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

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A NEW LEAF

He came to my desk with a quivering lip—

The lesson was done—

"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," said he,

"I have spoiled this one."

In place of the leaf so stained and blotted

I gave him a new one all unspotted,

And into his sad eyes smiled—

"Do better now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul—

The old year was done—

"Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me?

I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,

And gave me a new one, all unspotted,

And into my sad heart smiled—

"Do better now, my child."—Anon.

WILL IT OR DOES IT PAY?

In business matters, when an outlay of time or means is contemplated, we often properly consider the question, "Will it or does it pay?" After weighing the cost and the advantages secured, we decide the question. This same question is constantly met and must be decided with reference to spiritual and eternal things. When an important meeting is to be held, which requires time and means to attend, we do not always decide the question as wisely as we do matters of less importance. Eternity is not as often taken into our reckoning as it should be.

I have recently attended general camp meetings in the states of Minnesota and North Dakota and South Dakota. Something over two thousand people in the aggregate left their homes to spend more or less time in camp at these gatherings. This was done at a considerable expense to those attending. Was this time and means wisely expended? Decisions were made the importance of which eternity alone will reveal? About two

hundred persons were led to accept Christ as their Saviour and begin the Christian's life. Many believers were greatly encouraged and helped spiritually. The cause of Christ was assisted, by gifts of consecrated means for foreign and home work, to an amount of more than \$35,000. The larger part of this money will go into destitute foreign fields to assist the laborers already in these fields, and to increase their number.

One more important camp meeting is to be held in the Northern Union Conference this year. The Iowa conference meeting will be held at Nevada, Iowa, August 27 to September 6. Shall we not labor to the end, and expect that the last of these spiritual feasts in the Northern Union Conference in 1908 shall be the best? It certainly should be the largest meeting in view of the large constituency in the good state of Iowa. May God move upon every believer in Iowa to work to this end, by seeking God with all the heart, and *giving the Holy Spirit the right of way in every church, and every family, and every soul professing to believe this message.* Bring your unconverted children and neighbors to this meeting. Come the first day, praying, working and believing for showers of the latter rain. "The Spirit and the Bride say come," and let all the church militant say "Come." Step into the current flowing heavenward now in this gracious hour of probation. *Does it pay? Will it pay?* The echo of a soul saved through eternity answers: "*It pays; It pays.*" It gives the *greatest return of all investments.*

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

Our people have already been informed that the Council of the General Conference Committee, held in Takoma Park last April, decided to conse-

crate Thanksgiving week, November 23-30, to a vigorous missionary campaign. It is hoped that there will be many thousands of dollars raised for missionary work at this time. The missionary number of the *Review* will be ready for delivery, and in the hands of all our churches before that date. Surely this is the biggest undertaking that has ever been attempted by Seventh-day Adventists. The plan is that the missionary number of the *Review* shall be distributed free, and each one who receives a copy will be solicited for a donation for our foreign missions.

Other missionary societies solicit large offerings, and receive many hundreds of thousands of dollars, for the support of their work. We believe that the work which Seventh-day Adventists are doing in foreign fields is greater by far in proportion than that of any other missionary society or organization in the world. We are expending in behalf of foreign missions a sum that will equal more than five dollars per capita for our church membership. This means much to our people, and we believe that our friends and neighbors will gladly share with us in the work of giving the gospel to the heathen lands.

We look forward to Thanksgiving week as a time when our people will plan to lay aside their business cares as far as possible, and to give the entire week in service to the Lord in endeavoring to solicit funds for our foreign mission work. Correspondence concerning this plan is invited from any one who feels a burden to write.

I. H. EVANS.

ONE result of the recent meetings in North Dakota was the addition of a nice list of names to the subscription list of the REAPER.

From the Field

North Dakota

WILTON—MERCER

July 10-13 I spent with the Wilton church. Many of the members of this church have moved away, and the membership has decreased to ten, yet I found these in love with and of good courage in the truth. We had good meetings together. Some of the members of the McCluskey and Lincoln churches met with us also. On Sabbath we had a blessed meeting. The Lord came very near, and all rejoiced in the truth. On Sunday there was a baptismal service. Three dear souls were buried with their Saviour in the watery grave. After the baptism we came together to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house and to extend the right hand of fellowship to those who had been baptized. A number of the members of the different churches in the neighborhood were present and showed a good spirit. We hope and pray that these persons may take their stand for the truth. We believe the prospects are good for a number of them.

Seven miles north of Mercer there has been a good interest for some time. This place has been visited off and on by our workers. One family decided to keep the Sabbath while I was there, and is now rejoicing with us in this blessed truth. We have hope that others will decide to obey soon. The Lord willing we will have a baptismal service here soon.

Brethren and sisters, the good work is going on. Are we all doing what we can do to spread the message in the neighborhood in which we live? Say, brother,

have you noticed that the power of God seems to be with some of the people in a special measure? Do you understand what this means? Drops and showers of the latter rain. The harvest is getting ripe, either for the heavenly garner or for the lake of fire. Is it not "high time to put on the whole armor of God?" Let us watch, pray and work that we may be ready when the dear Saviour shall come, is the sincere though humble prayer of your coworker. CHARLES LEER.

BOWDON

Sunday, July 19, was a happy day for the Bowdon church. Twenty-five dear souls were baptised as the result of the continued revival work after our camp meeting. We had to drive about five miles to find a suitable place for the baptism. When the company came to this place, the owner of the farm, being an American, asked the privilege of inviting his church (Methodist) to come to witness this ordinance. Of course a hearty invitation was extended to them. About eighty teams came to the place of baptism. It was an impressive sight to see so many spectators on the hillside about the water. A short service was held at the water's edge, in which some reasons were given for performing the rite in a manner strange to many of the visitors. The services were conducted quietly and in order, and I trust good impressions were made.

After the baptism we all went back to the church, where the right hand of fellowship was extended to these new members. The ordinances of the Lord's house were administered, and it made us rejoice to see how the young people took part.

The day was well nigh gone, so we took just twenty minutes

to take pledges for our home work. When our school work was spoken of, and its needs presented, it was gratifying to see with what promptness the young people answered the call. Some promised fifty dollars and others less amounts, and within those twenty minutes we received promises of about \$1,200. This closed a happy day for the Bowdon church. C. J. KUNKEL.

Minnesota

ARE YOU HELPING?

Among the recommendations passed at the conference held at Minneapolis, June 4-14, we find the following:

"We recommend that every Seventh-day Adventist, excepting those regularly paying tuition for one or more students, be encouraged to pay in addition to the tithe, a sum equal to ten per cent of a tithe, the same to be used to establish and maintain a state educational fund for the support of church schools."

Ten per cent of a tithe would be only one cent on every dollar earned. Surely every Christian can do that much for the salvation of the children.

Some may ask, "Is this in harmony with the Lord's plan?" In Vol. 6, page 217, of the Testimonies we read, referring to church schools:

"Let all share the expense. Let the church see that those who ought to receive its benefits are attending the school. Poor families should be assisted. We cannot call ourselves true missionaries if we neglect those at our very doors who are at the most critical age, and who need our aid to secure knowledge and experience that will fit them for the service of God."

Thus we see that the Lord desires all to share the expense of maintaining church schools, and says that unless we do this we cannot call ourselves true missionaries.

If every Seventh-day Adventist will begin to-day to pay to

the church treasurer, when he pays his tithe, one cent on every dollar earned, there will be enough in this fund to materially aid in supporting church schools, and each one will be doing real missionary work in aiding the children to get an education which will save them to the cause and prepare them to become workers for God. We are far behind in the work of Christian education. There should be many more church schools in Minnesota. W. W. RUBLE.

EAGLE BEND

After helping to close up the work at our good camp meeting in Minneapolis I went to my home in Brainerd for a short time. I was with that church two Sabbaths. The members have planned a study of all the points of the truth, and manifest an interest in each department of the work.

At Crow Wing I held three preaching services. This small company has kept up its Sabbath school and meetings, and is of good courage.

I next went to Grey Eagle, where we held one meeting and visited with the members of the church. The church at Sauk Center is composed mostly of elderly people who do not meet together in service, but are supplied with papers, tracts and lesson pamphlets. These members are doing missionary work and studying the Sabbath school lessons at home.

At Round Prairie but two families are left, and one of these is planning to go west. I had a good visit with these families.

I have been with the brethren at Eagle Bend over Sabbath, and on Sunday we had a meeting in a school house in the country. There was a good attendance of

people, who listened with interest to the word spoken.

It is a very busy time, and at each of the places visited the brethren and sisters seemed to have all that they could do. However they are doing some missionary work, and are interested in the ten-cent-a-week plan, that this precious cause may be sustained and do its work in all the world. My health and courage are good.

ANDREW MEAD.

MINNESOTA NOTES

A quiet wedding took place at Simpson, near Stewartville, Wednesday, July 22, at the home of the bride's parents. The service was held in the morning at 10:30. Mr. F. A. Weeks and Miss Jeannette Jenks were united in marriage by Elder J. M. Comer. The ceremony was performed on the lawn, in the midst of beautiful decorations, and was suggestive of the first ceremony ever performed.

Brother Ben Francis went home from Mankato last week with his son Amil, who became infected with typhoid fever while at that place. There have been a number of cases of fever traced to the drinking water, and possibly this is one of them.

The Minnesota teachers at the summer school at College View will come home this week. It is thought they have been greatly benefited by their association with those who have had long experience in practical school work.

Brother F. F. Fry, field missionary agent, returned on Friday from a three-weeks' trip among the field workers. He reports an enthusiastic and energetic corps of canvassers in the field, who are doing a great work in Minnesota.

Elders Underwood, Jackson and Brother Everest were at the dedicatory services at the Duluth church last Sabbath and Sunday. There was a large attendance.

Elder Kuehl conducted a baptismal service at Anoka on Sabbath. A good meeting was held, after which two men and their wives and one other brother were baptized.

Elder W. W. Ruble returned from the summer school at College View to-day. He reports a very successful and interesting period at the school.

WHAT THE RECORD SHOWS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1908

I am sure that every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the Northern Union Conference will be glad to know how the conference in which he lives stands in the matter of donations to foreign missions at the close of the first six months of 1908. In response to an inquiry to the General Conference office, I have just received a statement from L. H. Evans, the treasurer, giving the amount received in cash from each conference in the Northern Union from January 1 to July 1, 1908, which is placed in convenient tabulated form:

	Membership	\$5.20 per capita	Amt. Rec.	Deficit	Above 10c a week	Yet to raise
Iowa.....	2,906	\$15,111 20	\$4,293 64	\$3,261 96		\$10,817 56
Minnesota	2,043	10,623 60	4,019 65	1,292 15		6,603 95
North Dakota.....	822	4,274 40	2,677 35		\$540 15	1,597 05
South Dakota.....	937	4,872 40	3,075 84		639 64	1,796 56
Totals,	6,708	\$34,881 60	\$14,066 48	\$4,554 11	\$1,179 79	\$20,815 12

Iowa's membership is 2,906. At ten cents a week the amount for the year would be \$15,111.20. During the first six months the mission board has received \$4,293.64 from this conference, which leaves a deficit, on the basis of ten cents a week per capita for the first twenty-six weeks, of \$3,261.96. In the next six months Iowa must raise \$10,817.66 if ten cents a week per capita is given to foreign missions.

Minnesota has a membership of 2,043. At ten cents a week \$10,623.60 would be the amount for the year. Up to July 1 this conference had paid into the mission board treasury \$4,019.65, leaving a deficit for the first six months of \$1,292.15, on the basis of ten cents a week for each member. Minnesota must raise \$6,603.95 in the next six months if an amount equal to ten cents a week for a year is given to missions.

North Dakota, with a membership of 822 Sabbath-keepers, would raise \$4,274.40 at ten cents a week per capita for the year. Up to July 1 this conference had paid \$2,677.35 into the General Conference treasury for foreign missions, or \$540.15 above ten cents a week per capita for the first half of the year. North Dakota has only \$1,597.05 more to raise to equal ten cents a week per capita for 1908.

South Dakota, with a membership of 937, must raise \$4,872.40, at ten cents a week per capita, for 1908. In the first six months this conference has paid in \$3,075.84, or \$639.64 above ten cents a week per capita for the first six months. South Dakota has yet to raise \$1,796.56 in order to complete an amount equal to ten cents a week per capita for the year 1908.

For the 6,708 Sabbath-keepers in the Northern Union we have pledged to raise an amount for foreign missions equal to \$34,881.60 for 1908. During the first six months we have only paid in

\$14,066.48, leaving a deficit for the entire union for that period of \$3,374.32.

The above figures do not include any of the pledges that have not been paid, nor any of the funds that have not reached the General Conference treasury prior to July 1. It will be seen that North Dakota and South Dakota have donated several hundred dollars more than the per capita amount for the first six months, while Iowa and Minnesota are several thousand dollars behind. I am sure that each conference in the union will give more than the amount per capita for the year. If this is accomplished a vigilant and constant effort must be put forth in all our churches and by our conference officers. In addition to the donations that have been sent in by the several conferences in this union, \$1,500 has been appropriated from the tithe fund and sent to the General Conference. I am certain that we shall raise a much larger sum in the aggregate in the union than we promised when we voted to give ten cents a week. North Dakota has led out in making large pledges. In the other conferences more or less has been pledged that has not been paid. I trust that each church elder and each church member will take a lively interest in making and soliciting donations, so that the various churches will fully come up to the plan of giving an amount equaling ten cents a week. Many will be able to go far beyond this; but let none be satisfied until this standard has been attained in every church. It will be well for the conference officers to look over these figures, and to keep the brethren constantly reminded of their blessed privilege and obligation of carrying the message to the distant fields.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

TEN cents a week by 90,000 Seventh-day Adventists will amount to \$468,000 in one year.

South Dakota

THE FIELD

Since reporting to the REAPER I have visited the tent effort at Dallas. This is a new town on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad in the famous Rosebud country. A year ago it was practically a bare strip of prairie; but to-day this is a town of about 600 inhabitants. The place is excited just now in anticipation of the opening of the Tripp county Indian reservation.

Upon arriving I found that the tent had been pitched and the first meeting announced for that evening. Brethren Christensen and Anderson were just ready to begin work. While the attendance has not been large, the attention paid to the word spoken was very encouraging. In the country, five miles distant, a Sunday school has been in operation for nearly a year. The people have used our papers and lesson pamphlets, and a real interest is manifested to know more of the truth. This place will be worked from the town in connection with that effort. It is a hard, difficult place to work, but our brethren are of good courage, and we confidently expect to see results from this effort. Brother Christensen has bought a house and will locate at Dallas.

From Dallas I came on to Elk Point, where I met Prof. Clymer and his family, who have just arrived from Ohio. Many perplexing questions confronted us, but after due consideration I believe that God led in the conclusions reached. We find that quite a number of last year's students are far behind on their tuition. If necessary let such borrow the money, but do not keep the academy waiting for that which is their just due. It

was decided to open the academy this year on September 16. This will be a little earlier than usual, but owing to the time of the General Conference, next spring, and the council to follow, it seemed imperative to begin on this date. The workers here are all of good courage and anxious to make the coming school year the best in the history of the institution.

The reports coming from the field in general are full of good cheer. God is working in behalf of his people, and there is not time now to look back. The Lord's word to us to-day is, "Speak unto my people that they go forward." J. W. CHRISTIAN.

MONROE, SWAN LAKE, SIOUX FALLS AND ELK POINT

July 8 it was my privilege to visit the isolated members at Monroe. For several years Brother May has supported a church school in his family, having erected a building expressly for this purpose. Besides the pupils from the May family a neighbor, not of our faith, has been sending his two boys, and is planning to send them again this year. Brother May is planning for at least six months' school, to begin early in September.

Swan Lake was the next place visited. There are a large number of young people in this church who take an active interest in the Sabbath school. The church service on the last Sabbath of each month is set aside for the young people. Brother N. C. Kier has this work in charge. Two young people's meetings were held during my stay, which were well attended considering that the weather was extremely warm.

At Sioux Falls Sister Belle Witt has charge of the young people's meetings, and is working hard to make a success of them. This church has elected a school board, and is planning for a school this winter.

July 23-28 was spent at Elk Point. Here the Sabbath meetings are held in the academy chapel. "Never come late to Sabbath school" seems to be their motto, since nearly all were in their places several moments before the time for opening. Brother Betts conducted an interesting meeting for the children, who also took an active part in the exercises of the Sabbath school on this occasion, besides assisting in the five-minute exercise. A double quartet of children rendered a piece of special music very nicely.

The young people's meetings, organized during the winter, having been dropped at the close of school, a special young people's meeting was held Sabbath afternoon, at the close of which steps were taken to effect a permanent organization. This church has elected a school board, and is planning for a seven months' term of church school to begin early in September.

Prof. J. B. Clymer, the new principal of the academy, and his family, have arrived and are getting matters in shape for the coming school term beginning September 16.

Our churches are showing a live interest in educational matters, especially in following out the recommendations of the union conference in regard to length of terms and teachers' wages. Most of our schools are planning to begin their terms early in September, and to do all in their power to make the work a success. J. I. BEARDSLEY.

WALLACE

We began our tent meetings at this place Friday evening, July 10, and have held services every evening, also on Sunday afternoon. Wallace is a small town on the new extension of the Minneapolis and St. Louis railroad from Watertown to Aberdeen. It has a population of about 150, quite largely Scandinavians, with a Scandinavian community around the town.

Our attendance has been very good, considering the size of the place, and we have enjoyed some real good meetings. The people are very friendly. A number manifest an interest in the truths presented, and are quite regular in their attendance. We have not yet presented the real testing truths, but we trust that when these are presented many hearts may be found who will respond to the call of God, and not only hear but also obey the truth of God.

There is one family of Sabbath-keepers in this place, and we have organized a Sabbath school. We enjoyed a visit from our brethren and sisters of the Florence church one Sabbath. We are of good courage, and labor on, knowing that the Lord will give the increase. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people for the success of he work here.

N. P. NEILSEN.

P. E. BERTHELSSEN.

N. J. RONLUND.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder J. W. Christian, after spending a short time with the tent company at Dallas, returned and spent two days at the academy. Here many matters of interest were discussed and the operating policy of the academy for the coming year quite fully planned. A day was spent at Sioux Falls in counsel with those at the office and with Brother Miller, the state agent.

THE BOOK WORK

MINNESOTA—WEEK ENDING JULY 25

Name		Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Emelia A. Johnson	H. M.	50	11	\$21 50		\$21 50	
Huldah Anderson	"	26	9	18 00		18 00	
Matilda Thori	"	36	13	22 75	1 50	24 25	
Olive Evenson	"	23	5	8 75	2 25	11 00	
Martha Anderson	"	46	12	21 00	7 50	28 50	
David Gulbrandsen	"	40	15	26 25	1 75	28 00	
Bennie Grundset	"	47	20	35 00	1 90	36 90	
Carl J. Olson	"	38	9	15 75	2 30	18 05	
Louis Akre	"	35	6	10 50	3 00	13 50	
Alma Larson	H. H.	30	19	57 00	5 90	62 90	
Esther Francis	H. H.	30	22	67 00	5 00	72 00	
Gertie Grant	H. H.	17	4	12 00	5 25	17 25	
Bessie Christenson	H. H.	30	11	35 00	14 25	49 25	
Andrew Wasby	G. C.	34	7	19 25	2 80	22 05	\$6 50
Richard Burdick	G. C.	40	1	2 75	1 20	3 95	
Elmer W. Pruett	G. C.	28	5	15 75	5 25	21 00	
Oscar M. Akre	G. C.	59	17	47 75	1 50	49 25	
Eddie Grimstad	G. C.	46	14	44 50		44 50	6 50
Stanley Swisher	G. C.	43	16	45 00	1 50	36 50	
Wm. J. Merickel	G. C.	23	14	39 50		39 50	1 00
Martinus Ruskjer	"	49	7	19 25	1 70	20 95	
Soren A. Ruskjer	"	50	6	17 50	2 55	20 05	
Frances Dittis	"	31	3	8 25	4 50	12 75	
Florence Dittis	"	31	1	2 75	4 60	7 35	
Chas. Syphers	"	52	12	33 00	22 25	55 25	
Ernest Sheldon	"	36	10	29 50	9 00	38 50	
*I. Hilde	G. C.	110	75	210 00		210 00	
Mable Inger	D. R.	5			2 25	2 25	1 75
Totals, 28 agents		1,085	344	\$885 25	\$109 70	\$994 95	\$15 75

NORTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING JULY 25

Tillie Fleck	C. K.	13	21	\$34 00		\$34 00	
Miss K. Kustner	C. K.	32	16	21 50	\$3 50	25 00	
Peter Richert	G. C.	15	7	19 25	5 10	24 35	
Jay M. Christy	G. C.	61	20	60 00	1 00	61 00	
V. W. Pallerson	G. C.	33	16	50 00	4 00	54 00	
H. Hullet	H. M.	34	19	35 50		35 50	
H. Holm	B. R.	17	6	19 50	50	20 00	
E. Nelson	B. R.	24			75	75	
John Lorenz	D. R.	38	15	49 25	75	50 00	
I. C. Schmidt	D. R.	55	21	69 75	15 00	84 75	
Totals, 10 agents		332	141	\$358 75	\$30 60	\$389 35	

IOWA—TWO WEEKS ENDING JULY 25

Ellen Svenson	G. C.	92	26	\$76 25	\$2 00	\$78 25	\$3 75
Esther Anderson	G. C.	71	21	58 75	50	59 25	5 25
C. C. Morlan	"	88	37	105 50		105 50	
Walter Brower	H. M.	21	3	5 25		5 25	3 50
P. Langhoff	H. M.	41	12	21 00	3 50	24 50	4 00
Ross J. Syp	H. M.	40	10	17 50	5 00	22 50	4 00
Glen Shelton	H. M.	70	23	43 25	33 00	76 25	87 85
May Madison	"	46	12	21 00	4 75	25 75	
Lisbon Myers	Mis.	41	10	12 50	12 00	24 50	19 75
Totals, 9 agents		510	154	\$361 00	\$60 75	\$421 75	\$128 10

SOUTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING JULY 25

Jas. M. Johnston	G. C.	57	13	\$40 75	\$4 00	\$44 75	
J. P. Glembin	G. C.	32	12	41 00	8 50	49 50	
Alfreda Mortensen	G. C.	19			2 00	2 00	

Agatha Johnson	G. C.	38	2	5 50	75	6 25	
Geneva Anderson	G. C.	38	12	35 50		35 50	
Clara Kier	G. C.	34	17	49 75	6 00	55 75	
Olive Crum	G. C.	42	18	61 50	6 50	68 00	
C. M. Christy	G. C.	30	15	46 25	2 35	48 60	
C. F. Cole	G. C.	35	21	62 75	50	63 25	
William H. Twining	G. C.	56	12	35 00	12 60	47 60	\$6 50
Carl Thompson	G. C.	35	7	22 25	75	23 00	
Chris Peterson	D. R.	19	2	5 50		5 50	
L. Peterson	D. R.	24	1	3 75		3 75	
Fred Bolton	D. R.	55	18	60 50	4 95	65 45	
Geo. W. Tucker	D. R.	50	20	61 00	1 25	62 25	
Bess Porter	H. M.	21	2	3 50	50	4 00	
Ethel Barber	H. M.	39	28	51 25	10 25	61 50	
Regina Litwinenko	H. M.	39	16	28 00		28 00	
Ole Tronson	S. P.	13			3 25	3 25	
Totals,	20 agents	683	216	\$613 25	\$64 65	\$667 90	\$6 50
U. C. Totals,	67 agents	2,610	855	\$2,218 25	\$265 70	\$2,483 95	\$150 35
*Two weeks							

At present the academy family consists of Prof. and Mrs. J. B. Clymer, Prof. and Mrs. M. J. Low, A. G. Aldrich, Willie Dollinger, Geo. Nash, Gunda Torkelson, Minnie Ehrke, Mabel Foster.

Last Wednesday Elder E. G. Hayes and family left Sioux Falls for Kentucky, their future field of labor. They will spend a week at Halcomb, Ill., enroute visiting friends and relatives.

Brother Glen Hodson, a former academy student, but now of Union College, spent Sabbath and Sunday at Elk Point. He will visit at his old home during the rest of the vacation.

We are glad to announce to the patrons of the academy that the opening day of school will be Wednesday, September 16. We hope a large company of our youth will be ready to enter at that date.

Prof. J. I. Beardsley will spend a few days at College View in the interest of the church school work, and to secure teachers for the coming season.

Elder C. M. Clark has returned from Langford, where he has been assisting in the tent effort, to his work at Chamberlain.

Iowa

KEOKUK

After a four weeks' course of meetings in the center of Keokuk we moved our tent three weeks ago to another part of the city, where the interest is somewhat better, from thirty to seventy

being quite regular in attendance. Several have expressed a willingness to obey the truth, and a good interest is manifested in our excellent Sabbath school lessons, which they are studying with us.

Keokuk has a population of about 20,000, more than 14,000 of whom are Roman Catholics; so you can appreciate some of the difficulties we encounter in trying to secure a good attendance. Literature is being left in the homes, however, and we are endeavoring to sound aloud the last warning message.

Sister Eidemiller did good work here in canvassing for "Heralds of the Morning," and we believe she will see fruit of her labor in the kingdom of God. The battle is not ours, but God's, and his saving message will soon triumph, the breach will be repaired, and the faithful will be carried home. Remember this city in your prayers, that every honest soul may soon accept the grand truths for this time.

We would be glad to receive clean copies of the *Signs, Watchman*, etc.
J. T. SPRIGGS,
T. GODFREY,
JOHN WEEDA.

IOWA NOTES

In consequence of the removal of the tract society from Des Moines to Nevada, the old office looks dismantled and deserted, except for two old desks and a typewriter, which Sister Dorcas and Brother Perrin will use till all of the work can be taken to the new location.

It is probable that the church at Des Moines will buy a lot in a desirable locality and build a neat, little church. The old material may be used, or the old building may be sold as it stands, and the money received, with the insurance and donations, used to build the new one.

Elder Campbell states that the outlook is good for a large camp meeting. Elder Daniels will be present, also Elder Underwood and other general laborers. Possibly there will be a meeting of the union conference committee at this meeting.

The authorities at Nevada are pushing the work on the big grade leading from the town to the new sanitarium grounds, and a fine concrete bridge is being built from this grade to the grounds.

The Des Moines sanitarium is not overcrowded just now, as this is the duller time and the hottest season of the year. Prospects are good for an increased patronage at an early date.

The sanitarium location is on a prominent part of the rising ground, from which point the building may be seen from the town and from all the surrounding country.

It is thought work will be begun on the new sanitarium building in September. The people seem to be willing and money is coming in for this purpose.

Brother J. W. Dorcas has been helping with the work in the office for a few days, taking a part of the burden from those who are still working there.

When the work of grading is completed the sanitarium grounds will be a most lovely place, where it should be easy for the sick to get well.

The new wells are nearing completion, and the water is of the finest, ever clear and cold, and seemingly perfect.

Brother W. E. Perrin went to Nevada on Wednesday last to help the tract society get settled.

The Iowa canvassing report in this issue is for two weeks.

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TO CHURCH OFFICERS

By vote of the conference delegates we are pledged to raise an amount equal to ten cents a week for each member of the church. If this is done some one will have to look after it very carefully. The church officers must become responsible for this work. The conference officers can do very little comparatively, as they are not at your church, neither are they in close contact with your members; but the church officers, who live in the church, are the ones to look after this matter. Let the elder, deacon and treasurer consult together, and ascertain how much the church has given for foreign missions since January 1, 1908. Count in the annual offerings, the Sabbath school offerings, the weekly and midsummer offerings and everything else that goes to foreign missions. Then take the number of names on the church book and divide this number into the amount of money, which will give you the average amount for your church per capita. Then divide this amount by the number of weeks that have passed since January 1, and you will have the number of cents a week your church members average. Church officers should immediately take up this work, as the time is passing rapidly. No doubt there will be many surprises. Get the average donation right away, so that it may be presented to the church on the next Sabbath. It would be a good plan to have the treasurer read a monthly report to the

church of all moneys received and paid and for what purposes.

DR. FARR, of Philadelphia, spoke one night last week at the Northwestern Bible Conference, held in this city, on "The Sin That Cannot Be Pardoned." Commenting upon Matt. 12:32, the speaker said: "There is an unpardonable sin—The rejection of Christ. The Pharisees committed it, and all Israel committed it. It could not be forgiven in that age—the Messianic—nor in the age to come—the present age—but it will be forgiven in the age yet to come, as the Bible says all Israel will be saved." This is another evidence of the trend of popular theology toward a belief in future probation. The false conception of the return of the Jews to Jerusalem, and of universal salvation being brought to them during the millennium is one of the traps the devil has laid to deceive souls in these last days. The doctor's position shows an entirely false conception of what the unpardonable sin really is.

PROF. C. L. BENSON, educational and young people's secretary of the Northern Union Conference, has tendered his resignation to the Union Conference Committee. The hardships incident to the position in which Prof. Benson has been working, such as irregular eating and sleeping, and the strain of much traveling, have had a tendency to break down his health, and it has been recommended that he take another line of work. A position as instructor in ancient and modern history at Union College has been tendered Prof. Benson, and he has accepted it. The officers of the Northern Union Conference are loth to part with Prof. Benson, as they appreciate his worth, particularly his work for young people. No one has yet been chosen to fill the vacancy caused by this resignation.

ELDER M. N. CAMPBELL, president of the Iowa conference, is working hard to build up the fund for the establishment of the new sanitarium at Nevada. The fund has recently been increased more than one thousand dollars. It should be remembered that all who contribute to the building and maintenance of our medical institutions are helping forward the cause of God in a very definite way, for many persons are brought under the saving influence of the closing message through this means.

ESPECIAL attention is called to the articles by Elder Underwood in another part of this issue. These are of almost vital importance.