing his liberty for the price of thirty cents, which will send *Liberty* to an influential citizen of our State for one year.

The offering taken in our churches on January 28 will be sent to the conference treasurer, but individuals may subscribe for *Liberty* through the regular local missionary secretary.

It is unthinkable that any Adventist would fail to support this wonderful cause of Religious Liberty. May we always remember that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

HOWARD J. CAPMAN

## Michigan Conference

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PRESIDENT, C. B. HAYNES

### The "Daily" During 1939

I KNOW that is a strange title. Especially when this article will have nothing to do with the theological discussions which have centered in the "daily" of Daniel 8. I deliberately made it strange on purpose. Yes, just in order to attract attention.

This really is a New Year's message. When you read it let it say to all of you, "Happy New Year."

Let me discuss with you now some things which will certainly make the new year a happy one. The old year is gone. Its record is made. We cannot change that record. I have no doubt there is much in it we would like to change. Some things we have done which we would like to undo. Some things left undone which we would like now to do. But the page is turned. The year is gone. Its records stand for good or bad, weal or woe, shame and blame, or praise as the case may be.

The new year is before us. Its record is to be made. It is within our power to determine what that record shall be. We are at the top line on the new page. What are we going to make of it?

We cannot look back without regret. Time was when you might have written a letter. You did not write it. And now there is a broken home, a bitter heart, a sundered friendship, pitiful misunderstanding.

Time was when you had money and could have done wonders with it. You let the time pass. Today you find it hard to meet the weekly bills. Your big chance is gone. Time was when you might have spoken a word of comfort or truth. You missed the chance. It is gone. Yes, there are regrets as we look back. We are looking forward. We have the new year

before us. Just suppose we could see into this as far as we can see back into the old year.

I wonder who of those who are now looking at these words will be here a year from now. What does the new year hold for you? Well, it is of no use. We cannot know.

How are we to live during this new year? Will there be any difference in our life from what it has been? Should there be any difference? And are there any changes to make? Are you considering the matter of making them?

True religion is an everyday affair. Not something limited to special occasions and certain times. When the Sabbath comes it makes a difference with us. We put on different clothes. We do different things. We pass our time in a different way. Our thoughts are on different things. We go to church. Are we something else the next day when we go to work? Do we lay aside our religion after the Sabbath is over? Do we allow the pressure of making a living crowd out Bible reading, prayer, and serious recollection? I think it will be worth our while to notice the constant emphasis which the Bible puts on the term "daily" as it relates to the duties and obligations of a Christian.

1. *Daily Prayer.* David said, "Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry unto Thee daily." Psalm 86:3. We cannot live like Christians without this daily prayer habit. Of course, it means private prayer but it also means the family prayer. Just remember that busy man of affairs, the prime minister of the Medo-Persian empire whose name was Daniel, felt the imperative importance of prayer three times daily and climbed his palace stairs to his prayer chamber. Be assured that the neglect of daily prayer is the secret of much of our failure.

2. *Daily Pardon.* Moses was directed,— "And thou shalt offer every day a bullock for a sin offering for atonement." Exodus 29:36. Daily we

need the cleansing of the "blood of the Lamb."

3. *Daily Food.* Our Lord told us to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." We are to remind ourselves that we are not to live by bread alone. While we daily attend to the wants of the body we must not be indifferent to the needs of the soul. Else will our spiritual nature grow anemic and dyspeptic.

4. *Daily Gratitude.* David wrote: "Blessed be the Lord, who daily leadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation." Psalm 68:19. And in our response we should daily inquire, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits?" So let us count our mercies and let our daily gratitude arise.

5. *Daily Vigilance.* Paul wrote to the Hebrews,— "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Hebrews 3:12, 13. There is need for daily watchfulness against the enemies of our souls. We are to be vigilant. To be off our guard a moment is dangerous.

6. *Daily Cross-bearing.* The Lord said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23. We are not only to do this at some special time when the eyes of others are upon us. It is necessary to do it daily in the thousand and one things, whether big or little, seen or unseen which make up the sum total of life.

7. *Daily Sanctification.* Paul wrote to the Corinthians—"I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily." I Corinthians 15:31. I think that is figuratively set forth by the "whole burnt offering" spoken of in Numbers 28:24. And the entire sacrifice was consumed.

This typifies our complete consecration. There is a need of our daily dying unto sin and daily living unto holiness. Day by day we are to be made fit for the Master's use. Day by day we are to be better prepared for heaven.

8. *Daily Strength.* Moses in blessing the tribe of Ashur and its descendants said: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." You see we are not stocked up with strength in the bulk to take care of us over a long period. No, as the need arises the supply is given. We have strength day by day for every purpose—strength to fight, to suffer, to endure, to labor. May God supply all your needs according to His riches in grace by Christ Jesus.

9. *Daily Use of the Bible.* Luke wrote of the believers in Berea: "These were more noble than those at Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily; whether these things were so." Acts 17:11. So we are to search every day rather than one day a week. All the rich treasures of the Bible are ours and remember, they are ours for daily digging.

10. *Daily Ingathering of Believers.* The record is that in the early church "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. The further record is, "And so were the churches established in the field and increased in number daily." Acts 16:5. That is, we are not merely to work for others once in a while but daily. There is to be daily soul-winning. That early church was a soul-winning society. Then let us get back to the apostolic method of daily going after sinners.

As we face this new year of 1939 we can do no better than incorporate this daily type of religion into our profession and practice. We do not know what the new year holds or whether we shall see its close. But this daily type of consecration should be an assurance of seeing eternity, for

he that lives his daily life for God will live forever above with God.

I have read of a little boy who was sent on an errand. He was not a big boy. He was a really little boy. When he was about to start and get as far as the doorway of the home, he paused rather uncertainly as he looked out of that doorway and then he turned back to his mother and said in troubled tones, "Mother, it is so far and it is a new road to me. . . . I . . . am not 'zactly afraid, but . . . couldn't you go a little ways with me?" The mother, as mothers always do, caught the anxiousness in his appeal, and said kindly: "Son, Mother will go all the way with you."

And so with his little brown hand in mother's he walked the new way unafraid.

If we stand at the beginning of this new year, the unknown way that stretches before us in which we have not gone before, let us remember there is One who stands at our side ready to go all the way with us, and He says to you, "Lo I am with you all the days, even unto the end."

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

### Michigan News Notes

LANSING had an all-day layman's institute which was very well attended. Elder Shoup assisted by Miss Alma DuBois, Elder Henry F. Brown and Miss Shepard held this institute for the purpose of securing volunteers for a definite campaign of lay evangelism in the city of Lansing during the year. Some fifty lay evangelists will give definite time to a systematic working of the territory with the object of holding cottage meetings in each block where an interest is developed.

From the conference office a carload of delegates left this week for Takoma Park for the Home Missionary and Publishing Convention to be held there at the time of the Annual Constituency Meetings of the Review and Herald. Elder Haynes, Brother

Knecht, Elder Brown, Brother Sutton, and Brother Pitts are in attendance.

A Survey Commission composed of W. H. Teesdale of the General Conference, Elders Nethery and Unruh, Brother Holm and Brother Bloum of the Union office, Prof. H. J. Klooster of the College, together with Elder Haynes, and Brethren Mathews and Green, met in the Lansing office Tuesday for the purpose of making a survey of our educational needs and problems in Michigan.

### Twenty Missionary Volunteers Invested at Belleville

WHAT ONE has to work hard for one values and appreciates. For almost a year the Missionary Volunteers of the Belleville Society have expended both time and energy in finding pleasure, profit, and progress in studying the progressive classwork. Last Sabbath, January 7, eighteen were invested as Friends, five as Companions and one as a Master Comrade; the last named is Mrs. Kathryn Robb, who has been directing the work for the young people.

At the investiture service the young people recited some of the requirements, the accomplishments and adventures of this group in connection with this course. They spoke of bird and nature hikes with exciting finds in this great field of activity, an out-of-door breakfast suitable to appetites of the colossal brand; then building of birdhouses, keeping of birds, studying them and then recording the findings by making up illustrated books.

I found that they had enjoyed some fine wholesome social gatherings in connection with the progressive classwork with teams for knot-tying and practicing the exciting and useful requirements in first aid.

Well, we had just a grand investiture as you could well imagine with such an enthusiastic group. Naturally, the finale was the climax to the entire year's work. The fact that the

leader of the group, Mrs. Robb, had worked so diligently with this group and also for the Master Comrade award was especially gratifying. I wish more of our leaders throughout the State might do the same—leaders who are "sold" on the idea themselves, who generate enthusiasm to which young people respond wholeheartedly.

We have an excellent group of Missionary Volunteers at Belleville. This is a young people's church. I believe there are more young people in this church in proportion to the number of church members than in any other church in the conference. They have a church membership of thirty-five and there are over twenty young people who attend church regularly.

Since the future of the church depends upon the youth, then this church has a great future.

EDWARD HEPPENSTALL

### Another Michigan Victory

ALL THE faithful laborers who have engaged in the Ingathering work during 1938 will be glad to know that the final figures show that we have passed our Ingathering goal by over \$500. Our goal, as you will remember, was \$32,000.

The gathering in of this large amount of money has not come by wishing for it, nor has it come by accident, but by earnest, devoted, and prayerful effort by men, women, boys and girls, throughout the entire State of Michigan.

It is too early at this time to give a detailed report of the splendid records made by the various churches. We hope this will appear as soon as possible in the LAKE UNION HERALD as our final Ingathering report for 1938.

Words cannot express my own feelings of appreciation for the earnest and sincere cooperation of our people in this important endeavor, and I feel a profound sense of gratitude to the Lord for His enabling us to

gather this amount of money for the advancement of God's cause in the most needy parts of the world-wide work.

At this time we are preparing to move our household goods to Pontiac and by the time this appears in the LAKE UNION HERALD we will be located in the western part of that city in the section known as "Indian Village" so I suppose it would be proper for me to say that our tepee is to be number 80 Newberry St., and we do have a very comfortable and commodious homesite there.

The Pontiac church has already extended to us a very royal welcome, and we are looking forward with a great deal of interest to associating with our believers in that district in a real soul-winning effort; and we are asking the prayers of our friends that this may be a reality.

I remain, not your home missionary secretary, but as ever your friend and brother.

E. R. POTTER

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## Indiana Conference

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### District-wide Missionary Volunteer Rally Planned

PLANS are being rushed to have a strong M. V. rally for the Ft. Wayne district including the following churches: Ft. Wayne, Angola, Wolf Lake, Bluffton, Rockford, Marion, Hartford City, Huntington. We want to extend this invitation to every one of our isolated members in northeastern Indiana.

The date for this rally has been set to begin Friday night, January 27, and continue all day Sabbath with a fitting youth's social hour with the Missionary Volunteers of Ft. Wayne acting as the host to all of our other youth.

The meetings will be held in the new Fort Wayne church located at

427 East Lieth St. Elder Dunbar is planning to be with us and will supply us with the feature message on Sabbath morning. On Friday night Brother Eckenroth will speak on the subject, "Christ the Companion." Sabbath afternoon there will be a real treat for our youth in the round-table discussions on such things as, card playing, dancing, movies, and other problems facing our youth today. Surely every parent ought to assist their children to come to this meeting to receive not only the spiritual help so necessary today but also the social contacts that are sure to be provided for our youth. On Saturday night there will be a social hour including pictures and games.

We urge our youth throughout this district to be sure to plan to attend this special meeting. All of the parents are cordially invited.

### Announcing M. V. Rallies

FORT WAYNE and South Bend are to be the next churches on our list for Missionary Volunteer rallies.

The young people in Brother Eckenroth's district will plan to attend their meeting on Friday night and Sabbath, January 27 and 28. Brother Eckenroth will speak Friday night. His topic will be, "Jesus, the Master Comrade." All who possibly can will be present for this important meeting.

Sabbath morning Elder E. W. Dunbar is to be our guest speaker. Services will continue all day with special music furnished by the young people from all the churches represented.

The meeting in South Bend is planned for one week later. It is to begin on Friday evening, February 3, and continue over the Sabbath. All the young people in Elder W. R. Elliott's district are invited to come to this important gathering where youth meets youth. The young people in South Bend have planned a grand welcome for us. Please do not disappoint them.

Elder E. W. Dunbar is also to attend this rally. He will speak Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Elder W. R. Elliott of South Bend will speak Friday night. His topic will be, "The Companionship of Jesus."

L. L. MURPHY

### Radio Effort

MANY OF our people will be interested to know how our radio work is progressing here in Fort Wayne. For the past twenty-six weeks we have been broadcasting every Sabbath. At the present time we are on the air every Sabbath morning at 7:30 over Station WGL Fort Wayne, 1370 kilocycles. The program is known as "The Voice of Prophecy" and can be easily identified by our theme, "I Need Thee Every Hour." At the present time we are presenting studies on the state of the dead and we earnestly hope all our people living in the area served by this station will listen in every Sabbath and send us a letter telling us how the program is coming through and support us by your prayers and gifts. More and more our audience is increasing in numbers and if you want to help your neighbors and friends come to a knowledge of this blessed truth, why not tell them to listen to the "Voice of Prophecy," next Sabbath morning at 7:30?

M. K. ECKENROTH

### Lay Workers at Columbus

IT WAS our happy privilege to have Elder C. S. Joyce with us for a convention at Columbus on Friday night and Sabbath, January 6 and 7. The people responded very nicely and have determined to evangelize their neighbors by the circulation of literature and giving Bible studies. They plan to start in with two hundred and fifty homes and develop the interest through the Home Bible Study League method and thus pave the way for the Bible studies later.

Then on Sunday we visited Bedford. The Bedford church responded nobly. In addition to the regular plan they are starting a class in spiritual leadership and organization as offered by the Home Study Institute. This plan should be heartily entered into by other churches throughout the entire year for the purpose of finishing the work in the area of each church.

The territory that belongs to each church reaches out until it meets the territory of the nearest church, and our responsibility does not end until the Lord tells us that the work is done.

J. O. MARSH

### Elnora Sunday Night Meeting

WE RECEIVED a nice letter this morning from Brother Rader at Elnora who is holding Sunday night meetings. He tells us that there is one family that has attended Sabbath school and the church services for several weeks without missing a meeting. Others are coming on Sabbath part of the time.

This is an indication of what can be done and will be done as men in the common walks of life accept the responsibility that the Lord has laid upon them. May the Lord bless us as we seek to advance the interests of the cause of truth by doing our full part whether it be as a layman or a minister.

J. O. MARSH

## Wisconsin Conference

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PRESIDENT, W. H. HOLDEN

### Lay Preachers' Council

ON SABBATH, February 11, there will be held in the Bethel church a lay preachers' council for all the lay preachers who can possibly attend. We are asking those who come to bring lunches and stay for an afternoon service. A meeting will be held on Friday night, February 10, which any are invited to attend if they so desire, but we are not able to make any arrangements for accom-

modations except for those who are present during the Sabbath-day services. We trust that we may have a good attendance at this time.

H. K. HALLADAY

### Attention!

WE ARE anxious to secure the names of all of our people in Wisconsin who have finished the 1938 Church Officers' Reading Course. The books for this course are: "Heralds of a Passion," "Sanctified Life," "China's Borderlands."

Anyone completing the reading of the above books will be entitled to a leather certificate which has been issued by the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference. As soon as we receive your name we will forward to you this certificate in appreciation of your endeavors.

H. K. HALLADAY

### The Local Church

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participating in the Ingathering campaign once a year. A definite weekly offering is needed, as the weekly needs in mission fields are constant, not fluctuating.

5. To carry on a strong home missionary campaign in their respective territory. The church is expected to have a balanced program for local missionary activities and put every member to work doing something so that the message of the soon-coming Saviour may be hastened to every inhabitant of our homeland, for his own sake and to help finish the work.

6. To carry on an educational program for their own children and youth. Wherever there is a group of Adventist children there should be a school taught by a Christian teacher. But in addition to the church school, the education of the children and youth should continue in the Missionary Volunteer Society. Every church should maintain a lively society where there are as many as a dozen young people.

7. To encourage their youth to attend our advanced schools to secure an education that will provide leaders for the local church, ministers for evangelization of the homeland, missionaries for the carrying forward of the great commission to the ends of the earth, colporteurs to pioneer the work in every land, and teachers, Christian businessmen, nurses and physicians, and others to fill their respective places in the world.

## OBITUARIES

**Langworthy.**—Mrs. Alta E. Langworthy of Mount Pleasant, Mich., was born March 5, 1869; and passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Eva Dutcher of Mount Pleasant. She was laid to rest in the Clair Cemetery, Dec. 8, 1938. She leaves to mourn, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, one brother and many relatives and a host of friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. O. A. Skau

**Downing.**—Willis Downing of Newaygo, Mich., was born in Ohio, Jan. 7, 1862; and passed away at the home of his daughter near Newaygo. He was laid to rest to await the resurrection morning in the Newaygo Cemetery. He leaves to mourn, two sons and two daughters. O. A. Skau

**Cobb.**—Roscelas Dempster Cobb was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 4, 1867; and passed away Dec. 31, 1938. He is survived by the widow, two sons, four daughters, nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was laid to rest in the Lincoln Cemetery, Jan. 2, 1939. Mr. Cobb had been a member of the Riverdale church since 1911. O. A. Skau

**Kipp.**—Charles Augustus Kipp was born in Maryland in June, 1850; and passed away peacefully in Alma, Mich. He came to Michigan when he was nine years old. He leaves to mourn, his two daughters with families. He was laid to rest in the Alma Cemetery, Jan. 3, 1939. Mr. Kipp was a believer in the message and had fellowshiped with the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the past five years. O. A. Skau

**Crapo.**—Alice Irene Crapo was born Oct. 1, 1910, near Saranac, Ionia Co., Mich. The mother died in 1914 and Alice went to live with her aunt, Mrs. Roy Nichels of Bay City, Mich., where she had since made her home. She received her education in denominational schools and then chose nursing as her life work. Sister Crapo was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist, pledging her life and service to Christ, doing what she could for others. She passed away Jan. 3, 1939, and funeral services were held at Bay City, and at Portland, Mich., where she was laid to rest by the side of her mother and sister to await the coming of the Life-giver. She leaves her father, C. W. Crapo, her aunt and uncle with whom she lived, two sisters, one brother, and many friends. The loss of her cheerful influence will be keenly felt by the young people of the Bay City church. T. S. Hill

**Cummins.**—Mrs. Odessa Cummins passed away at her home near Daleville, Ind., Nov. 19, 1938. Thirty years ago she was united in marriage to Mr. Roscoe Cummins, who survives her. At about the time of her marriage, Sister Cummins accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith and united with the church, in the work of which she was active till death released her from her labors. During her long and wasting illness she could not remain idle, but went about collecting Harvest Ingathering funds, though too weak to leave the car. Merchants and others brought their offerings out to her. She is sadly missed by the little church in Middletown, as well as by her husband, a circle of relatives, and many friends. We are satisfied that she sleeps in Jesus. O. K. Butler

**Greer.**—Mrs. Bertha May Greer was born in Montreal, Canada; and died in Chicago, Ill., Dec. 3, 1938, at the age of fifty-seven years. Thirty-two years ago she heard and accepted the advent hope. The funeral service was conducted in the Humboldt Park Church. M. N. Skadsheim

**Johnson.**—Mrs. Anne Johnson was born in Denmark on March 29, 1847; and passed away in Racine, Wis., on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 18, at the age of ninety-one years. She had been a resident of Racine for seventy-one years, and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for sixty years. Three daughters and two sons remain to mourn. F. L. Abbott

**Allen.**—Mrs. Alice Allen, 82, died suddenly November 30, at the home of Mrs. Fred Cook in Charlotte, Mich., where she had been boarding the past few months. She was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Lansing. Besides her son, Carl, she is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Cobb of Berrien Springs, and Mrs. Emma Coltron of Mason, Michigan. H. L. Shoup

**Parker.**—Julia Anne Lane Parker was born at Portland, Mich., Dec. 6, 1865; and died in Ionia, Mich., Nov. 26, 1938. In 1882 she was united in marriage to Wm. W. Parker. Three children were born to this union. She had been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for many years. The remains were laid to rest in the Ionia Cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. H. H. Crandell

**Strough.**—Laura Zirkle Strough was born near Middletown, Ind., Jan. 2, 1861; and departed this life Jan. 1, 1939, thus lacking but one day of reaching her seventy-eighth birthday. She was a member of one of the earliest Seventh-day Adventist families in the State of Indiana. When but a child she gave her heart to God and was faithful to the end. In 1885 she was married to David H. Strough, who last March preceded her in death. To this union five children were born. The two who remain are Mrs. Esta Derrow of Middletown, who tenderly cared for her mother in her last long illness, and Mr. Estus Strough, also of Middletown. Nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also mourn. At the funeral, the relatives alone filled one entire side of the Middletown church, and included many elderly pioneers and burden bearers of the message in this part of the State. O. K. Butler

**Goodwin.**—J. W. Goodwin, aged 77 years, died at his home Aug. 16, 1938. He was born in Mechanicsburg, Ind., and lived his entire life there. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, a son, a brother, and three granddaughters. Services were conducted at his late home Friday afternoon, Aug. 9, 1938, by Elder F. C. Carrier, assisted by Elder S. E. Wight, Dr. Ralph Blodgett, of the Mechanicsburg M. E. Church, and Dr. Curtis Wilson of Disciple Church, Middletown. Interment was in the Mechanicsburg Cemetery.

so closely associated with her. Burial was at Cresthaven Memorial Park near Bedford. M. W. Deming

**Best.**—A. C. Best of Kings Mill, Mich., passed away at his home on Dec. 11, 1938, at the age of seventy-four. He had been a faithful and devout member of the S. D. A. Church for many years. He is survived by his widow and two daughters. W. L. Latham

**Clute.**—Minnie E. Lay Clute was born in Allegan, Mich., April 17, 1860. She was the youngest daughter of Dr. H. S. Lay and Julia Barber Lay, pioneers of that village where the doctor began the practice of medicine in 1849. On December 25, 1901, she was united in marriage to W. A. Clute, of Lansing, Mich. She, being the last of the family, leaves only her devoted husband, one nephew, R. L. Pierce, of Dayton, Ohio, several cousins and a host of friends to mourn their loss. However, they do not mourn without that blessed hope of meeting her again in that glad resurrection

morning when the Life-giver comes. She fell asleep in Jesus Dec. 23, 1938, at Stockbridge, Mich., in the home of Mrs. Teresa Boylan, widow of the late Elder Hiram Boylan. Funeral services were conducted at Otsego, Mich., and interment at Allegan, Michigan. W. A. Clute

**Beamer.**—John Beamer was born October, 1866, at Tyrone, Mich.; and died Dec. 17, 1938, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ruth Margsh, Detroit, Mich., where he and his wife were visiting for a short time. January 1, 1892, he was united in marriage to Minnie Belle Lamb of Linden, Mich. Left to mourn the loss of a faithful Christian husband and father are his loving wife, one son and five daughters, besides two brothers, two sisters and a host of friends. In 1916 he accepted the third angel's message and, since that date, has been a faithful and loyal member of the church. We laid him to rest in the Fairview Cemetery at Linden, Mich., there to await the call of the Life-giver. A. L. Van Fossen

**Foster.**—Lois Smith Foster was born in Kurtz, Ind., July 16, 1906; and died at the Robert Long Hospital in Indianapolis, Dec. 18, 1938. Although she had been battling a serious illness for many weeks, her death was a shock to her many friends. In 1936, Mrs. Foster accepted this message and was a faithful member of the Bedford church at the time of her death. So completely did she accept this truth and so faithfully did she enter into every activity of the church that her passing will be keenly felt by those

## LAKE UNION COLPORTEUR REPORTS

For Week Ending January 7, 1939

Michigan, A. G. Sutton, Sec.				Mrs. P. Smith			
	Bk.	Hrs.	Total		Bk.	Hrs.	Total
A. L. McCauley	GC	45	\$74.75	Del.	BTS		9.75
Louis Brantley	HR	38	34.75		Mag		15.00
Clinton Hill	HR	29	24.00		Mag	25	14.65
C. P. Shipley	Hlps	28	42.00				
Wm. McCann	Hlps	20	2.00	45.00		279	\$396.55
Loren Brown	Hlps	15	31.00				\$308.85
Charles Bradley	HR	10	20.00				
Ora Knapp	FC	9	3.50				
P. Shellenberger	FC	8	5.75				
M. G. Cato	HR	1	4.50				
Miscellaneous	BR		23.25				
Mrs. E. Smith	BTS	3	6.00				
Mrs. Du Puis	BTS	3	9.00				
Mrs. P. Shipley	Mag	24	15.70				
F. Stockton	Mag	20	14.80				
Marie Satterlee	Mag	19	13.10				
Julia Herrmann	Mag	19	15.00				
Freda Goodin	Mag	35	17.20				
Julia Herrmann	Mag	18	11.50				
Mrs. A. Clute	Mag	18	6.60				
June Tuttle	Mag	17	4.50				
Lois Herrmann	Mag	27	17.40				
Edith Nielsen	Mag	2	3.80				
Mrs. R. Parks	Mag	2	2.80				
Grace Erhard	Mag	1	2.00				
Chas. Curtice	Mag	1	3.15				
			416	\$397.80	\$257.30		
Indiana, C. H. Smith, Sec.				Wisconsin, M. H. Odegaard, Sec.			
Lyle Handley	HR	37	\$36.20		Alvin Gerlach	FC	\$25.75
W. B. Ware	OWB	33	26.60		Rachel Grimm	BR	1.00
A. S. Lutz	BR	24	2.75		Henry Kuhl	FC	18 3.45
Millard Taylor	BR	22	21.00		B. G. Maguire	FC	46 73.00
A. S. Lutz	BR	19	18.00		Mrs. Pollock	BTS	5 15.35
Mrs. G. Baker	BR	19	16.70		Mrs. C. Budde	Mag	4 2.20
Millard Taylor	BR	19	13.50		B. Ferguson	Mag	20 11.00
Howard Benson	BR	17	19.25		Ella Kasten	Mag	15 11.75
Gerald Hall	BR	14	1.25		Mrs. H. L. Rothenbach	Mag	3 1.80
Sadie Wright	BR	5	8.75				
Cora Turner	BR	4					
Mrs. M. Swem	Mag	10	3.95				
C. A. Nabors	Hlps	6	16.75				
Mrs. Weesner	BTS	6	6.50				
Chas. Williams	BS	6	1.25				
Ludwick Swem	Hlps		3.00				
P. Huntington	Hlps		1.50				
H. Christensen	Mag	25	18.75				
Maude Pruden	Mag	19	9.30				
Mrs. E. Taylor	Mag	18	17.50				
Virena Stokes	Mag	2	3.20				
			305	\$239.20	\$122.30		
Illinois, P. M. Lewis, Sec.							
Gabriel Vas	Misc	38	\$20.00				
R. A. Neal	Misc	36	123.45				
R. A. Shackell	BR	36	81.45				
Clyde Praye	BR	35	13.90				
Emma Peterson	BR	32	13.15				
R. Crawford	BR	24	51.00				
F. O. Ullrich	BR	22	16.25				
D. C. Chamness	Mag	7	3.70				
A. Hermanson	Misc	6	8.00				
M. O. Bell	BL	5	9.75				
M. Hutson	Misc	4	4.50				
T. McIntyre	FC	4	12.75				
G. Franklin	BTS	3	7.00				
Harold Otis	BR	1	2.00				

**Cogshall.**—Mrs. Eva Cogshall was born in Lapeer County, Mich., March 18, 1858, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kennie. She had been a resident of Michigan all of her life, with the exception of a few years in Florida. At the time of her death her membership was in the Orlando, Florida, church. The service given to the church wherever she was a member had always been the best and greatest that could be given. Death was caused by complications after an illness of three weeks. Surviving are four nieces, two nephews and a host of friends. Services were conducted by Elder T. S. Hill of Saginaw. N. Blackwell

### 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.

**For Sale.**—Improved 40, on State highway, no indebtedness, excellent soil, ideal for families with children to organize a church school. With or without furniture, cow and machinery. Terms cash. Stamped envelope brings reply. Fred Jensen, Conover, Wisconsin.

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### Sunset Table

January 20, 1939

Chicago	4:50	Madison	4:55
Indianapolis	4:50	Springfield	5:04
Lansing (E.S.T.)	5:35		

## Dedicated to a Great Work

By OPAL HOOVER

THE LAST chord on the organ died away, the closing amen of the choir settled in benediction over the audience bowed in the amber light of the chapel. Another church service at Emmanuel Missionary College had ended. How beautiful it was, and how easy to worship God under such circumstances. Even an infidel may be lifted up and inspired by the beauty of a religious service.

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## What Is Expected of the Local Church

By HENRY F. BROWN

1. To maintain the worship of God in the locality where the torch of truth has been lighted. Paul preached for but a short time in a city and then went on to other fields. He returned to organize them into a church and exhorted them to continue faithful to what he instructed them, and to win others to the gospel. Acts 14:22.

2. To feed the flock of God. I Pet. 5:2. The local church through its officers and Sabbath school class leaders is to care for the flock of God, protect them from apostasy and from wolves. Acts 20:29. They must be fed so they can produce for the husbandman. The officers of the church are to carry on a strong course of spiritual instruction that will make the church able to teach others. Heb. 5:12. This is accomplished in a large part through the Sabbath school.

3. To support the ministry in the conference by a faithful payment of

the tithe. There are not too many ministers in the advent ranks; there are too few tithe payers. There are still too few in our churches who are willing to consider themselves simply stewards of God's property; and show their stewardship by rendering a faithful account from week to week by paying their honest tithe.

4. To help in the world-wide missionary campaign of the denomination. This small people has the largest task ever assumed by any people. The Salvation Army reports activities in seventy-five languages and eighty-five countries. The Seventh-day Adventists are in 385 countries and working in 714 languages. Every person who accepts membership in this denomination is expected to bear his share of the burden. This is discharged by weekly free-will offerings in the Sabbath school and other services, and in par-

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