



DEBTORS TO ALL MEN

"According to the truth we have received above others, we are debtors to impart the same to them." Vol. VI, p. 23. This statement from "Testimonies for the Church" is the same thought as expressed by the apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans. We read: "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise." Rom. 1:14.

The responsibility of receiving light is very clear. God's plan of communicating is through human instrumentalities. "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also," is Paul's instruction to Timothy. We find this thought expressed in Volume VII, page 222 of "Testimonies for the Church" in these words, "Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the plan of redemption." To seek avenues through which our personal responsibility may be discharged would be the duty of the church and of the organization known as "The Advent Movement."

An authoritative statement upon this point comes to us in these words, "We have been asleep as it were regarding the work that may be accomplished by the circulation of well prepared literature. Let us now by the wise use of periodicals and books, preach the word with determined energy, that the world may understand the message that Christ gave to John on the Isle of Patmos. Let every human intelligence, who professes the name of Christ, testify 'The end of all things is at hand; prepare to meet thy God.'" "The Colporteur Evangelist," page 101.

This paragraph presents an avenue that is and has been most fruitful since the beginning of our work. Thousands of souls have been brought into saving touch with the gospel through reading the printed page, and we believe God would

have hundreds of our church members selling our publications.

I have before me a letter from Brother H. W. Sherrig, manager of our Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press. I quote a paragraph: "The publishers are recommending the use of five of our Home Workers' books, namely, 'Steps to Christ,' 'Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing,' 'Buried Treasure,' 'Hero Tales' and 'Marked Bible.' The retail price of these five books is \$6.75, but they sell in a set in a neat cardboard container for \$5. It makes a beautiful gift set, and will make a wonderful appeal to people for the holidays."

With this thought before us I wish to appeal to hundreds of our Reaper readers to offer yourselves as "Home Worker colporteurs and take up the work of circulating these good books in the homes of the people. Remember your conference Book and Bible House will allow you 50 per cent as your profit in the sale of these sets: that is, when you sell and deliver a set for \$5, you retain \$2.50 as remuneration for your time and service, and send the Book and Bible House \$2.50; and the transaction is closed. Do not allow the thought, that books cannot be sold in these times, to predominate your mind. People will purchase books for the holidays. Nothing is nicer or more appropriate for a gift, than a book. Here are five good ones cheap enough to find purchasers in times of depression. The contents of these books are message-filled, and there is an encouraging profit to the agent.

Write your conference Book and Bible House secretary, make satisfactory terms, and enter the field receiving orders; and thus you will be directly in the line of duty pointed out, and in that line one is under God assured of success. Let us supply the homes in the Northern Union Conference with good books, and God will give the increase in souls that will be stars in the crowns of the colporteurs.

Charles Thompson.

"I LAUGH TO SEE WHAT IGNORANT PERSONS YE ARE"

These words were spoken by "Atheist" in "Pilgrim's Progress" to "Christian" and "Hopeful" as they journeyed on to Mount Zion. If John Bunyan were writing his "Pilgrim's Progress" today, undoubtedly he would give considerably more attention to this subtle, sly, and soul-wrecking philosophy, for atheism in an organized twentieth century method is now at work not only to destroy Christianity but to influence minds against Christ, the Bible and salvation.

One of the most effective methods used by the four "A's" to accomplish this end is through literature. The devil understands the effectiveness of literature distribution, and through this agency he hopes to wreck truth; so this society for the advancement of atheism is right now distributing billions (not millions) of pieces of atheistic literature to ensnare and ruin the souls of men. What a challenge this is to every believer of the third angel's message. Ought we not to be active in combating this terrible, soul-destroying effort of the enemy by distributing as the leaves of autumn our truth-filled literature?

Many colporteurs, magazine workers, part-time literature workers, and home workers selling the small books for the holidays should now be visiting every home in our conferences working to offset the evil effect of the atheistic literature distribution by these enemies of Christ.

"Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in His service. Oh, can we not remember that here is a world to labor for? Shall we not move forward step by step, letting God use us as His helping hand? Shall we not place ourselves on the altar of service? Then the love of Christ will touch and transform us, make us willing for His sake to do and dare."

"Colporteur Evangelist," p. 42.

Brethren, let us respond to the call of service. Surely we do not have long in which to do our work. The days in which we are living are solemn and important. May God help us to do our appointed task. Come and join the colporteur army today.

Geo. A. Campbell.

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THE HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

With a good many churches this year's campaign work is undoubtedly completed by the time this gets into the hands of the readers, but not with all. In many of the rural sections our people have been kept quite busy until now with work in the fields and usually we do not start the campaign in the rural sections here in North Dakota until the last of September or the first part of October; therefore some may not even be able to break away from the old habit and may have waited intentionally until now. But whatever may be the case in the matter of time, we must, however, realize that even though the usually allotted time for the campaign is almost past, that absolutely excuses no one from doing his share. If there ever was a time when every Adventist is expected to do his duty, it certainly is in this year's campaign. Of course many are singing the "hard times" song, some even absolutely without cause; they only start in on the chorus. Earnest and honest people do not act that way.

The writer has been out for two weeks doing campaign work in various places with a number of churches. He had to listen to many "hard times" stories, yet the people were courteous and they gave. Some gave not quite such large amounts as they did in former years but by far the larger per cent of the people solicited, gave willingly and cheerfully. One naturally likes to see large contributions come in for the great world-wide mission work, but taking circumstances into consideration, I must say that I am enjoying the Harvest Ingathering work this year just as much and, perhaps, even more so than I ever did during any preceding year. One advantage which this year's campaign offers, especially, is the oft-repeated opportunity to speak to people con-

cerning the signs of our times and their significance. Many people are stirred, thinking, and inquiring as to the meaning of these present-day perplexities.

These few lines are written with the intention of encouraging all our people to continue the good work and solicit means for God's needy cause. As a conference we are a long way from reaching our missions quota. And while we may have to work harder and longer this year to reach our goal, every one can rest assured that there are blessings in store for us if we do reach it, and they are, also, that much greater. I wish I could visit every member in the conference and give encouragement in precept and example to help in this year's campaign, but as this is limited to only a fraction of our constituency, I therefore hope these lines will be taken seriously. I am going to continue with the campaign work in encouraging our members and in personal soliciting, and my earnest prayer is that all of our people may be imbued with a spirit of earnestness and diligence and work and pray until the work is done.

H. J. Meyer.

A WILLING GROUP AT DEVILS LAKE

Receiving an SOS call from the Devils Lake church to rush up there and help them finish the Harvest Ingathering campaign, the writer immediately set out to help the brethren. The reason for such a call was that the Red Cross had its state convention in that city and was planning to raise \$200,000 in the state for relief work.

On the way, while riding in a car with Brother Leiske, we were forcibly impressed with the great need of the world today, and it brought tears to our eyes as we saw hiking along the road a man and woman with their two babies. One of the babies was eight months old and the other two years. These people had been hiking for sixteen days from Seattle to North Dakota. They were hungry and tired. We picked them up and they were thankful to get something to eat. They told us of hundreds in Seattle who are hungry. I lifted a prayer to God for His goodness to me in providing the necessities of life and determined that I would do more than ever to help raise money for our missionaries, who are giving their lives, and sacrificing for this message.

On reaching Devils Lake I found a willing group of church members to help us in the campaign. We started out to work with the assistance of Brother Engevick and his faithful wife and our enthusiastic home missionary secretary, Sister Sorenson. The business men talked

with us seriously and told us of the large demands that are being made upon them this year, with business only half what it was last year. Nevertheless, they said they realized the great need and responded with fives, tens, threes and ones, until we had \$77.50.

This was less than we received last year but, lo and behold, the members came to the rescue and volunteered to go out in the highways and byways, into the country and small towns to see what they could do. Different cars went out on different days filled with real Seventh-day Adventists. Two ladies, having two babies each, made a proposition whereby one day one lady stayed with all the babies while the other lady went out and the next day vice versa. One lady who could not get around well, stayed home and made the dinner for those who worked in town. And with this cooperation what do you think? The members brought in more from the country than was raised in town, \$80. Just think of that! That raised the amount to over \$150 with more to come.

Now what is the lesson in that? Just this. If you, dear reader, together with every other member who claims to be a loyal Seventh-day Adventist, would just get it right down into your heart and mind that the Lord needs your cooperation, and with all the determination you can command, just make up your mind that by the help of the Lord you are going to try to raise your ten dollars, and that you will not stop until you have it, then we would not have to be ashamed of what we have accomplished for the Master, in these trying times.

Who will go for Him? When we come to camp meeting next year and ask all those who had a part in helping to raise funds for the campaign, will you not be happy to

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raise your hand as a witness that you had a part in helping to raise means to bring relief in a crisis, to those who are on the firing line for the Lord's great work. Go to work today, in His vineyard.

B. A. Scherr.

OPPORTUNITY

Have you been tempted this year, since times seem so hard, not to go out in the Harvest Ingathering work? Perhaps you thought "I'll go, but I may as well face facts, and in view of the depression just expect about one third of the usual donation." These thoughts have gone through my mind, but I'm changing my opinion since an experience I had in the little town of Taylor, with about two hundred inhabitants.

Brother Albert Sievers, the elder of the Taylor church went with me to visit the business men, but before we left for town we knelt in prayer, asking Him who is back of this movement to prepare the way.

The first business man cheerfully gave \$5. The second one had a five dollar check half way written out before Brother Sievers got time to introduce me. At the third place we were given \$5 with a smile and the words: "Come again"; and, the fourth one said, "Yes, I'll give my \$5. I know what it's used for." Before very long we had \$32. This is just the same amount, to the penny, that was received last year. Brother Sievers has gone along several times now, but he says the people were never friendlier than this time.

Such an experience, I believe, should encourage every one, who hasn't been out, to go. The times may seem ever so hard to us, but with God, there are no hard times.

The Lord does not want a single child of His to lie down on the job. Go out and present the cause, but let the Lord do the work.

Brother Sievers and I went home singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." R. R. Bietz.

NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Brother Williams of Eldridge stopped in to say hello Wednesday.

Elder Meyer left Thursday for Gackle to assist in the Harvest Ingathering work. He will spend Sabbath there.

Brother Overlees of Deisem was a caller at the office Wednesday. Brother Van Allen of Wheelock was with him.

Brother and Sister Aipperspach called at the office this week. They brought in the Lord's portion of their income.

Brother Reile was a caller at the office Thursday. He stated that his tent is still at Medina and that the attendance remains good.

The programs have been sent out for the fall Investment program. Begin now to plan for that program and see what can be done for the Lord's work.

Brother Scherr has been busy this week doing his office work, and by the first of the week he will again be out in the Harvest Ingathering.

Brother Bietz, who is doing Harvest Ingathering work in the western part of the state, writes that his courage is good even though

contributions are not so large as he would like to have them.

Monday afternoon, September 28, Elder Leiske united in marriage Jake Krein of Jamestown and Emma Krueger of McClusky. The ceremony took place in the Valley City church and immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Krein left for points in South Dakota.

The ladies of the Dorcas Society have been busy preparing clothes for the poor during the past few weeks. If you have some clothes that you do not need and that might be of value to some one in need, send them to the conference office and they will be sent to the poor.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER RATING CHART

For First Seven Months of 1931

Society	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Total
Bowdon	463	850	1210	1176	690	325	941	5655
Beach	28						25	53
Burt	503	756	400	50	50	600	50	2409
Bismarck	100							100
Cleveland	62	135	222	230	211			860
Devils Lake	1322	902	1249	751	3323	332	449	8328
Denhoff	121	340	662	629	647	749	634	3782
Fargo	2130	924	2566	1798	1308	652	3313	12691
Goodrich	1591	1542	2465	1576	1506	1100	843	10623
Golden Valley	100	25	100					225
Grand Forks	100							100
Harvey	2809	1385	5880	1375	2657	2300	1506	17912
Harvey Church School		370	300					670
Hebron	418	888	846	1370	527	839	341	5229
Jamestown Juniors	183	264	366	464	349	1264	66	2956
Killdeer		50	70	25	106	171	82	504
Kulm	50		200		225			475
Keene Church School	123	100	300					523
Lehr		418	411	387	387			1603
Lincoln		639	491	125			7043	8298
Manfred			368		280	157	348	1153
Max	106	372						478
McClusky					10000			10000
Minot	1049	2582	771	689	564	327	234	6216
Medina		312	307	622	341		307	1889
Napoleon	200		86					286
Newhome	980	516	972	697	813		657	4635
Pettibone	60	175	148	201				584
Peasant Valley			100					100
Streeter	60	128	40					228
S. R. Academy	4926	2381	15182	8285	2510			33284
Turtle Lake	332	293	190	283	293		219	1610
Wheelock	203							203
Valley City	757	750						1507

The above is the amount of points each society received according to the report sent in each month by the secretaries of the young people's societies. Where there is a blank space you will notice that the secretary did not send in a report for that month. The societies whose names do not appear on this report are those who have not sent in any report this year for their young people. The Harvey Society is ahead so far in the amount of points reached, having 17,912. This society is closely followed by Fargo with 12,691 and Goodrich next with 10,623 points. McClusky received 10,000 points in May for

the twenty baptisms held at this place. As Sheyenne River Academy is not counted in the list of churches who are working for the banner, this puts Harvey ahead for the first seven months. Who will be on top? We trust that every officer will study this report and see if his society cannot come up in its rating. Some societies are very low for their size. B. A. Scherr.

God reaches for the hand of faith in us to direct it to lay fast hold upon the divinity of Christ, that we may attain to perfection of character.—"The Desire of Ages," p. 123.

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WORK IN THE NORTHWEST

In the fall of 1928, just three years ago, I went to Bison, South Dakota, to hold meetings. As a result, fifteen were baptized. Then we sold the old church building, located seven miles from town, for \$300 and built a new church valued at between \$2500 and \$3000 in Bison. It has been a monument for the work of God in that part of the country.

From Bison I went to Penville where I labored hard for one year with much opposition and trouble, but thank God, in spite of it all, God called eighteen souls to Him. They were baptized the twenty-seventh of July this year. Also, three were baptized at camp Crook.

I am now at Buffalo working, and have found four more souls who are ready for baptism. We expect to bury them with their Lord about October 17. There are many others who are interested, and there is plenty of work to do. This makes just forty souls won for God, in this part of the country, through the power of God and the work of His dear people in these parts.

My wife and I have visited young people who are living in sheep wagons and are herding sheep. When we asked them to pray, they opened their young hearts to God with such a petition, that it brought tears flowing down my cheeks. These dear souls are pleading to be baptized for their Lord. They are already witnessing for their Master even on the hills herding sheep and they are living for God.

God's love is truly great, and I thank Him for His many, many blessings to me. Pray for me and the work in this part of the country, that many more souls may be won for the Master. I am willing to spend and be spent for God.

J. A. Estey.

PLAINVIEW ACADEMY NOTES

The boys have been busy this week picking potatoes. The yield was fair.

Elder Gorden Oss stopped at the school Wednesday, on his way to Watertown, from Yankton.

Mildred Mertz joined our academy family Wednesday, which brings our enrollment to ninety.

A literary program was given in the dining room, Saturday evening, October 3. It consisted of a dialogue, readings, and musical stunts.

Donald Magnusen of Mitchell was called home Monday, September 28, on account of the death of his step-father.

Elder A. G. Youngberg enjoyed the visit of his aunt, Mrs. Albert Youngberg of Onida, and her daughter Mildred, who is a nurse in Chicago.

Elder V. G. Anderson, home missionary secretary of the Northern Union Conference, and Elder L. E. Niermeyer spent the week-end, October 4 and 5, at the school, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work.

The officers for Sabbath school and the Missionary Volunteer Society have been elected and are as follows: For Sabbath school: Mrs. Fred Adams, superintendent; Floyd Dufloth, assistant superintendent; Elizabeth Watt, secretary; Evelyn Lafferty, assistant secretary; and Mrs. H. C. Hartman, sponsor. For the Missionary Volunteer Society: Florence Unterseher, leader; Leon Pederson, assistant leader; Esther Egger, secretary; Robert Brown, assistant secretary; and Professor E. K. Vande Vere, sponsor.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

Elder L. E. Niermeyer left Watertown Friday afternoon for Redfield where he led the academy family in the field day, Monday, October 5. The results will be reported later.

Elder P. G. Stanley writes that he baptized three at Madison a week ago Sabbath. These were added to the Madison church membership.

We have a very nice assortment of German Bibles in stock ranging in price from \$1 to \$4.75. The dollar Bible is cloth bound, pocket size, and made well enough for most any one to use.

Brother E. L. Nesmith of Florence, who has been confined to his bed, for two weeks, called at our office the other day. We were glad to see Brother Nesmith again. He is not very strong but is able to be about.

Miss Claire Winingar, our Sabbath school secretary, is still in the western part of the state. As far as we know, she met with the church at Rapid City, Sabbath, October 3, and will meet with the company at Harrold, Sabbath, October 10.

We received a letter from Elder Stotz in which he informed us that his wife underwent an operation at the Chamberlain Sanitarium, and is getting along very nicely. When people are sick and need medical attention, as far as we know, there is no better place than the Chamberlain Sanitarium.

Elder Gorden Oss returned from the southern part of the state where he has been assisting the Mitchell and Swan Lake churches in the Harvest Ingathering. He spent one day in the office and left again for Kyle, where he met with the believers on Sabbath, October 3. He also planned on visiting the Tuthill church before returning to the office.

Elder E. E. Franklin, associate secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department and Brother George Campbell, Northern Union field secretary, met with the Sioux Falls church Sabbath and Sunday, October 3 and 4. They had a meeting at the Mitchell church Monday evening, and another meeting with the Chamberlain church on Tuesday evening. From there they went to the Black Hills district to visit some of the churches there. We are glad to have these men visit our churches.

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AT CENTERVILLE

The Sabbath school convention held at Centerville on Sabbath, September 26, was evidently enjoyed and appreciated by those in attendance. Rain and slippery roads without doubt prevented many from being present, but as the Centerville Sabbath school membership is sixty, the attendance came well up to the average. All were prepared to furnish their part of the program, and a deep interest was shown in charts and plans for future work.

I was very glad, also, for suggestions received from this school. This being the last Sabbath of the quarter, members of the children's division each displayed a branch decorated with tiny owls according to their record. This effort meant a great deal to the leader of the division, Miss Simmons, as there are eleven members and judging by the looks of the branches, the record had called for the making of a large number of those little brown, wide-eyed owls, but in these younger divisions all such effort

pays in increased interest and enthusiasm.

The noon time lunch, together with pleasant associations, and the hospitality of all, made the occasion one to be remembered, and we trust that the influence of the convention will continue through the months to come.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

IOWA ITEMS

Professor Nixon and Dr. Parker have been busy during the past two weeks, visiting church schools in all parts of the state for the required physical examination work. They were accompanied on each trip by one of the Sanitarium nurses.

Mrs. Dorcas spent Thursday, September 24, very enjoyably, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Linus Johnson and their young son, Henry, near Fremont, when on her way to the Centerville meeting. Mrs. Johnson was formerly Miss Ruth Ely.

Elder J. C. Christenson returned to the office on Wednesday of last week, to look after the work there for a day or two, having spent the past two weeks in the Sioux City district. He reports the Ingathering work about the same as in the previous year. He left again on Friday for the northern part of the state. Ruthven, Spirit Lake, Estherville, and other places will be visited in the interests of this work. Mrs. Christenson and Jackie Dean accompanied him.

Everywhere over the state, many of our members are actively at work in the Harvest Ingathering, and regardless of conditions, goodly sums are being added to the mission fund. "In proportion to the enthusiasm and perseverance with which the work is carried forward will be the success given." Let us be diligent until all available territory has been covered in this year's effort. Remember that the mission board and the missionaries are depending on these returns to help in the general shortage of funds from other sources.

Miss Lois Johnson, secretary of the Hawarden Sabbath school, reported sixty-nine members at the close of the September quarter, as compared to five members in previous quarters. They have teachers' meetings, supplies necessary to best Sabbath school work, and the picture roll, which they will send on to the mission field at the close of each quarter. This addition to the membership is the result of the effort of Elder J. R. Nelson and company within the past few months, and the work is still going

on, four members being added the last Sabbath of the quarter.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival Laird, of Paw Paw, Mich., came to Nevada on Wednesday night of last week, to visit Miss Terwilleger, Mrs. Dorcas and other friends. Mrs. Laird was formerly Dr. Emma Ferrine, who was of the Iowa Sanitarium Medical Staff for some time, when the institution was located in Des Moines. Since then she has spent a number of years in China and she is still following her profession in Michigan. They had been visiting Dr. Laird's sister in Reasoner, Iowa, and were on their return journey to the east.

IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

The work of examining the academy students is almost completed.

The following registered at the sanitarium during the past week, as medical patients: John Edward Martin and Al. Jennings, both of Ames, Miss Clara Meyer of Rockwell, L. W. Mead of Collins, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cohen of Des Moines and R. J. Mason of Iowa Falls.

An emergency operation was performed on Benjamin Campbell, of Nevada, last Saturday night. He was suffering severe pain and it was realized he was in serious condition when he entered at 11 p. m. that night. The infection that had set in from the ruptured appendix proved more than his resistance could fight and he passed away on Tuesday afternoon.

G. I. M. Good of Rhodes was brought to the sanitarium Friday night, following an accident on the paved road two miles east of Nevada. Mr. Good had been attending court that day and had missed his ride home. He was walking on the pavement about nine o'clock in the evening when he was struck by an automobile going in the same direction. Mr. Good was wearing a dark suit and it was a misty evening, so the driver of the car did not see him until he was right upon him. Mr. Good was fatally injured.

Elder Nixon has been busy taking the medical workers to the various church schools for the annual physical examination of the students. On September 25 Dr. Parker, assisted by Wava Newton, junior student nurse, examined the Mason City and Hampton school children. On Sunday and Monday the doctor, assisted by Miss Cecil Jackman, senior nurse, checked the physical condition of the pupils enrolled at Clinton, Muscatine, and Davenport. On Tuesday, Elder Nixon, Dr. Parker and Miss Burghart left Nevada to examine the students at Lake City, Sioux City, Council Bluffs and Exira. John F. Morse.

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SABBATH AFTERNOONS

The Sabbath afternoons during the winter months are frequently long for the children. The October first issue of the "Review" states that the Home Department will feature Bible games, rhymes and riddles that may be used to fill that need. See page thirteen of that issue.

It might be well to check up your subscription, not only because of this added feature, but that you might keep in touch with current happenings of vital interest.

A. H. Rulkoetter.

DISCOURAGED OR INSPIRED?

Which should influence us most, the need or the condition? The fields proclaim their great need, while the circumstances about us speak of the condition of depression. Should we allow the condition to speak so loudly that we become deaf to the needs? The condition discourages, whereas the need inspires. When you go out in the Harvest Ingathering work which do you hear? Are you discouraged or inspired?

A. H. Rulkoetter.

HARVEST INGATHERING

For Week Ending Sept. 26, 1931

Church	Number working	Amount this week	To date.
Mpls. Eng.	188	\$104.46	\$1339.35
Mpls. Nor-Dan.	50	88.43	560.75
Austin	20	74.00	186.47
St. Paul English	146	38.39	1820.88
Duluth Scand.	20	36.45	137.24
Fergus Falls	6	25.00	114.83
Conference	37	23.10	276.65
Faribault	12	16.99	188.48
Blackberry	8	16.75	83.00
Virginia	8	15.91	193.56
Roseau	4	15.70	44.90
Wells	2	14.50	54.75
Mpls. Swedish	24	13.75	166.60
Gilchrist	8	11.27	140.89
Remer	9	10.25	11.71
Staples	4	3.75	78.45
Richville	13	4.00	48.43
Hewitt	5	2.75	12.95
Eagle Bend	7	1.60	40.56
Previously Reported			7121.27
	571	517.05	7638.32
Totals Year ago	731	1140.70	9235.92
Losses	100	623.65	1597.60

Surely our loyal people will not be satisfied to see our loss in Harvest Ingathering as compared with

last year, growing larger each week as it has been recently. True conditions are less favorable than last year and in many localities it takes more effort to secure the same amount, but should we not be willing to put forth the necessary effort to do at least as well as last year? It is the Lord's work and His power is the same as ever. If we are earnest and faithful in our efforts He will open the way before us and give success. Last week Brother Odegaard worked three days in small towns in the southwestern part of the state outside the territory of any church, and the Lord blessed his efforts with a response of \$84, and he was an entire stranger to those people. On Wednesday Elder Rulkoetter assisted in the solicitation at St. Cloud and about \$60 was received there in that short time. The Lord is indeed willing to do His part if we do our's and should we not do it willingly, too?

The following names have been reported this week for the various band goals and their faithful efforts are most sincerely appreciated.

Double Centurion Band: Elder W. B. Pontynen.

Centurion Band: M. H. Odegaard, Mrs. V. B. Cummings.

Gold Crown Band: Elder G. L. Budd, Sophie Christoferson, I. G. Ortner, T. F. Wiik.

Silver Crown Band: Dr. C. J. Martinson, Mrs. F. E. Swanson, M. L. Tinkcom, Bertha Galstad, Mrs. O. W. Oien, Mrs. C. M. Dickinson.

Blue Ribbon Band: Mrs. A. Granbois, Mrs. M. T. McCadden, E. Anunsen, Mrs. Ida Johnson, T. P. Young, Mrs. T. P. Young, Mrs. A. Larson, Mrs. K. Webster, Mrs. M. L. Tinkcom, Mrs. A. C. Schaefer, Ruth Reiswig, Sovrina Anderson, Mrs. Houghton, Mrs. I. F. Houglid, Mrs. Ida Budd, Alma Thompson, Mrs. E. L. Gary, Mrs. P. V. Englund.

Loyal Legion Band: Mrs. Brandberg, Mrs. J. S. White, Mrs. Bergstrom, C. A. Williams, Mrs. N. James, Mrs. Erickson, Mrs. I. G. Ortner, Mrs. G. M. Johnson, Mrs. J. Green, Mrs. Malmquist, Mrs. Barbara Johnston, Mrs. Agnes Allen, Mrs. Clare G. Rust, Nevada Brickery, Francis Crofoot, Henrietta Reiswig, Mrs. A. H. Rulkoetter, F. E. Swanson, Maisie Myers, Mrs. Grace Peavey, Beatrice Ostberg, Mrs. Aug. S. Anderson.

A. R. Smouse, Treasurer.

AN EARNEST APPEAL TO EACH READER

A careful study of the Harvest Ingathering report as rendered by Brother Smouse each week since August 22 of this year, reveals the fact that twenty-two churches and companies have not reported anything done in this year's campaign. It must be an oversight on the part

of some one, for we can hardly believe that any church or company would allow the best part of the Harvest Ingathering campaign period to pass by without doing something. Kindly send in a weekly report during the campaign season. Will each church treasurer please do this? Only six churches report some money gathered each week since the beginning of the effort. Surely all the churches could have gathered some money each week and passed it on to the needy mission fields. Brother, sister, have you done your share in this important effort? Have I done mine? May God give us a vision of the great need in the world field and also of the possibilities within our reach in the Ingathering program to supply this need. What are we doing to bring the light of truth to our brother who still sits in heathen darkness? Have we done all we could?

May God help us answer these questions now, as we will wish to have them answered in the day of judgment. Still praying for a successful Harvest Ingathering campaign, both in money raised and souls won to Christ, I am humbly your brother in the Master's service.
A. A. Dirksen.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

NOW is Harvest Ingathering time.

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Herbert Hamilton of Duluth made a pleasant call at the office last Friday, while visiting friends in St. Paul.

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Elder and Mrs. Andreasen visited in Minnesota over the last weekend and planned to meet with the church at St. Cloud on Sabbath.

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The offering in the church service next Sabbath, October 10, is for local church expense, as usual on the second Sabbath of the month.

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Elder Budd reports holding some meetings recently at Red Lake Falls and McIntosh. At the latter place he also assisted Brother Holton in the Harvest Ingathering.

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Mrs. Niels Nissen of Tyler is spending some time with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Engstrom, in Minneapolis. They all made a pleasant call at the office on Monday of last week.

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On Sunday of last week we were all made sad by hearing of the sudden and unexpected death of Mrs. L. O. Rosenthal of Austin. She had undergone an operation nearly two weeks before and to all appearances was making excellent recovery, when she very suddenly took a turn

for the worse and passed away after just a few minutes distress. Arrangements were made for Elder Andreasen to conduct the funeral at Austin on Wednesday. We sympathize most sincerely with Brother Rosenthal and the other members of the bereaved family.

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We were made sad again last Friday morning, when a letter was received from Elder Wolfe conveying news regarding the death of the little son of Dr. Edward Hoelm, who has been temporarily located at Rochester, where he is connected with the Mayo Clinic. The little fellow was run down by an automobile on the street and seriously injured. He passed away on the operating table while under the anesthetic. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family in this great sorrow which has come to them.

\$4,000 FOR INVESTMENT

Good Investment returns are being reported by the secretaries on their third quarter's reports. We trust that the amount received during the first nine months of the year may bring us well toward our \$4,000 goal for 1931. The day chosen for the Investment program in Minnesota is November 14, the same selected by some of our sister conferences. Shall we not all strive to make this a banner Investment Day? Remembering that the funds brought in for missions through this means will mean investment in souls for the kingdom should inspire us to do our very best.

Mary D. Hopkins.

THE A. C. S. COLUMN

"The system of tithes and offerings was intended to impress the minds of men with a great truth,—that God is the source of every blessing to his creatures, and that to Him man's gratitude is due for the good gifts of His providence. As an acknowledgment that all things came from Him, the Lord directed that a portion of His bounty should be returned to Him in gifts and offerings to sustain His worship."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets,"* p. 525.

"In the days of Israel the tithe and free will offerings were needed to maintain the ordinances of divine service. Should the people of God give less in this age? The work of the gospel, as it widens, requires greater provision to sustain it than was called for anciently; and this makes the law of tithes and offerings of even more urgent necessity now than under the Hebrew economy." *Id.*, pp. 528, 529.

"The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for Himself. It is to be brought into His treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed because there are those

who do not realize that the tithe is God's reserved portion."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, p. 249.

"God has not changed; the tithe is still to be used for the support of the ministry."—Vol. IX, p. 250.

"This tithing system, I saw, would develop character, and manifest the true state of the heart."—Vol. I, p. 237.

A LETTER FROM ELDER CHRISTENSEN

The following is part of a letter recently received by Brother Melendy from Elder Otto Christensen, formerly of Minnesota but now of Kalgan, China, where he and Sister Christensen are pioneering in the work for the Mongolians. We feel confident our readers will appreciate hearing from Elder Christensen in this way.

"We are glad to be here in this needy field and only wish we had the language so we could fully explain this message. However, we must start on a different plane than when we begin efforts in the States. We have been doing a little since the two Russian workers went to Mongolia. My wife has been superintending the Sabbath school and I have been giving a Bible study after Sabbath school. Our vocabulary is quite limited, but we get along fairly well. It is at least good practice for us. To-night I have Mongolian prayer meeting. If we only had a vocabulary and grammar, but we have nothing, and our teacher is impossible. Mongolian is all grammar which makes it hard when we have none. But we will get it bye and bye. Mongolian is entirely different from the Chinese—no resemblance whatever. It is more like the Sanskrit.

"I made a trip up into Mongolia in June in a car (?) we hired. We went up about two hundred miles to locate a mission site. We would have gone a day's journey farther but our so called car broke down and we had to return. We were fortunate to get back without walking. It was surely a joke - a Dodge truck with the springs blocked and no sides on the back. There we sat on our baggage—food, bedding and tent—hanging on over the rough road as best we could. We are going up now in a week or so, again. We are hoping the mission will have a car by then, as we just can't work to any advantage without one, being so far from the field. The country up there on the plateau is beautiful - rolling, grassy plains with here and there a herd of horses, cattle, sheep or wild antelope. Everything is just as nature made it, except as it is marred by sin. We see occasionally evidences of it on the plains as a human skeleton comes in view. They do not bury their dead, but put them on a cart and drive as

fast as they can over rough ground until the body falls off and they don't look back as Lot's wife, so they do not know they lost it. Then the wolves and other animals finish them up. Some use skulls for drinking cups.

"Next summer we expect to go up there and spend the summer living in a Mongol felt yurt. That will help us a great deal in learning the language when we will be right with the people and live with them. We are still waiting for our permit from the Chinese government to build our mission homes. Everything goes slow here and we must wait patiently as they give us excuse after excuse. But patience and perseverance conquer all things with the help of prayer. This is God's message and it must go to these people before the end, so we trust in Him. This field indeed needs your prayers. The message is just beginning and we have eight million to warn under very trying conditions, as they are scattered over the vast prairies half the size of the United States, or more.

"We are expecting a printing press from your Big Week efforts next spring. Now we have none. By that time we hope to have the language so we can translate. The four tracts we have are a poor job. Last week we translated our lessons from English for the coming quarter. We told it in Mongolian and the Russian and Mongolian brother put it in written form. It took one week. Now they will print it on the mimeograph, which is better than nothing.

"Not much here reminds me of Minnesota unless it's the sun and that's sharper here, so we have to wear helmets. There are no lakes

anywhere near, only a river going through the city, and that is about dry, except when it rains. Yesterday it overflowed and water ran into some of the stores. There are mountains all around, but no trees except a few in yards. The Chinese eat them up. The old "great wall" almost surrounds our back yard. We can see it for miles. It crosses the north edge of the city. I was up on it a week ago. It is interesting when one thinks back to its origin, 200 B. C. The portion here was built then.

"We missed camp meeting very much. I must say we were lonesome then. The Spirit must have moved to liberality. What a wonderful offering, and we indeed rejoice and sort of feel proud of Minnesota and thankful to God's people there. Two of our workers in this mission had to be laid off because of the appropriation cut, so I felt it. Now we have only two. I pray our people may continue to be faithful.

"Sincerely,
"O. Christensen."

ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted.—Work on farm with Adventist family with home for my blind sister. George Neidecken, Cleveland, N. Dak.

For Rent.—Three large rooms, alcove, closet, bath, screen porch. Furnished. Mrs. E. G. Jeffrey, 2218 Oakland Ave., Minneapolis, Minn. Tel. Dy 4124.

Wanted.—Boy seventeen or eighteen years old to work on farm and do milking. Must be Seventh-day Adventist. State wages in first letter. Thomas Vickers, R. F. D. 3, Box 3. Detroit Lakes, Minn.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

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

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
Week Ending Sept 26, 1931						
Anderson, Fr-d	Hope	32	4	5.75	22.75	18.00
Anderson, M s. Fr-d		7	1	5.00	8.50	3.50
Biggers, H. G.	Bedtime Stories	9	5	2.25	9.75	94.25
Keenan, Ben L.	BR	19	3	6.00	22.50	16.00
Totals		67	13	19.00	63.50	181.75

IOWA CONFERENCE, L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
Weeks Ending Sept. 19 and Sept 26, 1931						
Shelton, G. A.	BR	91	4	65.50	93.50	37.50
Eliot, Mrs. E. E.	OD	18	1	16.75	20.25	
Ahlstrom G. E.	OD	17	6	1.50	18.00	
Luke, Iena	BTS	20		10.35	10.35	.60
Ogren, John	OD	56	5	1.25	13.75	.50
Kroll, Pauline & Neva	RJ					83.75
Hanson, Anna	BR	59		12.35	12.35	15.10
Wilcox, Elva G.	OD	28	1	8.50	12.00	7.00
Kaufman, Mr. & Mrs.	Mag.			2.30		2.30
Griffin, Geo.	Mag.			2.45		2.45
Thake, Alice	Mag.			14.80		14.80
Carberry, G. A.	RJ	6		1.50		
Totals		295	17	137.25	180.20	164.00

MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Prof. and Mrs. H. J. Sheldon and their daughter of Minneapolis were visitors at the school for a short time on Thursday, October 1.

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The teachers were entertained informally by Professor and Mrs. Johnson at their home on Sunday evening, September 26.

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Some of the students who have matriculated during the past week are: Ella and Elma Danek of Onamia; Orvel Hanson of Middle River; Russell Nelson of Staples; Guy Nelson, Sigfrid Gryto and Rolland Dockham of Minneapolis.

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The officers for the young women's club were elected at the regular worship hour on Monday evening, September 28. They are as follows: President, Grace Jepson; vice-president, Erma Miller; secretary, Doris Zappe; assistant secretary, June Pastoret; critic, Ethel Hartzell; sergeant-at-arms, Carrie Young. The club will meet each Wednesday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

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Among the visitors at the school last week were Alma and Leona Sparrow, Mrs. E. Netteburg, Mrs. Edwin Clark and Mrs. Kettle of St. Paul; Mr. and Mrs. A. Granbois and their daughter, Winifred, Anne and Virginia Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Osborne, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hanson of Minneapolis; Henry Peterson of Gatzke; Dr. and Miss Mitchell of Mound; Prof. H. M. Hiatt of Anoka; Mr. and Mrs. Percy Iverson of Stanley, N. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lutz of New Ulm; Mrs. Ella Mills of Howard Lake; Mr. and Mrs. H. Franklin and their daughters, Muriel and Doris, and Dr. and Mrs. Hawkins of Montrose.

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The subject of the young people's meeting Sabbath, September 25, was "Words". The talks and readings given certainly made impressive the truth of Proverbs 17:21, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue". Those taking part in the program were Thomas Dokken, Elizabeth Anderson, Edna Purdy and Alvin Kiley. The meeting closed with a vocal solo, "Angry Words! Oh, Let them Never," by Alvin Engelrup, with clarinet accompaniment by Byron Miller and piano accompaniment by Esther Olson. Irwin Campbell had charge.

THE HOUSTON CONVENTION

It was my privilege to attend the convention at Houston held Sabbath, September 26, under the auspices of the Sabbath school department. In the roomy opera house there gathered at 10:30 o'clock a goodly company from near and far

to enjoy unusually fine programs. It was pleasing to note how readily each person called upon to take a part, responded.

Following Sabbath school a stirring sermon was given by Elder Rulkoetter. He made it very plain to our minds that nothing should move us from our belief in this message, and our hope in the soon appearing of our Lord. Even though men of prominence among us should herald a reform movement we may know the old ship Zion on which we have embarked will surely reach harbor, and so may we if we remain upon it.

After luncheon a profitable time was spent in reviewing a few cardinal points in the successful management of a live Sabbath school. The instruction presented was timely and the discussion spirited, until we found all too soon the hour had come for closing.

A second preaching service followed the convention at which Elder Lockert of LaCrosse, Wis., and Elder Wolfe were asked to address those who were able to remain longer. A short business meeting followed at which matters relative to the Houston church were considered. At the close of the day's work more than eighty persons repaired to their several homes feeling they had passed a good period together. Mrs. Mary Kelsey.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

The following is a letter received by the Pacific Press from a man in Iowa. It again indicates the effectiveness of our literature ministry.

Chariton, Iowa
August 31, 1931

Pacific Press Pub. Assn.

Dear Sir:

I have just come into possession of your book entitled "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." This book has been a great comfort to me, as my wife has passed into the great beyond, and I am wondering if you have agents to distribute or sell the above mentioned book in this locality. If not, will you please write me in regard to the matter, giving all particulars to the proposition, as I know of no other work I should enjoy so well as trying to place those books in as many homes as possible.

Respectfully,

(Signed) _____

This is just a recent letter, and only one of many which our publishing houses are receiving from people who have purchased our books from the colporteurs. Upon accepting the message of the book, this man receives a burden to go and give it to others. That is the way God's spirit works. Let us respond to the call to service.

Geo. A. Campbell.

NORTHERN UNION HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT INCLUDING WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 1931

(As reported by the church treasurers)

Conference	Gathered Last Week	Total To Date
Iowa	1350.75	4226.65
Minnesota	646.51	7531.32
North Dakota	500.00	1555.48
South Dakota	1076.13	3048.69
Union	3573.39	16362.14

A note from Elder J. C. Christenson reads: "We have already between \$60 and \$70 here at Ute. I went to the Ute public school this morning, and every teacher, including the superintendent, gave; so I got \$13 for a few minute's work before school called."

Elder V. G. Anderson is spending some time in South Dakota, assisting in the Ingathering at Swan Lake, Viborg, and Gettysburg. He will also go out with the students of Plainview Academy in their field day.

The report from Minnesota is, "We are working hard to encourage our people to participate and persevere."

Elder H. J. Sheldon spent two days in the Ingathering in southeastern South Dakota, assisting in Elder Kuehl's territory. While the results were not equal to former years, in some cases being much less, they were about all that could be expected under present conditions.

Home Missionary Department,
Northern Union Conference.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER BANNERS

Every Missionary Volunteer Society should own a set of these beautiful banners.—Our Aim, Motto, and Pledge for the Senior Society, and Our Pledge and Law for the Junior. They will be an inspiration hanging before your young people from week to week. The banners are of felt, of a beautiful dark green background, with sewed-on Old English letters in gold and brown shading. Gold fringe and harmonizing rods and tassels make them artistic, indeed. Senior set of three—Aim, Motto, and Pledge, \$12. (Approximate sizes: Aim and Motto each 16 x 26 inches; Pledge 25 x 42 inches.) Junior set of two—Pledge and Law, \$10. (Approximate sizes: each 22 x 33 inches.) Order direct from the United States Poster Company, 330 H. Street, Northeast, Washington, D. C.

Emma E. Howell, Office Sec'y,
General Conf. M. V. Dep't.

"Everywhere the light of truth is to shine forth, that hearts may be awakened and converted."