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READING RACKS

As a means of distributing literature the reading rack is found to be useful when placed in centers where people congregate in waiting, whatever the occasion may be.

As we travel about from place to place, we have occasion to observe these receptacles, and many times we see people supplying themselves with reading matter filled with gospel truth, such as "The Signs of the Times," "Watchman Magazine," "Present Truth," or, perchance, a pointed tract upon some fundamental doctrine of our faith; we breathe a silent prayer to God that His spirit will impress upon the reader's mind the truth contained in the periodical taken, and that he will feel thankful to the person or church furnishing and supplying these free depositories of truth. We believe more could and should be done along this line of missionary endeavor.

We desire, however, to make a few suggestions in behalf of the reading rack that cannot see nor speak for itself concerning where it is placed or how it is kept. Some are seen in railway stations that are practically abandoned, so far as being a rendezvous for the traveling public is concerned. Not many people these days are in railroad depots waiting for trains. If a rack were once placed there because people congregated, and their place of waiting has been changed to a bus station or some other place, the reading rack should be taken down and sent elsewhere, and not be left to serve as a "fly roost" and a "catch-all" for all manner of trash that can and does promiscuously accumulate in such places.

When God, in the beginning, caused trees to grow that man might have food the record is: "And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food." The way food looks surely adds much to its vitamin value. We feel it proper to apply this principle to our reading racks which contain spiritual food. When the

rack is covered with filth, the mirror cobwebbed over, and the reading matter dirty, torn and unkept, the food looks nauseating and the whole purpose of the rack's existence is aborted. The witness it bears to the beholder is against the truth rather than for it. We would recommend that all such racks be cleaned or taken down. We have, as a people, a wealth of literature containing a message. The world should have access to it through every honorable means of distribution. The reading rack can be one of these mediums, but it should be clean and conspicuously placed. The pockets should be filled with choice, clean and up-to-date matter such as we would hand out were we doing it in person — "Pleasant to the eye and good for food." Let us remember that such a container is a silent messenger of God, and let those responsible for their existence see that they rightly represent the gospel and the church for whom they are destined to speak.

Charles Thompson.

OCTOBER OFFERING FOR OUR COLORED WORK

Our colored membership in North America has reached the goodly total of more than 8,000 loyal Seventh-day Adventists, and is still growing. As the colored churches grow in size and number, the importance of giving their children a Christian education is emphasized. For years we have conducted a successful training school at Oakwood in Alabama, but with the increase of colored believers in other parts of the country, need has arisen of providing a school of academic grade within reach of our larger churches in the East.

At the recent meeting of the General Conference Committee, with our colored leaders, definite plans were laid for carrying out the vote of the Autumn Council of 1929 for establishing a school where colored boys and girls of younger years may receive a Christian education preparatory to entering our

training school. The plan is to make it a boarding school, and locate it in the country in the Columbia Union Conference.

To finance the enterprise, the General Conference appropriated two years ago and still holds in trust, \$20,000; the colored churches are undertaking to raise another \$20,000; and the annual colored offering in October of this year will be set aside for this purpose. This offering is set for October 24. All our white and colored believers share in this offering alike. In view of the great need for this school, and in view of the double burden our colored members are assuming in the raising of the money, we earnestly invite our white members especially, to give liberally to so great a need on Sabbath, October 24.

C. H. Watson.

"NO SIR"

"No! I won't give anything this year," a business man said to Sister Scriver of the Wells church and myself as we asked for a Harvest Ingathering donation. "Too many," he continued, "coming in for help every day." We listened to his many stories, one of which was of a deaf and dumb mute who came into his store and wrote on a card thus making his desire for help known. "I was so provoked," he said, "with so many coming in that I made my feelings known to a friend of mine who was in the store and in the presence of the deaf and dumb mute. I refused to give him anything and swore as I turned him out. 'Well,' he said, 'do you know that when that deaf and dumb mute reached the door he turned back and in anger hollowed out, 'It's just such fellows as you who are responsible for hard times.'"

We had a good laugh together and were about to go when he said, "Well, you have a good cause, and I will give you a couple of dollars. That is all I can give this year." We gathered in that town just twenty dollars and there was not an Adventist living in or near there nor do any trade there.

Yes, it is just a bit harder this year, but I am convinced that if all the church members would rally and do their part, every church could reach its goal. I am also convinced of the fact that the best experience our members can obtain is to go out in the Harvest Ingathering. It is always a little hard to start, but what a blessing follows.

Sister Scriver and myself called on a hotel keeper. We found that he and his wife were backslidden Adventists, but with warm hearts toward the message. I later visited with them, and they promised they would come to church. They gave five dollars, saying they would do more.

The Harvest Ingathering can be made a soul-saving endeavor if conducted properly. It gives every member of the church an opportunity to meet people and come in touch with searching souls with whom they can minister. Surely a blessing attends those who engage in it.

Geo. A. Campbell.

FOLLOW THE BLUEPRINT

Before a building is constructed, the party desiring to build always has an architect draw up a set of plans, known as "the blueprint," which is used in estimating the cost of the building and closely followed in the construction work. It is of equal importance that Harvest Ingathering workers who wish to be successful in their work, should follow the "blueprint" which has been provided. Years ago the servant of the Lord gave valuable instruction regarding the conduct of this work and our personal relationship to it, and the following is the "blueprint" which every Ingathering worker should closely study:

"Let us first consecrate ourselves fully to Him whose name we wish to exalt."

"Be diligent in your efforts."

"Live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

"Pray earnestly in behalf of those whom we expect to visit, by living faith bringing them one by one into the presence of God."

"Search diligently for perishing souls."

"Watch for souls as they that must give account."

"Learn to approach . . . men wisely, and call their attention to that which it is their privilege to do."

And at the same time we should ever remember the promise, that "God has an abundance in this world . . . He is ready to move upon the hearts of worldly men, even idolaters, to give of their abundance for the support of His work; and He will do this."

Let us also remember that "every

neglected opportunity to do service for God will be faithfully reported, and every deed of faith and love, however humble, will be held in everlasting remembrance." "Christian Service," pp. 167, 177.

May God help us to follow the blueprint.

E. F. Hackman, Ass. Sec'y
General Conf. H. M. Dept.

GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

I spent a number of days recently in the Grand Forks district in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. I met Elder D. K. Olson at Hatton, N. Dak., where he has been holding a public effort during the summer months. Sabbath, September 19, I was pleased to speak in his tabernacle at the regular Sabbath hour to an audience of about 20, who had come together in spite of the rainy weather. When Elder Olson located his tabernacle at Hatton, there was only one Seventh-day Adventist in the county. A number of families are now keeping the Sabbath, and after ten weeks of meetings the attendance holds good. Let us pray that a new church may soon be formed in that place.

After soliciting the business men in Grand Forks, with the assistance of Mrs. Knutson and Elder Olson, we are glad to report \$150 raised, making the full church goal. Elder Olson's district made a gain last year over 1929, and it is determined to make a gain this year if possible.

Let us all keep up our courage, and when things go hard let's work harder. If only our individual members would feel their personal responsibility, we could make a nice gain in Ingathering this year.

Pray earnestly for success and then go forward and do your part this year.

V. G. Anderson.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

"I visited a tenant farmer's wife last Monday. After visiting for a short time she told us that she had always wanted a Bible but she had never had one in her home. One day, about two weeks before, she saw a man stop at the gate and throw something to the ground. She thought it to be a dead cat or something, but decided to go down and see for sure. When she arrived there she found it to be a lovely Bible. She seemed very pleased and felt the Lord wanted her to have one. We received an order for the 'Big Six' and went on. But that night we managed to stay in Palo with a Seventh-day Adventist sister; and in telling our experience of the day, she told us how that she had lost a Bible about that time. After comparing descriptions it proved to be hers, but she said that she had prayed that it would

go to some one that could use it, and I am sure it did. The man that dropped it at her gate had evidently not desired such company." Edith Frimml, Iowa colporteur.

"Always wanted a Bible," in this land of churches and many church members! The Lord saw that she got one, "and how?" We as a people should hunt out these searching souls as never before. If we fail to do our appointed task, then what? Well, the Lord has ways and means, but see the blessing we lose.

Arthur Stewart, a Maplewood student colporteur who canvassed the past summer in Minnesota, relates the following interesting experience which indicates how our colporteurs are going to "the spiritually lame, the halt, and the blind" with the message for this time.

"Another week's work is done, and I feel that the Lord has blessed us. Henry Peterson was with me this week, and he surely was a help and encouragement to me. We had a good time working together for two days. I have heard of people running down the road after the canvasser, but had never thought I would experience it. I canvassed the hired man and took his order in the best binding. Then Henry Peterson canvassed the hired girl and her sister, but they said they couldn't afford it. So we went out in the field to canvass the man of the house. He bought 'Bedtime Stories,' and told us to leave the book at the house. I was just handing this little book to the hired girl when she said she had decided to order the book, and she would get the money together some way. She wanted the best binding. These sisters are from the Cities and have no parents. The man of the house told us they could smoke more cigarettes than he could. So it couldn't have been anything else but the Spirit of God that impressed that girl to order, and we must pray that

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God will impress her to read and study the book after she has it; and that she will be among the saved when our Lord comes. I am of good courage and ask an interest in your prayers that I will be the means of leading some soul from darkness into light."

Our student colporteurs do accomplish a great work during their summer vacations. Such an experience can truly be called higher education. Geo. A. Campbell.

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NEW CHURCH SCHOOL AT WALHALLA

No doubt the readers of the Reaper will be interested in the starting of a new church school at Walhalla.

Walhalla is a place right down close to the border of North Dakota and Canada. The name means "Heaven" or "Home of the Gods." The Pembina mountains come down out of Canada into that part of North Dakota making the scenery round about harmonize well with the name.

Brother and Sister A. G. Andrews, who have lived there for some time and who have felt in their hearts that they needed the privilege of a church school for their child and for the other children of the church, laid definite plans this year for a school. They started their planning early in the spring. Two acres of potatoes were planted by the church members. They are now harvesting them and the proceeds will go toward the maintenance of the school.

In the home of Brother and Sister Andrews they have arranged for the school by uniting two large rooms, making one splendid, well lighted room. They have secured a conscientious Christian teacher, who teaches for the love of the work. Thus the seven children of the Walhalla church will receive the training that God has intended for them.

We hope that all our people in the North Dakota Conference will not forget that even though times are hard the Lord will help us in doing that which He has told us we should do. I hope that there will be many more who will receive a burden for their own children and the children of the church. I am sure that the Lord will bless every ef-

fort put forth to carry out His commission. The Walhalla church and the other churches where there are church schools are in need of the prayers of all of our people.

H. Wentland.

DEERING, NORTH DAKOTA

It was the writer's privilege to visit the company of believers at Deering, N. Dak. This little company, under the leadership of Brother Frishman, is a very enthusiastic group and it was indeed a pleasure to visit them.

Deering has a fine Sabbath school and it is going to take an active part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

The church members invite a number of their neighbors to the meetings; thus, they do a very fine missionary work.

B. A. Scherr.

BISMARCK BUSINESS MEN AGAIN GIVE TO HARVEST INGATHERING

In soliciting the Bismarck business men we were very much impressed with the story they gave us. It seems that conditions in the west are serious and that business is not what it was a year ago. Yet it was inspiring to note that these business men realize that the needs of the people are great at this time and out of the goodness of their hearts they again responded with tens, fives, threes and two and a halves for our Harvest Ingathering uplift work.

Brother Schwindt, together with the writer, enjoyed some very good visits with these business men while soliciting in the campaign. It certainly does one's heart good to notice the willingness of these merchants to give in the time of need.

If you do not think that people are willing to give, even though they are not as well off as they were last year, just try it. Take some Harvest Ingathering papers and your solicitor's card and start out to do what the Lord intends for you to do and notice the blessings that you will receive.

The members of the church have signed their band cards and are determined to do their part in the campaign.

Dear reader, do not let your conscience bother you after this campaign is over and it is too late, by wishing that you had realized the great need. Do it now.

B. A. Scherr.

To show a liberal, self-denying spirit for the success of foreign missions is a sure way to advance home missionary work—"Gospel Workers," p. 465.

GREETINGS TO THE GIRLS!

Another summer is part of history, and the time for another school year is here. Each one, inevitably, will spend her time at one thing or another, and I sincerely trust that all those who possibly can, will be at Sheyenne River Academy this year. Time comes our way but once, and it speeds on unceasingly to the end.

I have received a large number of letters from you girls this summer. Some of you I have never yet seen. Oh, what pleasure it will be to be back at Sheyenne River Academy with all of you.

Now you are busily getting ready. You, perhaps, are wondering just what this school year has in store for you. Those of you who are coming for the first time will have many things to become acquainted with. But this will not take long, and the experiences will be pleasant ones. We shall all work together as one happy, busy family, remembering the sacrifices our parents are enduring for us, and making them feel wholly repaid for our being at S. R. A.—repaid not in dollars and cents, but in seeing us develop into earnest, loyal, industrious, healthy, Christian young women with characters like Daniel's.

Welcome, thrice welcome, to Sheyenne River Academy. May the Lord richly bless you.

Elvera Petersen, Preceptress.

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Schelske from Medina was a caller at the office Thursday.

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Elder Scherr left Tuesday for Fargo and Devils Lake in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work.

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We still have some Harvest Ingathering papers at the office and will be glad to fill your orders for more papers promptly.

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We are now at the beginning of the last quarter of the year. Have you ordered all your supplies for the new quarter? If not, do so now.

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Brother Wentland left Wednesday for an extended trip to the Western part of the state. He is going out there in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

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Elder Leiske called at the office Thursday. He has been busy in the Harvest Ingathering work and has visited a number of churches in his district in the interest of the work.

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Elder B. A. Reile and wife were callers at the office Tuesday. Elder Reile reports that the attendance at his effort last Saturday night

was nearly 400 and that a good interest is shown by some and he is expecting definite results.

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DO IT NOW

By the time this Reaper reaches its readers two-thirds of our official Ingathering campaign time will have passed. Only two more weeks are remaining in which to finish up! Every day that passes may make soliciting increasingly harder, especially if a period of colder weather should set in; and, too, the big nation-wide drive begins October 19.

Some churches have completed their Ingathering work for this year, having worked all their territory. Among these are the Watertown, Mitchell, Alexandria and Aberdeen churches. Others are nearly through. Brother Estey will be through in his territory by October 1. If there are any churches or individuals who have not started as yet, you should plan by all means to do so immediately. Let us bend all efforts toward finishing up on schedule time and thus be finished before the other drives begin. L. E. Niermeyer.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Leslie McKinley, our field secretary, is assisting Brother Brewer of Spearfish with his delivery at the present time. He will doubtless also meet brethren Franklin and Campbell at Rapid City before returning to the office.

We still have Harvest Ingathering papers at the office both in the English and foreign languages. There are something like 2600 papers here in the English at the present time. If any churches or isolated believers need papers, just send your order to Brother Nies.

Sister Barlean, home missionary secretary of the Spearfish church, ordered another 400 English papers rushed to her, as she stated she is practically all out. Evidently the Spearfish church is working hard in the Ingathering work. We will await with interest the results received.

Elder V. G. Anderson of the union spent Sabbath, September 26, with the Swan Lake church in company with Elder Oss. He assisted them

in their Ingathering work a few days following. He plans to assist Elder Niermeyer in the field day at the academy next Monday, October 5. He will also be there for the week-end services previous.

Elder E. E. Franklin, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department, in company with Brother George Campbell of the union, plans on spending a few days in our conference in the early part of October. They plan to be in Sioux Falls October 5 and 6, Hot Springs October 8, Rapid City October 9 to 11. Evening meetings will be held at each of the above named places. We are always glad for visits to our conference from any of the General Conference brethren.

PLAINVIEW ACADEMY NEWS

Three new courses are being offered in this year's curriculum. They are: current history and events, agriculture, and shorthand.

Among the latest students to enroll are: Dena Hoeger, Arthur Holweger, Albert Bauer, Lillian Balliet, and Clarence Renschler.

At the present writing our enrollment is eighty-eight with a few more coming in. Undoubtedly we will reach the average enrollment of ninety-five.

Our first social for the year was held in the dining room Saturday evening, September 26. New games, puzzles, and other interesting contests, ample entertainment for all.

The girls spent a very pleasant time in the dining room the latter part of the study period Thursday evening. The entertainment was given in honor of the new girls.

It was necessary to purchase a new typewriter for the commercial department because of the enrollment in that class. Thus far there are thirty-two taking typing. We now have seven machines.

Professor H. C. Hartman and Elder C. M. Babcock have been spending the past week in the Harvest Ingathering work in the city of Redfield. They report the contributions not quite so large as last year, but good considering conditions.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mohr and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mohr, parents and brother of Professor Hartman, of LaCrosse, Kan., spent three days of last week at the home of Professor and Mrs. H. C. Hartman. They brought their son Willis who is attending school here.

Our vesper services have been

conducted by Professor Hartman. He is taking up the steps of a successful Christian life. His first talk Friday evening, September 18, was on the "Friendship of Jesus." Friday evening, September 25, he spoke on prayer and its importance in the Christian's life. Both students and teachers are receiving much help and encouragement from these talks.

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OUR 1931 INVESTMENT

How about your Investment? It is time to begin rounding up the efforts for the final program and gathering in the funds on November 14. If any of the money is still out at that time, it should be brought before the close of the year, so it will count on the 1931 effort. If you neglect to have a part in this plan the mission funds will suffer. We have the statement from good authority, "In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is carried forward will be the success given."

Iowa has led out in this work quite steadily until last year. We must not be lagging behind now when the need seems greatest. Everybody help in some way, even if you have not been planning to do so; a bushel of potatoes, certain bushels of corn or oats, or anything that can be sold will help us to make this year's Investment all that it ought to be in our state. We are depending upon the cooperation of each one.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

IOWA NEWS ITEMS

Miss Vesta Scott returned to the office on Sunday morning, after spending the week-end with her parents and brother at their home in Ft. Dodge.

Mrs. Arwid Scott of Ft. Dodge came to Nevada on Friday of last week, returned with her daughter, Vesta, and brought her back to Nevada on Sunday morning.

Elder and Mrs. J. C. Christenson, Jackie Dean, and Mrs. Dorcas were with the Boone members on Sabbath, September 19, at their Sabbath school and church services.

Miss Vesta Scott of the office, who will soon be leaving for Omaha, where she is to be employed in the Pacific Press Branch office, was en-

tertained at dinner on Sunday, September 20, by Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Nystrom. The Misses Ada Terwilliger, Gladys Searle, Alice La Bonte, and Mrs. Dorcas were other guests present.

IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

Mrs. C. H. Henry of Brighton, Miss Doris Downs of Ames, and S. A. Trausch of Eagle Grove had their tonsils removed at the Sanitarium last week.

Elmer McCreary of Hubbard, G. B. Clark of Marshalltown, and Mrs. R. H. McCarty of Washington have just recently registered as medical patients.

T. C. Nethery was away from the office from Sunday till Wednesday on a business trip through part of Nebraska and the northwestern section of Iowa.

Bille Lee the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Warner was hit by an automobile when he started across the street to get some ice from the ice wagon. His right leg was broken, but he is making a good recovery.

Guy Wilson of Ames was taken suddenly ill with acute appendicitis after he had retired Sunday night. He was brought to the Sanitarium about two o'clock in the morning and immediately operated upon.

Our Sanitarium guests have been delighted with the talking pictures shown at the regular Wednesday night programs. By hard work Mr. Fickess has equipped his booth to give good service and yet has saved much expense by installing, putting together, and making the parts that were needed, himself. The pictures are of the highest type and are not only entertaining but instructive.

John F. Morse.

"SIGNS" BACK NUMBERS

During the summer a small stock of back numbers of the "Signs of the Times," left-overs after our regular list had been mailed, has accumulated, and as these will make ideal missionary material to use in follow-up work, for opening new districts, and for supplying reading racks, we are making a special offer to our churches.

A back number package, containing 200 copies of these fresh, clean, truth-filled "Signs" (assorted, about fifty copies each of four numbers), sent postpaid to any address in the United States for only \$2.00. As the supply is limited, place your order with your Book and Bible House at once.

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KNOWLEDGE OF THE SCRIPTURES

The "Moody Bible Institute Monthly" of September commented on a test that was given in a prominent boys' school, founded by a Presbyterian elder.

"Some of the questions asked were these: The first book of the Bible; the first woman; the man saved by the ark; the father of the Jewish people; their leader out of Egypt; the number of the commandments; the wisest man; the one who taught by parables; the betrayer of Jesus.

"Hear these answers: Several cadets declared Brutus was the betrayer of Jesus. Moses was the man who built the ark; they had heard Moses connected with an ark in some way. Noah made a name for himself by swallowing a whale; Noah was connected in some way with water. David, Abraham, and John the Baptist were each given credit for leading the children of Israel out of Egypt. The wisest man, repeatedly, was Adam — the biggest fool of the lot! A good many said Paul was the wisest man. Aesop was the one in the Bible who taught by parables — the boys did not know the difference between fable and parable. "Creation" was repeatedly mentioned as the first book of the Bible, while the number of commandments was variously given from five to one hundred."

This brings two lessons to our minds: the value of a Christian education, the need of family worship and personal study of God's word. We must not be negligent in these things.

A. H. Rulkoetter.

A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE

"No doubt many of the children of Israel felt that it was a very inopportune time to approach their neighbors to ask them for their jewels of gold and jewels of silver when the land was going through an economic crisis and a consequent financial depression. The plagues of frogs, lice and flies might have been passed by for they perhaps did little material damage, producing more discomfort than anything else. But when their cattle had been stricken with disease, the hail had pounded their crops into the ground, ruined their orchards and vineyards and then

to cap it all, swarms of locusts descended and devoured all that had escaped, it was not to be expected that the Egyptians would meekly submit to handing over their treasures to those who were considered much their inferiors.

"The slavery to which the children of Israel had been subjected no doubt had produced in them an inferiority complex that made them throw up their hands in consternation at the very thought of Moses' suggestion that wealth might be had for the asking. It is more than probable that in the beginning only the most brazen and audacious among that crowd of slaves tremblingly ventured forth, for they had not yet learned to exercise much faith as subsequent events demonstrate. How interesting it would be to have a detailed account of their experiences. The record limits itself to saying, 'And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians.' Their experiences are not so important as the results and how they were attained. The Lord gave them favor. True, the plagues and other phenomena never before seen in nature had had their influence, but all this was the Lord's doing and by this means He had prepared the hearts of the people, so when they were approached they readily gave of their means at a time that seemed most unfavorable."

This description of Israel's experience is quoted from an article in the South American Bulletin, written by Elder J. T. Thompson, the superintendent of the Peru Mission, and he aptly applies it as being, somewhat at least, parallel to the present situation as it confronts us in connection with the Harvest Ingathering. He tells how in spite of that country's being revolution-ent and financially-collapsed, the Lord has given them favor with the people so that their solicitation has been resulting very successfully this year, both financially and in finding those who are interested. Due to lack of space the whole article cannot well be reprinted here, but I do wish to emphasize the thought that the same God is leading us in the Harvest Ingathering of 1931 as gave Israel favor in the eyes of their Egyptian neighbors about 1491 B. C. We, here in America, are working under much more favorable conditions than did either Israel or the brethren in Peru. Should we not go courageously forward and finish the Harvest Ingathering quickly in every church? The Lord will undoubtedly do His part if we do our's.

A. R. Smouse.

To restore a commonplace truth to its first uncommon luster you need only translate it into action.

HARVEST INGATHERING

For Week Ending Sept. 19, 1931

Church	Number Working	Total for Week	To Date
Minneapolis Eng.	18	\$120.76	\$1284.89
Virginia	6	107.65	177.65
St. Paul Eng.	46	88.09	1782.49
Faribault	12	48.40	171.19
Wells	2	40.00	40.25
Conference	31	23.00	263.55
Brainerd	8	21.50	53.60
Rock Creek	2	10.25	10.25
Gilechrist	6	8.22	129.62
Wadena	3	7.30	22.30
*Winona	22	7.00	374.25
Duluth Scand.	12	6.80	100.79
Roseau	4	5.75	29.20
Fergus Falls	6	4.70	89.83
Hackensack Co.	2	3.16	10.01
Eagle Bend	7	.50	38.96
Remer	4	.20	1.46
Previously reported			6519.08
	453	503.28	7022.36
Year ago	646	1205.38	8095.22
Losses	193	702.10	1072.86

It is not the most pleasant task to present a report showing a loss, but in compiling these weekly reports we are dependent upon the weekly report cards being sent in by the church treasurers, and just to the extent that they are received each week can the report tell the whole truth. The loss indicated by the comparison with last year is indeed unfortunate but we must not let it discourage. Rather let us be spurred on and encouraged to retrieve it by added effort, particularly on the part of those churches and individuals who have not yet accomplished as much as last year, for we ought, by all means, to not fall short of last year at the end of the campaign. The weeks have been rapidly passing and in most parts of the field the sooner the Harvest Ingathering is done the easier it will be. Shall we not all do our best to finish it successfully within the next few weeks?

Elder Pontynen reported two very successful field days with the Virginia church, resulting in about \$90 being received, and Sister Sandstrom, the treasurer, reported \$107.65 for the week, which was very good. They will doubtless soon be over their goal and Elder Pontynen says they plan to do fully as well as last year which was over \$300. Only two names have been reported as reaching the band goals this week. Mrs. Joe LaRochelle and Mrs. A. B. Larsen became members of the Loyal Legion Band. Will the church treasurers also please be careful to report each week the names of those entitled to this recognition? Thank you.

A. R. Smouse, Treasurer.

THE A. C. S. COLUMN

"The tithing system did not originate with the Hebrews. From the earliest times the Lord claimed a tithe as His; and this claim was recognized and honored. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, the priest of the most high God. Jacob, when at Bethel, an exile and a wanderer, promised the Lord, 'Of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.'" "Patriarchs and Prophets" p. 525.

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"Tithes and offerings for God are an acknowledgment of His claim on us by creation, and they are also an acknowledgment of His claim by redemption. Because all our power is derived from Christ, these offerings are to flow from us to God. They are to keep ever before us the claim of redemption, the greatest of all claims, and the one that involves every other. The realization of the sacrifice made in our behalf is ever to be fresh in our minds, and is ever to exert an influence on our thoughts and plans. Christ is to be indeed as one crucified among us." "Testimonies," Vol. VI, p. 479.

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MINNESOTA ITEMS

"It's DOING that DOES it." Yes, it's the Ingathering.

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If every member were just like me, how much Harvest Ingathering would there be? NOW is the time to do it while the weather is pleasant.

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In the church service next Sabbath, October 3, the offering is for home missionary work in the local churches, as usual on the first Sabbath of the month.

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In the southwestern part of the state there is a considerable territory which is not near enough to any church to be accessible for the Harvest Ingathering, so Brother Odegaard spent some time last week soliciting in that section.

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Elder Hiatt reports that the members of the church at Remer have recently equipped their church school building with electric lights and that they are also building a pretty little log cottage for the use of the teacher. He also told us that the Mineral Center church are making some worth while improvements in their church school building, and the teacher's cottage which they erected last year. These churches are to be commended for their efforts in this direction.

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When Elder Hiatt was at the office last Thursday he brought an encouraging report regarding the results of following up the system-

atic literature distribution in Anoka County this summer. He said that Sisters Hiatt and Howell, who have been actively engaged in this work, had recently found sixteen who were so much interested in the truth through reading the literature that they promised to come in to Anoka to attend the church service on Sabbath. It is indeed well worth while to place our truth filled literature in the hands of the people and then to follow it up with personal work.

MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Elder A. H. Rulkoetter and Brother I. G. Ortner spent Monday at the school.

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Brother Francis Maddock, who has been a loyal supporter of Maplewood for many years, was a welcome visitor at the school last week. He was en route from Brainerd to Washington and Oregon where he plans to spend the winter.

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Thirty-three prospective seniors have already matriculated and others are expected to be here soon. With this splendid number to begin the year's work we shall look forward to another large graduating class.

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Miss Janet Jennings of St. Louis, Mo., the newly elected public health nurse for McLeod County was a visitor at the school Thursday. She spoke very highly of the attractive and homelike rooms of the students and of the school in general.

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Elder and Mrs. N. R. Nelson of Minneapolis with Elder Nelson's brother, Herbert, who was a member of the graduating class at Union College last year, spent Wednesday night at the school. They had just returned from Union where they had taken their daughter Ruth to attend college.

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The Officers for the young men's club, which is known as the Woden Club, were elected by the young men on Wednesday evening. They are as follows: president, Robert Fisher; vice-president, Byron Miller; secretary-treasurer, Roland Olbrick; program committees, Salisbury Zytoskee and Floyd Smith; and Warren Peterson and Gerald Young.

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Aside from classes in first and second year shorthand, there are twenty-four in bookkeeping and more than fifty taking typing. In addition to the physics class, the class in chemistry has grown to such proportions that because of lack of laboratory room the class has had to be closed to nineteen members. Some of the other large classes are American history with thirty-one members, English IV

with twenty-seven members and Old Testament history with thirty-six.

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On Saturday evening, September 26, students and teachers joined in a three-mile progressive hike. The hike ended with a large bonfire and a marshmallow roast in the school woods. It was a beautiful moonlight evening and all reported having had an enjoyable time.

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The following officers were recently elected to fill offices in the church, Sabbath school, and Missionary Volunteer society: church elder, Frank H. Yost; Sabbath school assistant superintendent, Elmer Hagen; secretary, Elizabeth Anderson; faculty adviser, Mr. McComb; Missionary Volunteer leaders, Ethel Hartzell, Irwin Campbell; secretary, Floyd Smith; pianist, Esther Olson; missions band leader, Elder David Gulbrandson; literature and correspondence band leader, Mrs. Frank H. Yost; pathfinders band leaders, Doris Zappe, Warren Peterson, master comrades band leader, Elmer Hagen, faculty adviser, Miss Tubbs.

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The prayer bands hold an important place in the life of each student in the school homes. The bands met for the first time this school year on Monday evening, September 28. They will meet regularly on Monday evening each week. The leaders in the young women's home for the first semester are the Misses Ethel Hartzell, Lina Seppela, Doris Zappe, Mathilda Dahl, Madge Brown, Esther Olson, Edna Purdy, Grace Jepson, Dorene Cornwell and Mildred Gleason.

BARRETT—GORTON

Lauren Leroy Gorton of Daggett Brook and Miss Dorothy Arline Barrett were married at two o'clock on September 22 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barrett. The ceremony was performed by the writer in the presence of a number of relatives and friends. The young couple will make their home at Crosby, Minn. May God's blessings follow them through life. I. J. Bjerke.

OBITUARIES

Otter.—Henry Charles Otter was born at Grand Meadow, Moore County, Minn., April 27, 1865; and died Sept. 8, 1931. In 1905 he was married to Ida M. Lindsay of Highmore, S. Dak., and to this union eight children were born, five sons and three daughters, all of whom survive him.

For the past eleven years Mr. Otter and his family have resided on their farm near Colman.

Those left to mourn besides his wife are: Harvey J. Otter of Mendota, Wis., Leroy, Vernon, Arthur, Harold, Myrtle, Thelma, and Gladys

Otter of Colman, Wis.

The funeral services were held from the home Friday, and interment was made at the Graceland cemetery at Howard, Wis.

Peterson.—Fred Peterson was born at Roke, Kristianstads Lon Skane, Sweden, Aug. 1, 1907; and passed away at Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 7, 1931.

In the year 1912 he came to America with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Peterson. They made their home in Minneapolis for a time and later they settled at Forest Lake. Fred went to Iowa in 1927 and followed the baker's trade. A few weeks ago it was found necessary that he be taken to a hospital because of his failing health. Upon further examination it was deemed advisable for him to submit to an operation. He lingered a few days after the operation but lacked sufficient strength to recover from it.

Shortly before his operation, Fred surrendered his life to God with a firm faith in the saving power of Christ and with a determination that if he were permitted to live, he would be faithful to the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Adolph Peterson, five brothers, Sexton, Ausker, Frank, Harry and Thomas; one nephew, other relatives and a host of friends.

A loving son, dear brother and friend will be missed until the voice of the Life-giver is heard when the trumpet sounds.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at Forest Lake from John 14:1-3; Hebrews 10:36, 37.

Interment was at Forest Lake. Aug. S. Anderson.

East.—Sigrid Kajsa East was born at Berg Sjo, Helsingland, Sweden, July 10, 1854; and died at Ogilvie, Minn., on Sept. 21, 1931.

She was united in marriage to Hans P. East, Dec. 25, 1879. One child, a daughter, was born to

them. They came to America in 1893 and located at Wyanette, Minn. They have also lived at Mora, Cambridge, Brook Park, Bodium, and during the last ten years, at Spring Vale.

About twelve years ago both Mr. and Mrs. East united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church as the first fruit of Elder Carl Swenson's labors at Isanti. They remained faithful until their death.

It is less than four months since Mr. East passed away, leaving his wife to mourn her loss. Suffering from a cancer she grew weaker and weaker until she was confined to her bed at the home of her daughter at Ogilvie. On Monday she passed away peaceably, as we believe, in faith in Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life.

Those left to mourn are one daughter, four grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and many friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer at Mora and Grandv. She was laid to rest at the side of her husband at Grandy to await the voice of the Life-giver. Aug. S. Anderson.

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G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, M. H. Odogaard, Field Missionary Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
Week Ending Sept. 19, 1931						
Anderson, Fred	Hope	30	1	24.25	28.25	16.50
Anderson, Mrs. Fred	Hope	12	1	3.25	7.25	3.50
Biggers, H. G.	Bedtime Stories	31	29	1.75	45.25	10.75
Crofoot, F.	Hope	67	3	8.50	23.50	115.75
Evenson, Karl	BR	21	1	2.75	9.25	25.22
Totals		170	35	40.50	113.50	171.75

SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE, L. L. McKinley, Field Missionary Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
Week Ending Sept. 19, 1931						
Anderson, E. C.	HP	33	6	6.00	45.00	
Nash, H. E.	OD		3	.50	11.00	
Totals		33	9	6.50	56.00	

**NORTHERN UNION HARVEST
INGATHERING REPORT**
Including Week Ending September
19, 1931

(as reported by the church
treasurers)

	Am't Gathered	Total
Conference	Last Week	To date
Iowa	1170.72	2875.90
Minnesota	479.29	6384.81
North Dakota	350.00	1055.48
South Dakota	229.27	1972.56
Union	2229.28	12788.75

Word comes from Brother G. A. Nystrom of Iowa that Boone and Cresco are over the top. "Our people have determined to work harder than ever in order not to drop below last year's amount."

Elder H. J. Sheldon and Brother G. A. Campbell of the Northern Union have been busy in the Harvest Ingathering work. Brother Campbell reports success at Wells, Minn. Elder Sheldon is working in South Dakota with Elder Kuehl.

Elder W. B. Pontynen, who is located on the Range, reports two field days with the Virginia church, and states that they have reached their goal and that they plan to do as well on the Range as last year.

The Grand Forks, N. Dak., church has raised its goal of \$150. Elder Olson states that he is going to work hard for a gain in his district this year.

Our grand total to date is behind last year's amount. Many local church treasurers failed to send reports to the conferences last week. Let us be more faithful.

The church goal will be raised if every member does his or her part. Have you had a part this year? If not, why not?

V. G. Anderson,
Union H. M. Sec.

OFFERING FOR COLORED WORK

Sabbath, October 24, is the time set by the General Conference for receiving the offering in all our churches in North America for the colored work. We are anxious this year to raise the largest offering that has ever been given toward this branch of the Lord's work.

We are very grateful to God for what has been accomplished in the past. Even in these days of financial depression our people have given liberally to the support of the work. Despite the difficulties we face our courage is good and we turn to the future with renewed hope.

For some time we have been looking forward to the establishing of a boarding school of academic grades in the East; thus, enabling a larger number of our children and youth to have a Christian education. We have set our hands to the task of beginning this school in the Fall of 1932. The entire pro-

ceeds of this offering will go toward this enterprise. We have set our goal at \$15,000 and we have faith to believe that we shall reach it.

We earnestly appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist to give liberally on this day for the enlarging and strengthening of the educational work among the colored believers, remembering the words of the Saviour, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." F. L. Peterson.

**"I HAND THE WATCHMAN TO
OTHERS"**

One day nearly five years ago one of our magazine workers sold a copy of the August "Watchman" to a little elderly lady in Rochester, New York. A little later she wrote the office, sending her subscription and telling of her experience. She said, "I am delighted with the 'Watchman.' I was hungry for such present truths."

For several years she kept reading the "Watchman" and last fall, (Nov. 24, 1930) another letter came addressed to the editor from this lady renewing her subscription and enclosing \$5 for missions. The letter, written in a cramped, shaky hand, said, "This offering is not much, but it will help a little. We haven't any of this world's goods, but there are only my two daughters and myself. I am so thankful for the 'Watchman.' I have had so much light on my Bible since I have been reading it. I am thankful that it ever came to my notice. Waiting to see the King in His beauty, I am sincerely yours, Mrs. S. McDonald." And then was added a postscript, "I hand the "Watchman" to others when I have read it."

When this letter came we thought it was about time some one took a personal hand in the affair, so a copy of her letter was forwarded to Elder Bailey, pastor of our Rochester church. It happened that Elder Earl Hackman, of the General Conference Home Missionary Department was in Rochester that day with Elder Scriven, of the union department, so together they went to Mrs. McDonald's home with the pastor. In writing about the visit later, Elder Hackman said, "Mrs. McDonald received us kindly. Just as soon as we told her we represented the 'Watchman' magazine a broad smile appeared and without hesitation she invited us into the house. Needless to say, an appointment has been made for Bible studies and we believe that this woman with her family will accept the message." L. L. Skinner.

There is nothing so easy but that it becomes difficult when you do it with reluctance.—Terence.

**STUDYING "GOVERNMENT CON-
TROL" OF LIQUOR**

It was announced in the last number of the "Signs of the Times" that Elder Alonzo L. Baker, a "Signs" editor, is making a first hand study in Canada, of government control of liquor manufacture and distribution as it is operating in each of Canada's nine provinces. This is of special interest to our people, as they know by the trend of conditions, that in all probability next year will see still stronger efforts than ever made to legalize liquor in the United States. "Government Control" seems to promise to be one of the most popular substitutes offered for prohibition. Correct information is surely needed in the great campaign of education that will need to be waged.

It will be the plan of the "Signs of the Times" to be thoroughly prepared for an effective part in this, and at the most strategic time to issue a special "Signs" on temperance and prohibition that, in strength, will eclipse anything of the past. Elder Baker's present trip is preparatory for this. He is spending six weeks in Canada and in Eastern cities of the United States before attending the Autumn Council of the General Conference, in Omaha, Nebraska.

J. R. Ferren.

The value of time is beyond computation. Christ regarded every moment as precious, and it is thus that we should regard it. Life is too short to be trifled away. We have but a few days of probation in which to prepare for eternity. We have no time to waste, no time to devote to selfish pleasure, no time for the indulgence of sin.—"Christ's Object Lessons," p. 342.

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