



### THE OFFERING FOR NEGRO ENTERPRISES

Once each year an offering is received from all our people for missionary work among the negroes. The date for this offering this year is Sabbath, October 24. The Reaper, through a recent article from Elder C. H. Watson, president of the General Conference, emphasizes the importance of this offering for this year.

There is no field of endeavor more profitable than among the negro race. They are responsive to religious incitations. They have respect for the word of God and the teaching of the Holy Scriptures; hence, efforts among them are generally fruitful. We are doing much work, and rightly so, in fields whose believers are not prolific burden bearers in sending the gospel to others. But such is not true concerning the negroes. A church of believers among this race and these people becomes a real asset to the denomination in her world-wide missionary activities. Therefore, an appeal in behalf of this race and an offering for them should meet a most liberal response from all our people.

We are not called to encompass land and sea to reach them. We do not have to expose ourselves to climates dangerous and debilitating in the field where they are. Millions of them are in the United States of America, and it is in the interest of these that this offering is taken.

We therefore join others in the appeal to all our churches and the family of Reaper readers to make your offering upon Sabbath, October 24, as liberal as consistent, recognizing that with these people our efforts are not in vain.

Charles Thompson.

### A NEW AND NEEDED ENTERPRISE

In recent years the membership of our colored churches has been rapidly growing. There are now more than eight thousand colored

believers in North America. Many of them live in northern states, and among them are hundreds of young people who should have a Christian education but who, for one reason or another, cannot go to our one and only boarding school for colored youth, Oakwood Junior College, Huntsville, Alabama. It has been recognized for several years that the time has arrived when a boarding school of academic grade should be established for the education of our colored young people who live in northern states. Not until last month were definite plans laid for the establishment and financing of the project.

Early in September the General Conference Committee and the representatives of the Negro Department from all sections of the United States spent several days in serious study of the problem, with the result stated above. Such a school is to be established somewhere within the territory of the Columbia Union Conference and in a country location. An initial sum of \$50,000 is to be raised to start the work, and of this sum our colored believers are to raise \$20,000. Several years ago at the Autumn Council in Columbus, Ohio, the General Conference appropriated \$20,000 toward this enterprise, and the money has been held in trust ever since, awaiting the time when definite plans for its use could be laid. This sum is to be made available dollar for dollar as our colored believers raise their \$20,000 and it has been agreed that the project would not be actually started until 75 per cent of the \$50,000 has been raised in this way.

To further assist in the establishment of this much needed school it was decided that the offering for colored work which is to be taken on Sabbath, October 24, will be devoted to this project, and a goal of \$15,000 has been set. It is earnestly hoped that every church in North America will join heartily in this

offering and make it a liberal one. If every church member would give not less than fifty cents to this offering, the amount of the goal would be reached. Many will esteem it a privilege to give more than this, while others may not be able to give quite so much. But all should want to have a part in providing a place where the colored young people of our northern churches can receive an education and a preparation for service. Our colored believers are standing by us loyally in supporting our world-wide work with their tithes and offerings, but among them we have done little in the way of establishing institutions. Let us now give them some real help in establishing a second boarding school. Remember the date, October 24.

H. H. Cobban,  
Ass't Treas. Gen'l Conf.

### A GOOD EXPERIENCE

In a personal letter to the writer, Elder W. B. Pontynen, who has charge of the Iron Range district in northern Minnesota, gives the following experience, which will no doubt be an aid to many other solicitors. This experience, with others that our people are having, goes to prove that God is in this work and is the one who brings success to every one.

Elder Pontynen writes thus: "Recently I took a carload of Virginia folks on a field-day trip to Cook and Orr. One year ago the bank at Cook gave us five dollars. I called on them again, and after presenting the appeal, the president said he would have to cut his donation down to one dollar. I said that would be a disappointment and then made a new attack. While I was putting the best points I could summon together, he was turning the pages of the paper and noticed that it very definitely emphasized foreign missions, and then said, 'No, I guess we'll have to pass you up entirely this year. The conditions which prevail right here and



elsewhere in our land do not justify our sending money to foreign countries. I decided then and there that instead of trying to pull for a larger donation, I would have task enough to pull for that dollar he decided to give but now refused. I started in again, making a purely spiritual appeal. I turned to page seven of the paper, where our medical missionary work is illustrated, then gave him a word picture of the misery and suffering that exists among those ignorant, superstitious peoples and of the work of mercy our medical missionaries are doing to relieve their suffering. Then I said, 'We are perfectly contented to send these peoples our merchandise, should we not also send them our blessings?' He then pulled out his wallet, slipped out a new five dollar bill with the words, 'Well, I guess you win.' You can imagine what joy filled my heart, and I went out thanking God that His Holy Spirit impresses men to give even in a time like this."

This experience teaches us the lesson that we ought to always be of good courage and expect the Lord to bless us because we are His servants and this is His work that we are carrying on.

V. G. Anderson.

#### WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

"I canvassed a Catholic priest," says colporteur Wooten of Iowa, "who boasted that I could never sell a book to one of his members. I asked the Lord's blessing upon my efforts, and sold two books to Catholics who lived in sight of his house. Surely the number with us is greater than the number with the enemy."

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### SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Burlington, October 24.  
Sabbath school, 9:45—Superintendent, Josephine Gustison.

Place of meeting: Smith and Central Ave.

Davenport, October 31.  
Sabbath school, 9:45—Superintendent, Roscoe Dunlap.

Place of meeting: 537 West 15th St.

We trust that all members living within possible driving distance of either of these places will plan to attend these meetings. Bring your lunch and enjoy both forenoon and afternoon services. We hope that friends living over the line in Illinois will also be with us. These will be good days, helpful days, do not miss them.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

### IOWA ITEMS

Elder C. H. Miller's address is now, 1144, 17th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. I. C. Allebaugh and son, Loring of Spencer, spent Sabbath, October 10, in Nevada.

Mrs. O. W. Kepner of Stanhope has collected \$22 in the Ingathering and she hopes to have a few more dollars to add to this.

Brother G. E. Ahlstrom, colporteur at Oelwein, visited Brother Knecht and the conference office on Wednesday of last week.

Elder A. L. Miller has written from Davenport that they have had many bank failures and also have had the cattle-test war to contend with, but that they are not cast down, neither discouraged. In spite of bank failures, Muscatine received \$10 more than they had last year. Mt. Pleasant was within \$5 of the amount raised the previous year.

Elder J. C. Christenson and his family returned on Sunday of last week from an interesting ingathering effort in the northwestern part of the state. Miss Hertha Madsen of Spirit Lake accompanied them to Nevada, where she will spend a little time at the sanitarium. Elder Christenson will remain in Nevada

to assist in the special Oak Park Academy Ingathering effort, before leaving to assist in other places.

Elder and Mrs. J. M. Howell and their family who recently returned from South America, where Elder Howell has been educational secretary of the Chilean mission field, called at the conference office on Wednesday of last week. They were accompanied by Elder Howell's mother, Mrs. Sylvia Howell, and Mrs. Wm. Howell, and they will visit the brother, Ned Howell, at Marshalltown, before returning to Humboldt where they will spend some time with other relatives.

Elder J. H. Rhoads has written that the money has not been coming in quite so well in the towns he worked last year, but that he has been working in towns never worked before and is making up for the losses in that way. Brother Davis went with him to Bedford and succeeded in ingathering \$21, an increase of several dollars over a year ago. They visited an isolated member living there and before they left she handed Brother Davis a check for \$12; so they received over \$33 from that place. A sister moved into Villisca about a year ago. This town has not been worked before, but Elder Rhoads wrote and asked her to help him in the soliciting. She wrote back a very discouraging letter, but consented, nevertheless, to go out with him and they did very well in soliciting and she gave \$10 herself.

Brother L. P. Knecht returned to the office on Tuesday of last week, after spending some time in Ingathering work with the Liberty Center and Sandville churches. He will hold a week-end meeting at Sioux City, October 17, where he will be assisted by Brother George Campbell of the Northern Union

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and E. E. Franklin of the General Conference office. He also plans to conduct a meeting at Council Bluffs, with Brother Carl E. Weeks of the General Conference office assisting. Following the Fall Council he will hold meetings at various places in the state, with the aid of a General Conference worker. Colporteur sales the first two weeks in October show a gain over the last two weeks of September, and prospects look good for the fall months. Truly, in these times when so many are out of work, it is better to devote time to this work of the Lord's than to be among those standing idle in the market place.

Elder Reile reports that a church building has been purchased in the country near Medina and has been moved into town and is being set up. It will soon be ready for meet-

ings. Brother Gross kindly donated a lot on which to locate the church, and almost all the brethren in that vicinity lent willing hands to move and set up the building.

**NORTH DAKOTA STATEMENT OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS FOR FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1931**

Church	Mem.	Tithe Paid	Tithe Per Mem.	Mission Offerings	Per Week Per Mem.	Miscel. Offerings
<b>District No. 1</b>						
Deisem	17	\$183.64	\$10.80	\$126.44	.19	\$3.32
Fargo	84	675.47	8.04	877.59	.27	12.54
*Oakes	9	260.46	28.94	88.93	.25	2.56
Valley City	28	295.33	10.55	185.78	.17	11.57
Totals	138	1414.90	10.25	1278.74	.23	29.99
<b>District No. 2</b>						
Bowesmont	11	49.00	4.45	12.05	.03	-
Grand Forks	15	174.52	11.64	282.28	.48	5.25
Walhalla	6	119.48	19.91	85.37	.36	5.05
Totals	32	343.00	10.72	379.70	.30	10.30
<b>District No. 3</b>						
Ackworth	11	113.45	10.31	69.06	.16	5.25
*Bottineau	9	190.66	21.18	93.10	.27	2.00
Devils Lake	22	406.69	18.49	209.05	.24	31.93
*Rock Lake	7	244.29	39.90	125.13	.46	-
Totals	49	955.09	19.49	496.34	.26	39.18
<b>District No. 4</b>						
Bowdon	85	447.15	5.26	371.88	.11	16.37
Bowdon Village	14	38.02	2.72	16.45	.03	-
Cleveland	42	122.81	2.92	230.87	.14	8.98
Cathay	5	61.25	12.25	204.67	1.05	-
Denhoff	47	67.46	1.44	51.50	.03	-
Goodrich	53	317.06	5.98	425.72	.21	39.28
Harvey	80	382.22	4.78	717.72	.23	10.64
Hurdsfield	19	45.87	2.41	91.86	.12	-
Jamestown	45	946.50	21.03	936.78	.53	25.34
Lincoln Valley	39	202.15	5.18	117.35	.08	10.12
McClusky	27	117.52	4.35	157.32	.15	31.49
Manfred	75	288.11	3.84	204.32	.07	12.68
Medina	33	178.67	5.41	198.11	.15	6.30
New Home	71	308.76	4.35	354.08	.13	19.73
*Pleasant Valley		154.30		109.08		4.41
Pettibone	31	169.45	5.47	129.06	.11	6.07
Robinson	14	93.03	6.65	69.60	.13	6.05
Sheyenne	24	21.95	.91	78.02	.08	4.18
S. R. Academy	36	842.79	23.41	381.37	.27	12.25
Turtle Lake	22	59.26	2.69	59.81	.07	2.00
Washburn	7	61.33	8.76	107.87	.40	-
Woodworth	26	162.21	6.24	143.20	.14	32.72
Totals	769	9433.60	12.27	5047.56	.17	244.20
<b>District No. 5</b>						
Bismarck	26	327.37	12.59	318.06	.31	7.06
*Dale		44.88		46.69		4.50
Driscoll	8	81.14	10.14	46.53	.15	-
Gackle	31	236.91	3.64	271.31	.22	-
Hazelton	35	42.25	1.21	62.57	.05	-
Kulm	99	574.84	5.81	761.26	.20	25.05
Lehr	45	183.35	4.07	185.30	.11	4.75
Napoleon	41	278.45	6.79	186.65	.12	14.00
Streeter	31	94.54	3.05	183.17	.15	5.50
Totals	316	1863.73	5.90	2061.54	.17	60.86
<b>District No. 6</b>						
Burt	53	264.85	5.00	164.00	.08	10.95
Dunn Center	8	192.19	24.02	145.13	.46	3.16
Golden Valley	52	111.27	2.16	99.97	.05	7.27
Hebron	18	136.19	7.57	119.08	.17	3.52
Lark	25	103.08	4.12	79.84	.08	7.35
Totals	156	807.58	5.18	608.02	.10	32.25
<b>District No. 7</b>						
Beach	35	294.17	8.40	203.61	.15	3.61
Belfield	28	154.43	5.52	106.68	.10	-

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**NORTH DAKOTA NEWS**

Daniel Harr of Cleveland called at the office one day this week.

Elder Meyer conducted the Bible class at the conference office this week, and his study was greatly enjoyed.

Have you ordered your copy of "Mary Kennedy's Victory" for that Catholic friend of yours? If not, do so at once. Price only 50 cents, postpaid.

Elder Scherr has returned from a trip among the churches on the Turtle Lake line where he spent some time in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Brother Wentland has returned to the office from a three weeks' trip in the western part of the state in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering and other lines of work.

Those of our people who have not already availed themselves of the opportunity to secure the lesson helps for this quarter, "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing" and "Desire of Ages," should do so at once. Special prices are in effect on these books. Please note the item on these books in this issue of the Reaper.

Elder Meyer and Elder Leiske spent a few days at Devils Lake this week, where they counseled with the brethren in regard to the purchase of a church building. We understand that arrangements are almost completed to secure a lot and building, and rejoice that the church in Devils Lake can have its own meeting place.



Dickinson	6	406.45	67.74	107.80	.46	1.25
Mott	12	71.08	5.92	45.29	.10	
Taylor	17	257.95	15.17	121.84	.18	3.17
Totals	98	1184.08	12.08	585.22	.15	8.03
<b>District No. 8</b>						
*Crosby	11	56.83	5.16	183.34	.43	
*Deering		51.02		127.19		
Kenmare	21	311.39	14.83	205.99	.25	45.17
Minot	39	436.79	11.20	411.29	.27	12.91
Stanley	14	228.96	16.35	195.11	.36	6.35
Watford City	26	229.65	8.83	188.38	.19	4.55
Wheelock	21	93.38	4.45	67.79	.08	
Totals	132	1408.02	10.67	1379.09	.27	68.96
<b>District No. 9</b>						
Butte	33	30.55	.93	38.98	.03	1.12
Butte Village	33	97.09	2.94	51.41	.04	
Great Stone	17	5.00	.30	17.08	.03	
Kief	22	65.25	2.97	70.17	.08	
Killdeer	33	111.98	3.39	97.63	.08	3.51
Max	41	137.10	3.34	85.03	.05	15.11
Williston	21	61.64	2.93	130.97	.16	4.67
Totals	200	508.61	2.54	491.27	.06	24.41
Conference	326	2164.38	6.64	1365.73	.11	18.07
Grand Totals	2158	14677.90	6.80	12964.31	.15	527.21

\* Indicates a company, not an organized church. The membership of all companies is included in

the Conference church, except the Pleasant Valley company, which is included in the New Home church.

### TITHE AND OFFERING STATEMENT

In this issue of the Reaper our people will notice the statement of tithe and offerings for the first nine months of 1931, given by districts and churches.

While the losses in both tithe and offerings to missions show a loss from the same period of 1930, amounting to \$2656.03 less tithe, and \$1820.45 less missions offerings than last year, we are, nevertheless, cheered to see that quite a number of our churches are actually going ahead of last year's amounts. We only wish that there were more of our churches in the gain column, so that the total result would be a gain rather than a loss, but we realize that conditions are bad in some sections of the state.

It comes to my mind quite strongly at this time that now is the time of all times when our people should review the parable of the talents, which was spoken by Jesus while on earth. The special point in this parable is to the effect that one of the servants did not consider his small talent of sufficient importance to do anything with it, so he went and hid it in the ground, and consequently, when the lord asked for an accounting, he found that this servant was an unprofitable servant because he had done nothing to increase that which the lord had given him, and therefore, the lord called him a "wicked and slothful servant" and he was cast out. I wonder if sometimes we are not a good deal like that servant. If our income is curtailed, and we do not handle so much money as we

are accustomed to, are we tempted to think, "This is such a small amount, what is the use to pay tithe on it?" If so, do not listen to that voice, for it is Satan's way to pull us away from the divine system of financing the Lord's work. The Lord said, "He that is faithful in that which is least, shall be faithful in that which is much." So, whether we have little or much, the Lord expects us to pay an honest tithe, one-tenth of the increase, just the same. Let none think that because their income is small the Lord will overlook their failure to pay tithe on it. This is one of the points wherein many will be tested. Brethren and sisters, if all would be absolutely faithful in tithing the income, whether large or small, there would be plenty of means in the Lord's treasury with which to carry on His work. We have the plain statement of the Spirit of prophecy to that effect.

Dear friends, as the day of the Lord approaches, we need to think more and more on these solemn obligations. Let us each one check up on himself between now and the end of the year, and let us determine by the help of God to make a complete square-up with the Lord in tithe and offerings before the year closes. W. I. Montanye.

### INFIDELS ORDER BIBLES

Many times I have thought that I could never do the work of a colporteur, but we can never tell what we can do until we try. Having had a late start, I spent only a few days in the field, which took me until harvest time. I felt that people

would not give their time to an agent while harvesting.

During this short time in the field, I had very fine experiences. One morning I came to a large ranch where I met two infidels. I gave them a canvass for "Hope of the World", but without success. Every time they spoke, they cursed and damned God. I thought the case was hopeless, but did not give up. I said no more about the book but began visiting with them, talking about world conditions, etc. After a short visit, I pulled out my Bible prospectus and showed them what I had in the line of Bibles. To my great surprise, one infidel said he had no Bible and would take two, one for his wife and one for himself. I took the order and asked where I could find the rancher. They directed me four miles into the hills. After finding the rancher, I also gave him a canvass for "Hope of the World". He told me when I came to deliver, I should bring an extra book, and if he were in shape to, he would take it. When I asked him to sign the guarantee slip, he refused to do so. I signed it for him and then offered it to him, but he would not accept it. I felt that I could never deliver this order, as he put himself under no obligation whatever. When I came to deliver the book he took it without a question. The infidels also took the Bibles, for which I was thankful.

I could relate many similar incidents. I worked one hundred sixty hours and sold \$273.20 worth of books of which I delivered about 90 per cent.

I am thankful to God for the success He gave me, and that He could use me in His service of spreading the gospel through the printed page.

Arthur Kiesz.

### MARRIAGE

Reinhold R. Bietz and Martha P. Reiswig, both members of the Bowdon church, were united in the sacred bonds of matrimony on Sunday afternoon in the Bowdon church, the writer officiating. A very large number of relatives and friends gathered and tendered their congratulations and best wishes to the bridal pair.

Brother Bietz is a graduate of Union College and has been a licensed minister in the North Dakota Conference since June 1929. Miss Reiswig was graduated from the nurses' course in the Glendale Sanitarium two years ago.

Inasmuch as the North Dakota Conference committee has asked Brother Bietz to look after the interest of the work in Bismarck and immediate surroundings, the newly wedded pair will make their home at Bismarck, and we certainly wish them a happy and successful life together. H. J. Meyer.



## S. R. A. NEWS NOTES

Elder Berthelsen stressed the need of confidence and loyalty in the world of today, in his chapel talk last Wednesday, October 14.

Shenoyne River Academy opened its doors on October 7. The enrollment is better than expected. We invite others to come and join our happy family.

Our young people's service last Sabbath, October 10, was in charge of Prof. J. C. Michalenko. After a short song service he conducted a Bible quiz. We should all study our Bibles more.

On Monday evening, October 12, Kathrine Beck had charge of worship, at which time she gave a few instructions as to dining room etiquette. Eight of the students gave demonstrations. We hope to have a model dining room.

The Sabbath school officers for the first semester are: Superintendent, Sam Heintz; ass't sup't, Lyle Heaton; secretary, Nettie Warneke; ass't sec., Reinhold Patzer; chorister, Edward Timothy; pianist, Ruth Poppe; children's department, Irene Anderson; adviser, G. J. Lang.

A very timely and instructive talk was given by Professor Neuman during the chapel hour on Tuesday, October 13. "The Value of Time" was his topic. We trust that S. R. A. students will make good use of their time for in the end they will be rewarded.

The Missionary Volunteer officers also have been elected for the first semester, and they are as follows: Leader, Elden Saunders; ass't leader, Otto Berthelsen; secretary, Myrlo Hilde; ass't secretary, Allise Lemke; chorister, Vesta Rubendall; pianist, Elrone Hmelevsky; educational secretaries, Agnes Klebe, and Adam Lang; faculty adviser, Miss Rubendall.

## BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE ITEMS

In studying your Sabbath school lessons this quarter, you will be continually referring to two of our splendid books, "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing" and "Desire of Ages." Those of our people who do not already own these two books will want to get them in order to secure the most out of their Sabbath school lessons. We are prepared to supply you with "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing" in both English and German. In English the price is \$1 in cloth and \$2 in limp leather. In German the book comes only in paper binding at 25 cents a copy. The "Desire of

Ages" comes in cloth at \$2.25 a copy and in red limp leather at \$3.25 a copy. All prices are postpaid. Send in your orders promptly to the Book and Bible House so you will have the benefit of these books throughout the quarter.

"Zip the Coon" is proving to be a very interesting book and a good seller. This collection of interesting animal stories is so interesting to both the children and the older people that when you get started reading it you will not want to stop. The price is \$1.50, postpaid. Place your orders promptly.

The publishers have announced a special offer on five of our books that are included in the Home Workers Set. Most of our people know something of these books, but very few have them. Here is your opportunity to get them at a very low cost. The books are: "Steps to Christ", "Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing", "Hero Tales of the Bible", "The Marked Bible", and "Buried Treasure." The regular price of these five books is \$6.75. The publishers have offered to sell them complete in a set, the five books for only \$5. However, we are going farther than that, and will make the following offer for a limited time only. Those of our people, readers of the Reaper, who will order the set of five books, at once, and send cash with the order, can get them for only \$3, postpaid, anywhere in North Dakota. In order to get the benefit of this offer you must act quickly, and send cash with order. In case you have one or more of these books already in your home, you can substitute another of the same price in its place. Let us have your orders at once.

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## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

William Miller wrote in his diary that it was on the second Sunday in August 1831 that he preached his first sermon concerning the second coming of Christ. The "Review and Herald" will celebrate this centennial by publishing a number of special articles on the advent movement. All should have the "Review" and we trust that many will avail themselves of the opportunity of reading these articles, especially prepared for this time. The "Big Four" is \$3 and the "Re-

view" alone \$2.50, for the year.  
Gorden Oss.

## EDUCATIONAL AND M. V. CORNER

So many things of interest have been coming in from the field of late that it seems desirable to resurrect our Educational and M. V. Corner and pass some of the interesting items on to our readers.

Word has just been received from Sister Florence Moser that she is teaching a family school in the home of Brother and Sister Chancey O. Beebe, and that there will be at least one additional student from outside the home. Sister Moser desires to conduct the school along denominational lines and is writing for the course of study and other helps.

The following item appeared in a letter from Sister Gladys Flatten, teacher of the Hot Springs church school: "The juniors have done some Harvest Ingathering. We went out in front of the houses while several went in and received the offerings. It was hard work and we gathered but little, only \$1.70, and some of that after we came back to camp; but it was work for the Lord, so we all enjoyed it. We aren't allowed to solicit or take offerings at the State Home. However, the governor gave us \$10, or promised it rather, if we would come up and give a program. We gave several last year, so I guess they liked them and we are glad to be asked back." The Hot Springs juniors have also requested six sets of the Standard of Attainment questions, which will be ready this coming month.

Word from Sister Beth Townsend, teacher of the Leola school, advises us that a Home and School Association has been organized there. This is a definite step in the direction of progress in our work at Leola, and we trust that under the blessing of God, the school year will be the best ever.

At Spearfish a new M. V. Society is being organized. The members there have felt the urgent need of something to help the youth of the church and hold them to the truth and to God. We rejoice in this forward step and hope and pray that under the blessing of God the society may do its heaven-appointed work.

The S O S call which was sent out to our leaders in behalf of the Reading Course work has brought a good response from many leaders. Brother Harry Jacobson of Chamberlain writes that they have been a little slack during the summer, but that they intend to do their part and bring up a nice list of certificates by the close of the year. Good for you, Chamberlain; you are always loyal!



A very splendid letter from Sister Alice Goodrich advises that Swan Lake is going to try to do its full share in this matter of the Reading Course. She tells of effort being made in the Friends and Companions' work, and emphasizes that after all, if we fall in winning our youth for Christ, we have lost all. May God bless the efforts in behalf of the youth at Swan Lake.

The following is part of a letter received from Sister Thelma Scriven of Colman: "We have planned a visiting band for the first Friday evening of each month to visit outside homes to sing and give Bible studies. For the second evening of the month, we have a literature band. The visiting band has met four times, but not as an organization. The two remaining evenings we contemplate a study band, and a prayer band. The study band must study methods of giving Bible studies, learn new songs and give its evening to the visiting band if needed. Last evening we inaugurated a Reading Course contest with LeRoy Otter leading the boys, and Lela Thompson the girls. We are resolved to produce those certificates you asked for. Harvest Ingathering has been difficult this year, but it's the finest thing that ever happened to our church. Fully three times as many have entered into it this year as have any previous one, since I have been home. We had a Missionary Volunteer field day which proved to be two days, and took twelve young people out into the country. Three cars went out in different directions and the results were over \$50 gathered in. No academy field day ever exceeded ours in enthusiasm and satisfaction. Since, others have gone out with equally good results and the campaign isn't over. Brother McKinley helped us and we surely appreciated it."

I ought not to close without saying that we have had a newly organized society here at Hecla. It is composed of many not of our faith as yet, but we are happy to say that the young people have been taking a live and active interest, and we feel that the work has prospered. One girl has already earned her five certificates and received the "Boy Christ" picture. Others are reading.

We thank God for our loyal leaders and workers in this work for the youth. C. M. Babcock.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Miss Claire Winger, Sabbath school secretary, spent Sabbath, October 17, with the Academy church at Redfield.

New Sabbath schools are being organized at Glad Valley and Murdo. We expect good reports from them at the close of this quarter.

Elder L. E. Niermeyer met with the Colman church Sabbath, October 17. The following week he assisted them in finishing their Ingathering territory.

Elder Gorden Oss left the office Thursday, October 15, for Buffalo and Camp Crook where he will meet with the church Sabbath, October 17. It is planned to hold a baptismal service before he returns.

Sixteen children from the Aberdeen Sabbath school have completed a year's record repeating the memory verses. This leaves very few in the school who do not have a year's record, and they are working hard for it.

The other day we received the first copy of the new book entitled "Jonah and the Whale" written by Elder C. G. Bellah. It is a very interesting book and comes in the paper binding at 25 cents per copy, or ten for \$1.35, postpaid.

A small Sabbath school of five members was organized during the third quarter, at Sturgis. These members have been very faithful. They reached both the 30 cent goal and the \$1 day goal; received a pennant; and one member had a perfect record.

Sabbath school pennants were received by four schools the third quarter, that had not had them the quarter before. Deadwood and Harold had lost it just the quarter previous, Hecla had not had it for almost four years, and Sturgis has it for the first time.

Brother Geo. Campbell of the Union office, and Brother Leslie McKinley returned from the western part of the state where they have been visiting the churches in the interest of the book work. Brother Campbell went from there to Sioux City, and Brother McKinley spent Sabbath at Watertown.

Brother I. G. Ortner, of the Union office, and Brother J. H. Nies went to the western part of the state the first of the week in the interest of conference business. On their return trip they stopped at the academy at Redfield and checked over their books. Brother Ortner also audited the conference books before leaving for Minneapolis.

Elder H. J. Sheldon, of the Northern Union Conference, has been assisting the Elk Point church in the Ingathering the last week. He writes that the work did not go quite so well as a year ago, but considering everything, they received quite a little. Elder Sheldon's assistance in the Harvest Ingathering is greatly appreciated, not only by the conference officers but by the

churches where he has been every fall for the last four or five years. It pays to send the same worker over the same territory year after year, which the results show.

#### PLAINVIEW NEWS ITEMS

Prof. A. L. Watt was unable to meet his classes Thursday on account of illness.

The current history class has been giving special reports on geology during the past week.

I. G. Ortner, Union auditor, and J. H. Nies spent Wednesday at the school auditing the books.

Library supplies have arrived and Miss Velhagen is reorganizing the checking system of our library.

Fern Sanford was called home on account of the illness of her mother, but plans to return again in about a week.

The domestic science class has just completed the work on food preservation. They have been canning pears and tomatoes, and making jells.

On Saturday evening, October 24, three hayracks loaded with students, teachers, and eatables, left for a nearby grove for an evening in the out-of-doors. Each group had a large bonfire about which they played games, sponsored by the leaders of the group. Every one returned, tired, but with the satisfaction of having had a good time.

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#### A GOOD DAY

It was a happy morning, October 6, when thirteen groups of students and teachers left their pleasant school home and went to Hutchinson and nearby towns and farm homes to bring to hundreds of people our beautiful Harvest Ingathering number of the "Watchman" magazine. In prayer we had asked the Lord to go with us and so we felt certain that success was assured. Little did we know of each other's experiences and success during the day. This made us anxious for the time of the evening meeting. Eight o'clock came, the meeting was called, but a few of our workers were still out. All were in before the meeting closed. Shortly after we left in the morning, it began to rain.



but the clouds cleared away and we enjoyed a "good day". Space would not permit a recital of the many good experiences that were related, showing that God had been with us to protect from harm and to give favor with the people. Professor Johnson asked how many had asked that we come back again next year. Scores of hands were raised as a sign that such an invitation had been extended more than once during that day. Yes, God is making the people willing to give.

A widow who takes in washing for a livelihood gave our solicitor twenty-five cents, saying, "Someone from the school calls each year and I am glad to give. The students of the Maplewood Academy are such well-behaved young people it is a pleasure to have them call. They are so different from the students of our high school." Testimonies like this, and others that might be related, show the value of our Christian schools, and also that it pays to do Harvest Ingathering work.

The result of the day's work in money, together with a little that has been gathered since, is \$220.26. While this is not so much as we would like to see, and though it is less than last year, we thank God for the amount gathered in such a year as this. We appreciate the cooperation of the Maplewood Academy faculty and students, also the members of the church for without their aid this amount could not have been gathered. It takes much work to make the many necessary preparations for a field day like the above. Territory must be planned, autos provided, groups arranged for, lunches must be packed, all these and many more details must be carefully worked out.

May God add His blessings to this day's work and the efforts of the Maplewood Academy family in their noble work. A. A. Dirksen.

**PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Now that all schools have started it is very important that our churches organize a P. T. A. where regular meetings may be held and the welfare of their children shall be considered monthly. Schools of the world are awakening to the fact that children need a religious training which they cannot give. The following was taken from a Kansas City school journal and speaks for one "grade school" in Kansas City.

"The Northwest P-T. A. group is meeting for the first time this year in the school auditorium at 2:45 today.

"Reverend Carl Nau is the speaker. His topic is 'Religious Education of the Adolescent Child.'

"The topic for the year is 'Mental Hygiene' with the pupil's character

as a background. Professor Austin Turney, of the University of Kansas, will give lectures in November and December. Dr. Bert Nash of the University will speak later. Many other noted speakers will be on programs this year, according to Mrs. T. V. De Vault, the president. Mrs. L. B. Spake, program chairman, is working out programs that should appeal to every parent, says Mrs. DeVault. The P.-T. A. is anticipating a large attendance record this year.

"To be a standard association, the state organization requires that 50 per cent of homes be represented, 50 per cent of teachers be members and that there be at least 40 per cent attendance at each meeting.

"The local P.-T. A. will meet as formerly, the first Friday in every month." H. M. Hiatt.

**NOTICE**

Meetings for the general public and more particularly for our brethren in the faith living in the vicinity of Wadena will be held, October 23 to 25. The first meeting will be Friday night at 7:30. There will be meetings Sabbath and Sunday forenoon, afternoon and evening, each day. A cordial invitation is extended to our brethren living near Wadena to attend as many of these meetings as circumstances may permit. The workers who will attend these services to give ministerial help are Elders V. G. Anderson and I. J. Berke. The day meetings begin at 10:00 a. m. and close at 3:00 p. m. Evening services 7:30 to 9:00 p. m. Invite your friends to the evening preaching services, especially. A. A. Dirksen.

**MINNESOTA ITEMS**

Investment Day? Yes, November 14.

A meeting of the Conference Executive Committee was held at the conference office on Wednesday of last week.

Elder Pontynen recently reported the baptism of four at Blackberry a few weeks ago and that another sister was baptized by him at Hill City the latter part of September.

It is planned to have a Sabbath school rally at the Sunny Brook school October 31. Services will begin at 10:30 a. m. and continue through the day. Those living nearby are cordially invited to attend these services.

The promptness with which the Sabbath school secretaries have reported is appreciated. We hope to have a complete conference report, with less work and expense than ever before, for the third quarter. We trust this reminder may bring any tardy reports, so that it will not be necessary to write for them again.

In a letter recently received from Miss Alice Pike of Spring Valley, she wrote, "Mother and I are not through Harvest Ingathering yet. Mother has raised \$4.90 and I, \$33.-60. Mother wants to get \$10 and I, \$50 if we can." Such willing and faithful efforts are surely appreciated and we sincerely hope that these sisters will each be able to reach her goal.

As has been previously announced through both the "Review" and the Reaper the offering in the church

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**COLPORTEURS' REPORT**

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

IOWA CONFERENCE, L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary		Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
Colporteur	Book					
Shelton, Glenn	BR	83	7	21.00	70.00	18.00
Hanson, Anna	BR	67	3	11.75	32.75	28.30
Flot, Mrs. E. E.	OD	45	6	13.25	34.25	3.50
Ab'stroom, G. E.	OD	37	2	7.50	12.50	49.00
Ogren, John	OD	99	5	1.25	15.25	10.00
Olson, Myrrhine	BTS	54		33.50	33.50	8.13
Wilcox, Elva G.	BTS	57	5	10.85	28.85	22.10
Carberry, G. A.	RJ	51	3	.25	14.25	
Thake, Alice	Mag.	25		9.60	9.60	9.60
Totals		518	31	113.95	245.95	148.63

MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary		Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
Colporteur	Book					
Crom, Carl	Misc.	25	12	4.25	22.25	7.25
Engen, B. O.	Hope	45	1	15.35	19.10	3.50
Evenson, Karl A.	BR	21	7	7.25	50.75	60.00
Keenan, B. L.				3.00	3.00	62.00
Powers, Miss C. E.		42		34.10	34.10	34.10
Totals		133	20	63.95	129.20	155.85



service next Sabbath, October 24, is for the colored work. This special offering to assist in the work for the negro race is given once each year and it applies on the mission goal funds. Please plan for a liberal offering to this worthy fund next Sabbath.

Picture Rolls are being sent by the quarter, to seventeen mission stations by twenty-five Minnesota Sabbath schools; and a number of other schools often have rolls to send, especially during the summer months. We hope every superintendent who has the responsibility of the rolls will see to it that they are mailed to the proper mission station promptly at the close of each quarter. The missionaries are depending on us for these.

An excellent remittance of \$60 Harvest Ingathering funds was received last week from Frances and Caroline Deters of the Houston church. Every dollar sent in for the Harvest Ingathering fund is appreciated, but the larger remittances such as this, help to make up more rapidly the funds so much needed, and naturally, are especially appreciated. Such remittances, too, are usually the result of long and earnest efforts in visiting neighbors and friends with the message-filled Harvest Ingathering papers.

The meetings at Granite Falls are continuing several nights each week in the Congregational church which has been rented for those services since the end of the tent season. Elder N. R. Nelson took a supply of baptismal robes with him from the office last week and was planning on a baptism there at an early date. The prayers of our Reaper, was written by L. E. Nier in behalf of those who have recently accepted the truth at Granite Falls and also for those who have not yet made their decision on the right side.

### THE A. C. S. COLUMN

#### Question:

If a man regularly pays an honest tithe into the treasury, does he have a right to claim God's special care and protection in times of trouble?

#### Answer:

"And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts."—Mal. 3:11, 12.

God pledges Himself to bless those who obey His commandments. "Bring ye all the tithe into the

storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Mal. 3:10.

"With these words of light and truth before them, how dare men neglect so plain a duty? How dare they disobey God when obedience to His requirements means His blessing in both temporal and spiritual things, and disobedience means the curse of God. Satan is the destroyer. God cannot bless those who refuse to be faithful stewards. All He can do is to permit Satan to accomplish his destroying work."—Vol. VI, pp. 388, 389.

### HARVEST INGATHERING

For Week Ending October 10, 1931

Church	Number working	Amount this week	To date
Mankato	40	\$101.58	\$462.49
Mpls. Eng.	194	80.25	1469.97
Conference	51	73.20	440.35
Houston	5	.62	70.50
Mpls. Nor-Dan.	58	58.29	675.81
Mpls. Swedish	26	44.02	211.37
*Virginia	10	29.00	241.56
St. Paul Eng.	149	27.84	1935.96
St. Cloud	2	22.00	118.50
Duluth Scand.	21	21.00	196.24
Roseau	6	11.65	58.30
Sunnybrook Co.	4	10.80	10.80
Faribault	18	9.68	208.16
Williams	3	6.26	11.26
Bemidji	12	6.00	193.65
Eagle Bend	7	3.87	53.18
North Branch	5	3.40	34.15
Senjen	1	2.00	2.00
Fergus Falls	7	1.25	126.81
Remer	9	1.00	12.71
Previously Reported			9097.70
	628	574.59	9672.29
Totals year ago	720	656.61	11412.66
Losses	92	82.02	1740.37

The decrease for the week as compared with last year is much less in this report and that is encouraging. If the same number as last year could have been reported as taking part again this year, I believe the tide could have been turned this week and a gain could have been registered. Shall we not do it next week? Let us all rally to the task and finish it quickly. It is the Lord's work and we can depend upon His blessing if we do our part. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

The Virginia church has reached its full \$10 per member goal and is still pressing on. Other churches are nearing their goals. Which will be the next to reach it?

The names reported this week for the various band goals are as follows:

Triple Centurion Band: Elder W. B. Pontyren.

Gold Crown Band: C. M. Yaeger, Mrs. Geo. Larsen, T. F. Wiik.

Silver Crown Band: Floyd Yaeger, H. D. Yaeger, R. R. Dittberner, Caroline Deters, Frances Deters, Alice Pike, Eva Kisor, Mrs. N. T. Goulet.

Blue Ribbon Band: Miss Ella Merickel, Mrs. Minnie Moore, Mrs. H. J. Brown, Mrs. P. M. Iversen, Anna Carlson, Jennie Lindquist, Mrs. Luella Smith, Dr. E. P. Hawkins, M. E. Hagen.

Loyal Legion Band: Mrs. Sarah Pettis, H. J. Brown, Mrs. Mary Hendricksen, Ardie Dittberner, Mrs. Eliza Hill, Mrs. Maggie Blumen-shein, Miss Ragna Suserud, Mrs. Hobbinger, Mrs. Laura McCollum, Adolph Oswald, Bertha Carlson, Mrs. Alfred Carlson, Mrs. Maria Peterson, Mrs. J. Jensen, C. Modine, Mrs. Bertha Carlson, Mrs. Anna Carlson, Claude Hershey.

Please remember that we have to depend on the church treasurers to report the names entitled to this recognition, and will the church treasurers kindly report them on their weekly postal cards or otherwise as promptly as possible, for we desire to be fair to all. Thank you. A. R. Smouse, Treasurer.

### NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE HARVEST INGATHERING

Including Week Ending October 10, 1931

(As reported by church treasurers.)

Conference	Gathered During Week	Total To Date
Iowa	1043.45	6582.92
Minnesota	549.72	9591.94
N. Dakota	184.82	2328.10
S. Dakota	496.85	4808.13
Union	2274.84	23311.09

Three more churches in Iowa raised their full \$10 per member goal. They are Spirit Lake, St. Ansgar and Atlantic.

Elder V. G. Anderson is spending some time in northeastern North Dakota with the Bowesmont church and surrounding towns.

The General Conference news letter contained the following: "A message was received a few days ago from Elder Stemple White, pastor of the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, church, as follows: 'Cedar Rapids over the goal in three weeks. Will continue right on.'"

Home Missionary Department.

### A CORRECTION

Word has been received from South Dakota that the article, "Plainview Academy Field Day," which was published in last week's Reaper, was written by L. E. Niermeyer and should have borne that signature rather than the name of Gorden Oss as appeared on the copy by mistake.