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

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"Forenoon and afternoon and night;—forenoon  
 And afternoon and night;—forenoon and—what!  
 The empty song repeats itself. No more?  
 Yea, that is life: make this forenoon sublime,  
 This afternoon a psalm, this night a prayer,  
 And time is conquered, and thy crown is won."

## The Church

ALLEN MOON

"Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners? Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah (delights), comely as Jerusalem (the place of peace), terrible as an army with banners."

This poetic language of inspiration is designed to convey the thought of the divine conception of the possible attainments of the true church on earth. The purity of the church is as the morning dew distilled from the heavens, and her light as the morning sun shining in his strength; yet, to look upon, as fair and undazzling as the moon. She moves in perfect order, and never breaks rank; to the adversary, "terrible as an army with banners."

This then, is a portrait from the divine camera of those in whom God does not behold iniquity, but whose sin is covered. It is the portrait of the Divine Son. As the Divine Father looks upon the redeemed, He exclaims, "Thou art beautiful as delights, O my love, terrible as an army with banners."

This company may be a very small one, but it is separate from the world; and it may be said of the company, in the words of John the apostle, "Every one that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure."

This is the secret of the divine recognition.

This is the hope which has personal faith in the Divine Word as its foundation. And as His purity consisted in perfect obedience to the Divine Word, so the purity of His children likewise is in conformity to divine precept.

## Biennial Report of Emmanuel Missionary College for 1908-10

Seventh-day Adventist colleges have been established in this land of great and wealthy colleges and universities, not because we hoped to furnish them with better equipment nor because we expected to be able to secure teachers of profounder learning than could be found in these worldly institutions, but rather that schools might be provided for our young people where God is honored and His Word believed; where teachers, while they thoroughly teach their special subjects, also hold before the students the work of giving this message as the greatest and noblest ambition. Our institutions must stand for Seventh-day Adventism. If we fail in this, we have failed indeed. Excellence in other respects will not compensate for weakness here. Our schools must count for God and the third angel's message; otherwise they exist in vain.

This, I think, is the ideal of every one of our teachers and most of our students, yet we know full well that we are not reaching it. We hope however, by holding this ideal continually before us that we may come closer and still closer to the high standard that God has set for us. How far short we are falling, others who are looking on, no doubt, can judge better than we. However, I shall in this report endeavor to place first things first and speak at the beginning of the religious interest, operations, and fruits of the school.

The spiritual life of our school centers in our Friday evening vesper service which is held at the beginning of the Sabbath. At this time, the students, teachers, and our brethren who live near by, meet for a devotional service. Many of our students have given their hearts to God at these services as the Holy Spirit came near and convicted of sin. Just last Friday evening, four took their stand for the Lord for the first time in their lives. Others, we hope, will follow soon. Several are looking forward to baptism

in the near future. During the last year, twelve of our students were baptized.

The missionary work of the school is carried chiefly by four missionary bands in which are enrolled nearly all of the students. Aside from these and the regular Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society, we have small student prayer bands which meet Monday evening and make it their special work to labor for the unconverted.

What degree of success the Lord has been able to give us in developing a good spiritual influence in the school is due largely to the united effort and hearty co-operation of both teachers and students.

#### Enrollment

During the school year (1907-08), the enrollment reached 112 and the summer school of 1908 reached 56, as near as I can learn. Last year (1908-09), the enrollment was 138, and the summer school 83, which, I believe, lacked one of being equal to the largest summer school in the denomination last summer. This makes the entire enrollment for last year 221, including six students who attended both the winter and summer term. This year there has been enrolled in the different departments of the College 140 students. The summer school is now being conducted in such a way that regular college credit is being given for the work done.

#### Equipment Fund

There has been received up to January 4 on this fund \$359. The principal purchases made from this fund are as follows: A four inch telescope, a new typewriter, and physical laboratory equipment. When all the conferences in this Union do as well as two of the smaller conferences have done in lifting on this fund, enough money will have been raised to quite satisfactorily equip the College for its work.

In addition to these equipments, there has been added to our library during the past year something like 150 volumes of new up-to-date books. Three new Cable pianos were also purchased for the music department. These instruments were built to our order and are said to be especially durable. An unusually liberal discount was given us and three old pianos were accepted as part payment.

#### Industrial Departments

While much remains to be done in putting our industrial work on a better educational and financial basis, we nevertheless are thankful for the results that have been realized. The farm, which is under the direction of Brother R. B. King who is a scientific agriculturist, is prospering. This department is giving students about \$1000 worth of work per year. This past sum-

mer we sold our herd of beef cattle and have purchased good milk cows and, while we are feeding not many more than half the number of cows we used to, we are now getting more and better milk. We are looking forward to making our own butter. The farm this year shows a net gain of \$117.50

Brother Herbert Campbell is in charge of the fruit department and is carrying on his work in a very effective manner. Students are taught both the science and art of practical fruit growing. During the past year, this department furnished students \$1,193.40 worth of work and the net gain amounted to \$488.61.

The printing office is in charge of Professor F. O. Rathbun and is in a prosperous condition, having an abundance of work to do. One student working in this department is earning all of his way through school and many others, while they are learning the printer's trade, are earning part of their expenses. The net gain for the past seven months is \$31.13.

#### Improvements

Extensive improvements have been made during the past two years. Steam heating plants have been placed in the four main buildings, and these same buildings have been wired and we now have electric lights, which add much to the safety, convenience and discipline of the school.

A steam laundry, including power washer, extractor and electric flat irons, has been installed, and for the first time in years, our laundry is doing satisfactory work.

The dining-room, serving-room, and kitchen, which were formerly located on the first floor of Ladies' Dormitory, have been moved to the basement, which has been finely finished and is serving its purpose very well. This gives us an additional floor for dormitory purposes, making room for twenty-four additional students, besides providing an assembly room which will seat seventy, and this with very little additional expense in heating; for the serving-room and kitchen are kept warm by the steam mains which pass through them.

A cement root cellar, store-room, and milk room, have been built on the south side of the kitchen and on the same level with it,—a most convenient and necessary addition.

The painting of College Building and North Hall have been completed, and Printing Office and Ladies' Dormitory have received a prime coat. The painting of these latter buildings and the larger cottages we are planning to complete the coming summer.

By adding thirty feet to the east end of our laundry building, commodious quarters have

been provided for the steam cannery which will make it possible for us to can not only our fruit but also our vegetables. This has already been done this fall with satisfactory results.

In addition to these improvements, I should mention, but can not describe at length, the finishing of the three rooms in the College Building for the music department, and another for laboratory purposes; the laying of water mains to the cottages in the grove; the purchase of nine hundred feet of two inch hose and a hose-cart for fire fighting; a gasoline power spraying outfit for the fruit department; and iron bedsteads and springs for both dormitories.

#### Needs and Recommendations

While much remains to be done, I am glad to be able to report that the school, as far as material needs are concerned, is nearing the place where it can be said that the College is reasonably furnished and equipped to do its appointed work. Yet I can not refrain from speaking of a few of our most urgent present needs.

#### Model School

While it is true that this Union Conference has a larger number of church-schools, intermediate schools, and academies than any other union conference in the world, we, I think, are doing less to train teachers than any of our other training-schools. The principal reason for this, I believe, is the lack of a model, or practice school in which our students can get practical experience under the guidance of an experienced critic teacher.

Heretofore the Berrien Springs church has not been willing to turn their church-school over to the College for this purpose. Now, however, the sentiment has changed, and about a week ago the church voted unanimously to turn the school and building over to the College to be used as a model school by our Normal Department, and further agreed to help bear the expense of moving the building to the College grounds. An opportunity is now at hand to make our normal department the power it ought to be, and I most earnestly urge that we take advantage of it and that we either move the building or sell it and use the proceeds in constructing a building that would be better suited for our work.

#### Reincorporation

I would recommend that the College be incorporated under the College Act of the State of Michigan, for the following reasons:

We are now incorporated for benevolent purposes, the erecting of monuments, and operation of asylums and hospitals. Just why the school should have been incorporated under this act, I do not know, but have understood that it

was for the purpose of avoiding inspection and to make it possible to conduct the school when our other schools are closed, as most of our institutions will be before the Lord comes. I do not, however, believe that we should attempt to avoid inspection. Sooner or later, our schools will have to undergo most rigorous inspection, and I judge that we should now bring our work up to the standard that will bear inspection. Notice these words from the spirit of prophecy:

The youth and those more advanced in years who feel it their duty to fit themselves for work requiring the passing of certain legal tests should be able to secure at our union conference training-schools all that is essential, without having to go to Battle Creek for their preparatory education. . . . They should arrange to carry their students to the point of literary and scientific training that is necessary. Many of these requirements have been made because so much of the preparatory work done in ordinary schools is superficial. Let all our work be thorough, faithful, and true.—*Review and Herald*, Oct. 15, 1903.

I am not urging that we should accept worldly standards of education, for, under the College Act of Michigan, we are given the privilege of outlining our courses of study as we choose; but I do say that the work which we do should be so thoroughly and efficiently done that it will bear inspection.

Neither do I think that this inappropriate incorporation will save us from having our doors closed by the state, in the time of trouble; but I rather believe that the opposite would be the case; for we are not now legally incorporated to do school work, but rather to do benevolent work and to operate hospitals and asylums. That this incorporation is more apt to cause the disapproval of the state rather than avoid it, is apparent from the following letter recently written by the Secretary of the State of Michigan to the attorney at Berrien Springs.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of February 3, relative to the Seventh-day Adventist College located near Berrien Springs. A corporation organized for benevolent purposes under Sections 8264 to 8270 of the Compiled Laws is not an educational institution, and can not legally conduct the business of an educational institution. For the latter purpose, it should organize under Chapter 218 of the Compiled Laws, and in order to do so, it should dissolve as a corporation under the benevolent act, and then organize a new corporation under Chapter 218.

Very respectfully,

FRED C. MARTINDALE, *Secretary of State.*

There is another consideration which is connected with this question; namely, the granting of degrees, which would be possible if the College were incorporated as an institution of higher learning.

While I do not see in degrees the goal or end of an education, I nevertheless believe that the advantages of granting these literary honors far outweigh the objections.

In the first place, I see in it no violation of any Christian principle of education. All our schools

grant diplomas or issue grades to their students, which represent a certain amount of work satisfactorily accomplished. The only difference that I can see between this and the granting of degrees is that the degrees represent work that comes up to a certain standard of efficiency and thoroughness, and is thus recognized by the world in which, fortunately or unfortunately, this message must be given, and the other may or may not represent such work or be thus recognized. The holding of such literary honors, I have been repeatedly told, gives our workers, both in the home land and in foreign fields, a standing or prestige which helps them in their work.

I might also argue from precedent or example, and call your attention to our other advanced schools. The Washington Foreign Mission Seminary, Mount Vernon College, Union College, and Walla Walla College all grant degrees. In fact, all our schools which do college work, with the exception of Emmanuel Missionary College, grant degrees. If to do so is wrong, why should these schools do it? If it is right, and they realize advantages from so doing, why should not we?

I do not consider reincorporation and the granting of degrees an absolute necessity, for we can conduct a good school without; but for the reasons already given, I do consider this change advisable.

But greater than any of these material necessities is our need of the earnest prayers and cooperation of God's people. This is an absolute necessity. Brethren, we must have your prayers and support, that there may go forth from our school into God's work many young men and women who are not only well equipped mentally and physically, but whose hearts God has touched, and whose lives grow with the spirit of the message and a desire to give it to the world.

O. J. GRAF.

### Report of Wisconsin Conference

The Wisconsin Conference has at present thirteen active ordained ministers, four not active, seven licensed ministers, twelve holding missionary license, seven holding medical missionary license, fourteen teachers in the academy and intermediate schools, and twenty-six church-school teachers. The Conference has employed on an average sixty workers the last two years. Twenty or more of these were engaged for seven months in distributing tracts and papers in the city of Milwaukee. Every house was visited and hundreds of thousands of copies of our tracts were distributed in the English, German, Scandinavian, and Polish languages. While immediate results were not all

that we desired to see, the workers who have remained in the city find a field fully ripe for the harvest.

A Scandinavian church of about thirty members has been raised up and almost every month some additions are made to the English and German churches.

Eight new churches have been organized during the biennial period with an aggregate of 157 members, one is German, three Scandinavian, and four English. Three companies yet unorganized have been developed.

Our Oneida Indian church has added twenty-three members, and 385 members have been added to the other churches. Several of our best families moved to the South Country, some whole churches have gone West, many have been taken away by death, so we have but little more than our former membership. Eight laborers have been ordained to the ministry; one of these has gone to far-off Abyssinia, and two are in the South Country. The conference sent six South as ministers and Bible workers.

The Wisconsin Tract Society has struggled through severe difficulties, but a good work has been accomplished. The sales of books, papers, tracts, and other merchandise have amounted in all to about \$21,000. There has been a gain of \$323.04 during the last biennial period.

Two general canvassers' institutes have been conducted for the training of canvassers. About thirty-five different persons engaged for a portion of the time in the canvassing work. The winter of 1908 and 1909 was the first winter that the canvassing work was carried on in Wisconsin during the entire winter. That winter our present State agent, Mr. Frank Halderson, with two others, worked during the entire winter and they decided that winter is fully as good if not better than any other time of the year for successful work, as they find people have more leisure and there is a better opportunity to do real evangelistic work. The last year twenty-two in all engaged in the canvassing work. Seven of these worked for scholarships and all but two succeeded in getting full scholarships. The present outlook is good. Seven faithful agents are at work this winter. An institute is planned for some time in March. Another general institute will be held at Bethel Academy the latter part of May when a score or more of the students will enter the work and thus secure their scholarships for the next school year.

A few brief statements will suffice to show the growth of the work in the educational department. The Sabbath-schools have increased from 108 to 120; the twelve new schools adding 215 to the membership. The largest reported

membership during the biennial period is 2,586. The entire donations during this time is \$4,761.37. Of this amount \$4,355.95 has been sent to foreign missions, leaving an average local expense per quarter for each school of only 47 cents. Wisconsin hopes soon to join the list of States that send all Sabbath-school donations to foreign missions. Six Sabbath-school conventions have been held during the last two years.

Seven new church-schools have been established. The twenty-six schools now reporting have an enrollment of 358. Almost nine per cent of these children are from homes where no profession is made of this truth. One of the new schools, started as a family school of two is now a church-school of fourteen—eight of the children not coming from Adventist homes.

In most of the schools eight grades of work are carried. During the last two years twenty-four of our teachers have been called to other fields or have entered other work in Wisconsin. Of these, thirteen have gone to engage in the educational work in other places. They have been replaced by young people from our own State except five teachers who came to us from nearby conferences last fall. Our teachers are now scattered from Oregon to the Danish West Indies, and Wisconsin rejoices to have a part in supplying teachers for schools in other fields.

The Clearwater school is located in the northern part of the State. It has ninety-six acres of land, about twenty acres cleared for farm and garden work; a good school house with two rooms on first floor and five rooms on second floor, and a cottage, unfinished, with eight rooms for dormitory. The property is worth \$5,000. Brother S. C. Hannon is principal, and Mrs. Coberly assistant teacher. The present enrollment is thirty-three. The prospects are good for future prosperity.

Walderly School is located in the northwestern part of the State. With 367 acres of land in the woods they are undertaking to conduct a school on such a plan as will afford opportunity for students who have no money to get an education by labor in clearing land, sawing lumber, raising garden for the market, and caring for bees and chickens. They have a good saw mill. They have several small buildings erected wholly by teachers and students, valued at \$1,600. Their enrollment the present year is sixteen. There are three men and three lady teachers on the faculty, only one of these receives a salary. The value of this plant which belongs to the conference is \$6,520.

The enrollment at Bethel Academy during the year 1908 was about fifty-eight. The enrollment for 1909 and 1910 is eighty-five, showing an increase since the plan of the school has been

changed, of about fifty per cent. A new school house worth \$5,000 was completed in 1909. All but \$500 has been provided for. This deficit will be raised by collections in the churches.

The academy has 196 acres of land in farm, garden, orchard, meadow, and pasture; a herd of good cattle, two barns, some horses, and farm machinery, so that with the co-operation now assured on the part of the people, we expect success will attend the school financially as well as otherwise.

#### Financial Statement

Tithe for biennial period	\$57,175.40
Trust funds, rec. and disbursed	14,835.75
Sent to San., Nashville	3,030.00
Amount paid to laborers in the South, for tent, schools, and Col. work	3,890.00
Received by Tract Society	21,000.00
Total	\$99,931.15

Funds sent to the South not through the regular channel \$5,675.

#### RESOURCES ACQUIRED BY CONFERENCE ASS'N

Improvements on Bethel Academy	\$ 7,218.76
Clearwater School	1,150.00
Walderly School, bldgs. and machinery	2,450.00
Oneida School, buildings and farm	3,627.00
Real estate donated to Madison San.	10,425.00

Total \$24,870.76

Increase of liabilities 2,640.00

Net increase in available resources \$22,230.76

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

Tithes for former biennial period	\$49,009.00
Present period	57,175.40

Increase \$ 8,166.40

C. McREYNOLDS.

#### Report of Northern Illinois Conference

Our conference was organized in 1902, being a part of the original Illinois Conference. The territory comprises about 20,000 square miles in the northern part of the State and at the time of its organization the population was about 3,000,000, but it has increased until the present estimate is 4,000,000. The membership of the 26 churches that were in the conference at the time of the organization was about 1,000. Two years ago we had 31 churches with a membership of about 1,300. Our present membership is 1,385 in 33 organized churches, and 30 or more scattered Sabbath-keepers. Besides these, we have a company of Sabbath-keepers and a Sabbath-school organized in Zion City, and a company of Bohemians in southeastern Chicago.

Two churches have been organized since the last biennial session.

Our present number of ordained ministers is 12, licentiate 7, Bible workers 10. Departmental workers not included in the above are 4.

We have 10 schools, 13 teachers, with a present enrollment of 150 students.

We have twelve church buildings owned by our people, valued at \$49,050, including the cafe and treatment rooms owned by the Swedish church in Chicago.

The conference controls one sanitarium. In this institution are 2 physicians, 15 nurses, and 4 other helpers. The total assets of the sanitarium amount to \$48,899.99; its liabilities are \$23,991.11; making a present worth above liabilities of \$24,908.88. The total business during the last year done in this institution was \$16,882.48 and the net gain was \$2,373. This a little more than covered the loss of the previous year.

Our offerings to missions in 1908 were \$5,028.02, in 1909, \$5,550.36, so that the total offerings to missions during the biennial period were \$10,578.38. The amount per member for each week during the entire past year was 8.1 cents. We were short of the ten cents a week in the year 1909 to the amount of \$1,276.64.

Of the amount paid to missions, the Sabbath-school paid during the year 1908, \$1,200.88; in 1909, \$1,455.17. We have set out this year to raise the ten cents a week without fail, and have already made a good beginning.

The tithe paid into the conference during the year 1908 was \$17,733.75, being something more than \$13 per member. During the year 1909, the tithe paid into the conference was \$24,511.15, being almost \$18 each for the organized membership, but it was probably more than \$25 per member for those who did pay.

The amount of book and periodical business done through the tract society for 1908 was \$10,420.30. The total sale of periodicals and subscriptions to periodicals for 1909 amounted to \$7,438.05, and the sale of books was \$9,556.33, making the periodical and book business for 1909, \$16,994.38, being a gain over 1908 of \$6,574.08. The cash business done by the tract society in its legitimate book and periodical work for the two years was \$27,414.68. The aggregate amount of business passing through the office for 1908 was \$34,603.66, for 1909, \$46,866.36, making a total amount for the two years of \$81,470.02.

During the past year we have raised \$600 on the tent- and camp-meeting fund, but more than this amount has been invested in good camp-meeting supplies. At the last annual conference, the delegates voted to pay 3% of their income into a fund for conference work but all have not all adopted this plan; the sum raised,

beginning last February amounted to \$752.05 up to January 1, 1910; since that time more than \$100 has been received so that we have now raised about \$900. This bids fair to be a splendid source of income for conference work.

We purchased and paid for a lot at Sheridan on which we have put a good store-house for our conference goods and they are now deposited in that building. Also during this biennial period, we have endeavored to liquidate the conference debt and have succeeded in paying off about \$4,500 of the \$8,000 that we were owing when we commenced to lift this load off the conference.

Since the last session, we also finished raising our part of the \$150,000 Fund and ran considerably above our quota.

The Fox River Academy has been improved by putting in a hot water heating plant in the boys' dormitory and modern conveniences for the ladies' dormitory. We have also provided a regular academy building by purchasing a good structure that belonged to the Sheridan public school and moving it to our grounds, so that we will be able to make at least fifty boarding students comfortable; the outlook for the future of this school is very encouraging. This building will be worth, when completed, \$3,000, and costs us half that amount.

Although we were not successful in securing a missionary secretary to work in the conference, we have endeavored to utilize the help that we could get in various ways. Our field agent has helped us very materially in this business as well as looking after the subscription book interests. We have taken this matter up by correspondence with our churches and workers throughout the conference so that each month in good time we have ordered a supply of magazines; then as the month advanced, we would almost daily see how the stock was going and if there seemed to be any lagging at any time, we would inquire into the reason and then write out to different persons in the conference, asking them to take part in the work. In this way we have been able to sell in the year just closed, 5,440 *Watchman*, 19,705 *Signs Monthly*, 12,902 weekly *Signs*, and 31,100 *Life and Health*, and a smaller number of other magazines, making a total number of 72,732, besides the subscriptions we have obtained for periodicals.

I can see evidences of improvement in the condition of our churches and Sabbath-schools. Though our membership has not largely increased, yet the church records have been made to tell the true condition of things a little more fully than in the past: but we do not claim that we have arrived at a state of perfection by any means, though we are working to it as fast as we can.

We have held two general camp-meetings, one each year. These were fairly well attended, especially the last one, which was held at Elgin. The presence of Sister White was a help to us and of course brought a great many people to the meeting who would otherwise not have been there. We also held a successful local camp-meeting which was a real help to the southeastern corner of the conference.

Last spring we conducted a very helpful workers' meeting at Kankakee, occupying one week of time; almost every worker was present. We were assisted by Elder Moon in this meeting. This fall a helpful workers' meeting was conducted in the Hinsdale Sanitarium. Elder O. A. Olsen being chairman, had charge of the program. It was certainly a very profitable occasion.

In Chicago we have six English speaking churches organized, the last one is composed of colored brethren and sisters. This step was taken after careful counsel with Sister White about what steps should be taken and we are endeavoring to carry out the advice that she gave. This church is composed of twenty members and several others are expecting to join soon. A colored minister is expected to take up work with this people soon.

We have also two Scandinavian churches in Chicago and good ministerial help now in charge of them. One Swedish church, with treatment rooms and cafe is doing successful work. This church has purchased a splendid property and is meeting the payments, having cleared through donations and business during the past year, about \$2,000.

Since our last biennial session, our German work has increased in membership and strength, and besides the substantial gain, we have obtained possession of a splendid church building but have a debt of about \$2,000, which, however, is being reduced by the careful management having it in charge. This not only furnishes a place of meeting for the Germans, but also for one of our English speaking churches. The outlook for success in our German work is good.

We have lately secured help for the Italian work; one ordained minister and a Bible worker. They already have a good attendance at their cottage meetings, also at the public meetings which are being held in the Erie St. church. At the last Sunday evening service reported, one hundred persons were present.

A young man came to us last spring from Europe. During the summer he labored with the German tent company. After the tent season closed, he began to work for the Bohemian people, and now has a small company of Bohemian Sabbath-keepers. A few Poles and Servians are attending these services and are becoming in-

terested in the truth. At present, we have ten organized churches in Chicago with thirteen Sabbath-schools, doing work in six or seven languages.

During each summer, we have conducted five tent-meetings but these have not, as a rule, proved as successful as Bible work and house-to-house labor.

Recently the Foreign Department of the General Conference was established in Chicago and we are favored with the presence of the Chairman of the Department, Elder O. A. Olsen, in our conference office.

WM. COVERT

### Report of the East Michigan Conference

Since reporting last for the East Michigan Conference at the biennial session of the Lake Union Conference, held in Chicago in the spring of 1908, general prosperity has attended our work in all lines and departments, and God in His mercy has spared, protected and prospered all our workers. For this I am profoundly thankful and feel that it should move us to devote ourselves more faithfully to the finishing of the work committed to our hands.

Our conference work has been fully organized after, and in harmony with, the general plan, and all of the departments are fully officered and faithfully operated.

Two general camp-meetings have been held in leading cities in our conference with good attendance from the churches and the outside, resulting in a number of conversions. Several tent efforts have been conducted each season, and special efforts have been made to carry the message to the inhabitants of our leading cities. Ministers and Bible workers have been stationed as far as possible in our largest cities. Two churches have been organized and about 200 have been baptized and added to the churches. We have carried on our pay list thirty-five workers including a few that are disabled by age and sickness. Our faithful workers have labored diligently, and I believe with a burden for souls, and a deep desire to hasten the good work to completion.

The Adelphian Academy is doing a strong work, we believe. Our average enrollment for the two years has been about sixty-five. The buildings are now completed, and they are well adapted to the work. Our debt on the plant is being reduced and will very likely be liquidated in the year to come. Industries in the line of printing, tent-making, and agriculture have been maintained with good results and with a fair outlook. We desire to say with becoming modesty that we feel that the Adelphian Academy is

destined to become a strong factor in fitting many of the young in East Michigan for future usefulness.

We now have fifteen church-schools with a total enrollment of one hundred fifty-five pupils. These schools are all doing very acceptable work. The young people's Missionary Volunteer Department is well organized and many bands of our young people, with several isolated members, are uniting in efforts for self improvement, and in having some part in the work of the message. They are now supporting one worker in the West Indies.

Some attention has been given to the religious liberty and medical work. In these branches we feel that there is a large and important and somewhat neglected field.

Special care has been given to the dependent orphans and aged within our conference, and a general fund is raised by the churches of the conferences which has been so disbursed by our executive committee as to properly provide for all needing such aid.

Our Sabbath-school work has made decided advancement in becoming more efficient as a means of making our churches better acquainted with the truth, and of helping, holding, and safeguarding our children and youth. The advancement made by the Sabbath-schools in furnishing funds for foreign fields is of special interest as will be seen by comparisons made with other years, as will appear in my financial statement.

A special effort has been made by the workers of our missionary department. The comparisons given below will serve to speak more forcibly of the work of this department than any language that I might use. I will indicate the amount of business done in all lines by the cash value.

	1906-7	1908-9	Gain	%Gain
Periodicals	\$2,148.17	\$2,565.92	\$417.75	20%
Magazines	550.23	1,976.50	1,426.27	260%
Books	4,299.20	9,154.70	4,855.50	112%
Total Business	6,997.60	13,697.12	6,099.52	95%

Our present financial situation and the progress made in financial lines is a feature that we in the home field are much interested in, and if I am not greatly mistaken, this is that about which each delegate present here to-day feels much concerned. The back-bone of the financial support of our denominational work is the tithe. Our tithe receipts for 1909 were \$24,414.22, which is the largest tithe for any year in the history of our conference. Equally as favorable advancement has been made on all of the funds during the past two years.

We are supporting four laborers in other fields who are included in the thirty-five laborers carried on our pay list. All tithes and trust funds

have up to this date been promptly passed on to the Union Conference treasurer month by month. The increase of our total assets, as well as the advancement made in all conference funds, will be shown by a comparative report which I shall submit herewith. The figures given below will bear careful study, and they are submitted at this time with no further comments.

#### Comparative Financial Statement

Tithe Receipts for 1908-9	\$45,017.65	
" " " 1906-7	42,190.60	
Gain	2,827.05	6%
Tithes Receipts for 1909	\$24,414.22	
" " " 1904	13,756.82	
Gain	10,657.40	80%
Tithe Receipts for 1909	\$24,414.22	
" " " 1908	20,603.43	
Gain	3,810.79	13%
Funds to other fields for 1908-9	\$23,691.19	
" " " " 1906-7	15,830.32	
Gain	7,851.85	49%
Funds to other fields for 1909	\$12,574.08	
" " " " 1904	3,882.29	
Gain	8,691.79	227%
Total Funds raised 1908-9	\$70,307.83	
" " " " 1906-7	58,968.27	
Gain	11,339.56	20%
Total funds raised 1909	\$39,160.76	
" " " " 1904	16,680.02	
Gain	22,480.74	134%
Sabbath-School Offerings for 1908-9	\$ 3,800.02	
" " " " 1906-7	1,666.08	
Gain	2,133.94	138%
Sabbath-School Offerings for 1909	\$ 2,121.01	
" " " " 1904	706.34	
Gain	1,414.67	200%
Total Conference Assets Jan. 1, 1910	\$16,633.21	
" " " " Jan. 1, 1905	3,950.	
Gain	12,663.21	320%
Average per cent of gain on all funds		118%
Ten-cent-a-week funds raised in 1909	\$ 7,619.51	
Amount per member	4.10	
" " " " per week	.08	
Amount short of ten cents per member	2,042.09	

The figures given above represent a real and encouraging advancement, and I feel that they speak strongly of the faithfulness of our workers, and of the members of our churches in East Michigan. The large increase in all funds represents hard work and much sacrifice on the part of those who love this message. While such figures as given above, and such growth as is revealed by them, represent a good degree of faithfulness on the part of our people, I, with them, feel to give all glory to God who has so richly blessed us, and it is our desire to be more fully committed to Him, that a better and much greater work may be accomplished in the future.

E. K. SLADE.

"Make the best of your troubles you have, and don't hunt more."



## Report of the West Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for the Years 1908 and 1909

I will not attempt a long report, but in few words will endeavor to set before you facts showing some of the progress made in the West Michigan Conference during the biennial period.

Our conference is composed of 3,205 members organized into 77 churches. We have held two general camp-meetings, two workers' councils, conducted 16 series of tent-meetings, a number of other special meetings and conventions. Our laborers have held 7,513 public meetings, given 5,027 Bible readings, baptized 335 converts. One church has been organized, two buildings erected; two others remodeled, freed from debt and dedicated.

We have supported 15 laborers in outside fields. The conferences being helped by these workers are,—North Michigan, Southern Illinois, Louisiana, Virginia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and Alabama. Our working staff has been blessed and graced with the help of seven ancient men, ranging in age from seventy-five to eighty-three years. We have willingly supported these brethren.

The volume of business done through our tract society shows a thirty per cent increase over the previous two year period.

We have the same number of church-schools in our conference as two years ago, with an increased enrollment of twenty-five per cent. There are a little more than three hundred young people enrolled in our young people's societies, many of them doing active missionary work. There have been two new Sabbath-schools organized. Seventy-five per cent of our schools are now giving all their donations to missions; so that the offerings to missions from the Sabbath-schools have greatly increased during the past two years.

There has been considerable activity among our member over the question of temperance. A number of temperance lectures have been delivered by our ministers with good effect. In the campaign a year ago only one precinct in which our ministers lectured went against temperance. There seems to be an awakening in the religious liberty work.

Our total tithe has decreased nearly six thousand dollars, while the tithe in the churches outside of Battle Creek has increased,

We have erected a substantial building for conference offices, a ware-house for storing our camp- and tent-meeting equipment.

We have transferred the Cedar Lake Academy to the North Michigan Conference.

We have established a new school plant at Ot-

sego, which has lately been incorporated under the laws of the State of Michigan as the Otsego Academy. This plant has a farm of 230 acres, also four acres in village lots. We have erected a two-story school building having facilities for accommodating perhaps one hundred and fifty students. There is connected with this plant two dormitories, one for young ladies, the other for young men.

The farm has a good dwelling, three barns with cattle sheds, and is well equipped with stock, machinery, and tools.

The plant as a whole is in the first year of its operation. The dormitories are both filled, also the farm dwelling. The income from the school is more than meeting its running expenses, including the interest on its total indebtedness.

### Statistics

Book Sales	\$11,010.23
Tithe	63,235.04
Offerings to Mission Fields	17,863.77

We have transferred territory including nine churches to the North Michigan Conference, so that our membership beginning with 1910 is 2,929, organized into 68 churches.

Our conference through its incorporations holds property as follows:—

Otsego Academy	\$36,121.61
Real Estate	12,015.00
Bills Receivable	13,086.90
Personal Property	4,053.05
Accounts	3,302.62
Annuities	2,100.00
Cash	324.13

Total Assets	\$71,003.31
Total Liabilities—Including Church Bldgs.	39,253.12

Present Worth 31,750.19

Church Property owned by Assn.	\$73,750.00
“ “ not “ “ “	28,850.00
Schools not owned by Assn.	6,150.00
Total Available Resources	71,003.31

Grand Total	179,753.31
Liabilities	\$39,253.12

Present Worth 140,500.19

A. G. HAUGHEY.

## Report of the North Michigan Conference for Two Years Ending Dec. 31, 1909 to the Lake Union Conference

Since our last report the boundary lines of our conference have been changed to some extent. At a joint meeting of the executive committees of North and West Michigan, March 31, 1909, the the counties of Isabella and Mecosta with the north tier of townships in Montcalm County, territory belonging to West Michigan, were transferred to North Michigan. This gives us six

more churches and an additional membership of 250. At the present time we have four ordained ministers, eight licentiates and two Bible workers. These are placed as nearly as possible in equal divisions of the conference and are working in territory near them.

#### Evangelistic

I find from the report of the laborers during the past two years there have been 144 persons baptized. From the reports that have come in from the clerks of the churches, it appears that there have been 128 names added to the church list, but at the same time these reports show that 77 names were dropped. Quite a number of these have moved out of the conference. It is difficult to keep track of the exact gain, since we cannot get complete reports from all the churches. Our laborers reported good interest last summer with the tents, and all had fruit to show as a result of their work.

In our work among the churches, we have found it to be an advantage to hold meetings especially for church elders, and have adopted the plan of holding a meeting each winter when all our elders can gather together and plan for the work. These gatherings are considered of such importance that the conference voted to make this a permanent affair.

#### Book Work

The last two years have marked advancement in the book work. Brother Johnson has worked faithfully at this, and has succeeded in increasing the sales of our publications to a marked degree. During the year 1908 our canvassers took orders to the amount of \$2,655.55. In the year 1909, orders were taken to the amount of \$6,006.45. There have been two canvassers' institutes held, and it was seen that these meetings were productive of much good in the canvassing work; so much so that we feel we must plan for them each season.

#### Sabbath School

According to our last report, we have 46 Sabbath-schools in the conference with an enrollment of 950. This does not include the membership of the territory that has been transferred from West Michigan. During the last two years the Sabbath-schools of our conference have donated \$1,156.42 to missions. More of our schools are adopting the plan of giving all to missions; and in fact, there are but very few who are not doing so. Miss McClellan reports more schools using the *Sabbath School Worker* than formerly, and the Reading Course for teachers is being adopted. This will mean more efficiency in the Sabbath-school work. Also the test question plan is being used in quite a number of the schools. This has proved to be quite successful and

many of the schools feel that the plan is indispensable.

#### Missionary Volunteer Department

The reports of this department are not as complete as we would like, but on the whole, we can see that progress is being made. The Reading Course is being taken up as a permanent thing by quite a number of our young people; the Standard of Attainment is being adopted; more of our young people's societies are using the studies in the *Instructor* than formerly, and junior societies are being organized. In the two years that have passed, the young people's societies have donated \$67.79 to foreign missionary work.

#### Educational

During the school year ending June 30, 1908, we had 10 church-schools. This winter we have 12 with an enrollment of 159. During the year 1908 it was decided that we needed an intermediate school in our conference, and one was started at Petoskey. At this school we had an enrollment of 21 students and at the close we graduated 4 from the 10th grade. This school was a success from all view points. In the spring of 1909 we secured control of Cedar Lake Academy and so have discontinued the one at Petoskey. The school at Cedar Lake has been in operation quite a number of years, so will not need any description to this body. In the two years' work before this conference, 26 students were graduated. The report show 11 conversions during that period. At the present time, the school is under the management of an able corps of teachers, and successful work is being done. Quite extensive improvements have been made in the academy and also on the school farm. In the dormitory steam heat has been installed, and in the academy a hot air furnace has been placed. Both buildings have been freshly papered and painted inside. Nearly a mile of woven wire fencing has been put up and the farm is in the best condition it has ever been.

#### Financial

The tithe has not been as high as we should like to have seen it. Most of our people are farmers, so the shortage in crops has lowered the receipts. The amount of tithes received in 1908 and 1909 was \$16,892.10. The amount of offering raised by our people for work outside of the conference in these two years was \$4,118.54, making a total amount of \$21,010.64. We raised our apportionment of the \$150,000 Fund, and at the last elders' meeting the \$300,000 Fund was discussed and plans were laid to raise our share of it.

J. J. IRWIN.

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"He that walketh uprightly walketh surely."

## Conference Proceedings

### Report of Committee on Distribution of Labor

Morris Lukens gave the report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor, as follows, and Moved its adoption:—

Your Committee on Distribution of Labor would respectfully submit the following:—

That O. Morris, of Northern Illinois, make Indiana his field of labor.

That C. J. Tolf, of Southern Illinois, make West Michigan his field of labor, and take the position of field missionary agent.

That we invite Elbert Fishell, of East Michigan, to make Southern Illinois his field of labor.

That in response to the request of the General Conference, we request the North Michigan Conference to release M. B. Butterfield in order that he may make Maine his field of labor.

### Sixteenth Meeting of the Fifth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference

The sixteenth meeting of the Fifth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference held at 3 P. M., Thursday, February 17, 1910, in the Tabernacle at Battle Creek, Michigan.

Allen Moon presided.

Hymn No. 222 was sung.

Prayer was offered by Elder S. Mortenson.

The record of the fifteenth meeting was accepted as read.

No. 27 of the final report of the Committee on Plans was read.

C. Weber said that the Germans have also in their language a journal of the same style and name as the Swedish *Signs of the Times*, and it was Moved by C. Weber, seconded by J. B. Blosser to amend No. 27 by inserting "also the German *Signs of the Times* to be sold among the Germans." Amendment carried.

No 28 read and adopted by a rising vote of the whole congregation.

The report was then carried.

The Chair called up the report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor, and a second reading was given it. Carried unanimously.

### Final Report of Committee on Nominations

J. J. Irwin presented the final report of the Committee on Nominations, as follows, and Moved its adoption:—

Missionary Secretary: C. J. Buhalts.

Religious Liberty Secretary: Allen Moon.

Additional members for the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee:

C. J. Buhalts, J. W. Mace.

Fourteenth and fifteenth members referred to

the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee to elect.

Member of the Medical School Board on the Pacific Coast: Allen Moon.

Swedish Seminary Board:

Allen Moon; O. A. Olsen; S. Mortenson; C. L. Stone; C. Meleen; Wm. Covert; E. J. Boo.

That the section of Educational, Medical and Missionary Volunteer Secretaries be referred to the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee, also all other vacancies.

The report was presented to the house at once, and given a second reading. As it is not certain that C. L. Stone will be an officer of the Lake Union Conference, it was Moved by Morris Lukens, seconded by Wm. Woodford, to amend the report by eliminating the name of C. L. Stone from the Swedish Seminary Board, and that the words "Educational Secretary" be inserted in its place. Amendment carried.

The report as a whole was then adopted by vote.

### Report of Committee on Credentials and Licenses

E. A. Bristol rendered a report for the Committee on Credentials and Licenses as follows, and Moved its adoption:—

For Ministerial Credentials: Allen Moon, C. J. Buhalts.

Ministerial License: J. B. Blosser, O. J. Graf.

Missionary License: W. H. Edwards.

All other names referred to the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee.

The names were re-read and action taken on the report at once. Carried unanimously.

E. K. Slade stated that the selection of the twenty men as a locating Committee for the Swedish Seminary was left with the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference, according to the action taken in the Fifth Biennial Session of the Lake Union Conference, on the second partial report of the Committee on Plans and Recommendations, so the names are not presented at this meeting.

Moved by Wm. Woodford to refer the minutes of this last meeting of the Executive Committee of the Lake Union Conference for approval or correction. Carried.

Moved, by Byron Post, that the Fifth Biennial Session do now adjourn *sine die*.

The meeting was dismissed by Elder Wm. Covert.

ALLEN MOON, *Chairman*,  
W. H. EDWARDS, *Secretary*.

The darkest picture of paganism is not overdrawn. The poorness and hardness, narrowness and joylessness of human existence in paganism, in Central Africa at least, must be seen to be understood.—From "*Dawn in the Dark Continent*."

## Revised Constitution of the Lake Union Conference

(As revised at the fifth biennial session of the Lake Union Conference.)

### ARTICLE I. NAME

This organization shall be known as the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

### ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Conference shall be the economizing of our time, energy, and means for the speedy heralding of the third angel's message to all within our borders, and the assisting, as far as possible, in the giving of the same to all the world.

### ARTICLE III. BOUNDS

This Conference shall include the conferences of the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, and Illinois, with such territory as may hereafter be added.

### ARTICLE IV. REPRESENTATION

Section 1. The delegates to this Conference shall be its officers and such persons as the executive committee may name.

Section 2. Each local conference shall be entitled to one delegate to any session of the Lake Union Conference, without reference to numbers, and one additional delegate for each one hundred and fifty members of such local conference.

### ARTICLE V. DEPARTMENTS

The various phases of the work of this Conference shall be divided into departments as follows: Evangelical, Medical, Educational, Book, Religious Liberty, and such other departments as may become necessary in the development of the work.

### ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Lake Union Conference shall consist of the president, vice-president, recording secretary, treasurer, auditor, an educational secretary, medical secretary, missionary secretary, missionary agent, religious liberty secretary, and Missionary Volunteer secretary; also an executive committee as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. Election of officers. The above named officers shall be elected at the regular sessions of the Lake Union Conference, for a term of two years, or until the election of their successors.

Section 3. Executive Committee. The executive committee of the Lake Union Conference shall consist of fifteen members, of which the president and the recording secretary shall be members; also the presidents of the local conferences in the Lake Union shall be members ex-officio.

### ARTICLE VII. TRUSTEES AND AGENTS

Section 1. The members of the Conference shall, at each regular session, elect boards of management for such incorporated institutions and enterprises as are or may be connected with this organization, in accordance with the rules governing the same, and the laws of the State wherein the same are situated.

Section 2. The executive committee shall appoint departmental secretaries, committees, agents or other persons as are necessary to carry on its work.

### ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President. The duties of the president shall be such as usually pertain to that office.

Section 2. Secretaries. The duties of the secretaries shall be such as usually pertain to that office, and they shall also do such other work as the executive committee shall assign them.

Section 3. Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Conference, to keep a faithful account of, to deposit and disburse the same, according to the direction of the executive committee. He

shall make a full report of receipts and disbursements at all regular sessions of the Conference, or at such times as may be required by said committee. The treasurer shall also collect from the conferences embraced in the Lake Union Conference, such financial and statistical reports as are required, and forward copies of the same as the committee may direct.

Section 4. Auditor. The auditor shall faithfully audit the books of the Conference at such times as directed by the executive committee, and make report of the same to the Conference. He may also audit the books of the several state conferences embraced in the Lake Union Conference upon their request.

Section 5. Executive Committee. During the interval between the sessions of the Conference, the executive committee shall have full administrative power, and shall exercise a general watchcare over all matters pertaining to the work of the Conference, and shall fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in the Conference, unless the same has been provided for in other sections of the Constitution or By-Laws. It shall direct the work of the employees of the Conference, and pay them for labor performed at regular intervals, from the funds of the Lake Union Conference.

Section 6. The executive committee may call for donations from local conferences, churches, or individuals, when, in their judgment, it becomes necessary. They may also make contributions to the General Conference from the funds on hand when there is urgent need and it seems advisable.

Section 7. Trustees. Trustees elected by the Conference for any corporate organization shall faithfully perform the duties incumbent upon them by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Lake Union Conference, the corporate laws of the State in which the same may be located, and make such reports from time to time as the law requires or the executive committee may ask.

Section 8. Agents. The business and canvassing agents shall faithfully perform the duties belonging to their respective offices, under the direction of the executive committee and in harmony with the laws governing the corporate bodies they may represent. They shall make such reports and at such times, to the executive committee or Conference, as may be required by the same.

### ARTICLE IX. AUDITING COMMITTEE

The auditing committee shall be composed of the president of the Lake Union Conference and the presidents of the State conferences, with such assistance as in their judgment may be advisable, and who shall audit the accounts of the Conference laborers at least once a year.

### ARTICLE X. FUNDS

Section 1. The funds of the Lake Union Conference shall consist of such title as it shall receive from the several local conferences within its determined bounds, with such gifts, legacies, bequest, devices and other donations as shall otherwise be made to it.

Section 2. The title shall be used for such purposes only as the word of the Lord directs. All other means to be used according to the best judgment of the executive committee and the specifications of the donors.

### ARTICLE XI. SESSIONS

The Lake Union Conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of about two years, at such time and place as its executive committee shall designate, by a notice in the *Review and Herald* a reasonable time before the date of the meeting.

### ARTICLE XII. BY-LAWS

The Conference may make By-Laws and amend them or repeal them at any session. The scope of such By-Laws may embrace all subjects not inconsistent with this Constitution.

### ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members present at any regular session.

**Book Work**

**\*How Can Conference Officers and Ministers Best Help a Field Agent in His Work?**

S. E. WIGHT

If the word "best" had been eliminated from this topic, I could have written this with more assurance. As it is, I am supposed to give you the best methods, but this I am not sure I can do, and will have to leave you to judge.

There are many ways of helping a field agent. The worker must be thoroughly in sympathy with the book work. He must see that it is through the literature printed in our publishing houses, under our competent writers and editors, that the great mass of the people are to be given the third angel's message. The worker may say he believes what is taught in this line by the denomination, and it may be he can keep from the public and from his brethren his doubts; but if he does have doubts as to the success of carrying of this truth by the printed page, his influence will be negative. Our influence as workers should be positive. Every word and act should tell that we believe God has set His hand to warn the principal part of this world by the printed page.

Every minister and every Bible worker should sell books. When the worker sells books, it is because he knows their value in molding minds. If he knows their value, he will endeavor to get help, and have books sold ahead of his work.

There are those in this Union who are members of the labor union for the purpose of securing work. In some places, no voice has been heard in the past crying out against this evil. Workers have fainted as they faced the situation, and instead of having faith in the ability of God's people to gain a livelihood by selling our literature, they have advised men to join the union or remain in the union, as the case may be, in order to get a living. When people accept this truth, the minister should hold the standard high. If a new convert to the faith is cut off from his trade, advise him to enter the canvassing work. The great reason why many in the canvassing work are not able to provide food and raiment for their families is because the worker who brought them into the truth had but little faith in the canvassing work as a means of support. The worker must have faith in the promises of God to feed His people who publish the third angel's message. "Like priest like people."

What is true of the minister is also true of the departmental secretaries and officers. The suc-

cess of their work depends largely upon their ability to get the people to reading the literature prepared for their department. If the secretaries understand this, they will be in sympathy with the plan for the distribution of literature, and will second the efforts of the field agent.

The conference president should be closely associated with the canvasser. It encourages him to know that the president is in touch with his work. His interest should not be simply to notice the number of visits made, the number of books sold, and the hours devoted to work, but he should interest himself in his difficulties, and study plans with him for the perfection of his work. Every canvasser, like every other worker, has experiences which tend to discourage. When he finds the head man in the conference interested in his line of work so much that he will spend time to plan for the betterment of it, he takes courage. The president should treat the canvasser with the same courtesy as any other conference worker, giving him a share of his time and counsel. There are methods known by the successful conference president, though he may not be a professional canvasser, which, if imparted, will enable the canvasser to improve, and many will appreciate the advice, and be saved to the work. Reverses sometimes come; sickness in the canvasser's family, bad deliveries, and the like. At such times there should be careful consideration, and some plan devised to carry them to their next delivery.

Therefore, I conclude that ministers and conference officers can best help by having implicit confidence in the result of the canvasser's efforts, and by being book and tract agents themselves, always talking courage, and ever pointing the canvasser to the panacea for every difficulty—the second coming of Jesus Christ.

**CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING**

**FEBRUARY 25, 1910**

**North Michigan**

Canvasser	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
W. W. Christian.....	G. C.	39	1	\$ 3 00	\$13 50	\$16 50
K. V. Bjork (Del.)....	Finn Rev.	46	2	6 00	.....	6 00
Mrs. L. A. Newell.....	H. H.	12	1	3 00	2 60	5 60
		97	4	12 00	16 10	28 10

**Wisconsin**

N. O. Kittleson .....	B. R.	33	11	42 00	4 35	46 35
Louis Scholz .....	B. R.	33½	8	24 00	4 00	28 00
Francis Elzea .....	B. R.	32	8	24 00	2 30	26 30
Otis O. Potter.....	G. C.	29	7	22 00	.....	22 00
W. M. Dittmer.....	G. C.	30	3	9 00	4 00	13 00
F. E. Middlestead .....	B. R.	20	3	11 00	.....	11 00
		177½	40	132 00	14 65	146 65

**East Michigan**

John Jacobs.....	C. K.	44	13	15 50	2 85	18 35
Mrs. C. S. Countryman ..	C. K.	5	3	3 50	4 20	7 70
L. I. Hall .....	D. R.	15	6	21 00	3 00	24 00
Mary A. Lewis .....	D. R.	8	3	8 25	.....	8 25
W. D. Moore .....	D. R.	26	8	24 00	8 90	32 90
Harrison Face.....	D. R.	19	2	6 00	3 70	9 70
C. S. Countryman.....	D. R.	7	1	3 00	.....	3 00
		124	36	81 25	22 65	103 90

No. of agents, 16.      398½    80    \$278 65    \$ 53 40    \$332 05

\* Paper read at the Bookmen's Convention.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST Emmanuel Missionary College

Mr. Hubert Swartout spent Sabbath in South Bend.

Mr. Frank Hicks is making his sister and cousin a visit.

Mr. Mead was called to Battle Creek the evening after the Sabbath.

Mrs. Luchenbill, of Hazelton, Mich., is visiting her son Roy for a few days.

Mr. H. Forshee of Fairgrove entered school at the beginning of the spring term.

Miss Mabel Boo has returned to continue her school work during the spring term.

The latest word received from Mrs. Runck is to the effect that Dr. Runck is slightly better and is almost free from pain.

The College band of ten members gave their first public concert in the College chapel last Saturday evening. There was a good turn-out and the thirteen numbers were fully appreciated. We hope to have "music in the air" again soon.

The following items or corrections are concerning E. M. C. students within the years 1905-8:

Mildred Wahl-Walker lives in Kentucky.

Earnest Beardsly is working in Kalamazoo.

Lorena Smith-Losey lives with her husband and little daughter near Jackson, Mich.

Bertha Erickson is doing stenographic work in the office of the N. A. Foreign Dept. at Chicago.

Walter Hastings is working for the Michigan Optician's Supply Co. in Grand Rapids, Mich.

W. D. Forde was recently installed as pastor of the new colored church organized on the South Side, Chicago.

Mina Hastings-Dow lives in California. Her husband, Ordis Dow, was a student at the College a number of years ago.

Vesta Covert-Jones lives in Mansfield, Mass., her husband being a licensed minister of the Central New England Conference.

Those who attended the summer school last summer may be interested to know who are now teaching. In East Michigan are Nettie Stevenson, Ivah Krome, Alfaratta Sherman, Mildred Rathbun, Myrtie Fishell and Reta Fenner. Professor Dresser is principal of Adelpian Academy, at Holly.

In North Michigan the following have schools: Ruby Hastings, Inis Morey, Genie Symonds, and Della Starkey.

Evert Beuchel is Principal of the Takoma Park, D. C., school.

In Northern Illinois are Mabel Rank, Ethel Fosler, Vera Pierce, and Nina Landon.

Those located in Southern Illinois are Buelah Hough, Ruth Saxby, and Elsie Newlan.

Those teaching in Indiana are: J. H. Shrock, Beatrice Murphey, Lena Vance, Mayna Miller, Belva Vance, Alta Custer, Geo. Knapp, Glenn Harris.

From Ohio those teaching are Rosella Draper, Lottie Gibson, Florence Hottis, Myrtle Laughery, Leona Gibson, Bertha Laughlin, and Anna Franklin.

The following teach in West Michigan: Mabel Baker, Glenn Schoonard, Susie Klose, Ruth Peel, Anna Collige, Edith Colburn, Thallie Halvorsen, Fyrn Ford, and Edna Cooper.

In Wisconsin we find Laura Antisdell, Ethel Procter, Mabel McConnell, Carrie Borg, Rebecca De Pas, and Martha Borg. Miss Bertha Rathbun has become Superintendent of Primary schools in that State.

### Wisconsin

Prof. C. L. Stone was a caller recently at the office.

Brother F. B. Numbers will locate in Delaware, Ohio.

Mrs. C. McReynolds is spending a few weeks in Madison, Wis.

State agent Halderson is spending a few days at his desk in the tract society office.

Professor C. L. Stone and Elder C. McReynolds visited Ashland church last Sabbath and Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Bramhall, former business manager of the Madison Sanitarium, took his departure for Montana last Sunday, Feb. 27. His family will follow him after few weeks.

Miss Kate Macey, former preceptress of Bethel Academy, has connected with the sanitarium at Madison as head nurse. The interior of the building is being improved and everything is taking on a cheering aspect.

Born—to Professor and Mrs. Paul Shepler of Doswell, Va. on Feb. 12, 1910, a daughter. Also to Professor and Mrs. Thornton of the same place, on Feb. 17, 1910, a son.

Elder M. H. Serns and his brother A. E. Serns, still continue the good work in Kenosha. They have interested quite a number of men in the truth and look for some of these to take a stand for the message very soon.

P. C. Hanson, our missionary secretary, spent Sabbath and Sunday, Feb. 26-27 with the church at Blue River, and although a good many members are away the society took its entire quota of "Ministry of Healing." We are keeping the Review and Herald office at South Bend busy.

The annual board meeting of Bethel Academy was held March 2. The following persons were chosen as members of the faculty for the coming year 1910-1911: Principal, Professor C. L. Stone; Preceptor, Professor Grover Fattic; Preceptress, Miss Amy Foote; other members,—Mrs. C. L. Stone, Mr. Louis A. Dahl; Mr. A. J. Olsen, Farming; Miss Maude Warren, Music; Miss Lavina McChesney, Sewing.

Word from Elder Scott of the Bear Lake church (his home) brings the information that their work continues. The meetings began during the week of prayer and since that time they have held four regular meetings each week besides a young people's meeting Sabbath forenoon. Fourteen have been won to Christ. The Sabbath-school has more than doubled.

A letter recently received from G. W. Stilson, Sec. and Treas. of the S. Dakota Tract Society, brings the cheering news that a young man by the name of M. M. Anderson, in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, with whom he had been in correspondence for some time, began the observance of the Sabbath on Christmas day. His name has been given to Elder Post, superintendent of the district, who will visit the young man very soon.

Elder J. H. Hoffman reports from Superior that another Swedish lady has just begun the observance of the Sabbath and that her husband is also very much interested. Elder Hoffman is planning to begin a series of meetings in Billings Park, a suburb of Superior. He is assisted in his work among the Swedish people by Miss Esther Anderson who has lately come to us from the Iowa Conference. There is probably no other city in the State where we so badly need a church-building as in Superior.

The Madison Sanitarium will graduate a class of nine nurses—one gentleman and eight ladies. The graduating exercises will be held about April 23; the definite date will be announced very soon. Elder W. A. Spicer has been invited to give the address to this class. Some of these dear young people are ready to say, "Anywhere dear Saviour, to work for Thee." Some will doubtless be called to the great wide harvest-field across the ocean in the near future.

Mr. P. L. Larson is now located at Madison Sanitarium and is fully installed as business manager of the institution. His cheerful smile is appreciated by the helpers, the patients, and all connected with the institution. The sanitarium is enjoying a good patronage at present. Much more surgery has been done there lately than for some time in the past, and every case has been successful. Dr. Hopkins is proving himself to be a master surgeon as well as an excellent physician.

They are siding their church-building at Bear Lake, have extended their church-school pledge to cover nine months. Elder Scott says, "We have tried a place where we could let go here and visit Barron and Bruce, but we do not find it yet. Last Friday evening we had a Bible study at my home. The house was full. Several were present, not yet Christians, who took part with us. There is no excitement, only a sober, earnest work under the deep movings of the Spirit of God. What is before us we know not, but we look for victories all along the line." Elder Scott says that his son who has returned from the school at Hawthorne hopes to attend Bethel Academy in the future.

#### West Michigan

C. J. Tolf expects to assume the work of the missionary agent this week.

The auditing committee met Tuesday to go over the laborers' accounts for 1909.

Mrs. S. Legried, of Centralia, Ill., visited her daughter at the academy last week.

O. L. Denslow is in the southern part of the conference in the interest of the Young People's work.

Now is the time to get the Year Book for 1910 while it is new. Send 25 cents to the conference office.

Miss Edith Shepard spent a few days following the Lake Union Conference with her parents at Otsego.

Elder M. C. Guild visited in Byron Center on his way from the Conference to his home in North Michigan.

All who will attend the conference are requested to notify Elder W. R. Matthews, 22 Cass Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan, in order that sleeping accommodations may be provided.

#### North Michigan

The interest still remains good at Alpena.

Out of a delivery of over \$100 worth of books, Brother K. V. Bjork lost only one order.

Sister Isabella Campbell has returned to Houghton and is ready to take up her Bible work again.

N. H. Pool reports the church-members busy at Mount Pleasant and finding more personal work than they can do.

Wm. S. Hipkins of Mecosta, who is spending the winter in Grand Rapids, has ordered a quantity of magazines for use there.

Elder E. A. Bristol has begun in Petoskey with the Family Bible Teacher. He hopes to get the church-members to engage in this work.

Mrs. M. B. Butterfield returns to her home in Alpena this week from an extended visit with her parents, Elder and Mrs. W. D. Parkhurst, of Iowa.

Brother E. F. Peterson has returned to his work in Houghton, stopping at Menominee and Ishpeming on his way from the Lake Union Conference.

Elder E. A. Bristol is beginning a series of meetings near Petoskey where Brother R. J. Carr has been giving Bible readings and distributing literature for some time past.

Cooking Oil for sale at our tract society office, in five gallon cans, four dollars. Cash with order. This is a good grade of oil, and we feel sure that all who use it will be well pleased with it.

Mrs. Ida Parliament of West Branch sends us in a recent letter a list of twenty-five subscribers for the *Protestant Magazine*. Is your church trying to get our periodicals before the people?

One church with only a few members has decided to rent three or four acres of land and plant it to beans. The church at Grant has promised four acres of land, and individual members have made additional promises.

The LAKE UNION HERALD is to be sent to a number of the people in the conference for a short time. We solicit your subscription to the paper. All subscriptions taken in North Michigan should be sent to the North Michigan Tract Society.

A canvassers, institute will be held at the Riverside church, near Perkins in the Upper Peninsula, April 1-10. All interested in the canvassing work in that part of the field should attend this institute, and Brother H. W. Johnson would be pleased to hear from them.

We have on hand a supply of Oxford Bible catalogues which will be sent out through the conference in a few days. Our supply of book catalogues will be in a few days and these will also be sent out. Any orders that our people may send in for the books listed will be given prompt and careful attention.

Miss Evelyn Hogan, aged eleven years, of Hancock, sold twenty of our periodicals in one evening the past month. One man in the Finnish College bought nine copies and handed them to as many men standing by him. What are the rest of our young people doing?

Brother C. E. Sutton, one of our canvassers, writes that he has been sick for several weeks. Speaking of the Delwin Sabbath-school, which has been built up largely through his efforts, he says, "We are having a good attendance at Sabbath-school and meeting, thirteen to seventeen each Sabbath, with others interested."

Brother E. F. Peterson reports that a family who have recently accepted the Sabbath under his labors have moved to Texas, and that Brother R. W. Coon and family are soon to leave Houghton. He says, "It seems a hard matter to hold people in this country after they accept the truth, but we hope to find the honest in heart and possibly some will remain to build up the work here."

We are trying to make our part of the LAKE UNION HERALD interesting, but we cannot manufacture news. We would be glad to have our people throughout the conference send in items of interest. It gives us pleasure to hear from our members. Let the church-members, canvassers, church-school teachers and conference workers be faithful in reporting and North Michigan's columns will be filled each week. Our address is 510 Petoskey St., Petoskey, Mich.

Quite an enthusiasm is being manifested by our people concerning the Acre Plan. A number of letters are being received in answer to a circular letter that was sent out some time ago, and everyone so far promises to help in it. A good many acres have been promised by individuals. Some have promised one-half acre, some a week's wages, some a certain portion of their income during the summer, and some have promised to raise missionary chickens, and various other lines of work are being taken up. If all our people take hold in this spirit, our conference will be able to swing its portion of the money that is to be raised this year.

#### Very Important!

The HERALD goes to press Sunday morning. News Notes may be received as late as the Saturday night before. All other matter intended for publication must reach us not later than Thursday, otherwise it will be left over until the next issue.

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Word has just been received from Washington that the House Committee on the District of Columbia has decided to grant a hearing on the Johnston Sunday Bill, on Tuesday, March 8, from 10 to 12 A. M., and the opponents are to be given half the time. We hope soon to receive a favorable report of this bill.

**East Michigan Conference**

The eighth annual session of the East Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner of Pine and Washtenaw Streets, Lansing, Mich., March 28-April 3, 1910. The first meeting will be called to order at 7 P. M., March 28. Monday evening, Tuesday, and possibly a part of Wednesday will be devoted to a church officers' and conference laborers' meeting. The conference will be organized at 10:30 A. M., Wednesday the 30th. The election of officers and such other business as may properly come before the conference will be attended to at this session.

Section 2 and 3 of Article 4 of the East Michigan Conference Constitution provides for the membership of the conference as follows: "The voters of this conference shall be such duly accredited delegates as shall receive delegates credentials from their respective churches, the executive committee, all persons holding ministerial or missionary credentials or licenses in the conference; and such heads of departments as the executive committee shall furnish with credentials.

"Each church shall be entitled to one delegate to each fifteen members or fraction thereof."

E. K. SLADE, *President*,  
E. I. BEEBE, *Secretary*.

**East Michigan Conference Association**

The East Michigan Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will hold its eighth annual meeting at Lansing, Mich., March 31, to April 3,

1910. The first meeting of the association will be called Thursday, March 31, at 10:30 A. M.

All regularly elected delegates to the East Michigan Conference (unincorporated) are members of the East Michigan Conference Association, and, as such, are entitled to vote on all questions coming before the association. The election of trustees and the transaction of such other business as may come before the association will be taken up at this meeting.

E. K. SLADE, *President*,  
A. R. SANDBORN, *Secretary*.

**Southern Illinois**

Miss Edith Shepard spent Thursday, the 3d, with the school, in Decatur.

W. E. Schwartz spent, Sabbath, Feb. 26, with the First Springfield church.

Elder S. E. Wight was in Decatur March 3 on business for the association.

Elder J. B. Locken reports a total of eighteen Sabbath-keepers to date at Hisson. They organized a Sabbath-school last week.

Sister Bertha Ashmore and her husband, of Noble, Illinois, have located at Pontoosuc where he will be employed by Sister Teesdale.

Brother Hugo Mutzfeldt reports a very successful delivery of books last week. He lost only one order and sold that book. Brother T. B. House reports the same success.

By the time this paper reaches its readers the elders' meeting to be held in Springfield will be about over. It is expected that this meeting will prove of great help to the work in this field. Pray for its success.

The March number of the *Watchman* is especially good and attractive.

**The Signs Weekly**

For many years the *Signs of the Times* has been our leading missionary paper in this country. The day of judgment alone will reveal the results of the use of this means for the advancement of the truth. Among religious journals it stands with a few contemporaries for the faith once delivered to the saints as opposed to sophistry, philosophy and higher criticism, so-called, but skepticism in reality, which fill the religious press of the day.

By the presentation of truth it answers every criticism of the Bible; it is a staunch advocate of all that is pure in principle and practice, and is in every way worthy of the confidence of the people, as a missionary agent. It will help the people generally to distinguish between truth and error, and should be

placed in as many homes as the limit of our means and energies will permit.

If our people in the Lake Union Conference could engage in a campaign for the wide circulation of this periodical among the people, no doubt a harvest of souls would be the result. Truth is mighty; but like Pilate, the people are asking, "What is truth?" and we must furnish the answer. The *Signs* will help very greatly in this effort.

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WANTED—A consecrated Seventh-day Adventist man to work on dairy farm, for eight months beginning April 1. Must be energetic. \$25 per month to right man. Geo. Stiles, Dousman, Wis.

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A few Barred Rock cockerels, well barred, blocky, Bradley Brothers, strain. Good ones,—bargains. One black Orpington cock. College Poultry Yards, Berrien Springs, Michigan.