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ONE DOLLAR MORE

At this writing the prospect is very favorable for our reaching, if not passing by a good margin, our \$10,000 Harvest Ingathering goal, but to make sure that we reach the mark, and with a good margin to the good, I am writing this line to suggest that several hundred of our people in the State make a further effort to secure at least one dollar additional to what has already been received.

If our nearly three thousand church members in the State would each do this, what a splendid result would be accomplished. Some way I feel confident that at least one thousand of our people, (one out of three of our membership) could accomplish this by only a little extra effort. What a splendid thing it would be if we could raise two or three thousand dollars above the \$10,000 mark, and thus help the foreign mission treasury in answering some of the many calls that they are unable to answer because of the lack of funds. If all could have heard Elder Daniells tell of the crying appeals from all parts of the world at

our recent Sioux City Convention, I am sure that everyone would want to do his best and bring in the utmost farthing.

I do not mean to indicate by the heading of this article and the suggestion herein contained, that anyone is limited to the raising of just one lone dollar, for if some can raise several dollars it will help in making up for those who do not even do this much. We still have a few hundred copies of the Ingathering papers at the Tract Society, which we will gladly send in large or small quantities to any who may desire them. How nice it would be if by December 31, every Harvest Ingathering paper of the more than 60,000 that have come to our State could be in the homes of the people, with a corresponding offering to missions. I am sure that all will be pleased when we come to the last day of the year 1918 for what they have done, and let us remember that what we do accomplish in the Ingathering work for the current year must be done very soon, as the days are rapidly passing. A. R. Ogden.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL DEPT.

M. B. Van Kirk, Secretary

MEETING OF THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE EDU- CATIONAL BOARD.

On account of influenza in the Seminary, the meeting of the Educational board for the Northern Union Conference was held in Minneapolis.

Those present were P. H. Adam Schmidt, Harvey, N. D.

Anderson, Maple Plain, Minn.; L. A. Hoopes, and John J. Koehn, Nevada, Ia.; Bert Rhoads, Redfield, S. Dak.; Elders E. L. Stewart and J. H. Roth, Jamestown, N. Dak.; A. R. Ogden, Nevada, Ia.; E. T. Russell, Watertown, S. Dak.; N. P. Neilsen, Hutchinson, Minn.; W. H. Clark, Chas. Thompson, and M. B. Van Kirk of Minneapolis.

The Educational secretary being chairman by virtue of his office presided, and Prof. L. R. Anderson was appointed to act as secretary.

The delegates joined with the Minneapolis church in the Sabbath meetings and considered themselves favored to have present at some of the meetings, Elder Daniells, the president of the General Conference.

The outline of work included forty topics each of which was of interest and importance in connection with the educational work of the Union Conference.

A careful report was made by the secretary of all the meetings. This will be duplicated and sent out to all teachers of the Union very soon. The spirited discussions of some topics showed the interest in the minds of the delegates, and everyone seemed to feel that the meeting was a decided success and very helpful to the school men in their work.

We all were sorry for the absence of Prof. Sheldon of Redfield, and Prof. Hiatt of Anoka, both being detained by sickness.

The expressions of the delegates voiced the sentiment that this was a very helpful meeting. All joined in their hospitable en-
to the Minnesota
M. B. Van Kirk.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHURCH SCHOOLS

When the tempest of war and pestilence is upon us, we sometimes feel in our human way of reckoning, that God's work in the earth may go down in ruin. The storm clears away; the most stable things man has built have fallen in the dust; but God's work, virile and progressive, goes right on. This is true of every department of God's work, and particularly so of the church school work at this time. It seemed that the church school work must fail this year. The recent educational laws affecting our work, conditions arising on account of the war, the influenza,—all seemed against us.

We have at present fifteen schools. Over at Camp Crook, in the northwest corner of the State, is Miss Clara McClelland with her little flock. One would have a difficult task to convince the Camp Crook brethren that church schools do not pay. The same would be true at Breckenridge, where Miss Alice Griffith has a school of twelve.

Miss Hazel Berg teaches in Brother Chris Dollinger's summer kitchen at Bowdle, and Miss Queen Weinheimer in Brother Fred Binder's summer kitchen at Tolstoy. Here are two active, earnest groups of boys and girls with their minds fixed on fields beyond via Plainview and Union. Miss Petrina Ruskjer will soon be giving Christian instruction to another group between these two schools, in Brother Henry Eder's neighborhood. Miss Alfrida Mortensen is at Colome, isolated from our other schools, but cheerfully instructing her little school of six in the Colome church building. There are six schools west of the river.

Miss Idona Hill is conducting a family school in the Albert Albersen home at Frankfort. A recent addition of several neighbor children has taken this school out of the home school column. At Leola, in the Daniel Binder home, Miss Olga Lorenz is busy with an interesting little group in a finely equipped room. Miss Blanch Wood is teaching at Coleman, in the church building near Brother Chas. Scriven's. Miss Wood has had several years of excellent experience and her patrons appreciate her services.

Miss Floy Bowes, at Madison, has spent her vacation on account of the influenza, largely in Harvest Ingath-

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ering work. The church building at Madison has been enlarged and adapted to the needs of the school work. At Chamberlain Miss Magnuson is teaching the largest school in the State. This is her second year at Chamberlain. At Monroe in the May home is our smallest school with Miss Marrison Hunziker in charge.

At Sioux Falls an equipment of new desks has been installed. The school is closed, for a short time only we hope, awaiting a teacher. The Redfield school has had its share of discomfort on account of the epidemic, but is in operation again under the efficient management of Mrs. Nella Jeys. Miss Florence Little teaches in the public school building at Clarno, ten miles south of Winfred.

During the epidemic our teachers have been busy caring for the sick. In some schools, as they are taking up their work again, the public school children, on account of the shortage of public school teachers, are coming to our schools. It looks now as though the enrollment will be almost as high as it was last year. We have lost no teachers by influenza and they loyally stay by their school duties. The educational work is not lying down to die. It will accomplish the thing whereunto God has sent it. Bert Rhoads.

OVERCOMING THE EPIDEMIC

We believe our readers will be interested in the following account of the influenza epidemic at the Seminary which appeared in the Hutchinson Leader of December 13, written by its editor.

SEMINARY CINCHES FLU

HUTCH. INSTITUTION MAKES A RECORD COMBATTING DISEASE.

120 EXPOSED, 90 PATIENTS, NO DEATHS, NONE VERY SICK.

On the authority of Dr. Fred Shepard, health officer of Hutchinson city, it may be stated that no public institution in the state of Minnesota has up to date made a record in handling influenza, the worldwide epidemic that has swept millions into their graves, like that to the credit of the

Hutchinson Seventh-day—Adventist Seminary.

The Seminary with 120 of its 180 students and teachers housed under one roof, was invaded by the malady three weeks ago. Symptoms of the malady developed with some 90 of these and, under the direction of Dr. H. E. Larson, a graduate physician, member of the Seminary faculty, every person showing indication of sickness was at once put to bed with a trained nurse taking temperature and watching for symptoms of the epidemic. If those symptoms developed the patient was required to remain in bed. There were no drugs to be given but, with complete rest and quiet went a carefully regulated diet and fomentations applied to the throat, chest and abdomen. This treatment in almost every case reduced the temperature of patients and in a day or so they were apparently well. But that did not end the matter with them. The next danger was that of relapse. To guard against this every patient was required to remain abed from two to five days after apparent full recovery, according to the "state of their flu affliction."

As a result of this system of handling a disease that is scoring thousands of victims every day there has not been one case that could have been called serious or a single death in the Seminary although there were more than 90 persons affected.

The record is remarkable. It makes the ordinary methods of dealing with flu appear irrational.

We will add that we are indeed thankful to God for His protecting care and for the untiring efforts of Sister Louise Knudsen, our Seminary nurse, and for the assistance of the other nurses and helpers. The hydrotherapy treatments under the blessings of God are indeed helpful, as is recognized by this article.

N. P. Neilsen.

MAPLEWOOD NOTES

The Misses Iva and Erma Wolcott have re-entered school after a long absence caused by illness at home and the influenza epidemic here.

At 5:30 a. m., on December 2, a fire broke out in the furnace room of the ladies' dormitory. The prompt, efficient service of the young men prevented the fire spreading far, so that the loss is slight.

Professor Anderson was absent

from school from November 29 to December 2 while attending the Educational convention in Minneapolis. At chapel on December 3, he gave an account of the convention.

SOUTH DAKOTA

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President—E. T. Russell.
Secretary and Treasurer—J. H. Nies.
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Tract Society Secretary—J. H. Nies.
Sabbath School Secretary—Evelyn Calkins.

All office address.
Missionary Volunteer and Educational—Bert Rhoads, Redfield, S. Dak.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Gus Youngberg is engaged in the Harvest Ingathering work and has met with good success.

Although influenza made almost a general sweep in Plainview Academy, no lives were lost and all are recovering from the disease.

Miss Evelyn Calkins has returned to the office. She was in attendance several days at the Sabbath School Convention held at Sioux City.

I. G. Ortner, auditor and treasurer of the Northern Union Conference, was in attendance at the Conference Committee meeting held at Redfield.

The South Dakota Conference Committee met at Plainview Academy last Wednesday to consider items pertaining to the interests of the conference.

Elder Russell has returned to the office from attendance at the Sabbath School Convention, and Union Conference Committee meeting held at Sioux City.

Willis Wyckoff, Everette McCloud, and Leo Steltzmler passed through Watertown Wednesday enroute for Redfield to take up school work at Plainview Academy.

Brother Wm. Johnson and family returned to Watertown Thursday, December 12, from Henricks, Minnesota, where he went to be in attendance at the funeral of his mother.

Sad intelligence has been received at the office of the death of Brother Vernon Oakes, deacon of the Sioux Falls church. We extend to Sister Oakes our heartfelt sympathy in her bereavement. The funeral service was conducted by Elder E. E. Dunham.

South Dakota is still short on its

Harvest Ingathering Goal, and the Conference officers are earnestly asking our people to spring into action and assist in this good work, so that our goal may be reached. We are still about Nine Hundred Dollars short.

We quote in part from a letter from Brother T. L. Oswald, who in company with Brother Cord Scriven, is now conducting a series of meetings at Colman, South Dakota.

"We have now begun our meetings, and by all outward appearance thus far they have been a success. We had our first meeting Thursday night with an attendance of about thirty-five, and last night we must have had about seventy out. Several are showing a deep interest, and we are hoping that a number will take their stand for the truth."

REPORT FROM CANADA

Some from South Dakota are beginning to inquire why we do not report through the Reaper, and this makes us realize the flight of time and that about two months or more have elapsed since our last letter.

We are well, busy and happy. We have escaped the influenza thus far, and though our meetings in the theater were closed for five weeks, we visited homes and sold "Current Event Series" and "Signs of the Times." During this time several interested parties were found and visited. I sold four small books, including "A World in Perplexity," to a lady who is just beginning to keep the Sabbath. Her husband, a member of the city fire department, took the book with him to the fire hall. Nearly all the men became interested, bought more books of our home missionary workers, and finally invited me to come and lecture to them once a week. They seem to appreciate my acceptance very much and two, at least, are deeply interested.

Almost every week we learn of some one who has become interested. But the Canadians are very conservative—they decide slowly; but, we are told, they are "jewels when once they are won." We are just now at the point where some are beginning to step out, although we have not yet presented the Sabbath truth at the Sunday evening meetings.

Our Reaper readers who are conference workers may be interested in a few details of the Sunday evening

services. The theater costs us \$40 per month for Sundays only. The only means of advertising used thus far has been by having a notice in the newspaper and placing "Present Truth" or tracts in the homes. This literature has a neat announcement stamped on the margin. The first week we did not use very much literature, but the next week we used "Present Truth" freely and the attendance increased by at least 100. The attendance before the epidemic was close to 250. The collections are usually from \$13 to \$16 an evening, and this usually meets all expenses.

The "Present Truth" advertising is the least expensive and the best means we have ever used. We shall reopen our meetings next Sunday, December 1. We are varying the advertising for the re-opening, by having announcements printed and inserted in the papers which are to be handed out.

We like it here. Our courage is good, and we know our eternal home is near. The work here is very enjoyable, but forms and faces of associates of former days often rise up in our meditations and make us more desirous for a finished work.

We were greatly shocked to hear of Elder Lovold's death. His smiling face will be greatly missed on the South Dakota campground, but we believe it will be seen in the general meeting on the sea of glass.

C. W. Rubendall.

MINNESOTA.

Office address—1575 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

President—W. H. Clark.
Secretary and Treasurer—S. D. Hartwell.

Sabbath School Secretary—Mary D. Hopkins.

Tract Society Secretary—G. L. Gulbrandson.

Field Missionary Secretary—G. A. Campbell.

All office address.

Religious Liberty Secretary—R. L. Benton, 714 Sixth Avenue, E., Duluth, Minn.

Educational Secretary—H. M. Hiatt, Anoka.

Y. P. M. V. Secretary—E. I. Sheldon, Alexandria.

Home Missionary Secretary—Anol Grundset, Crookston.

ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA

I feel it a duty to write a line to the Reaper family as I have not reported for some time. I have been "laid up" with the erysipelas in my face for about a month, and I do not know how long it will be before I shall be able to be out again.

Since the tent season closed, I have been assisting some new ones, who recently have taken hold of the truth,

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to become more fully established in the truth. I am very sorry to be compelled to leave the work at its present stage, but we trust the Lord will continue to work upon the hearts of the people. I have spent some time in visiting several churches in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. On my trip I was able to secure over \$15. I also received several subscriptions for our different papers.

Sometimes it is hard for us to see why we are afflicted, but the Lord knows what is best. I desire the prayers of the Reaper family that the Lord's will and not mine may be done, and that if it is His will that I may soon be back to my work.

Geo. L. Budd.

MINNEAPOLIS AND ST. PAUL

The Minneapolis and St. Paul English churches held a union service Friday evening and Sabbath, November 29 and 30. Elder A. G. Daniells, of Washington, D. C., was present and spoke to as large a congregation as has ever gathered in the new church. At the close of the preaching service the pastor buried four adult candidates with their Lord in baptism. These frequent baptisms in the church during the past year or more have added to our membership eighty-four souls. Another class is in preparation and will be baptized soon.

The Lord is greatly blessing the Minneapolis church in its missionary activities. Our faithful Bible workers are kept very busy following up the openings that come to them for the study of the Bible in the homes of the people. Our corps of lady colporteurs are having splendid success as they carry our small publications to the people, and through these faithful workers many openings are being secured for personal work and Bible study.

Success is attending our distribution of the Present Truth Series. A section of the city is being worked in a systematic way by our Young People's Society with splendid results. After two or three papers are left at a home, personal inquiry is made whether the paper is a welcome visitor. About ten per cent of the homes visited close their doors to God's silent messengers of truth. From this plan of missionary work by our Young People and church membership, we expect to secure a number of openings for Bible study. As

our regular Bible workers cannot take care of all these openings, a Bible class is being formed from our membership. The pastor outlines and gives a Bible study each week to the class, and the members of the class take this study and give it to the people.

After the holiday season is over, we plan to launch our district Bible studies, in addition to the personal studies now being given by all our workers. Now is the time for the entire membership of our churches to greatly increase their missionary activities and work for the salvation of souls, for the coming of our Lord draweth nigh. P. G. Stanley.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Brother G. A. Campbell met with the Anoka church last Sabbath.

Miss Mary Hopkins planned to spend the week of prayer at Staples and vicinity.

Brother E. M. Oberg left for Iowa Thursday, where he planned to spend some time during the week of prayer.

Brother F. J. Harrison, of Dodge Center, visited in the cities a few days last week, and called at the office.

Elder Hartwell planned to visit the brethren at Kasota, Eagle Lake, and Albert Lea during the week of prayer.

Word has just been received that Mrs. Nels Peterson, of Lake City, passed away Thursday, December 12, from the effects of influenza.

Brother and Sister Chas. Wilson, of Duluth, visited at the home of Elder and Mrs. White a few days last week. Brother Wilson just returned from Camp Grant where he had been discharged.

Brother Ray D. Riegel, who canvassed in Minnesota last summer, and who has been assisting the draft board in Long Prairie, made a pleasant visit to our office Wednesday afternoon, on his way to Camp Dodge where he will remain until discharged.

Elder Clark planned to visit the following places during the week of prayer: Litchfield, Pipestone, Mankato, Good Thunder, Wells, and Albert Lea. Conference Office.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Office Address—Jamestown, N. D.
President—E. L. Stewart.
Secretary—J. J. Jutzy.
Treasurer—Andrew Koedel.
Educational and Missionary Vol. Sec.—J. H. Roth.
Field Secretary—M. V. Tucker.
Sabbath School Secretary—Mrs. Artha Jutzy.
Home Missionary Secretary—J. J. Jutzy.

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder Roth states that all our church schools are in progress now after having been closed for a limited time on account of the influenza.

Our young church at Denhoff is still alive and doing good work. Elder Carl Leer has been visiting them and he is well pleased with their progress.

We are glad to see Elder Carl Leer step into the office at this writing. He will meet with the German brethren at the Jamestown church this evening.

Elder Martin Olson stopped off at the office while enroute to Kulm where he will spend a few days before going to Bismark and Driscoll for the week of prayer.

We were glad to receive a visit from brother Guy Searles and Paul Lenz, of Deisem. While here, Brother Searles laid in a good supply of subscription and Home Circle Library books.

Brother and Sister Jutzy returned last evening from College View and Sioux City where they have been attending some conventions in the interest of the Home Missionary and Sabbath school departments.

Among callers at the office this week were Brethren Daniel Harr, Jacob Schock and Schelske, all from the Medina church. We are glad to see the brethren visit the office any time they may be in Jamestown.

The church school of McClusky went out with the Ingathering number of the Watchman and received \$20 for missions. Miss Kraus, our teacher, who formerly was a Bible worker, is a live wire along the line of missions.

All should remember that the Foreign Mission Board is outlining its plans for 1919, depending upon a liberal income from the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Wonders will be accomplished if all who have not been

It will "do their bit" before the year closes.

By the time the readers of the Reaper receive this issue, the week of prayer will be in progress. It is to be hoped that all will avail themselves of this privilege and seek for a real experience in the things of God. Let us take part in these meetings, realizing that the Lord will come especially near those who lay aside everything that will prevent the Lord from pouring out His special blessings for this time.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT

E. M. Oberg, Field Miss. Sec.

MINNESOTA COLPORTEUR NOTES

"In a special sense Seventh-day Adventists have been set in the world as watchmen and light-bearers. To them has been entrusted the last warning for a perishing world. On them is shining wonderful light from the word of God. They have been given a work of the most solemn import—the proclamation of the first, second, and third angels' messages. There is no other work of so great importance. They are to allow nothing else to absorb their attention. Vol. 9, page 19.

Sister DeLameter who is canvassing in St. Paul for "Our Day" relates the following interesting experience:

"A wealthy Jewish lady was intensely interested when I told her we kept the seventh day Sabbath. As she reads but little English, I told her I would send her Yiddish literature, at which she was very much surprised and pleased. As I gave her an explanation of Daniel 2, she said, 'Your book is like ours and sometimes I think Christians are right.' When I left, she invited me to come often."

The following is a letter, in part, just received by the Tract Society from a young man in the southern part of the State who purchased a copy of "Daniel and Revelation" the past summer, from one of our canvassers:

"I shall constantly search for more truth and light on these important subjects from all available sources, and if the doctrine of the Seventh-day Adventists still holds in accordance with the Bible, I shall join their

The Book Work

WEEK ENDING Dec. 7, 1918

	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Delivered
Minnesota						
Vilona B. Cummings	O. D.	15	12	4.25	31.25	
A. W. DeLong	B. R.	22	7	1.70	29.70	
Theo. Mueller	D&R	30	10	5.85	27.86	
Amanda Storts	O. D.	25	7		14.50	
Mrs. Anna Kipp	O. D.	15	9	1.70	19.70	
Mrs. K. Morrison	H. C. L.	5	5		2.60	
Agents 6		112	50	\$13.50	\$128.60	

North Dakota

Wm. Hanicker	Current Events				\$22.00	
Mrs. G.W. Fowler	" "				\$25.00	
J.H. Roth	" "				\$40.75	
Mrs. W.A. Alway	H.C.L.				\$28.85	
J.W. Budd	H.C.L.				\$12.00	
J. W Budd	B. R.	42	13		64.00	
J. E. Winton	B. R.	3	2		9.00	
Agents 6		45	15		\$201.60	

Iowa

Ella Gilchrist	C. E. S.	79			19.75	
Lydia E. Smith*	O. D.	40	18	12.70	65.20	31.21
J. E. King	O. D.	18	7		17.00	
Hannah Mott*	B. R.	64	15	28.56	97.56	
Myra Wing*	B. R.	18	3	5.95	17.95	
Mrs. Ella King	O. D.	6	3		6.00	
Olga Nelson	H. C. L.		11		15.75	
Mrs. H. M. Goddard	" " "		22		18.15	
Mrs. Bertha Steir	" " "		21		20.45	
Mrs. A. Weisel	" " "		29		44.90	
Agents 10		225	131	47.21	318.71	

GRAND TOTAL FOR THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

Agents	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Del.
22	382	196	60.71	648.91	31.21

STATEMENT OF TWENTY-FIVE CENT A WEEK FUND FOR JANUARY TO OCTOBER 1918

Conference	Members	Quota	Received	Over	Short
Iowa	2648	31555.37	41252.17	9696.80	
Minnesota	2000	23833.37	26010.97	2177.60	
North Dakota	1470	17517.50	19189.00	1671.50	
South Dakota	1140	13585.00	20350.74	6765.74	
		7258	86491.24	106802.88	20311.64

OVER FOR UNION \$20,311.64

church. I have long been disgusted with the Methodists, Lutherans, and Catholics. I now belong to the Methodist church in name but not in spirit. There are no Seventh-day Adventists around here, so I would like to live in a community where there is a congregation of such people. You desire to know how I got the book. I secured it through one of your agents."

Sister Cummings is having her usual success calling in the homes of Minneapolis, with "Our Day." She relates the following:

"I came to one home where the people were packing to go to England for a stay of several years. The lady ordered a book to take with her to her new home. I came to another home where there was a sign on the door, 'No peddlers or agents ad-

mitted.' I, of course, did not consider myself either of these, but I was not certain what the family would think of me. I knew I had a message from the Lord for these people, so I stepped bravely up to the door. A lady opened it, but did not ask me in. I began canvassing her and soon she was weeping. The order was taken. I then referred to the notice on the door. She replied, 'Oh, my daughter-in-law put that up, but she is not here this morning.'

Come and join our colporteur's army. Geo. A. Campbell.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

S. A. Ruskjer, Secretary

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Have you sent in your missionary report for the past quarter? If not, please do so at once.

How about those neighbors of yours, have you called on them in the interest of the "Home Circle Library?" Just now is the time to secure orders for an early Christmas delivery.

The influenza has hindered somewhat the Harvest Ingathering work, therefore, from now on we should renew our efforts in this line of work that abundant means may flow into the treasury with which to extend our mission operations in other lands.

When one sees the great loss of life as a result of the present epidemic, one can readily see how necessary it will be to be sheltered by the protecting care of the Heavenly Father during the great destruction that will be caused by the seven last plagues.

As we give out the special Harvest Ingathering papers it is not only the cash we receive that counts, but souls as they read these papers may see their need of the Great Prince of Peace and open their hearts' door and invite Him in, thereby making sure of not only protection in this life, but a secure abiding place in the world to come.

It will be well if our people everywhere would give numbers 33 and 34 of the "Present Truth" a wide circulation at this time. No. 33 is "Distress of Nations With Perplexity", and No. 34 is, "After the War—What?" Send your orders at once to South Dakota Tract Society, Watertown, South Dakota.

How about those papers for your winter's reading? Remember the Re-

view, the Signs and the Reaper make a splendid combination.

One of our Bible workers has been giving studies to several who have in their possession "Bible Readings." One person has accepted the message, and others are very much interested. By this we are again reminded of the importance of the colporteur work, and a verification of the word which says; "One soweth and another reapeth". During the slack season of the year scores of our people should be engaged in selling our books, and obtaining subscriptions to our periodicals.

Sister Galbraith writes that she has had some splendid experiences while selling "Our Day". Surely this is a wonderful work, for you meet many who are longing for light and a better knowledge of the Word of Life. Have you, dear reader, tried to sell a book? What others have done, you can do.

What are we doing as individuals and churches in the Harvest Ingathering work? From now on let us work energetically so that as churches and as a conference we may reach our goal.

—H. A. Rentfro,
Home Missionary Secy.

ITEMS

The brethren at Elk Point have organized their forces to finish the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

At Vermillion we have a small Sabbath school. The members are striving earnestly to hold up the banner of truth.

H. A. Rentfro visited the following places on his return from the Missionary convention at College View: Elk Point, Vermillion, Yankton and Centerville.

The Yankton company is full of zeal for the message, and while they are comparatively new in the work, they are doing good service for the Master.

I had the pleasure of calling on Brother and Sister Oss, who are located at Centerville. While there we visited several of the new members and secured orders for some of the "Home Workers Books," and also one subscription for the "Signs Weekly."

Mr. Roy Springer of Watertown, who has recently begun to keep the Sabbath, is very anxious to take up

the colporteur work next summer and earn a scholarship so he can fit himself for real active service for the Master. All contemplating colporteur work should write H. A. Rentfro, Drawer 586, Watertown, South Dakota, and he will arrange territory for them. Everything indicates that next year will be a splendid year for the colporteur. H. A. Rentfro.

MY TRAVELING EXPERIENCE

Someone asked me to write about my travels and you probably wonder why you have not seen by name in the colporteur list. As many of you know, I went with Elder P. E. Brodersen and wife to the General Conference, which I enjoyed. I also visited the beautiful land of California, which reminded me of the home of Eden, we all shall enter if faithful. We first visited Loma Linda Sanitarium and received a hearty welcome there where oranges hang like roses on the trees,—a beautiful place. At Mountain View we saw the great printing press which is serving us with our literature, and from which is sent out carloads to every corner of the earth. We then visited St. Helena Sanitarium, upon the mountains in the woods. Below is the late Sister White's home. We went over to it. While we stood in her fire-proof library, a feeling of sadness came over us to think that she has laid down her pen, but she is still speaking through her works. We visited other homes of our people who are striving to get along, while the luxuries of Los Angeles are overflowing.

At San Francisco, we met Brother Nord who traveled with us to Portland, Oregon, where I remained six weeks visiting with my brother, cousin and friends, also attending camp-meeting. I was not idle. I used all the opportunities to sow the seed, visited every Tract Society on the coast, got some literature and went up in the highest building to get a good view of the cities, and at the same time bring the truth to the inhabitants.

In Tacoma, Washington, a man who had read the "World War" came up to me and grabbed the "World In Perplexity" out of my hands and said, "Why don't you come around with it? I want every book that comes out." A soldier said, "If we shall win this war, we must be clean." Brother, sister, what do you think?

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Must we be clean to win the war and enter the promised land? I enjoyed meeting the brethren at the Alberta campmeeting. I met two on the train going up to the camp. We arrived there at 4:30 a. m. Sunday morning and followed a little prayer band to the school house. Everything was quiet in the camp, only the birds were singing praise to their Creator, while the people in the tents were getting ready to join them. I left the following morning, and scattered some books in the little town, Lacombe, while waiting for the train, also from Calgary to Winnipeg. I sold a "Bible Readings," to a man sixty-five years old who was going to meet his bride. While traveling, I sold books and literature to the value of two or three hundred dollars.
Anna Hansen.

MY IMPRESSION OF THE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Thinking perhaps the brethren throughout the State of South Dakota would appreciate a report of the Missionary convention held at College View several days ago, I will give some of my impressions of that very important gathering. Important! yes, indeed it was important. One may ask the question, Why? There are many reasons that one could give, but in my opinion the chief reason for such a convention may be briefly summed up in the following by Elder Daniells, "Every Member a Worker." The following statement from a well known writer will bear careful study, "The work of the gospel is not to depend entirely upon the work of the ministry." Every soul should take an active part in advancing the cause of God. Another impressive statement that he made was that "the plans of men are not keeping pace with the providences of God." Never has the world presented such opportunities for service as today.

The above statement should awaken each and every one of God's children, and whatever may be our occupation we should have for our chief aim the winning of souls. We have reached the time when every man should tell his neighbor. We have reached the time of which the Lord has told us that "peculiar and rapid changes will soon take place." How wonderful has this statement been fulfilled before our eyes. As we have read about the great disasters that have been taking place in the earth,

God's word has wonderfully revealed, to us what these things mean, and the question, "Do Adventists really believe what they profess," comes home to us with tremendous force.

The entire convention was very harmonious throughout, each one seeming to have but one aim, and that was, the finishing of the work. Over one hundred delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada were present, and all seemed to sense the seriousness of the times in which we are living.
H. A. Rentfro.

OBITUARY

Cishek—Sarah Louisa Burghart was born near Golden Gate, Brown county, Minnesota, May 22, 1888, and died of tuberculosis in Thomas Hospital, Minneapolis, December 2, 1918. She was united in marriage to Frank Cishek in 1908, and to them were born four children, three of whom are living, Sylvia, Marion, and Alice. Three brothers and three sisters are also left to mourn: Mrs. Alice M. Nutting, of Duluth; Wm. H. Burghart, of Belgrade, Minn.; Mrs. Gertrude Rulkoetter, of Montevideo; Byron Burghart, of Fairfax, Minn.; Andrew L. Berghart in the service of his country in France; and Flossie Burghart, of Duluth. Those who knew Sister Cishek best recognized her noble, Christian character. She was a faithful wife and exemplary mother. She died in the faith of having a part in the first resurrection.
E. Hilliard.

Members of the Reaper Family will hear with regret of the untimely death of Brother Vernon Oakes of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Brother Oakes succumbed to a severe attack of pneumonia, following the influenza.

The church at Sioux Falls has sustained a heavy loss in the death of Brother Oakes, who had for years taken a prominent part in its activities. He was a man of strong Christian character. Our brother leaves a wife and two children, and a large number of relatives, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Rev. Field of the Congregational church.
E. E. Dunham.

"No man ever found his lost piece of silver by sweeping his neighbor's house."

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Sunset Friday, December 20, at 4:21

UNION CONFERENCE NOTES

Elder Chas. Thompson left Friday evening to spend the week of prayer with the churches at Mitchell and Chamberlain, South Dakota.

Elder S. A. Ruskjer is spending the week of prayer in the North Dakota Conference, and Brother E. M. Oberg is visiting the churches in Mason City and Charles City, Iowa, during this time.

Brother I. G. Ortner met with the South Dakota Conference Committee at Redfield, South Dakota, last Wednesday. He returned to the office Thursday, and left for Nevada, Iowa, the first of the week.

Professor M. B. Van Kirk will spend the week of prayer with the Danish-Norwegian Seminary at Hutchinson, and the Maplewood Academy at Maple Plain, Minnesota. He left the office Friday to meet with the Seminary the first of the week.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

The General Conference has set apart Sabbath, January 4, as Missionary Volunteer Day, to be observed in all our churches. The program and readings for the day are published in the Review of December 19. Let us dedicate the first Sabbath of the new year to the consideration of the great question of how to save and train our children and young people. Let every church observe the day whether or not they have any young people.

CENTRAL AND NORTHERN UNION SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

For the first time in the history of the Sabbath school work, the department has been granted the privilege of holding Union Conference Sabbath school conventions. The first meeting of this kind was held at Sioux City, Iowa, under the direction of Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, the General

Conference Sabbath school secretary, and attended by all the state Sabbath school secretaries of the Central and Northern Unions. The members of the Executive Committee of the Northern Union Conference, also were present since the annual auditing was done at the same time.

To say that this meeting marked a "red letter day" for the Sabbath school work in this field is stating the matter mildly. The fact that two individuals, Elder Daniells, the General Conference President, and Sister Plummer, the General Conference Sabbath school secretary, who are carrying the responsibility of important lines of this Message for all the world on their shoulders, were present and took the leading parts, is sufficient evidence of the value of such a meeting in their minds.

The work of the convention was crowded into four days and the hours passed all too swiftly as the different topics were presented and discussed. The vision of everyone was broadened and the enthusiasm deepened as the results reached by the different conferences were studied.

A unique feature of this department meeting was seen in the absence of the usual "Committee on Resolutions." The one in charge stated in reply to an inquiry that they were putting into practice their plans without the aid of the usual formality.

The work sheet and calendar of the meeting was replete with helpful information and contained a carefully planned scheme of the session. The lack of space forbids the attempt to supply all the details of this information. Very definite suggestions were made for future progress and everyone felt that the height of Sabbath school attainment was not yet in sight.

Much credit for excellent assistance is due the superintendent and members of the Sioux City Sabbath school, especially in the music prepared and rendered by their young people, and for a vivid picture in the form of a dialogue showing in an impressive way the results attained in the home life where regular daily study of the lesson and preparation for the Sabbath were planned and carried out by all the family, in contrast to the results in a home where these things were slighted. The impression on those present will not soon be effaced.

The goals—"All the church in the Sabbath school and all the Sabbath school in the church as well as daily study of the Sabbath school lesson by everyone, and the aim to have all members present on time, not forgetting the financial goal of an amount equal to fifteen cents weekly from every member were made very prominent.

Elder Daniells spoke four times to a well filled house, and his timely suggestions were kindly received. Elder Rouse, president of the Nebraska Conference, spoke evening after the Sabbath and the convention closed with a stirring sermon on "Church Federation and the Means Used to Bring it About," delivered by Elder Chas. Thompson, the president of the Northern Union Conference.

Many expressions of pleasure and satisfaction were heard from the delegates in attendance.

M. B. Van Kirk.

OBITUARY

Johnson—Mary Christianson was born in Ness Paa, Hedemarken, Norway, August 14, 1843, and died at her home in Hendricks, Minnesota, December 5, 1918, aged 75 years, 3 months, and 21 days. She was married to John Johnson, April 7, 1867. They came to America in 1871, residing a few years in Iowa, after which they settled in Hendricks. To them were born ten children, four girls and six boys, seven of whom are left to mourn the loss of their faithful mother. The husband, who is advanced in years, keenly feels the loss of his dear companion. Sister Johnson had been in feeble health for the past two years. She patiently bore her sufferings to the last. She held her membership in the Seventh-day Adventist church to the day of her decease. Those who knew her best speak well of her consistent Christian life, and firmly believe that she sleeps in Jesus, and that she will awaken when He calls the righteous dead from their silent abode, to the realms beyond the grave, where no tears will flow and where no inhabitant will say, "I am sick."

E. Hilliard.

"Love for your scholars is the greatest of all qualifications."

"God's word is God's power in the world for the saving of souls."