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

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CHRIST OUR SACRIFICE.

As we look back and see how small was the work years ago, and how bound about with poverty, the evidence is very clear that God has singularly led us as a people. Amid discouragement and financial embarrassment, the word has come to us again and again, "Go forward!" And the same voice still says, "Go forward!"

God has wonderfully led us. There have been apostasies and threatened dangers; there have been deep plots laid by the adversary of souls to ensnare us; but we are still on the move "forward." There have been sins among us as among ancient Israel; but, thank God! Christ has been to us an open door which no man could shut. Men may freely extend to us forgiveness for all injuries done them; but that will not blot out one sin from the great record book. But the voice sounding from Calvary—"My son, My daughter, thy sins be forgiven thee"—is all efficacious. That word alone has power, and awakens gratitude in the grateful heart. There is but one channel of forgiveness, and that is ever open; and through it comes pouring a rich flood of divine mercy and forgiveness.

"The cleansing stream I see, I see,"—

and the greatest sinner may find pardon.

Many have expressed wonder that God demanded so many slain victims in the sacrificial offerings of the Jewish people; but it was to rivet in their minds the great truth that without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. A lesson was embodied in every sacrifice, impressed in every ceremony, solemnly preached by the priest in his holy office, and inculcated by God himself,—that through the blood of Christ alone is there forgiveness of sins. How little we as a people feel the force of this great truth! How seldom, by living, acting faith, do we bring into our lives this great truth, that there is forgiveness for the least sin, forgiveness for the greatest sin!

I wish I could present the subject as it seems to me. Justice demanded the sufferings of a man. Christ, equal with God, gave the sufferings of a God. He needed no atonement. His suffering was not for any sin He had committed; it was for man—all for man; and His free pardon is accessible to all. The suffering of Christ was in correspondence with His spotless purity; His depth of agony, proportionate to the dignity

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MY LIBRARY.

The lords of the lyre and the laurel
Look silently down from my shelves,
And the proud theologians that quarrel
Have written their books like themselves;
They speak of their foes with aspersions,
For prejudice hinders their view,—
I'm weary of their groundless assertions,
I long for a volume that's true.

My pen has been trailing here idle,
While my eyes wandered over each book,
Now I take up my well-beloved Bible,
And in its dear pages I look;
I find there a rest for the weary,
A solace for trouble and care,
A home full of love for the dreary,
Where the mansions await over there.

I read of a life that is endless,
Where time lays his hand not on youth,
And though we were lonely and friendless,
We may walk in the sunshine of truth.
I read of a happy awakening,
In the day when the white robes are given,
And the righteous, their earth-life forsaking,
Shall enter the glories of heaven.

I read of a city of beauty,
All radiant with jasper and gold;
And for those who are faithful to duty,
Their recompense can not be told.
My pen has been lying here idle,
And the shadows of night darker fall,
But I say as I lay down the Bible,
Thank God, O thank God, for it all.

— L. D. Santee.

and grandeur of His character. Never can we comprehend the intense anguish of the spotless Lamb of God, until we realize how deep is the pit from which we have been rescued, how grievous is the sin of which mankind is guilty, and by faith grasp the full and entire pardon. Here is where thousands are failing. They do not really believe that Jesus pardons them personally, individually. They fail to take God at His word. He has assured us that faithful is He that hath promised to forgive us, but still He will be just to His own law. His mercy is wanting in nothing. Were one link in the chain defective, then were we hopelessly ruined in our sins. But the chain is perfect — not one flaw in any part, not one link missing.

I would I might sound the glad note to earth's remotest bounds. "If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Oh, precious redemption! How broad this great truth is — that God for Christ's dear sake, forgives us the moment we ask Him in living faith, believing that He is fully able. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Glorious truth! Just to His own law, and yet the Justifier of all them that believe! Well may we exclaim with the prophet, "Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retaineth not His anger forever, because He delighteth in mercy."

Those who are so gloomy and desponding, gathering clouds of darkness about them, would find strength and encouragement if they would spend one hour of each day in searching the Scriptures for these precious promises, gathering and treasuring them like precious pearls. Let them dwell especially upon the mercy of God and His willingness to forgive sins. Many who have all their lives walked under a cloud, would be filled with amazement as they view the channels overflowing with mercies instead of dark clouds heavy with wrath and denunciations.

We need greater faith in Jesus Christ. We need to bring Him into our every-day life. Then we shall have peace and joy, and we shall know by experience the meaning of His words, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love." Our faith must claim the promise that we abide in the love of Jesus. "These things have I spoken unto you, that My joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

Precious opportunities and privileges are granted to us to be a light and blessing to others, strengthening their faith, and encouraging them

through the heavenly sunshine in our own souls. We may gather for our own benefit precious rays of cheerful hope and peace and fullness of joy, and in so doing help every one with whom we associate. Instead of strengthening unbelief and doubt, we shall inspire hope. — *Mrs. E. G. White.*

[To be continued.]



IT MEETS WITH FAVOR.

For a long time the Union and the local conferences have been casting about for a feasible plan for securing means for carrying on the work in lines for which the tithe may not be used, such as making improvements on school property, paying deficit in running sanitariums, interest on indebtedness, in some cases, and providing a tent and camp-meeting fund, etc.

Heretofore special calls for such funds have been made at the camp-meetings, and various other times; and some times these calls come when the people are not prepared. For this reason, a feeling has prevailed that some better way might be found.

During the month of January of this year, a meeting of the leading brethren of all the local conferences in the Lake Union, with the members of the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference, was called to be held at Berrien Springs, and thirty-five or more responded to the call. After careful deliberation on the financial question, it was agreed to recommend to all our people in the Lake Union Conference, the payment of one per cent of their income into a general fund, to be equally divided between the local and the Lake Union Conferences. Some of the advantages of this plan are as follows, and will appeal to every mind:

It is in harmony with God's plan for each one to contribute according to the prospering Hand upon him. Then, one is not eased and another burdened. It obviates the necessity for calling for special contributions. It results in having a fund on hand when needed, and advantages may be taken to purchase material and labor at a reduction, for cash. It will relieve the camp-meetings from calls for means for local purposes, and enable every individual to contribute when he has the means to send along with the tithe, and will be least felt when paid in small sums monthly.

The plan has been presented at each of the four annual conferences held this winter, and has been received with such general favor as to be really inspiring. Conference committees in conferences that have not held annual meetings, have presented the matter to the people to some extent, and so far not a discordant note has been heard. We confidently believe that the Lord directed the minds of the brethren in answer to

prayer that He would reveal to them the best way.

If, therefore, a practical application is made by every one, we may expect a corresponding blessing. It will be clear to every one that the local conference needs funds for the purposes above stated; but the question may be asked, For what purpose does the Union Conference require such a fund?

We have a College for the education of our sons and daughters. The capacity of the buildings is over-taxed to care for the present attendance. Another year will bring an increase of patronage that must be cared for. And besides this, we ceased the sale of the book "Christ's Object Lessons" before all the former bills for construction were paid, and these bills must be met as well as the bills for further improvements.

The collection to be taken April 17, is for the beginning of this work. The brethren were of the opinion that the collection was necessary, under the circumstances, before the one per cent plan could be put in operation. No provision has heretofore been made for finishing the College since the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" ceased.

We are sure that our brethren already see the reasonableness of all this, and will continue to respond. The work is onward, and hundreds of our young people are preparing for a place in the work. It is truly inspiring to visit our College and the academies and witness the earnest interest on the part of the young people. Let us provide ample opportunities for their instruction.

ALLEN MOON.



MUSIC EDUCATION.

Of all the fine arts, none has made such rapid strides toward perfection as the art of music. This can be said to be true especially since the time of the Great Reformation. This art is one of the greatest gifts that Heaven bestowed on mankind; but as with other heavenly blessings, Satan has inspired men to pervert it into a power to fasten his subtle influence upon fallen humanity. Satan, himself once the leader of the angelic choristers, knows full well the emotional value of music, and how to make it a means for self-glorification.

It was not by accident that music was extensively used by the ancients in the worship of their false gods. In worshiping these idols, they were in reality worshiping demons; so their chants and hymns were demon-inspired. As music is the language of the emotions, so our musical expression, from a religious standpoint, is largely influenced by the character of the religion we profess.

The music of the pagans was largely imbued with the spirit of their religious emotions, and,

logically enough, lacked power and character. Their music was like their worship, sensuous and gross. Wherever paganism was organized into a civilized government, priestcraft ruled the state, a condition destructive to true art development and freedom of thought. Take the Egyptian state as an example. The priesthood ruled the nation. They were the disseminators of knowledge, and anything in art or literature which would seem to lead away from established tradition was pronounced heretical, and was rooted out.

While the ancients made little progress in the practical and artistic advancement of music, still in the science of sound and the appliance of its principles, they made much progress. Nearly all of the instruments which we have now in highly developed state, were then used in crude form. To give the reader an idea how much music had a place in ancient Egyptian life, we quote from Ambrose's history: "From the decorations on the walls of tombs, we perceive that the Egyptians made great use of music. We find harps of many sizes and shapes, from some small and easily portable, to others beyond the height of a man, crude, and of the utmost simplicity; and still others, elaborate and extremely rich in decoration. We note an almost endless variety of lyres, guitars, and mandolins that are similar in type to the instruments we know by these names; also single and double flutes, played by hands of numerous musicians; and also male and female singers. Music was used to accompany the dance, the funeral cortege, the banquet, and other social functions." The Egyptians had a scale well developed, and were no doubt acquainted with the seven-fold division of the octave, and the mathematical relation of the fourth and fifth, as well as other intervals of the scale.

When God's people were led out of Egypt, they carried with them many of the instruments and traditions of their old home. From this class of music, meaningless and idolatrous, they had to be turned away, to learn hymns and chants in praise and adoration of Jehovah, Who had led them out with such mighty power, and such awful display of wrath upon their enemies. As many of the Israelites at that time had but so recently come out of idolatry, it took, no doubt, a long time to work a sufficient change of heart in the people, to lead them to abandon and unlearn many of the things which had become second nature with them, and to find a purer mode of expression called forth by the working of God's spirit upon their hearts. When Israel had passed through the experience at the Red Sea, and beheld the power of God manifested in their behalf, they joined with their

leader, Moses, in praising Him, who had so wondrously delivered them.

The servant of the Lord gives us a vivid description of this wonderful anthem: "Their emotion found utterance in songs of praise. The Spirit of God rested upon Moses, and he led the people in a triumphant anthem of thanksgiving, the earliest and one of the most sublime that are known to man. . . . Like the voice of the great deep, rose from the vast hosts of Israel that sublime ascription. It was taken up by the women of Israel, Miriam, the sister of Moses, leading the way, as they went forth with timbrel and dance. Far over desert and sea rang the joyous refrain, and the mountains re-echoed the words of their praise,—“Sing ye to Jehovah, for He hath triumphed gloriously.” Patriarchs and Prophets,” page 274.

In the same connection we read again, from the same source. “‘Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto Thy name give glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth’s sake.’ Such was the spirit that pervaded Israel’s song of deliverance, and it is the spirit that should dwell in the hearts of all who love and fear God. Like the Hebrew host, we should praise the Lord with heart and soul and voice for His ‘wonderful works to the children of men.’ We should praise God for the blessed hope held out before us in the great plan of redemption, we should praise Him for the heavenly inheritance, and for His rich promises; praise Him that Jesus lives to intercede for us.

“‘Whoso offereth praise,’ says the Creator, ‘glorifieth Me.’ All the inhabitants of heaven unite in praising God. Let us say with the Psalmist ‘While I live, will I praise the Lord: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.’ ‘Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.’” “Patriarchs and Prophets,” pages 275-6. These statements from the Spirit of prophecy show us that music is one of the mediums God has given to His people for His praise.

GERARD GERRITSEN.

[To be continued.]



“THE WONDERS OF THE HEAVENS.”

This was the subject of the second of the series of educational lectures being given in the College chapel during the spring term. It was given by Prof. J. H. Haughey, on Tuesday evening of March 9. The views projected upon the screen were of the earth, the sun, the moon, planets, comets, the constellations of the Zodiac, and other constellations; also various typical nebulae.

In connection with the study of the earth, there was given a brief history, showing the crude ideas of the earth’s shape, of both philosophers and astronomers of former times. The great impetus

given to the science of astronomy during the last four hundred years is due to a true conception of the earth’s form, and its relation to the sun, moon, and other heavenly bodies.

The view of Mount Vesuvius in eruption was such as to show why the faint mutterings beneath the earth’s crust send terror to the hearts of all who live in near proximity to the volcano. In views presented of the moon, its surface appeared as if dotted over with extinct volcanoes of enormous size, the diameter of the craters varying from hundreds to even thousands of miles. The distance of the planets from the sun, their size, weight, year, and general appearance, was briefly dwelt upon. The method of determining the distance from the earth to the sun was explained by the velocity of light in connection with the eclipses of one of Jupiter’s moons.

By means of two separate views, the reasons for spring and neap tides were clearly presented. The accuracy of mathematical computation in connection with astronomical observation is strikingly revealed, not only in the calculation of eclipses, but in the discovery of Neptune by aberrations of Uranus in her orbital revolutions about the sun. In one part of her orbit, Uranus was hastened along, whereas in another part she was retarded, which fact could be accounted for in no other way than by supposing that there was another planet still farther away from the sun, revolving about that central orb. Two astronomers, La Verier, of France, and Adams, of England, made the discovery almost simultaneously. This was a noble contribution to the mechanical science of the heavens, placing it in the category of sciences which may be depended upon as revealing truth.

But that which, at the present time, and for some years in the past, has most especially attracted the attention of astronomers, is what are called nebulae. These are cloud-like appearances away in the distance, seemingly upon the out-skirts of the universe. A thousand have been discovered, but the one the most interesting is that found in the constellation, Orion, a little to the south of the eastern-most star in the belt, known as the great Trifid Nebula. The central portion appears like a deep grotto, illuminated, as it were, with a halo of glory, having the appearance described by one astronomer, and also by one “in vision”, as an opening in the heavens into a region more enlightened. This has been represented as the opening through which Christ is to come the second time as “King of kings and Lord of lords” to take His ransomed to Himself, and through which, also, at the end of the thousand years, He is to come again, with “the bride the Lamb’s wife” which is the New Jeru-

salem, and all His saints, back to this world to reign in glory.

With this brief tour into the celestial sphere we gain but a faint glimpse of its immensity. Mercury, the nearest heavenly body to our sun, is distant 36,000,000 miles. Neptune, the farthest planet, is nearly 3,000,000,000 miles away. But even this distance is insignificant compared with that of the fixed stars. The distance of the nearest fixed star, Alpha Centauri, is twenty five billions of billions of miles. And our Sirius, the brightest star in the heavens, is about twice this distance from us.

From this latter star it would require light, traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles per second, nearly nine years to reach us.

It is impossible by the highest stretch of the imagination to get a picture of the vastness of the universe; but we will adopt the description given by Richter. It was said that a man earnestly longed to take a trip throughout the universe. An angel was sent to answer his prayer, to strengthen his spirit, and to give him a glorified body, that he might be able to endure the journey. The man, encouraged by the change, was "ready to fly with the angel past galaxy after galaxy, and infinity after infinity; and so man and angel passed on, viewing the universe until the sun was out of sight — until our solar system appeared as a speck of light against the black empyrean, and there was only darkness. And they looked onward, and in the infinities of light before, a speck of light appeared, and suddenly they were in the midst of rushing worlds. But they passed beyond that system, and beyond system after system, and infinity after infinity, until the human heart sank, and the man cried out: 'End, is there none of the universe of God? The angel strengthened the man by words of council and courage, and they flew on until worlds left behind them were out of sight, and specks of light in advance were transformed, as they approached them, into rushing systems; they moved over architraves of eternities, over pillars of immensities, over architecture of galaxies, unspeakable in dimensions and duration, and the human heart sank again and called out: 'End is there none of the universe of God?' And all the stars echoed the question with amazement: 'End is there none of the universe of God?' And this echo found no answer. They moved on again past immensities of immensities, and eternities of eternities, until in the dizziness of uncounted galaxies the human heart sank for the last time, and cried out: 'End is there none of the universe of God?' And again all the stars repeated the question, and the angel answered: 'End is there none of the universe of God. Lo! also, there is no beginning.'"

But we must come away from the glories of the

heavenly bodies, to Him who is the creator of all things. David, in looking upon himself, was constrained to say, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made"; but when he turned his eye into the heavens, he could but cry out, "When I consider Thy heavens, the works of Thy hands, and the sun which Thou hast made, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou visitest him?" Human science may proclaim that the world is growing old, that the sun will grow dark and cold, that the steller universe, with all their retinue of worlds will at some future time cease to hold the important place and work which has been assigned to them. But the mind of faith, He Who created all things, and in Whom all things consist, is able to give even increased light and glory to every part of the universe of God; and although we have come to a time when this present *evil* world with its elements shall pass away with a great noise, yet in its place will be found new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, and a city, the New Jerusalem, which is to be the throne of God and of the Lamb. He is the light of the world; and although the sun will shine with seven times her present splendor, and the moon as the sun, yet in His presence the "moon is darkened and the sun is ashamed, "the stars are not pure", "yea, and the heavens are not clean in His sight." He is the One of Whom it is said, "Clouds and darkness are around about Him," yet "He dwells in light unapproachable."

The final picture, then, is that of satellite revolving about its world, world with its satellite, about its sun, sun with its retinue of worlds and satellites about some other common center, these about some other center still, and this all, as a wheel within a wheel, and a wheel within a wheel, about the throne of God.



HEARING ON THE SUNDAY BILLS.

Elders Moon, Reed, Scott, Stebbeds, and Brother Alex Patton, John McReynolds, and the writer, attended this hearing at the appointed time, Wednesday, at two o'clock. It was a very interesting hearing and continued for four hours. The Lord blessed us much in meeting the issue, and we feel sure that a good impression was made on the hearers. The room was well filled, there being about one hundred men present, most of whom were leading business men interested in different lines of business.

Several speeches in opposition to the bills were made by these men, who represented

railroad, streetcar and telephone companies. We are quite confident that the impression made upon the minds of the members of the committee was such that they will not report favorably upon any of these bills. The work of securing signatures, however, is still going on until the time of this report. I think nearly 3,000 signatures had been received up to the date of the hearing on March 3, and these were very valuable on that occasion. C. McREYNOLDS.

Grand Rapids, Wisconsin.



REPORT OF LABOR.

Since our last report we have held meetings in the Pioneer, Hoag, and the Briggs school-houses. We have also held cottage meetings from house to house. The interest has been excellent and the attendance good. Nearly all who have attended these meetings have acknowledged that we have preached the truth of God, but it is now as it always has been, only a few will obey. It is so hard for them to turn their backs upon the world and their faces toward the kingdom of God. But when the Saviour speaks peace to their troubled souls and reveals Himself to them as the One altogether lovely and the chiefest among ten thousand, how quickly they will face about and follow Him. Eighteen willing souls have started here to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

On Sunday, February 28, eleven of these dear ones were buried with Christ in baptism, all heads of families but one. It was a most precious occasion and the Spirit of God was present in a large measure. Others will follow in baptism soon. A Sabbath-school has been organized of over thirty members and Sabbath meetings have been established, and the work begun here has been placed upon a permanent basis. We are now holding meetings in the Briggs school-house with fair attendance and good interest, and we firmly believe that others will take their stand for God and keep His commandments. Our courage in the Lord is good, and we desire above all things to remain loyal to God and this message till the work shall close up in the earth and the Lord shall come to claim His own. We have had most bitter opposition here, "but the foundation of the Lord standeth sure having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His."

JOHN W. COVERT,
R. C. HORTON.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE.*

The greatest gift ever given to mankind was Christ. The greatest giver was God, the Father. When we consider the purpose which called forth this gift, we may judge of the character of the Giver, and also of the Gift. It was a voluntary giving. Christ left the courts of Heaven, its peace and harmony, even the company of holy angels, to minister unto others; and to save others that they, too, might serve. Love prompted the deed. This should be the motive of all who partake of Christ's salvation.

* Written for the Higher English class at the College.

Of all the creatures which God has made, man alone, is the only one which lives for self. The birds of the air, and the animals of the earth, all in some way live to help some other life. The leaves of the forest, the grass in the field, and the flowers in the garden are a blessing to humanity. Imagine what this world would be like if all things would become like a sponge, retainers, absorbers, always receiving but never imparting. If, for instance, the ocean were to act in this way, how would this world fare? Yet many are doing this each day. Do we make the world brighter by our living in it? Are any sad hearts lightened? Are any lonely hearts comforted? If not, we are not fulfilling our mission. As the Father has given to us, let us give to others. We may not have silver or gold to give. Christ does not ask for that which we have not. He has asked for our lives to be devoted to His service. This is within the reach of all. The highest and noblest aim in life is to live in the closest fellowship with Christ, so that while He blesses us we may in turn bless others, and thus give to the world that which is of priceless value,— a Christian life.

EDWARD A PIPER.



Book Work.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 1909.

East Michigan.						
Canvasser.	Book.	Hrs.	Ords.	Value.	Helps.	Total.
Elbert Fishell.....	D. R.	21	5	\$12 25	\$ 6 00	\$18 25
O. D. Kittle.....	C. K.	10	6	6 00	3 25	9 25
Raymond Park.....	C. K.	17	12	\$13 00	\$ 4 25	\$17 25
		48	23	\$31 25	\$13 50	\$44 75
North Michigan.						
* C. E. Mattison.....	B. F.	52	9	\$ 9 00	\$34 55	\$43 55
E. C. Collard.....	(Del.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
K. V. Bjork.....	.....	29	.....	.....	\$ 6 80	\$ 6 80
		81	9	\$ 9 00	\$41 35	\$65 35
Southern Illinois.						
J. L. Galbraith.....	B. R.	18	6	\$16 50	\$ 4 30	\$20 80
E. Jackson.....	B. R.	35	13	35 00	50	35 50
W. E. Bailey.....	B. R.	8	2	5 50	.....	5 50
J. E. Dent.....	B. R.	34	12	35 00	6 00	41 00
* T. B. House, (Del.).....	G. C.	41	4	11 00	2 50	13 50
C. N. Ferris.....	D. R.	10	2	5 50	.....	5 50
* Hugo Mitzelfelt.....(Del.)	G. C.	27	2	\$ 5 50	\$ 3 25	\$ 8 75
		173	41	\$114 00	\$16 55	\$130 55
Northern Illinois.*						
Louis E. Foygnet.....	G. C.	20	3	.....	.....	\$14 25
Mary E. Hall.....	G. C.	12	4	.....	.....	12 20
Mrs. B. Mitchell.....	B. R.	19	3	.....	.....	8 25
Wm. Singleton.....	G. C.	40	13	.....	.....	37 20
J. S. Johnson.....	G. C.	37	6	.....	.....	25 10
J. R. Rolson.....	G. C.	35	5	.....	.....	13 95
C. R. Puels.....	D. R.	15	3	.....	.....	\$ 9 45
		178	37	.....	.....	\$120 40
Wisconsin.						
† Frank Halderson.....	G. C.	84	18	\$51 50	\$10 10	\$61 60
* Louis Scholz.....	G. C.	61	9	40 50	9 10	49 60
† N. P. Kittleson.....	G. C.	102	7	19 25	12 60	31 85
* Lizzie M. Keat.....	C. K.	20	5	5 25	7 45	12 70
Otis O. Potter.....	G. C.	2	2	5 50	.....	5 50
† E. B. Braman.....	G. C.	34	2	5 50	50	6 00
		303	43	\$127 50	\$39 75	\$167 25
Total, 26 Agents.....		782	154	\$281 75	\$111 15	\$528 30

* Two weeks.

† Three weeks.

Recommendations Adopted at the Sixth Annual Session of the Northern Illinois Conference, Held at Sheridan, Ill., Feb. 10-14, 1909.

(Concluded.)

No. 17. We further recommend, That the Executive Committee of this Conference plan for at least one five-days' institute for ministers and Bible workers to be held each year.

Whereas, the Lord has made a definite call for our young people to form companies to work for other youth, and

Whereas, The Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer Societies meet this requirement, and are a strong factor in the development and training of our young people,

No. 18. We recommend, That the young people in our churches be urged to engage in Missionary Volunteer work in harmony with the action of the Mount Vernon Convention for Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer Societies.

No. 19. Resolved, That we accept the offer of the Lake Union Conference to club the Lake Union paper with our State paper at sixty cents for both papers, and that we show our appreciation of these agencies for chronicling the progress of the message by subscribing for them, and doing what we can to encourage others to do the same.

No. 20. We recommend, That the Fox River Academy offer a scholarship to students who will sell \$160.00 worth of subscription books and turn the whole amount into the tract society, such students to do work to the amount of \$45.00, or its equivalent in cash and work.

In harmony with the action of the Emmanuel Missionary College Board, providing for scholarships,

No. 21. We recommend, That students for that school be offered three scholarships, as follows: For the sale \$160.00 worth of subscription books and three hours' work; \$200.00 worth of subscription books and two hours' work; and \$235.00 worth of books and one hour's work; the student to turn all the money into the Conference treasury and the Conference to arrange with the College for the scholarship.

No. 22. We recommend, That an effort be made by all Conference workers and church officers to interest our young people in getting a Christian education.

As we desire to see our Academy placed in a condition to do good, efficient work, therefore,

No. 23. We recommend, That a fund of \$2,000 be raised, first, to provide a fire escape for the girls' dormitory; second, to furnish a water system, including a bathroom in each dormitory; third, for the tiling and clearing of the bottom land of the school farm; and fourth, to install a low pressure heating plant.

Recognizing the need of the education of church officers in their duties and the people in all departments of the work, we therefore,

No. 24. Recommend, That conventions continuing three days be held in such localities that will accommodate all our churches and that all department workers be present to assist.



Better Than Any Other.

Those who have seen the March number of the *Watchman* are highly pleased

with it. One conference president, upon getting a copy of this paper immediately wrote a letter to all the churches in his field, urging them to improve the special opportunity afforded in the distribution of this number.

A new worker in one large city ordered \$7.50 worth of papers from the first copies off the press. A few days later this worker sent another remittance of \$7.50 and said, "Please send me more of the March *Watchman*. This sells better than any other paper we have ever sold in our city."

It shows why and how in years past the seeds of lawlessness have been sown that are now bearing the sad and bountiful harvest of crime in every form. The meaning of all this is pointed out in interesting language. Each department is filled with choice articles and illustrations. Who will help in the distribution of this issue? Further information on request. Send orders through the tract society.



Signs of the Times Monthly for April, 1909.

The *Signs of the Times Monthly* for April will present a veritable "feast of good things." One of the special themes will be that of the *Resurrection*. The cover design is in harmony with this theme, being a reproduction of one of Ploekhorst's masterpieces, entitled "*The Morning of the Resurrection*," showing Mary kneeling at the feet of Jesus on that memorable morning before His ascension to His Father.

Following are the titles of some of the leading articles:

1. "The Resurrection," by Eld. S. N. Haskell.
2. "Bible Study on the Resurrection," by Eld. J. O. Corliss.
3. "A Momentous Present-Day Movement; or Optimistic Mysticism," by Professor Geo. W. Rine.
4. "The Great Sabbath Gift," by Eld. C. L. Taylor.
5. "True Divine Healing," by Dr. D. H. Kress.
6. "A Laymen's Great Missionary Conference," by Eld. R. A. Underwood.
7. "The Three Worlds," by Eld. R. A. Underwood.
8. "The Sermon on the Mount," by Mrs. E. G. White.
9. "Creation as a Proof of Inspiration," by George McCready Price.
10. "Studies in the Prophecies," by Eld. E. J. Hibbard.
11. "Revival of the Papacy and What It Means to This Generation," by Eld. George A. Snyder.

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Obituary.

FISHER.—Mrs. Matilda Fisher, of Sodus Township, Berrien County, died at her home after an extended period of ill-health, Feb. 19, 1909. The deceased, whose maiden name was Matilda Cameron, was born in Pennsylvania, in 1843, when about seven years of age, she moved with her parents to Wisconsin. In March, 1868, she was married to Andrew Fisher, who survives her. Sixteen years ago the family removed to Berrien County, where they have since

lived. Three, out of five children are living; namely, Abraham and Frank Fisher, and Mrs. Anna Buck, of Sodus. Sister Fisher became acquainted with the Seventh-day Adventist people about fourteen years ago and has been a member of the Benton Harbor church since that time. Her funeral, which was held at the home on Sunday, February 21, was largely attended. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

W. E. VIDETO.



Financial Report.

Tithe receipts of the West Michigan Conference for February, 1909.

Agnew.....\$ 19 80	Grandville.....\$ 8 05
Allegan..... 33 50	Hastings..... 12 40
Bangor..... 2 86	Kinderhook..... 4 75
Battle Creek... 833 63	Mendon..... 10 67
Bauer..... 7 50	Muskegon..... 9 45
Bedford..... 39 15	Otsego..... 141 99
Benton Harb'r 117 71	Paw Paw..... 38 10
Berrien Sprg's 119 51	Pottersville..... 13 38
Bloomingdale 8 07	Quincy..... 24 03
Buchanan..... 61 51	Rothbury..... 13 50
Carson City... 12 17	Sand Lake..... 22 39
Cedar Lake... 13 70	Shelby..... 14 52
Charlotte..... 56 97	Sturgis..... 14 59
Denver..... 7 80	Trufant..... 30 60
Eaton Rapids.. 4 48	Wright..... 77 13
Frost..... 5 60	Individuals..... 8 40
Gowen..... 5 25	E. M. Conf..... 3 00
Grand Haven.. 7 40	
Grand Ledge... 29 65	
Grand Rapids 38 34	\$ 1 871 55



West Michigan Conference.

Tithe.....\$ 1 871 55	
Sabbath-school Offerings..... 60 95	
Weekly Offerings..... 31 13	
Annual Offerings..... 10 10	
One per cent Fund..... 15 56	
Thanksgiving Ingathering..... 87 74	
Mission Board Offering..... 27 00	
Jamaica Conference..... 2 65	
Equipment Fund..... 8 00	
African Mission..... 3 00	
Otsego Academy..... 60 06	
Self-denial..... 2 42	
Southern Field..... 1 50	
Bills Payable..... 1 100 00	
Birthday Offerings..... 2 00	
Labor Account..... 5 17	
On Deposit..... 5 00	
O. and S. M. S..... 5 00	
Colored Work..... 1 00	
M. V. E. Fund..... 32 89	
Religious Liberty..... 127 57	
General Fund..... 16 09	
	\$3 476 38



West Michigan Tract Society.

On Account.....\$ 257 91	
Merchandise..... 34 12	
	\$291 13



WANTED.—Sixty bushels re-cleaned seed oats. State variety and price.

Emmanuel Missionary College.



Canvassers' Institutes.

The following institutes are planned for the Lake Union Conference: East Michigan, Holly, March 16-28; Wisconsin, Grand Rapids, March 16 to April 4; Indiana, Beechwood, April 8-18; West Michigan, Cedar Lake, April 8-18; Emmanuel Missionary College, April 18 to May 2. J. B. BLOSSER, General Agent.

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Quite a little copy was received just as we were going to press, but it was too late to get it in this issue. We regret to hold over interesting matter, but sometimes it cannot be helped. Remember to send copy in early in the week.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST.****Emmanuel Missionary College.**

Miss Irene, and Mr. Herbert Campbell are pleased to have their mother spend a few Jays with them.

A very impressive discourse was given by Elder Videto, Sabbath morning, on the text "Lord, what would Thou have me to do?"

Miss Florence Howell spent Sabbath and Sunday with her mother and sister. She reports progress in the work in Otsego. There seems to be quite an interest there in the temperance campaign. We hope to have a report for the HERALD soon.

**West Michigan.**

Elder J. M. WILBUR was in Otsego last week on conference business.

Word comes from Edna Walker and Cassie Wilson who are in New Orleans, Louisiana, that they have some readers who are very much interested.

The church at Mecosta is rejoicing in the fact that three have begun recently to keep the Sabbath and are taking hold of missionary work with it.

The convention held in Edmore, March 6, and 7, was a pronounced success. Several churches were represented and all were greatly encouraged by the session.

**Cedar Lake Academy.**

The students have all returned from their vacation, which closed March 8.

A class in Denominational History has been formed for the spring term.

A large quantity of ice has been stored for the use of the Academy the coming summer.

The services of Mrs. For, of Conklin, Michigan, have been secured as matron. She has entered upon her labors with us.

It is expected that a class of ten or twelve students will be graduated from the tenth grade at the close of the spring term.

Teachers and students express their heart-felt thanks to the West Michigan Conference Association for the gift of fifty parlor and dining-room chairs. These chairs arrived in good condition last week.

**North Michigan.**

A very interesting canvassers' institute is now in session at Petoskey. About twenty-seven are taking the class. Brother J. B. Blosser is present giving valuable instruction.

Brother E. F. Peterson stopped at the tract society while enroute to the elders' meeting and gave a very cheering report of the work in the Copper Country. The workers there have more calls than they can fill and people seem anxious to hear the truth.

A successful Sabbath-school convention was held at Hancock, Sabbath, February 27. Two sessions were held and all felt well repaid for the efforts put forth. Sabbath-keepers were present from surrounding towns and also visitors not of our faith. A program was carried out and several resolutions adopted to meet the needs of the work there.

At a meeting of the conference committee held at Thomsonville, March 8, it was voted to hold two camp-meetings this coming summer. The one for the Upper Peninsula will be held June 21-28, the place to be announced later. The annual camp-meeting and conference will be held at Petoskey, the time will be arranged for later, but it will probably be held about the same time as last year.

An elders' meeting was held at Mesick, March 4-8. Eighteen of the elders were in attendance, representing different parts of the conference. Plans were laid for the upbuilding of the cause, and a fresh impetus was given to the work in this part of the conference. At the closing meeting many expressed themselves as being in harmony with the work, and desirous of pushing it forward to success.

**Northern Illinois.**

A strong young people's society was recently organized at Chicago, Forty-sixth Street church.

A meeting of the conference conference committee was held at Chicago, Wednesday, March 10.

We have received at this office to this date, the sum of \$1,096 through Thanksgiving Review offerings to missions.

Elder L. D. Santee is spending a few weeks at Moline, ministering to the spiritual needs of the Sanitarium family.

A conference workers' institute will be held at Kankakee, April 7-11, the first meeting to convene at 3:00 p. m., Wednesday, April 7.

A glance at our canvassers' report will show an increased number of workers in this department. Others who have

not yet entered are planning to do so soon.

Brother and Sister Hugo Danke are doing some self-supporting missionary work at Harvey by the sale of *Life and Health*, and the distribution of other literature.

Brother J. M. Burdick is working in connection with the Chicago North Side English church, holding two public meetings each week, and visiting and distributing literature among the people.

The March number of our magazines are going fast. Four thousand copies of the Monthly *Signs and Life and Health* have already been ordered. Our periodical workers are doing well. We should be pleased to hear from any who would like to take up this work.

A church officers institute has been appointed to be held at Galesburg, April 15-18. Members of the churches at Aledo, Monmouth, Moline, and Princeville are especially invited to attend. This is only the first of several institutes that will be held throughout the conference during the year.

**Canvassers' Notes.**

At Lovington, Brother E. J. Robbins, who is recovering from a siege of sickness, is preparing himself to be one of the King's messengers.

On a visit to Champaign, I found Brother Edwin Irrig determined to have a part in the onward movement to herald the news of Christ's soon coming, through the sale of the printed page, as soon as he can arrange his affairs.

We rejoice to have Brother C. N. Ferris, of Du Quoin, help us in warning the people of our conference, by the use of that grand old book, Daniel and Revelation. He is glad to have a part in the work and share in the joy of the workers for the Master.

Brother and Sister D. T. Olds, of Tuscola, are preparing to go to Danville, to engage in the sale of our health books and periodicals. We are glad to see a revival in this line of our work; for we have been told that the health books and the denominational books should go hand in hand.

Brother S. S. Grey is using "Coming King" with good success in opening up the work in Jacksonville. Elder Bliss is doing all he can with literature in Peoria, recognizing in it his best helper in the task of carrying the Third Angel's Message. We are glad to have our ministers help us in the work.

Brother Jackson is having some good experiences in his work in Moultrie County. He recently sold a copy of "Bible Readings" to an evangelist who was holding a revival service in Bethel, who used the chapter on "The origin and destiny of Satan" in one of his sermons. Brother Jackson recently sold seven books in nine exhibitions. This does not look as though our books could not be sold.

One of our good canvassers writes concerning his experiences: "It takes hard blows to chisel hard blocks and hard knots; but the Lord evidently thinks He is not wasting time in doing the chiseling. So let us praise Him for success." Do you feel this way when you are tried? The train for the kingdom is running fast. Hurry, hurry! and come along to join our band of workers. C. J. TOLF.