

A. G. Duffell



"The HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW"

## General Articles

### Our Work in Jamaica

Since the merging of the *Worker* into the Union paper I have heard but little of the progress of the work in our pioneer field of labor. Altho we are so far away, we still remember old associations, and are deeply interested in the advancement of the truth everywhere.

For the past two years we have been in British Guiana, and are glad to report much of the blessing of God in that field. In spite of some peculiar conditions that hindered aggressive work, fifty-two persons were baptized the past year and nearly as many more are preparing for that ordinance.

At the Jamaica Union Conference it was thought best for Eld. J. B. Beckner and myself to exchange fields. We arrived in Jamaica February 21, and Elder Beckner started for his new field about a month later. You have all doubtless heard more or less of the dreadful calamity that came to this island January 14. Reports can give but little idea of the ruin wrought at that time

at Kingston, and it is impossible for eye-witnesses to tell much of what they experienced. Surely it is a sign and foretaste of the coming day of wrath for all ungodly cities.

Perhaps a few words will be appreciated by our friends concerning the effect of the earthquake on our work and the present situation. Our Kingston church building was nearly ruined, so that we are compelled to erect a new church and school building. We have already secured a good lot and are doing our best to raise funds for the building. All of our people in the city are poor and have suffered more or less in the disaster that made nearly all of the houses unsafe to live in. Now all are taking hold willingly to do their best to build the house of God. Five other church buildings in the island were more or less damaged by the earthquake. To repair them and finish about the same number of new ones already begun will greatly tax our limited finances. Our people are going forward with commendable zeal, and we hope they will not be disappointed in their efforts to complete their work in the near future.

Already it is evident that this calamity has quickened our people to greater diligence and it has aroused inquiry everywhere. Instead of receiving the additional workers we needed here, we have had to send some of our best workers to more needy fields. In spite of this discouragement the work is extending in all directions.

Nearly one hundred persons received baptism last February, and already nearly as many more are reported as ready for that ordinance. Because of poor traveling facilities and our limited staff of workers it is difficult to properly attend to the people that come to us for baptism. Last year 252 were baptized in this conference and we only had a staff of seven workers, including our native helpers. Such experiences would seem strange if they occurred in our home conferences, and if all the workers there had such success in proportion to their numbers and facilities the work would soon be finished there so all of you could come and help us finish in these neglected fields. Unfortunately for us at this time, when more men and tents are required to develop our new fields,

our treasury is empty, and our tents all worn out with hard service. What to do we know not, but we will cry to God for help and we believe it will be provided.

Work has begun on our school farm, and in a few months we hope to erect sufficient buildings to begin regular school work. Many and difficult are the problems that confront this enterprise, and we crave your prayers and sympathy. On the whole we are pleased with our new field of labor, and we are not worrying about more earthquakes. The place of duty is the only place of safety. Our health is improving, and we hope to be of some use in the Master's work.

Yours in Christ,

W. G. KNEELAND.

### Bible Footlights

"Bible Footlights for the Pilgrims Path" is a new book by Elder W. H. Granger, author of "Family Bible Teacher". All who are acquainted with the "Bible Teacher" know of its merits, and can readily believe us when we say this new book is a clear, logical, and forceful presentation of the salient features of the message. Every page bristles with points of light. It contains much valuable matter that is new to many of our people, and should be in every home. We urge our people everywhere to secure a copy of this book for themselves at once, and we know when it is read they will be anxious to give it a wide circulation—its merits demand it.

Every family that has ever read the "Bible Teacher" should be canvassed for this book. It has the features to make it one

of the easiest sellers printed. Hence, not only secure a copy for your own benefit, but show it to those in whose hands you have placed the "Bible Teacher;" many will gladly buy it.

All the great doctrinal topics, which distinguish God's commandment-keeping people from the nominal believers in Christianity, are carefully and candidly presented for the interested seeker of truth. It will please, interest, instruct, and win souls to Christ by revealing the beautiful harmony and simplicity of our Father's plan for man.

The lessons are brought out by means of questions answered by Bible text and copious notes. There are about twenty full-page illustrations, besides a number of small cuts and prophetic diagrams. The book contains thirty-three chapters, with 321 pages, printed with clear type on a good grade of paper.

It is now ready for delivery, bound in two styles of cloth as follows:—Plain edition, drab cloth, fine three-color ink design, \$1.00. Presentation edition, delicate green cloth, stamped with three-color ink design and gold title, beveled covers, gilt edges, \$1.50. Agents wanted in every locality; send fifty cents for prospectus. Order through your state tract society.

## From the Field

### Saskatchewan

#### Regina Canvassers' Institute

I came to Regina April 9, and the next day entered upon our institute work. There were fourteen or fifteen persons in attend-

ance, but not all will canvass. About ten canvassers will enter the field for active work, and a few will canvass part of the time.

It was truly inspiring to see so many strong young men and women consecrating themselves to the service of the Master in this needy field. All go out with their hearts filled with courage for God, and I do pray the Lord may add his blessing to the canvassing work in that field.

The prospects for Saskatchewan are truly encouraging, and we trust the brethren in that far Northern country may find this a prosperous year. I remained with them until April 20, and after the Sabbath was past took the train for Portage la Prairie, Man. Brother Potter had been carrying on the work of the institute for a few days, and when I arrived things were nicely under way. Only a few persons were in attendance, but there are a few canvassers who could not attend the institute.

I was only permitted to remain at this place four days, but we were very busy and the workers all took hold of their studies in a determined, industrious manner, showing qualities which will give them success.

Take it all in all I have enjoyed the institute work very much this winter and spring, and truly it has been a cause of rejoicing to see so many earnest-hearted men and women giving themselves to the cause and work of God. My earnest prayer is that we all may be faithful to him and render acceptable service for all his good mercies to us.

I will stop to see the company of workers canvassing at Aberdeen, S. D., and then stop at home for about three days. May

2 I go on to College View. We expect a large number of workers to out into the field from this large educational center. I am glad to see that the work of God is onward, and trust that God may guide us in all our plans for the summer.

W. L. MANFULL.

### Alberta

#### Stettler

It is some time since I have written anything for the REAPER, but not because I have been idle. I spent several weeks thirty miles west of Didsburg in December and January, holding a few meetings until the weather became so severe that people could not attend. The roads were badly drifted, and, being a level open prairie, there was danger of getting lost in the darkness, and freezing to death. Several seemed quite interested, three promising to obey the truth; but I have not heard from them lately, so do not know how they are doing. At the time I left there and for some weeks after, the mercury registered from thirty to sixty-two degrees below zero, and with from one to three feet of snow it made it all but impossible to get out. On my way home I got an opportunity to sell my team and sleigh, and I let them go to avoid so much driving in the cold.

About this time Dr. Gamble began lecturing in the towns along the railroad, in the interest of the Lord's Day Alliance. I listened to him four nights in different places, and after securing a copy of his book and other literature, I prepared an answer to his arguments, which I succeeded in having printed in four

of the papers in various places as follows: *Claresholm Review*, *Lacombe Advertiser*, *Ponoka Herald* and *Wetaskiwin Times*. These have a combined circulation of about 4,000 copies weekly. I also bought 100 extra copies of all but the first named, for circulation where there was no paper. The proprietor of the *Ponoka Herald*, after he had run his papers off, doubled up his columns for this article and run off 1,500 more, so we now have a supply at the office to place in the hands of the people wherever Dr. Gamble appears. We trust our brethren in the Province will donate liberally to our tract fund to help us meet the expense for this and other literature we have been sending out.

March 22, I came out here in answer to a call for help, to hold some meetings. One family had begun to observe the Sabbath, and these, with Sister Gilbanks and children, were holding Sabbath school. The school house was secured and I have held fifteen public meetings. I am now in the midst of the Sabbath question. The attendance and interest has increased, and many are admitting that these things are so. One Catholic woman walks through the snow for three-fourths of a mile each way, carrying her babe and leading another child, to hear the message. She has not missed a meeting since she started to attend. I pray God to help me so to present the message that she, with many others, may receive it.

The roads are very bad, as the snow has been beaten down and filled in until the track is about three feet above the ground with snow on either side, so that in passing teams horses get down and sleighs overturn; and now

that it is getting warmer they break through the crust and thus are kept floundering until nearly exhausted. But with all I am of good courage, and enjoy a fair degree of health although very weary at times.

Yours in the Master's work,  
J. W. BOYNTON.

### North Dakota

#### To Our English Brethren and Sisters

From a letter sent to the English brethren in North Dakota we print the following:—

Dear fellow laborers:—

At the end of the first year after our organization, it was stated in the president's annual address, that there were 638 Sabbath-keepers in North Dakota. At the present time there are 887, an increase of thirty-nine per cent. Last year the increase was 134. A little more than one half of the 887 are Germans, and the remainder are English and Scandinavians.

The tithe in 1903 was \$7,040.50. In 1906 it had increased to \$13,187.30, a gain of eighty-seven per cent. At the time of our 1905 conference we had a surplus of \$6,000 in the tithe fund, and gave then and shortly afterwards \$1,500 of that to the General Conference for foreign missions. At our last conference in December 1906 it was found that we had about the same amount of surplus. We then gave \$2,000 to the General Conference. Our gain in tithe in 1906 over that of 1905 is \$6.27; that it is not more, is undoubtedly due to the fact that our brethren could not market their grain; so that they could not pay their tithe.

In regard to the offerings to the home and foreign work the following table will show what our brethren and sisters have given:—

	1903	1904	1905	1906
Mission funds	\$2651.22	\$4200.69	5903.87	\$6918.41
Home work	4989.27	3916.52	2683.29	1752.15
Tithe	7040.50	7366.11	13181.03	13187.30

"Mission funds" include all offerings to various foreign missions, Southern field, Washington, D. C., and all donations outside our own conference.

At the organization of the conference in 1902, there were 20 church and 6 family Sabbath schools. At the present time there are 27 church and 18 family Sabbath schools, a total of 45. The gain is 73 per cent. The offerings each year are as follows, 1903, \$498.98; 1904, \$537.37; 1905, \$818.27; 1906, \$870.45.

Last year we had eight canvassers in the field, and books were sold (wholesale value) to the amount of \$2,828.25, a gain of \$1,535.87 over that of 1905. Altho only one attends our Academy, two students earned their scholarships to attend this year. There is no better field than North Dakota for the consecrated canvasser, and there was never a better time to finish this line of work than now. The harvest is ripening fast.

The enrollment at the Academy last year was 38. This year it is 54 and the actual attendance is 46. The largest percentage this year is English. The present worth of the school is \$17,276.03. This has been accumulated since 1903, and shows a very remarkable growth for a conference so young. These facts and figures ought to inspire and encourage our brethren and sisters in North Dakota, and urge each to press forward, believing that God is leading, and in the end

will give the victory. We should do all we can within our own borders and also lend a helping hand to those in needy fields.

At the present time we are supporting a German laborer, Brother Meyers, in Philadelphia, and are giving \$12 per week toward the support of Bible teachers in the Madison, Tenn., school. We also contribute \$2 per week toward the support of Elder Allee, who is now hopelessly ill at Keene, Texas.

Our corps of English laborers is quite small, and we have tried to enlarge it, but without success. However, we hope soon to have another laborer in the person of Eld. H. W. Reed of Wisconsin, who will be asked to connect with us as soon as he makes North Dakota his home. I am glad to think the work is onward in our field, and believe you will rejoice with me. As far as I know there is unity and good feeling between the laborers, and between our brethren and the workers. This is as it should be.

Your brother in Christ,

JOHN G. WALKER.

## South Dakota

### South Dakota Camp Meeting

Our Committee have given much time and study to the question of selecting the date and the place for holding our annual conference and camp meeting this summer, which is to be held June 13-23. We had hoped to locate it in as central a position as we have had it the past two years, but after considering the opportunities and all of the interests, it seemed best to hold the meeting this year at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Now, that the location and time have been decided, let every member of our conference lay plans to attend the camp meeting from commencement to close.

Nearly a year has passed since our last annual gathering, and the Lord has blessed each one of our number, and has added to the message many who will be saved in his kingdom. While we are filled with gratitude for all these favors, we need to come together and seek God for new rays of light and a closer walk with him. These yearly opportunities will soon be over, and the Master will come and gather those who have proved faithful to his calling. Each one needs to improve these privileges, that we may keep pace with the message of truth, and thus be prepared to meet every assault of the enemy of our souls.

Ample arrangements are being made for meetings in the different languages, and for the youth's and children's departments. Several prominent laborers have already been engaged, and we are in correspondence with others whom we expect to be able to have present with us. We are also in communication with the railroad officials regarding the customary reduced rates, which will doubtless be given us on the certificate plan.

We will write more about the general laborers, committees, and other items of interest in later issues.

E. G. HAYES.

### Chamberlain Sanitarium

Dear Brethren:—I enclose to you an announcement of the Nurses Training Course which will be established in the Sanitarium at Chamberlain, S. D. I have submitted the same to Eld-

er Hayes and he approves of it. When the sanitarium is ready to run we intend to have the president of the South Dakota Conference and one other of the ministering brethren on the advisory board, so that the work will be directly under the conference supervision. We will work in every way with the message, as our hearts are in the work. The Lord has prospered us so that we have been able to secure means to erect this institution, and we intend to use the means entrusted to us in this way to the glory of God and the advancement of the message.

The combination of a first-class hospital with an up-to-date sanitarium makes the Chamberlain Sanitarium one of the most desirable places for student nurses to receive training. Twelve years' experience in the Battle Creek Sanitarium and its branches as instructor of nurse's classes has eminently fitted those in charge of the Chamberlain Sanitarium to train nurses in all departments, and to give them the very best opportunities to become experts along all lines of nursing.

The management has been fortunate in securing the services of three physicians, four graduate nurses and one high school instructor on its faculty as teachers.

The requirements for entrance are a good physique, pleasing appearance, eighth grade education, or better, a tractable disposition and an energetic nature. The applicant must be a Christian in practice as well as profession, and none but Christians need apply for admission, and only those who have missionary work as their object. The applicant must be able to furnish satisfactory recommendations. The

course extends over two full years. Practical work is required throughout the entire course.

Nurses are given board, plain washing, light, heat, tuition and \$1.50 per week each, throughout the first year. The \$1.50 is given that they may be able to purchase their own books, necessary clothing, and pay for the incidentals. The second year nurses will be paid according to the interest manifested and capability.

A standing of 80 per cent both in the theoretical and practical work in each study throughout the entire course will entitle the nurse to a diploma on finishing the course. Failure to attain this grade must be made up before the diploma can be granted. Text books and uniforms will be furnished at cost.

The faculty consists of Dr. C. P. Farnsworth, Dr. Anna B. Farnsworth, Dr. W. T. Lindsay, Mrs. W. T. Lindsay, Harriet Kathan, graduate nurse, Myrtle Smith, graduate nurse, Mary Rathbun, graduate nurse, and a graduate gentleman nurse who has not yet been chosen.

Applicants may enter at any time. The regular class will begin, however, in the spring. For further information address,

DR. C. P. FARNSWORTH,  
*Chamberlain, S. D.*

### Minnesota

#### Notice to Minnesota Conference Laborers

The Minnesota Conference Workers' Meeting, will begin on May 23, 1907, and each laborer in the employ of the conference is expected to be present from the very first. Matters of vital

importance to each laborer will be discussed at this meeting, and none can afford to be absent. Let us all come to the meeting, praying that the Lord will come near to us, and give us a preparation for the work that is before us at the camp meeting and in the field during the year to come.

H. S. SHAW.

#### Notice for Minnesota

The forty-sixth annual session of the Minnesota Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists will assemble in connection with the camp meeting at St. Cloud, Minn. May 30 to June 9, 1907.

The purpose of the conference will be to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business, as may be brought before the delegates, pertaining to the carrying of the message to the world.

The constitution provides that each church is entitled to one delegate regardless of numbers, and one additional delegate for each fifteen of its membership. The elder of each church is a delegate to the conference by virtue of his office, and the church should elect their full number of delegates besides the elder. All our churches in Minnesota are hereby requested to send the names of their delegates as soon as possible to the conference secretary, Wm. Asp, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

H. S. SHAW.

The Pacific Press are just settled in their new building, and find it a very convenient and economical location. All of the people are pleased with the new building, and among the workers there is a splendid spirit of harmony and devotion.

Notes From the Field

*Leonard Chase*—I am of good courage and am doing well. I wish to finish Benson County by camp meeting and then take another field.

*Fritz Gulvandson*—I am having good success in my work, and it encourages me to get your good letters. Last week I came to a Russian settlement but could not sell anything. Next week I expect to be among the Scandinavians. I have done my best work among the Norwegians. I expect to put in full time.

*G. T. Ellingson*—My report this week is not as large as last week, as I have been canvassing in a sparsely settled territory; nevertheless I am of good courage. The Lord gave me a number of good experiences.

*Leonard Chase*—The last day of our institute was spent in practical drill in the field. We enjoyed the blessing of the Lord's spirit in the experience gained. We are of good courage to press on in the battle. Our territory is settled by Catholics quite largely, but they have souls to save, and some of them are beginning to perceive the difference between light and darkness.

*John Olderbok*—I am having a very interesting time out here. Generally it is hard to get the people interested in the book. The majority of them have just moved here, and are now striving to establish a home for themselves. Nearly all are poor, and as expenses are many they seem to feel timid about subscribing. But I am having good success and am happy in the work. I am now seven miles east of Williston at a little postoffice. It is now Sunday evening and I have

The Book Work

Alberta, week ending April 19, 1907

Name	Place	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
D. R. Devereaux,	Calgary	G. C.	65	19	\$58.50	\$6.25	\$64.75	
V. D. Hawley,	Leavings	H of M	19	9	18.35	1.25	19.60	
Totals,	2 Agents,		84	28	76.85	7.50	84.35	

South Dakota, week ending April 19, 1907

C. D. Terwillegar,		G C	22	8	23.00	12.75	35.75	
John Glembin		G C	51	33	113.00	4.50	117.50	
Louise E. Donnat		D R	26	20	52.00		52.00	
Maggie Buckstead		H of M	29	11	19.25	4.00 <sup>0</sup>	23.25	
Totals	4 Agents		128	72	207.25	21.25	228.50	

North Dakota, two weeks ending April 19, 1907

L. Chase, Benson		G. C.	72	20	53.25	2.30	55.55	
G. T. Ellingson, Pierce		G. C.	82	25	74.50	3.25	77.75	
Fritz Gulvandson, Wells		H of M	74	31	56.50	4.00	60.50	
J. Olderbok, Williams		H of M	137	36	66.00	4.50	70.50	
Totals	4 Agents		385	112	250.25	14.05	264.30	

Minnesota, week ending April 19

Frank F. Fry, Maple Lake	H of M	44	27	47.25	7.80	55.05		
Harold Wood, Maple Lake	H of M	6	9	15.75	4.00	19.75		
Carrie Tufts, Duluth	C. K.	6	8	8.00		8.00	6.00	
H. Belle Hahn, Owatonna	C. K.	2	6	6.00	.50	6.50		
Totals,	4 agents		58	50	77.00	12.30	99.30	6.00
U. C. Totals April 19,	14 Agents		655	162	\$611.35	\$55.10	\$666.45	

taken three orders to-day. I am trying to improve the time by moving about a little on Sunday too.

Erick—Glory

At it did not seem best to continue the work at present in the community near Sebek, where I labored during part of February and March, I have, since I last reported, moved and am now laboring about ten miles south of Aitkin, between above named postoffices.

Bro. Geo. G. Johnson, now of Michigan, labored here about eleven years ago, and as a result of his efforts, together with the influence of literature on present truth, six persons began the observance of the Sabbath. One of these brethren received a copy

of the Swedish paper, *Sanningens Harold* while on his way over from the old country, and by it was led to investigate the Sabbath question and kindred truths.

Since Brother Johnson left, some eleven years ago, none of our workers have visited this place. The brethren here during this time passed through trying times, and some have given up to discouragement and gone to work on the Sabbath. But they all seem to love the truth, and have expressed a willingness and determination to more faithfully obey the Lord after this. They realize though that they have lost ground, and look back to their former experience with tears in their eyes, as the children of captivity did when they saw the foundation of the new

temple and thought of the old temple in its beauty.

The brethren are fortunate enough to have a meeting house of their own. It is a building which has been used for school purposes and is centrally located. The interest has so far been good, but what the results may be is yet too early to know.

Last Sunday the house of one of the brethren caught fire, and in a short time it with its contents, was reduced to ashes. I was on my way to the meeting house when I beheld the fire. The first thought that came to my mind was, Why is this? I do not know why the Lord should allow this fire, but he knows. The neighbors knew of the straightened circumstances of the family before the fire, and now when they were made homeless a subscription list was started and a sum of money was quickly raised. The young people planned to have a basket social for the benefit of the suffering family. We did not know just how to meet this without hurting their feelings, but they knew our position in the matter, and asked the brother concerned if it would be against his wish to have it. He told them how he felt about the social, and this led them to abandon this plan. If any of the REAPER family feel that they would like to help this family with a small gift, I can give assurance that it will be appreciated. Such gifts may be sent to me or to Hans Bodin, Erick, Minn. Be sure to mention what the money is for.

Remember the work at this place in your prayers.

O. J. NERLUND.

The Union College Calendar is being entirely re-written for

1907-1908, in order to harmonize with the recommendations made by the last General Conference Educational Convention, and to conform with the growth and progress of the school. It will be ready for mailing in a few weeks. Anyone desiring a copy of the calendar is invited to address C. C. Lewis, College View, Neb.

Word from Elder R. A. Underwood states that he has arrived safely at Gland, Switzerland, after a very pleasant voyage, which was enjoyed by all of the company. Elder Underwood and a number of other leading workers will visit a number of the centers of our work in Europe, including the city of Rome, before returning to this country.

The secretary of the North Dakota Tract Society received an order from one of the church members for forty-two copies of the special *Signs* to run for six months. This causes the secretary to feel glad, and to hope that other members of the conference will show the same intent to do some practical missionary work with these special issues.

Brother H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press, states that in the Central, Northern, Pacific and North Pacific Union Conferences our schools have more than 1,600 students, and that a large number of these are preparing to spend the summer in canvassing for our religious books.

After being home a few days Elder N. P. Neilson was called to Sioux Falls Tuesday morning to meet with the conference committee. On Wednesday afternoon he started for Illinois to help his father-in-law move to South Dakota.

Sister Hannah Johnson, a graduate nurse, who has been working in the South Dakota Conference in this capacity, is lying very ill at her home near Big Springs, S. D. All that medical skill can do is being done, and we hope to soon see her among us again.

Some very interesting items from the Alberta and the South Dakota canvassing fields were unavoidably left over from this issue. Louise Donnat, Maggie Buckstead, C. D. Terwillegar, and John P. Glembin, working in the South Dakota field, and Bro. Hawley and Bro. Devereaux, of Alberta, testify that the Lord has blessed them beyond their expectations in the orders taken and the good experiences that came to them while visiting in the homes of the people.

#### OBITUARY

DIED—Sabbath, April 13, 1907, Mrs. Mary Anderson, in the home of her son, Bro. O. J. Anderson, in her 85th year. She was born in Werinland, Sweden, in September, 1822, and came to this country in 1886. She was baptized in Northern Minnesota. All her life she enjoyed good health except the last few months in which she suffered greatly at times from dropsy. Doubts troubled her at times, but she trusted in the Lord and testified that Jesus had power to forgive and forget her sins. She was laid to rest in the blessed hope of the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

J. C. CHRISTENSEN.

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Entered as Second-class matter April 6, 1906, at  
the Post-office at Minneapolis, Minn., under  
the Act of Congress, March 3, 1879.

Until further notice the address of Elder C. A. Burman will be Edmonton, Alta., box 428.

A workers' meeting will be held immediately following the canvassers' institute at Portage la Prairie. This will be the first one ever held in the Manitoba Conference.

Elder J. W. Boynton reports a severe struggle with the cold and snow in Alberta. He says he has never experienced anything like it before and hopes he may never have to again.

The Alberta logging party returned to Leduc Friday, April 12. All are well and a prosperous trip is reported. Bright hopes are entertained for a school in this field. Read the account of the trip in the next REAPER.

Prof. R. B. Thurber, who has been chosen principal of the Elk Point Academy for next year, recently spent a few days at the Academy in counsel with the brethren there in regard to future plans for advancing the utility of the school. His assistance to the committee appointed to re-write and re-form the calendar was much appreciated. He is a graduate of Mount Vernon College, and the past year has been secretary of

the Sabbath school, Educational, and Young People's Departments of the East Michigan Conference.

Everyone should have a copy of the new pamphlet, "The Church: Its Organization, Order and Discipline," by Elder J. N. Loughborough. This is particularly a publication for the times, and to be intelligent upon this question every Seventh-day Adventist should study it from the standpoint of one who had a part in building up the perfect system of organization we are now working under. Church officers especially should have this pamphlet, as it is believed it will do much toward fortifying our people against any suggestion from any other source which will tend to poison their minds against our present system of organization. It will cost 25 cents. Order from your tract society.

**A Line From Brother Emerson**

This issue of the REAPER is coming out under the direction of our new editor. I have given place to Brother Gibson, and as I step aside I feel that I would be very delinquent in performing my duty if I did not say the words which follow.

I took the REAPER without either training or experience in editorial work. I have done the best I could, circumstances considered, but have made many mistakes. I want to thank all the patrons of the paper for their kind, forbearance in all my blunders. You have all been kind and many have written me very encouraging, helpful letters. I cannot tell how much I have appreciated these things. Truly it is good to labor for

those who will overlook your mistakes, and who will give criticism when it is necessary in a kind rather than an adverse manner. From the time I took up this work till to-day I have had only kindness shown me.

To the laborers of the Northern Union I wish to say, I feel much nearer to you than I did a year ago. You have been real Christian brethren and sisters. You have been ever ready to report, and usually real punctual in furnishing matter. Whatever degree of success the REAPER has attained is due to your reports and items. The REAPER has met with favor because of your efforts. I feel exceedingly grateful to every one of you for this.

Now Bro. T. D. Gibson is to take my place as editor. He is a man whom you would like if you could meet him. At any rate I do. I wish I could introduce him to each of you. I know you would want to help him. He is not omnipresent, however. He does not know what you are doing except as you tell him. He does not know of the happenings in your fields; if he did those things would make good items. But I am sure that you will do by him as you have done by me. I have told him he could depend on you. Please do not let my word fail.

Brother Gibson is a man of extensive experience in editorial work, and will now have a greatly improved paper.

I now go into the ministry. As you have remembered me so well in reports the past year, will you kindly remember me when you are in the audience chamber of our King that I may faithfully proclaim God's Word.

C. L. EMMERSON.