



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

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HOME

Home's not merely four square walls,
Though with pictures hung and gilded,
Home is where affection calls,
Filled with shrines the heart hath builded.

Home! go watch the faithful dove,
Sailing 'neath the heaven above us,
Home is where there's one to love;
Home is where there's one to love us.

Home's not merely roof and room,
Needs it something to endear it;
Home is where the heart can bloom,
Where there's some kind lip to cheer it.

What is home with none to meet,
None to welcome, none to greet?
Home is sweet and only sweet,
Where there's one we love to meet.—Sel.

A REFORM NEEDED

If Seventh-day Adventists practiced what they profess to believe, if they were sincere health reformers, they would indeed be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. And they would show a far greater zeal for the salvation of those who are ignorant of the truth.

Greater reforms should be seen among the people who claim to be looking for the soon appearing of Christ. Health reform is to do among our people a work which it has not yet done. There are those who ought to be awake to the danger of meat eating, who are still eating the flesh of animals, thus endangering the physical, mental and spiritual health. Many who are now only half-converted on the question of meat eating will go from God's people to walk no more with them.

In all our work we must obey the laws which God has given, that the physical and spiritual energies may work in harmony. Men may have a form of godliness, they may even preach the gos-

pel, and yet be unpurified and unsanctified. Ministers should be strictly temperate in their eating and drinking, lest they make crooked paths for their feet, turning the lame—those weak in the faith—out of the way. If while proclaiming the most solemn and important message God has given, men war against the truth by indulging wrong habits of eating and drinking, they take all the force from the message they bear.

Those who indulge in meat eating, tea drinking and gluttony are sowing seeds for a harvest of pain and death. The unhealthful food placed in the stomach strengthens the appetites that war against the soul, developing the lower propensities. A diet of flesh meat tends to develop animalism. A development of animalism lessens spirituality, rendering the mind incapable of understanding truth.

The word of God plainly warns us that unless we abstain from fleshy lusts, the physical nature will be brought into conflict with the spiritual nature. Lustful eating wars against the health and peace. Thus a warfare is instituted between the higher and lower attributes of the man. The lower propensities, strong and active, oppress the soul. The highest interests of the being are imperiled by the indulgence of appetites unsanctified by heaven.

Great care should be taken to form right habits of eating and drinking. The food eaten should be that which will make the best blood. The delicate organs of digestion should be respected. God requires us, by being temperate in all things, to act our part toward keeping ourselves in health. He cannot enlighten the mind of a man who makes a cesspool of his stomach. He does not hear the prayers of those who are walking in the light of the sparks of their own kindling.—Mrs. E. G. White, in *Review*, May 27, 1902.

South Dakota

ANNUAL REPORT

Following is the missionary report, the yearly canvassing report, the receipt and disbursement of the tithe and offerings, and the financial standing of the South Dakota Conference and Tract Society for year ending December 31, 1907:

MISSIONARY REPORT

No. of societies.....	31
Av. no. of societies reporting..	14
“ “ “ members reported...	315
“ “ “ “ reporting..	50
No. of letters written.....	414
“ “ “ received.....	79
“ “ Bible readings held....	247
“ “ sub. for periodicals....	307
“ “ periodicals distributed	13,702
“ “ “ sold.....	103
“ “ pages of books, tracts etc., distributed.....	54,131
No. of missionary visits.....	28
“ “ “ talks.....	4
“ “ books loaned.....	4
“ “ Family Bible Teacher distributed.....	41
No. of treatments given.....	3
Subscription book sales.....	\$5,150 20
Trade book sales.....	763 92
Forty per cent book sales.....	187 40
Cash sales.....	812 84
Total book sales.....	\$6,914 36
Tract sales to individuals.....	\$35 01
“ “ “ societies.....	29 91
“ “ “ on state tract fund	12 65
“ “ “ canvassers' fund	3 34
Total tract sales.....	\$80 91
Periodical sales, retail value...	\$473 15
“ “ “ cash “ ..	234 41
Total periodical sales.....	\$707 56
Health food sales.....	12 42
Total sales.....	\$7,715 25

CANVASSERS' REPORT

No. who have canvassed dur- ing year.....	27
No. of reports made.....	248
“ hours work reported.....	6,120
“ of exhibitions made.....	8,161
“ “ orders taken.....	2,113
Value of subscriptions filled....	\$4,104 95
Value of helps sold.....	\$1,063 85
Total value of books delivered.	\$5,173 80

TITHE RECEIVED

Aberdeen	\$1,183 30
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Alexandria	590 92	Societies on account.....	350 06
Artesian.....	332 49	Individuals on account.....	4,182 37
Ash Grove.....	58 45	First Day offerings.....	320 84
Britton.....	185 50	Annual offerings.....	963 46
Bowdle.....	5,319 13	Foreign missions.....	228 10
Big Springs.....	1,166 80	Sabbath school donations.....	1,237 73
Bridgewater.....	360 45	Africa.....	25
Campbell.....	6 00	China	2 70
Canton.....	27 22	Peru.....	50 87
Clear Lake.....	4 26	India.....	106 60
Cottonwood Grove.....	982 80	West Indies.....	1 80
Chamberlain.....	21 00	G. F. Enoch India fund.....	1,176 55
Cresbard.....	13 66	West Indian conference.....	4 88
Dexter.....	500 34	India Mountain mission.....	6 00
Dell Rapids.....	71 86	India Mission Home.....	1 05
Elk Point.....	1,011 45	West Indies Training School..	12 00
Ellsworth.....	615 19	Spanish Honduras.....	226 31
Gienham	525 00	Span. and Port. Pub. fund....	2 00
Gregory.....	29 55	Kingston, Jamaica, church...	3 50
Highmore.....	520 55	German mission fund.....	23 15
Huron.....	529 38	Scandinavian mission.....	75 00
Hudson.....	9 78	Levant mission field.....	4 86
Lake Preston.....	106 15	Scand. mission, Abyssinia....	46 00
La Delle.....	233 10	Alberta workers' fund.....	50
Long Lake.....	440 00	India (support of student)....	3 00
Madison.....	307 98	Gen'l Con'f \$100,000 fund....	29 25
Montrose.....	52 15	Gen'l Con'f \$150,000 fund....	3,757 81
Milltown.....	656 50	Southern work.....	43 65
Milbank	231 22	Southern Missionary Society	19 04
Parker.....	365 16	Missionary Acre fund.....	3 00
Sutley.....	950 25	Christian Record (for blind)..	57 75
Sunnyside.....	330 21	Scand. mission, Chicago.....	5 00
Sioux Falls.....	809 35	Swed. mission, Chicago.....	25 00
Swan Lake.....	942 10	N. Y. Immigrant mission.....	23 56
Spring Valley.....	27 40	Jewish Work.....	25
Viborg.....	371 75	Swed. Song B. and Lit. Fd...	5 00
Woonsocket.....	217 38	Colored People's fund.....	306 09
Willow Lake.....	1 62	Nash. Nor. and Agr. Inst....	1 00
Westford.....	150 00	Or'ph's' and Old Pe'p's' Home	88 20
Webster.....	556 39	S. D. Rel. Liberty work.....	66 95
Individuals.....	1,146 74	S. D. Con'f Ass'n.....	2,201 00
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1907....	3,048 59	Elk Point Academy account...	40 72
Total	\$25,009 12	“ “ “ donation...	63 00
		“ “ “ furnace.....	268 41

TITHE PAID OUT

Conference laborers.....	\$12,534 85
Nor. Union Conf. tithe.....	2,194 55
Second Tithe (Gen'l Conf.)...	1,975 15
Gen'l Conf. Mission Board....	500 00
Manitoba conference.....	500 00
Elk Point Academy teacher...	320 23
F. L. Perry (Peru).....	669 93
Chas. Scholl (Pennsylvania)..	807 64
W. R. Smith (Korea).....	701 36
Alberta Mission Field.....	326 50
C. A. Burman (Alberta).....	323 79
N. W. Allee.....	32 00
Expense (Box rent, postage)	9 47
Cash on hand, Dec. 31, 1907..	4,113 65
Total.....	\$25,009 12

CASH REPORT

Tithe, from churches and in- dividuals	\$21,945 53
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“ “ “ “	350 06
“ “ “ “	4,182 37
“ “ “ “	320 84
“ “ “ “	963 46
“ “ “ “	228 10
“ “ “ “	1,237 73
“ “ “ “	25
“ “ “ “	2 70
“ “ “ “	50 87
“ “ “ “	106 60
“ “ “ “	1 80
“ “ “ “	1,176 55
“ “ “ “	4 88
“ “ “ “	6 00
“ “ “ “	1 05
“ “ “ “	12 00
“ “ “ “	226 31
“ “ “ “	2 00
“ “ “ “	3 50
“ “ “ “	23 15
“ “ “ “	75 00
“ “ “ “	4 86
“ “ “ “	46 00
“ “ “ “	50
“ “ “ “	3 00
“ “ “ “	29 25
“ “ “ “	3,757 81
“ “ “ “	43 65
“ “ “ “	19 04
“ “ “ “	3 00
“ “ “ “	57 75
“ “ “ “	5 00
“ “ “ “	25 00
“ “ “ “	23 56
“ “ “ “	25
“ “ “ “	5 00
“ “ “ “	306 09
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“ “ “ “	88 20
“ “ “ “	66 95
“ “ “ “	2,201 00
“ “ “ “	40 72
“ “ “ “	63 00
“ “ “ “	268 41
“ “ “ “	16 43
“ “ “ “	90 00
“ “ “ “	243 18
“ “ “ “	489 21
“ “ “ “	14 63
“ “ “ “	63 75
“ “ “ “	84 00
“ “ “ “	10 00
“ “ “ “	234 41
“ “ “ “	812 84
“ “ “ “	07
“ “ “ “	6,122 92
Total.....	\$46,164 23

FINANCIAL STANDING

RESOURCES

Swan Lake society.....	30 38
Big Springs “	3 34
Artesian “	2 05

Aberdeen	37	00
Sioux Falls	27	31
Webster	20	16
Ellsworth	5	45
Individuals on accounts.....	1,376	50
Elk Point academy account...	35	30
Publishers on account.....	468	12
State tract fund.....	77	
Canvassers' fund.....	161	10
S. D. Con'f Ass'n.....	365	40
Ministry, inventory.....	12	00
Mdse., books, etc., on hand.	2,568	24
Property.....	2,498	00
Cash on hand.....	5,907	32
Total.....	\$13,518	44

LIABILITIES

Ash Grove society.....	1	50
Cottonwood Grove society.....	1	03
Bridgewater society.....	2	81
Huron society.....	1	70
Cresbard society.....	5	01
Dexter society.....	1	62
Canton society.....	1	07
Individuals on account.....	173	84
Tithe fund.....	4,113	65
Educational fund.....	90	95
Poor or relief fund.....	214	82
Tent fund.....	21	76
\$150,000 fund.....	853	42
S. D. Rel. Lib. fund.....	100	97
S. D. sanitarium fund.....	47	25
Orphans' Home.....	3	20
Ministry of Healing account..	129	30
Balance, present worth.....	7,754	54
Total.....	\$13,518	44

F. R. ISAAC, Sec. and Treas.

BREAD FOR COMMUNION

It has been the general practice among our people that the deaconess, or the deacon's wife, where no deaconess is elected, should prepare the bread for the communion services. But as there are more or less changes in the officers of our churches from year to year, inquiries are frequently made by newly-elected persons as to how suitable unleavened bread may be prepared. For the benefit of all such I will copy the following recipe given by Elder J. N. Loughborough, and published in the *Review* a few years ago:

"Take eight ounces of fine flour and one full ounce of butter. Cut the butter into small pieces, then rub it

into the flour dry until it disappears; add just water enough to make a very stiff dough. This may be improved by pounding with a hammer until it can be rolled out smooth. Roll out to about three-sixteenths of an inch in thickness. Then crease with a knife, pricking through every half inch both ways, making into squares about nine-sixteenths of an inch in diameter. Be sure to cut deep enough so that it will break easily into squares. Bake in a hot oven about fifteen minutes. This is the same recipe that is followed in preparing the Jewish passover bread."

The Lord's Supper is a sacred ordinance, and we should not permit anything to detract from its sacredness. The Lord desires that we should "put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean." Lev. 10:10. Common bread should not be used. We should guard well, lest a feeling of commonness should creep into any part of the service; but let us participate in these ordinances with a holy joy and sincere thankfulness to our Saviour for his sacrifice on Calvary's cross. It should be a day of self-examination—yet a day of joy and gladness mingled with reverence. A day thus spent will be a day of untold encouragement and benefit to a church.

N. P. NEILSEN.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

In harmony with the wish of the conference committee and the academy faculty that provision be made for instruction in the book work for our prospective student canvassers, it is planned that we hold a ten days' institute at the Elk Point Academy, beginning April 26, and ending May 5.

Practical instruction in missionary book canvassing will be given, such as the best way of approaching individuals; awakening an interest in the printed matter presented; meeting objec-

tions and securing the order; keeping a record of the work done and reporting the same; ordering and delivering books, etc. Also drilling and demonstration that will help the worker to become self-reliant, "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

If there are others, besides the students, who are planning to enter the work, who wish to take advantage of the privilege of attending this institute, though the school is practically full, I am sure they will be made welcome.

Good reports are coming from those already in the field, which is a source of encouragement to those who are planning, but who have not yet gone out. A great work is before us. Let us "be strong and work, for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts."

GEO. W. MILLER.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

From a letter from Sister S. A. Bryant, of Dell Rapids, we quote the following: "I went out to visit Grandma Guiles yesterday. She will be ninety years old next August, and is growing quite feeble and forgetful, but is staunch in the faith. She gave me two dollars and a half to put into the cause. She has the *Signs* and *Review* to read, and said that she wanted to be remembered as one who desires to help in the cause she loves so dearly."

A telegram reached the office April 13, in which Elder K. C. Russell gave warning that action was to be taken on the Johnson District Sunday bill Friday. The Sioux Falls church was aroused to action, and nine telegrams were sent by individuals to Senator R. J. Gamble, asking him not to recommend this bill.

Camp meeting season is almost

here again. It is none too early to plan to attend. We hope in a few days to definitely announce where it will be held. Woonsocket has been suggested and practically settled upon. June 11-21 is the time appointed.

Brother and Sister Stilson have arrived in South Dakota and are busy at work in the office. While we appreciate that the Northern Union has lost valuable help, we are selfish enough to be glad that South Dakota has gained valuable workers.

Brother J. P. Glembin, one of our faithful canvassers, was called to Elk Point by the serious illness of his son. We regret to lose him from the field, and hope that he may soon be able to return to his work.

Brother G. W. Miller spent a few days at Elk Point last week in the interest of the canvassing work, and has arranged for an institute to be held at the academy near the close of the school year.

Sister Low, former teacher at the academy, has returned from the sanitarium where she went for treatment and rest after typhoid fever had done its work. We are glad she can be back again.

Our conference has ordered another new field tent 30 x 50 feet, and ten family tents 12 x 14 feet, made of the best army duck. To some persons this will be good news.

Elder Harter and Brother Stokes have begun a series of meetings at Aberdeen. The interest seems to be good. It is too early to give results.

Elder J. W. Christian is visiting the churches at Glenham and Sutley. Brother Wall is working among the people at Sutley with good results.

Brother Victor D. Hawley,

who has been teaching in the academy at Leduc, Alberta, the past year, returned to Sioux Falls last week.

Elder Leer had to leave his work at Long Lake last week on account of ill health. He went home for a few days rest.

Sister Florence Milier is visiting a number of Sabbath schools in the southern part of the state.

Minnesota

PRESIDENTS REPORT TO THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

The first Adventist sermon preached in the state of Minnesota was in the summer of 1855. The brother who preached it is still living and residing here. Not till 1861 had a sufficient number accepted the views held by this people to warrant the brethren in calling them together for the purpose of organization. C. Kelsey, the brother who presided at the first meeting, also lives and resides in the state. At the present time our membership is 2,049, having been about the same for several years. This is brought about by the fact that about as many move away annually as accept the truth.

While we rejoice that we have not lost any of our number during the two years since we last met in conference, and while we are glad to be able to assist other needy fields, yet we very much miss the eleven workers who have been called from us during this time. This, together with the fact that only one has been permanently added to our force, leaves us very much in need of help.

The past summer six tent and two schoolhouse companies were in the field. During the winter lectures have been conducted in

six different places, cottage meetings and Bible readings held in many places, and revival services and general meetings in others. Every church in the state, with the exception of one, and nearly every family has been visited one or more times. As an apparent result of these efforts eighty-nine persons have been reported baptized. For this we are indeed thankful, and trust that with the help given us during this conference, and in other ways, that we may become more wise in working for souls, and that at the end of another year we may be enabled to report more souls garnered in for the Master.

The following items of work have been reported by our thirty-one laborers now on our pay roll: Sermons preached, 1,747; other meetings, 1,113; Bible readings given, 3,009; families visited, 27,854; pages tracts sold, 94,716; pages tracts loaned, 207,189; books loaned, 26; books sold, 300; missionary letters written, 78; subscriptions taken for our papers, 494; treatments given, 360.

For every member whose name appears on our church records \$12.07 has been paid into the conference treasury as tithe. This makes a total of \$26,703.78. The expenditures have been as follows: \$22,140.57 wages and expense money paid to laborers; \$2,000 direct donations to missions; \$2,595.97 second tithe to foreign missions; \$2,661.52 tithe to Northern Union Conference.

Aside from the tithe donations have been received as follows: On the \$150,000 fund, \$3,601.97; on churches to be built at Duluth and St. Paul, \$1,314.96; other missionary enterprises, \$5,694.04.

Our church school work is in a very prosperous condition. Eight schools having been in session

this year. Though the number of schools has been much greater in the past, we do not consider the work flagging out in the least degree. These are doing an excellent grade of work, and are giving general satisfaction where conducted. The length of term is from seven to nine months, and the wage of the teacher about eighteen dollars per month and board.

Seventeen canvassers have been in the field during the summer, selling a large number of books. Most of these being students the work suffered when school began.

The Sabbath school secretary reports eighty-two organized and ninety family schools, with a membership of 2,262. An excellent work is being done for these isolated ones. Through this branch they are kept in touch with our work, and in this way are much encouraged. The Sabbath school donations for this biennial period show a gain of nearly one thousand dollars over the preceding period.

The statement will not be challenged we think, that our greatest need is the awakening of our old-time missionary spirit, and the machinery necessary to operate it. S. E. JACKSON.

FERGUS FALLS

At the close of the Northern Union Conference meeting I was asked to move with my family to Fergus Falls. We enjoyed the work and the association with the people of Thief River Falls, and had the pleasure of seeing a number of souls give their hearts to God and accept of the Third Angel's Message. We have not accomplished all that we would like to have seen done, but we are glad that we can leave a little company with a nice house of worship. The members are

all happy in the Lord, and are looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The last days spent at Thief River Falls were about the best of our experience. Though in the unpleasant work of breaking up, and filled with the sad thought of leaving many dear friends, our hearts were greatly cheered and encouraged by the love and sympathy shown by the members of the church. We felt that our departure was only for a little season, and that we shall meet in a better world never to separate. We were also greatly encouraged by the fact that some dear families were deciding to obey God, and to go with us to the kingdom. A number of persons are now awaiting baptism and admission into the church.

We have been at Fergus Falls only a little over a week, and have, therefore, not an intelligent understanding of the work yet. But we like the place and the people. We believe that the Lord has sent us here, and hope that he may be pleased to use us while here in such a way that his work may be accomplished. We have not a large company here, as many of the members have moved to other places; but we have a nice body of young people, some of whom are taking an active part in the work. We hope in the near future to have a young people's organization. We expect to take up the Scandinavian work as soon as we feel that sufficient interest has been awakened.

O. E. JOHANSEN.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

Eight church schools have been in operation in Minnesota this

year, with an enrolment of ninety-five students; and every one of these schools, judging from personal visits and from letters of approval from the patrons of the schools, have been a complete success, due to the faithful work done by the teachers under the approving guidance of the Lord.

Church schools are no longer on probation, in fact they never should have been a theory to be tested and then cast aside when the first cloud appeared upon the horizon (for God gave us the plan); but they have been proven by actual test to be a practical, workable system by means of which Seventh-day Adventist children may receive a thorough education, free from the erroneous theories taught in the public schools, which undermine their faith and sap the vitality from their spiritual life; free from fiction and fairy tales, which clog the mind, and dwarf the intellect. Here our students may be filled with that spiritual life which flows from the word of God, and which fosters and cherishes that spark of faith in and reverence for God which is planted within every child's heart by a hand divine.

"Oh, that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea." Isa. 48:18. When the Lord outlines a plan whereby our children may be saved, and we reject the plan, or neglect to carry it out, can we consistently ask God to save our children?

The work is onward. God is adding his blessing to this line of the work, and we hope soon to see many more schools in operation. W. W. RUBLE.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Brother Frank Kozel, who recently moved to South Carolina

to help with the work in that state, writes that the conference has purchased a place of thirty-four acres to use as an industrial school. Brother Kozel has pledged \$700 toward paying for the farm conditional upon the sale of his place at Brainard for \$2,500. Who will buy the farm?

Elder C. L. Emmerson states that he will not be able to enter the evangelical work this summer on account of poor health. This is very much regretted by all who know Brother Emmerson.

The Minnesota Tract Society has ordered a good stock of Oxford and American revised Bibles for the camp meeting. This will be a good opportunity to get a nice new Bible.

F. F. Fry and Ralph Campbell, canvassing in Blue Earth county for Great Controversy, took nineteen orders in four days, to the value of fifty-two dollars.

Elder S. E. Jackson was called to Northfield last week to conduct funeral services over the remains of Sister Manhart.

Five persons were baptized at the Minneapolis church Sabbath, April 4. These united with the church the same day.

The Minnesota camp meeting will be held June 4-14.

Brother A. D. Ewert has gone back to Winona to labor.

North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Mrs. Prior, of Turtle Lake, rejoices that God has given her the privilege of this work. She first learned her canvass for "Marvel," then canvassed a little in the country, and then went to town with her husband one day when he went on business. One man, who came to the house on business, was shown the book.

THE BOOK WORK

MINNESOTA—WEEK ENDING APR. 11

Name		Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Richard Burdick	G. C.	32	3	8 25		8 25	4 25
Totals,	1 agent	32	3	\$8 25		\$8 25	\$4 25

SOUTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING APR. 11

Jas. M. Johnston	G. C.	13	8	\$24 00	\$3 00	\$27 00	
J. P. Glembin	G. C.	57	26	102 50	27 00	129 50	11 25
Totals,	2 agents	70	34	\$126 50	\$30 00	\$156 50	\$11 25
U. C. Totals,	3 agents	112	63	\$134 75	\$30 00	\$164 75	\$15 50

He ordered one, and the next time he came he said his brother wanted one also. A lady who could not take the book made a donation to the school. The local paper, without being requested, published a notice in which it said that everyone should read "The Marvel of Nations." Brother and Sister Prior now have twelve orders, and they feel that God is preparing the way for the truth to reach their neighbors. This work has broken down some of the prejudice, and they find their neighbors are much more friendly than before. Sister Prior feels that she must keep on with the work although the spring work is coming on.

At Velve the Swedish Lutheran minister is making a demonstration in opposition to the truth. He forebad Elder Jorgensen to attend his meetings. He took two young ladies, who were interested in our meetings, in his carriage to a big Lutheran meeting in another town, and caused them to stay away all the week. One of these, with her mother and sister, is now rejoicing in the truth. Sister Jorgensen says in a private letter, "This is a nice Swedish family. The young ladies are dressmakers. Each one of these three has had a great struggle, and now their victories are so much the greater." Two other young ladies, daughters of one of our

sisters, have surrendered to the Lord.

Brother John Peterson, of Minot, has been made sad this winter by the death of his beloved mother and his brother-in-law, M. J. Warner. The former was a devoted Christian, and died in full hope of a part in the first resurrection. The latter was converted before his death. These things have resulted in creating a desire in the hearts of the relatives, and these are now seeking their soul's salvation. Four have promised to obey the truth; others are interested, but fear of man holds some.

A woman who attended the Rock Lake camp meeting two years ago learned that she could read the Bible for herself, and was not compelled to "take the preacher's word for it." She is now keeping the Sabbath, and wishes she had known it sooner. She and a twelve-year-old daughter desire baptism.

The work of selling books for the school is not stopped. Brother Argo, of Wheelock, took twelve orders in parts of two days, and intends to keep on at the work when the weather is a little warmer. The whole church is at work. New Home promises to do its share.

Sister Bessie Saunders, of Leonard, is at the sanitarium at Des Moines, Ia., taking the nurses' course. She says, "I am

willing to go into any work the Lord has for me if he will only fit me for it."

Quite a number of Sabbath-keepers are moving into the state this spring, while others are moving farther west and taking claims.

A number of our people are putting reading racks in the railroad depots of their home towns, and they purpose to keep them filled.

Iowa

ANOTHER WORKER TO LEAVE US

At the meeting of the conference committee held in Des Moines last week it was voted to release Elder N. C. Bergersen to labor in Chicago, in accordance with an earnest request from the Northern Illinois conference and the North American Foreign Mission Department of the General Conference. Chicago has a very large Scandinavian population which has proved a fruitful field of labor, and the Northern Illinois conference has been anxious to secure the best talent obtainable for the work. We feel we are giving to that field one of our best laborers, and we shall follow Elder Bergersen's labors in that city with deep interest.

As a partial compensation for losing Elder Bergersen, we will have the labor of Elder L. H. Christian in our conference this summer. He will hold tent meetings in some Scandinavian neighborhood, with two young men of that nationality from Union College as assistants. It is planned to have Elder Christian visit some of our Scandinavian churches this summer also.

At the same meeting of the committee it was voted to invite

Elder W. D. Parkhurst, of Southern Illinois, to come to Iowa and take up pastoral labor in Des Moines. Elder Parkhurst has had a long and very successful experience in this line of work, and we feel that we are very fortunate in securing his services, as he had numerous calls in other directions. M. N. CAMPBELL.

IN THE FIELD

Since the Northern Union Conference I have spent the time in the field with those who are new in the work, and in laboring with and planning for those who expect to enter the work soon. While we had but eight in the canvassing field during the month of March, I feel sure we will almost double that number before the close of this month. There has been reason for our list of workers not increasing faster this month, that is, the contagious diseases everywhere prevalent, and the grip, from which they have not been exempt.

Our people are looking upon our branch of this great work with a greater degree of favor, and with the expectation of rendering more substantial assistance than they have for many years. I take new courage when I look at the prospects for this summer, even though we shall have great odds to work against from a financial standpoint, for the boys and girls are taking hold with a vim.

The work done during March was as follows:—

Number of canvassers.....	8
Orders.....	141
Value of orders.....	\$275 00
Helps sold.....	55 15
Helps delivered.....	35 75
Books delivered.....	62 25
Grand total.....	428 15

We expect to more than double this next month.

C. W. HOLLINGSWORTH.

COLLEGE VIEW INSTITUTE

A canvassers' institute will be held at College View, Neb., commencing May 4. While this institute is primarily intended for the students who contemplate selling our books during vacation, we shall be glad to have with us any who desire to enter this branch of the work, and feel that they need a better preparation for it. An excellent corps of instructors has been provided for this three weeks' institute, and a very strong effort will be put forth to make the meeting a success in every way. For particulars address James Cochran, 1109 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Mo.

EDITORIAL NOTES

ACCORDING to the summary of Missionary Volunteer work for the quarter ending December 31, 1907, in the Northern Union Conference there were thirty organized societies, with a membership of 415. This summary does not include the North Dakota conference, from which no report was received.

"THE so-called Christian nations are making, it is said, ten drunkards in heathen lands to one Christian. Merchants are exporting to such countries seventy thousand gallons of alcoholic drink for every missionary sent to them."

THERE are over 6,000 members of Missionary Volunteer societies, and these, besides other good work, have caused over \$5,000 to flow through the channels of home and foreign missionary work.

OVER 7,000 copies of the Morning Watch Calendar have been distributed. Two editions have been printed, but the demand has been so great that the supply is now exhausted.

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It is believed the present movement to raise an amount equal to ten cents a week for each member of the denomination will mark a great forward movement in behalf of foreign missions. If the resolutions adopted at the different union conference meetings are carried into effect the contributions now made by our churches in the United States will be doubled. This increase will add greatly to the strength of our forces in the regions beyond. We now have the largest number of missionaries in foreign lands that we have ever had. While this is very encouraging to the people of the denomination, and they are no doubt rejoicing that they have so many representatives in different parts of the world, it must not be forgotten that as the number of our missionaries increases our responsibility for their support in-

creases in a corresponding proportion. It is believed that the denomination will give a loyal support to this movement. Church officers should keep the cause of missions and its progress continually before the members of the churches, in order that they may become so filled with zeal and enthusiasm for the advancement of the cause in the far-away lands that they will give freely of their abundance.

THE May number of *Life and Health* is an especially good one. It touches on many phases of the diet question, establishing the foundation principles of health through a proper diet, and demonstrating that "as we eat, so we live." Dr. Kress presents a cure for national intemperance through diet; Mrs. E. G. White, writing on "Diet and Health," shows that the disease and suffering which prevail everywhere are due largely to the popular errors in diet; Dr. Leadsworth presents an illustrated article on "Digestive Disturbances and Their Remedy." Many other good things are to be found in this issue, and it will be helpful to everyone who reads it.

It has been reported that there has been a falling off in the subscription list of the *Review and Herald*. It is strange how a person interested in our cause can get along without the *Review*, as it is the channel for the distribution of so much information that its coming is anxiously awaited each week all over the United States. The circulation of the *Review* should increase in proportion with the increase in the membership of the denomination.

APRIL 7 Senator Johnson, of Alabama, introduced another bill in the senate for the proper ob-

servance of Sunday as a day of rest in the District of Columbia. A hearing on this bill was announced for Wednesday last, and it was expected that the workers in attendance at the General Conference Committee Council would be present and take part in protesting against its passage.

THE spring council of the General Conference Committee convened at Takoma Park last week. Most of the members of the committee in this country are present at the meeting, and Elders L. R. Conradi, O. A. Olsen and E. E. Andross came from abroad. The work of the council will be reported in later issues of the *Review*.

THE *Review* of April 16 says: Elder L. F. Starr, formerly president of the Iowa conference, arrived in Washington last week. His family will be located at Takoma Park. Elder Starr will take the presidency of the Chesapeake conference, made vacant by the resignation of Elder Morris Lukens.

THE Year Book for 1908 is ready for delivery; price 25 cents. Every worker and church officer should have a copy of this work. A great deal of information is given in the Year Book which cannot readily be obtained from any other source. Order from the tract society.

MISS MARGARET J. BILZ, national lecturer of the medical department of the W. C. T. U., was baptized April 4 at Takoma Park. Sister Bilz accepted the truth some time ago, but the opportunity for baptism came recently.

THE Spiritualists of Minneapolis prepared an elaborate program and held special Easter services on Sunday evening last.