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THE ANNUAL OFFERING

"And none shall appear before me empty." Exodus 23:15. This was the injunction of Jehovah to ancient Israel as they met to celebrate the feast of unleavened bread, which celebration was held annually, in honor of their deliverance from Egyptian bondage. The Lord required that none appear before Him empty.

Love has ever manifested itself in giving rather than receiving. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8:9. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John 3:16.

Our annual Week of Prayer, which is now well under way, is a time of special thanksgiving for what God has done for us, calling us out of darkness into His marvelous light. He has brought to us His message for today. He has given us a heart which responded to his call out of Babylon, (Modern Egypt) and we, through His grace, are those of whom it is said, "Ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." 1 Thess. 5:4.

Being therefore the children of light, with a world lying in darkness, to whom we are indebted for the light we have received, and that they too should have, we can say in the language of Jehovah to ancient Israel, none should appear before Him empty. In order to meet this plan we have from the beginning of our Week of Prayer services, arranged for an offering to be taken upon the last Sabbath for our world-wide missionary endeavor. This offering is known as the Annual Offering. Coming as it does near the close of the year,

following the gathering of the annual harvest, it enables all to give according to the apostle Paul's admonition to the churches in Galatia and Corinth, "as God hath prospered." We believe this is a correct principle of giving, "Count your many blessings." Take an inventory of the gifts bestowed during the year. Those received in "basket and store" as well as the "spiritual blessings rich and full" and according as every one hath received, so let him give.

"No man can succeed in the service of God unless his whole heart is in the work, and he counts all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ. No man who makes any reserve can be the disciple of Christ, much less can he be His collaborer." "Desire of Ages", p. 273.

We again appeal to the loyal constituency of the Northern Union Conference for a large and liberal offering upon this occasion.

Charles Thompson.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

I am sending this last and final appeal to our people in the Northern Union for the Harvest Ingathering work. Some one says, "What can we do this late in the year?" The answer is contained in a recent General Conference Bulletin, "Christmas carol singing is sure to bring results."

The singing band work can be profitably carried on from now until Christmas. This work has been carried on by many of our churches in other years, and exceptionally large offerings have been received.

The Christmas spirit is one of giving, and if our young people and older ones will come along some evening a few days before Christmas, singing Christmas carols and soliciting in the regular way, hundreds of dollars can yet be brought in to answer the missions appeals.

If you are not quite satisfied with your accomplishments in this year's Ingathering, answer this final appeal by going out once more. Make Christmas a real week of

Christian service for our mission work.

V. G. Anderson.

A BIGGER AND BETTER UNION COLLEGE

If any endeavor is to succeed there must be a planning ahead. That is what we are doing at Union College. We are planning for the second semester, and also for next year and years to come. While the Master tarries we must "occupy."

Just now all the students are engaged in a very definite effort to increase greatly the enrolment for the second semester which begins January 25, next year. Not a few students found themselves unable to come to Union when school opened this fall. Many of these might be encouraged to come the second semester, and thus not lose the whole school year. The students of Union College are now sending out hundreds of letters to prospective students, and we expect very definite results from this campaign.

We need more students. A larger attendance would materially help in solving some of the problems we are now facing. We believe we will have that larger attendance. Our friends everywhere are telling us that they are back of the school and will support it to the utmost. We believe they will.

Next year must see a decided increase in enrolment. We are planning for that now. The students are back of it. The parents are back of it. The whole field is supporting us. The faculty is working hard. We are straining every nerve to make Union a bigger and better school next year. We believe we will succeed.

Bigger and better. Not bigger only, but bigger and better. And not better only, but bigger and better. When the two go together, all is well.

Next year we shall have an even stronger faculty than this year. Some of our teachers on furlough will come back and others may be added. So let every one say a good

word for Union. We are trying hard to deserve your support. Plan for next year, but do not forget that there is an excellent chance to do a half year's work by enrolling for the second semester this year.

M. L. Andreasen.

WITH OUR COLPORTEURS

"I was canvassing in a Methodist district, and came to the home of the leader of the Ladies Aid. She wasn't interested in 'Hope of the World,' but she said she liked 'Bible Pictures and Stories.' She ordered two for herself, and invited me to come to the ladies Aid the next day and show it there. I went the next day and took three orders for the 'Children's Friend.' Another experience I had was with a Lutheran lady. When I entered the home and gave my canvass, she said she had a work similar to mine. When I asked to see it she took me into her library, where she had a large number of our books. She said she had 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' but the minister was using it in preparing his sermons." Bernard Furst, Minnesota colporteur.

So the preacher was using "Patriarchs and Prophets" to help him prepare his sermons. Well, many of our books today are used by ministers to help them in their sermon preparation. Let us pray that many of them will accept the message for this time.

Geo. A. Campbell.

MINISTERIAL READING COURSE

The Ministerial Association has sought to reach every evangelical worker in the Northern Union with a personal announcement of the new Ministerial Reading Course; but because of transfers, incomplete addresses or records, we may have missed some. We are, therefore, availing ourselves of the courtesy offered by the Reaper to invite attention to the selections for the new year. These comprise a strong, well balanced club of four, "The Geological-Ages Hoax," by George McCready Price; "Lectures on Revivals of Religion," Charles G. Finney; "The Epistle to the Ephesians," G. G. Findlay; and "Counsels to Parents, Teachers, and Students," Mrs. E. G. White. These books are earnestly recommended to every worker by the General Conference leaders, and are to be obtained through your local Book and Bible House. When securing the set you are requested to also send your name in to the Association headquarters at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., for enrollment record. Eleven hundred sets were used by our workers last year. We hope to materially exceed this record the forthcoming year. Ministerial Association.

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ABOUT FINANCES

An optimist called at our home last night and we visited over many things. World conditions and depression were touched upon. Said he, "Our difficulties are often imaginary and unreal. Most of us have food, fuel, clothes, home, friends, etc., but it is the things that we want that give us so much concern." Truly, the Lord is good to remember us as generously as He does; for in "Patriarchs and Prophets," page 188, we read: "Shall we who enjoy the full light and privileges of the gospel, be content to give less to God than was given by those who lived in the former, less favored dispensation? Nay, as the blessings we enjoy are greater, are not our obligations correspondingly increased? But how small the estimate; how vain the endeavor to measure with mathematical rules, time, money, and love, against a love so immeasurable and a gift of such inconceivable worth. Tithes for Christ! O, meager pittance, shameful recompense for that which cost so much! From the cross of Calvary, Christ calls for an unreserved consecration. All that we have all that we are, should be devoted to God."

We sincerely trust that every one will consider his responsibility to God in the light of the above statement from the Spirit of prophecy. As we now near the close of 1931 when inventories are taken, we will do well to remember there are many sources of income. We often overlook milk, cream, fruit, grain, vegetables, poultry, eggs, etc. Far too little thought is often given to these small items. "Of all that thou shall give me, I will surely give a tenth unto thee." Sincere efforts toward honest financial relations with the Lord will bring a rich reward. He has promised it. The Annual Offering appeal pleads eloquently in its needs. A consecrated people will respond on December 19. Gorden Oss.

ATTENTION, CHURCHES AND ISOLATED BELIEVERS!

We still have on hand a supply of our Home Bible Study League material that we have been fostering in the past. There is enough material here to send out to about 2,700 names, on the same basis that we have been giving it to the

churches. The material includes the letter, a copy of a "Present Truth," two tracts and a return postal card, to be sent out to a list of names in your community, and those who return the postal card with their name and address will receive a year's subscription to the "Present Truth" furnished free of charge by the church, or the individual, if it is an isolated member, who sent the sample copies out. The conference will pay one-third of the cost of these sample copies, which is a material help to the church or individual using them. For instance, for material to send to a hundred names, the cost would be \$3.95. The conference will pay one third of this, bringing the cost to you down to \$2.63. Since the "Present Truth" subscription price is only 25 cents a year, this is but a small item for the individual to pay for the subscription of those who desire the paper.

We should like to have our churches use this material, as it is here, and has been paid for by the conference, and, therefore, we would like to hear from any who could use from 100 to 500 packets of this missionary material. Further information can be received from the writer upon request, or from Brother Nies. Are there not several churches and several isolated individuals in the conference who would like to plan now for the new year by using some of this material? If so, let us hear from you. L. E. Niermeyer.

HECLA AND BRITTON

We were pleased to have Elder Oss meet with the brethren and sisters at Hecla and Britton on Sabbath, December 5. Elder Oss spoke, in the school house where the meetings have been held, on Friday and Sunday evenings to interested audiences.

On Sabbath we held the services

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in the Union Church at Amherst which is fitted with a baptistry and following a discourse by Elder Oss six candidates were buried with their Lord in baptism. These were the first fruits of the Hecla harvest but we expect that others will be gathered.

For want of a satisfactory place no public meetings have been held this fall but the work is being continued by house to house visits and Bible study.

Three of the candidates were men whose wives were in the truth. Thus we have three more united homes. The other three were women whose husbands have not yet come, though we are hopeful for two of them. The other man is a Catholic who is opposed to the truth.

Another lady has indicated her intention to keep the Sabbath, and we are looking confidently to the gathering of still others for the kingdom.

We hope that the work begun here may widen until the honest souls in this large unworked field shall all be gathered.

C. M. Babcock.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Remember the Annual Offering Sabbath, December 19.

Brother J. H. Nies met with the Huron church the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer and expected to be with the Clark company the last Sabbath.

Elder L. E. Niermeyer met with the church at Colman the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer and the last Sabbath he will be with the Florence and Watertown churches.

There are still a few who have not yet settled their accounts with the Book and Bible House. If you are one of them, kindly send the amount so it will reach the office on or before December 31. Thank you.

Elder Gorden Oss attended the Union Conference committee meeting in Minneapolis December 9. After spending a few days at the office, he left Friday morning for the Black Hills section. He plans on spending the Week of Prayer in that part of the conference.

Elder Charles Thompson began a series of meetings at the Sioux Falls church Friday evening, December 11. The Sioux Falls church has been asking for meetings for some time, and we are very glad that Elder Thompson can spend a week or ten days with them.

Suggestive Gifts: "His Cross and Mine", "Life of Victory", "Master Men", "Brothers of the King", "Out of the Dark". These books are all

listed in the holiday circular you received from us a few days ago. The book "Master Men", is especially suitable for gift purposes as it comes in a very neat little box.

The Chamberlain church and sanitarium have placed a request with the conference for a series of meetings. We are glad to announce that we have been able to secure the services of Elder V. G. Anderson to spend a week or two with the sanitarium family and church. The meetings started Friday evening, December 11.

The book by Dr. Kress, "The Cigarette as a Physician Sees It", is highly recommended not only by our own people but by such men as heads of universities, high schools, and others. These men believe that it is a timely book and should be circulated among the young people. Twenty-five cents per copy, or 10 for \$1.35.

The Sabbath school Quarterlies for the first quarter of 1932 have been sent out to those who have ordered them by the year. If you have not received your Quarterly, it is for the reason that your subscription has expired. Kindly renew at once in order that you will have your Quarterly at the beginning of the quarter. Price 20 cents for the year as usual.

Elder Oss would be glad to hear from more of the mothers who are planning to take advantage of the mothers' lessons for the coming year. Pamphlets on how to organize and carry on these helpful meetings will be sent upon request, and the first of the year is recommended as a good time to start. Feel free to write for the helps. These meetings can be held where a few are able to get together or the lessons can be studied alone in the home.

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JAMESTOWN DORCAS SOCIETY

We thought it might be of interest to our Reaper friends to learn what the Dorcas Society of the Jamestown church has been doing.

It is less than a year ago that we organized this society and a good interest has been manifested on the part of all who joined. Practically all the ladies of the church are members and are all good workers.

When we first started our Dorcas Society we decided to take up the parents' lessons which is known as the Home Commission. At each meeting we took up a certain portion of the book, "Through Early Childhood," which was presented by one of the members and then discussed by the others. We found this to be very interesting and educational work.

During the summer we did not meet as a tent effort was conducted here and much of our time was thus occupied. However, in September our society again resumed its work and we can report good results. A number of names were handed to us by our conference workers who came in contact with our people who needed help badly. Also some folks have written to us directly, asking for help and we are glad to say that we have been able to help a goodly number of destitute people so they will be able to get through the winter. We feel well repaid for our effort when we receive replies from those to whom we have sent a box of clothes. They are very appreciative of the assistance given.

We had a number of calls for shoes, and being unable to supply the right sizes from what we had on hand, we went to one of the shoe-repair shops to see what they could do for us. Upon telling them our mission they let us have several pairs of shoes that they had on hand which were uncalled for and which they let us have for the price of fixing them. With these together with several other pairs which we got very reasonably at another firm we were able to fill our orders for shoes.

To give you some idea of the need of this kind of work, we are giving a summary of the articles of clothing that have been sent to needy families by our society. This, however, is not all we are going to do, as we are busy now sewing mittens and repairing clothes for our next order. The summary follows: seven children's coats, twenty-three dresses, ten pairs children's bloomers, eight boys suits, eight pairs boys trousers, nine shirts, five suits children's underwear, three nightgowns, six children's aprons, sixteen pairs stockings, seven underslips, eleven pairs shoes, six children's hats and caps, two sweaters, and seven pairs mittens.

We are very thankful for the privilege that we have had of doing this work and our only regret is that we don't have more clothes to use for this purpose. If any of the Reaper readers have some clothes that they do not use or need, we would be glad to have you send them to us, and we can assure you that they will be used to good advantage. Also, if there are any of

our people who need help along this line, let us hear from you.

Mrs. B. A. Scherr.
Jamestown Dorcas Society.

A WEEK AT SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY

It was my privilege late in November to spend an entire week at Sheyenne River Academy. This was by invitation of Principal Neuman, who desired some special meetings in the interest of the spiritual life of the school family.

Two hours each day were given to instructional and devotional meetings, and the students entered earnestly into the spirit of these services, seeking to put away personal faults and sins and finding "higher ground" in Christian living. During the week every student gave some expression of purpose to serve God. Following the last Friday evening meeting fully one third of the students remained for a special consecration meeting and a baptismal class was organized, which will probably include all who have not been baptized.

The enrollment at Sheyenne River Academy is unavoidably low, and this is causing some perplexity to the management. Brother Neuman is, however, making every effort to meet the emergency by careful management in every way. The faculty has two less teachers than last year. The salaries have all been reduced according to the general plans. Unused rooms in the dormitories, amounting to one entire floor in the boys' building, have been closed and the radiators disconnected so as to make every possible saving in fuel. With all this the full cooperation of every patron is needed to carry on the school during this particular time.

We heard no word of complaint from any student, and surely there should be none. All are comfortably housed, provided with an abundance of good food well prepared and are enjoying the many advantages of such a school.

We can but wish that there were other parents in North Dakota who in some way would place their boys and girls in this splendid school this year. The spirit of harmony, good cheer, cooperation, and Christian fellowship were an inspiration to me, and I could not but believe that the school at Sheyenne River Academy is even better this year than in the past and, as always, worthy of the support of every believer in North Dakota.

H. J. Sheldon.

ATTENTION, CEMETERY TRUSTEES

At the last session of the North Dakota state legislature a new law was passed which makes it neces-

sary for each church maintaining a cemetery to keep a permanent record of deaths and burials together with the day of burial and date and cause of death and other information relative to the burial of human bodies, and the law requires that each church maintaining a cemetery must appoint some one to keep these records under the supervision of the department of health of the state of North Dakota. We have been able to secure a special book of forms for the purpose of keeping these records and can supply them to our people for \$5 a copy. This may seem to be a high price but we have to pay \$4.75 each for these books and one of them will last for many years. The 25 cents profit just barely covers the cost of ordering them and sending them out.

This book being printed especially for this purpose will fill the requirements of any of our cemetery associations and we recommend that each church which maintains a cemetery should secure one of these books. They are printed on a good grade of paper and well bound making a permanent record that will last for many years.

In ordering please send your check for \$5 and ask for the "Cemetery Record Book". Order from the Book and Bible House.

NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Elder Leiske and his family were callers at the office this week.

Brother G. W. Schelskie was a caller at the office this week.

Brother George Williams of Eldridge was a caller at the office this week.

Brother I. G. Ortner was at the office on Wednesday and Thursday auditing the books for the year.

Elder Scherr and Brother Wentland will spend their time during the Week of Prayer in the western part of the state visiting various churches there.

Elder Reile is conducting a series of meetings in the Jamestown church. These are especially for the benefit of the German speaking people.

Elder Meyer returned to the office Wednesday after attending the Union Committee meeting Tuesday. He left for Golden Valley Thursday morning and will spend the week-end with the Bismarck church.

Elder J. H. Roth, educational, home missionary and young people's Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Western Canadian Union Conference, was a caller at the of-

fice Tuesday and spoke at the church the same evening.

There is no better gift for that friend of yours than one of our good books. For a New Year's greeting, what is better than the Morning Watch Calendar? Order from the Book and Bible House.

By the time this reaches the hands of our readers the Week of Prayer will almost be in the past, yet it is not too late to take advantage of this opportunity to seek a closer touch with the Lord. Let us do our part and the Lord will do His.

Have you ordered your supplies for the new year? If not, do so now so as to be ready to start the new year right with the Morning Watch and by studying your lessons daily. Morning Watch Calendar, 5 cents each in the plain and 15 cents in the de luxe. Sabbath school Quarters, 5 cents a quarter, or 20 cents a year.

SELF-DENIAL NECESSARY

The following resolutions were copied from an article on self-denial in the "Review and Herald" of Dec. 3, 1931. It is an action of the Loma Linda churches with respect to Christmas giving. It would be well for all our North Dakota churches to take such an action. What do you think about it?

"In view of the distressing needs all about us, the critical condition of our missionary treasury, and the possible necessity of calling workers from the mission fields, we, the members of the Loma Linda churches, have determined, as the holidays approach, to economize in every way possible. We are therefore

"Resolved. 1. Not to send out any expensive Christmas or New Year cards, and none of any kind to Adventists who will have an opportunity to learn of this move to save for missions.

"2. To refrain from making expensive gifts, and as far as possible and expedient, to come to an understanding with friends and relatives that no gifts will be given or received. That gifts to our own children be useful and inexpensive.

"3. That the money thus saved be placed in a separate fund, to be known as the Christmas Self-Denial Fund, and devoted to God's great mission work." B. A. Scherr.

S. R. A. NEWS ITEMS

Philip Kabanuk, a former student of S. R. A., spent a couple of days visiting friends here.

A spiritually rich Week of Prayer closed Sabbath. It is our prayer and hope that the higher ground gained

may be maintained and lead to a higher experience.

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Wednesday a mental ability test, standard, was given the students. We are awaiting with interest the results of this test. It may reveal the fact that some of us could study harder than we do.

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Miss Petersen is back with us again after spending several days away, having been called away by the death of her grandmother.

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In chapel, Monday, Professor Neuman spoke to us on "Good Manners." After this we are all determined to be ladies and gentlemen.

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A SABBATH AT MAPLEWOOD

It was a pleasant surprise, upon entering the chapel at Maplewood on Friday evening, to find the room filled with as large a student group as last year. This seemed unusual, considering the reduced enrollment in so many schools this year.

The hour was that of the regular Sabbath evening devotional meeting, and after a short talk a testimony meeting followed, as is the custom in our schools. With very few, if any exceptions, the entire company joined in this praise and consecration service. We were impressed by the serious, thoughtful and earnest demeanor of this student group, which seemed somehow to indicate a purpose and a maturity and a respect for the service of God unusual in a group of that age.

This impression was not lessened by the hours of the Sabbath that followed. We believe that the earnest and continuous labors of the faculty and the special prayer week conducted early in the school year by Elders Halswick and Garner have brought about, with the blessing of God, this condition. Elder Yost is conducting each Sabbath, a class for those who are considering baptism, and already 21 have indicated their intention of being baptized.

I was personally impressed that not for a long time has there been so fine a school, nor so splendid a promise of results for God's kingdom as this year at Maplewood. Would that other youth might now be receiving the benefits and blessings which are the privilege of

those so fortunate as to be enrolled there.
H. J. Sheldon.

EVANGELISTIC EFFORTS

Evangelistic work is being pushed by the various workers throughout the state. Perhaps the conference members would like to know of the meetings that are now in progress or those that are contemplated. Elder Johns has started a series in Minneapolis. Elder Halswick will soon begin; Elder Garner has started in St. Paul. Elders Wolfe and Dirksen have begun at Mankato. Elder Pontynen is holding Finnish meetings in Virginia. Elder Haysmer and Professor Hiatt have been conducting a successful series at Bethel and Elder N. R. Nelson and Elder Gulbrandson have just finished a successful effort at Granite Falls. Elder August Anderson and Brother Wiik also expect to start meetings in their respective territories some time in the near future.

As these brethren lead out in these responsibilities certainly our interest and our prayers will follow them. Under God's blessing fruit will be obtained.

A. H. Rulkoetter.

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Fifty years ago November 20 the Seventh-day Adventist church at Hewitt, Minn., was organized, and on Friday night and Sabbath, November 20 and 21, 1931, a special service was held in commemoration of that event. Elder I. J. Bjerke, former district director, who had made the arrangements for the meetings was present. It was planned for Elder A. H. Rulkoetter, the president of the conference, to be present but as it was impossible for him to be there the writer was asked to attend.

Visitors from Staples, Wadena, New York Mills and Eagle Bend were present at both the forenoon and afternoon services on the Sabbath, and many expressed themselves as greatly enjoying both the Sabbath school and the preaching service. Members from Staples and Wadena furnished excellent music. Only one member, Brother William Wynn, was present who was at the organization of the church fifty years ago. The local church members and visitors rededicated themselves anew to God, so to live and work that they might do their part in hastening the coming of our Saviour by helping to speedily finish the work. The writer greatly enjoyed being present and meeting again the friends from the different churches.

May the Lord's blessing rest upon the Hewitt church in all their endeavors.
A. J. Haysmer.

ANNUAL OFFERING

As we draw to the close of the Week of Prayer may we give thought to the Annual Offering. Collectively and individually, preparation is made for our spiritual needs during this special week, and surely some forethought should be given to our gifts. Perhaps some seasonal expenditures can be reduced and thus an offering or larger gift be made possible. Can it be true that the act of giving helps to deepen the experience of the Week? Last year our membership responded with a gift of \$1,100. This year the need is even greater. Let us do at least as much as we did last year. A. H. Rulkoetter.

THE EFFORT AT GRANITE FALLS

We are glad to report that a good interest still seems to prevail at Granite Falls in spite of the fierce opposition from the nominal churches. Sabbath, December 5, we had the joy of seeing three more believers follow their Master in baptism. Several more families are interested in our message and attend the services regularly. We anticipate having another baptism later in the winter. We are now commencing a special series of studies of the book of Revelation. Pray with us for the success of the work in that community.

D. Gulbrandson.
N. R. Nelson.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

A liberal Thirteenth Sabbath Offering December 26 will be appreciated by the missionaries in the Central European Division in their work for the Mohammedans.

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Mrs. C. A. Folkestad of Verndale sent her Investment Offering to the office last week. We appreciate the cheerful letters this sister sends, as well as her good remittances.

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R. J. and Mrs. McCutcheon of Bear River recently sent in \$2.85 for the Investment Fund, which was the proceeds received from the sale of rhubarb last summer.

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100 per cent days in Sabbath school—December 26 and January 2. Remember to study your lesson every day beginning December 19, and be on time at Sabbath school.

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A baptismal service was planned for at Staples during the Week of Prayer, as several were desirous of baptism as the result of personal missionary effort on the part of the church members there.

A large number of the camp meeting pledges for missions are as yet unpaid, and it will be a great help, indeed, if those who can do so will plan to meet them before the end of the year. In the local churches they are, of course, payable through the church treasurer.

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The offering in the church service next Sabbath, December 19, is the Annual Offering which is given each year on the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer. It is also sometimes known as the Christmas Offering. Would it not be appropriate, at this time of great need for means to support and advance the work of Christ, that He be first in our thought in connection with plans for Christmas gifts?

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The first copy of "Our Little Friend" in its larger size came to our office last week. The boys and girls will appreciate the improvement in their paper. We would remind our readers that this makes a very acceptable gift at the price of \$1 per year. The premium sets offered with it, "Bird Stories" and "My Dog Book" at the combination rate of 65 cents would make any child happy. Order at once from the Book and Bible House.

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We are glad to report another baptismal service conducted by Elder N. R. Nelson at Willmar on December 5, at which time three more were baptized resulting from the evangelistic effort at Granite Falls. This makes a total of twelve who have been baptized and we understand that four more are keeping the Sabbath, who had previously been baptized. The prospects seem to be very good for the organization of a church at Granite Falls.

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Every Seventh-day Adventist should read the inspiring report of the Geneva Conference on calendar reform which was given by Elders Longacre and Maxwell in the "Review and Herald" of November 19. This is typical of what you miss if you are not a regular subscriber to the "Review". One recent issue is also devoted to the Week of Prayer readings which are most helpful and encouraging. As has been customary for the last few years, we are sending a copy of the Week of Prayer number free of charge to those on the isolated mailing list who are not subscribers, so that they may have the benefit of these inspiring messages. In this connection we would invite them and every other believer who is not a "Review" subscriber, to become one at the earliest possible opportunity. The cost of the "Review" is only about five cents per week, and you really cannot afford to do without it. For

those who are not yet "Review" subscribers, it may be we should have here the following information regarding the large number of petitions opposing the blank day calendar revision which were sent in by our people. There were 220,000 from America, 144,000 from Germany and Central Europe, 30,000 from the British West Indies, 13,000 from England, 19,000 from the Philippine Islands, 3,000 from Sweden, 2,000 from the Baltic States, 2,000 from the Balkan countries, 3,000 from Canada, 8,000 from miscellaneous countries, and 12,000 more which were sent directly to the League of Nations by our people. This makes an impressive total of 456,000 petitions sent in. And undoubtedly they added much to the influence of the arguments presented by our representatives in this signal victory achieved in behalf of religious freedom. May we here thank our loyal people of Minnesota for their cooperation in this great effort which under the Lord's guidance and blessing has been so successful.

MAPLEWOOD NEWS

A program was given in the chapel Saturday evening, December 5, by the Queres Club.

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Elder H. J. Sheldon spoke at the Friday evening service and also at the eleven o'clock service on Sabbath of last week-end. His presence with us as well as his inspiring talks was appreciated.

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The prayer band leaders of both dormitories met together last Sabbath morning when Professor Johnson talked to them of the importance of prayer. Much interest is shown this year by the leaders for the members of their bands.

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Professor Hein was guest of honor at a six o'clock waffle breakfast given as a surprise on his birthday Monday morning, December 7. He was presented with a gift in memory of the occasion. Those present were Professor and Mrs. Hein and Medora, Professor and Mrs. Johnson, and Misses Wavie Tubbs, Sadie Johnson and Lessie Culpepper.

HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT

(Close of November 1931)

Church	To		Total Last Year
	Nov. 30	Goal	
Alexandria	\$173.15	\$320.00	\$120.43
Anoka	221.65	400.00	352.58
Artichoke	221.29	370.00	270.80
Austin	381.65	710.00	483.79
Barnesville	28.35	90.00	34.16
Bath	45.07	90.00	100.00
Bemidji	242.65	450.00	280.35
Blackberry	157.35	270.00	146.76
Brainerd	99.20	460.00	251.62

*Bruno	16.50	100.00	11.75
Conference	784.09	4860.00	1245.35
Daggett Brook Co.		160.00	15.00
Detroit Lakes	126.87	510.00	172.55
Dodge Center	49.56	580.00	149.13
Duluth First	328.60	1130.00	585.56
Duluth Scand.	264.41	320.00	364.78
Eagle Bend	74.86	180.00	75.26
Fairmont Co.		60.00	90.25
*Faribault	269.49	330.00	194.28
Fergus Falls	136.57	200.00	190.95
Gilechrist	207.14	260.00	265.95
*Glenwood Co.	39.82	80.00	33.99
*Good Thunder	102.50	340.00	71.96
Grandy	31.00	150.00	85.40
Hackensack Co.	13.51	60.00	40.85
*Hancock	36.90	110.00	20.00
Hewitt	38.93	240.00	48.75
*Hibbing	240.85	190.00	303.68
Houston	98.45	130.00	130.94
Hutchinson	292.82	1800.00	514.63
Isanti	10.00	70.00	42.21
Lake Eunice	45.20	320.00	66.83
*Litchfield	58.65	180.00	57.75
Mahtowa		60.00	30.82
Mankato	628.01	1140.00	919.75
Middle River	11.25	260.00	29.40
Mineral Center	33.70	240.00	45.45
Mpls. Eng.	1764.84	4220.00	2267.70
Mpls. Nor-Dan.	835.48	1420.00	984.02
Mpls. Swedish	331.25	660.00	471.18
*Montevideo Co.	26.05	50.00	10.00
Moose Lake	44.75	140.00	103.19
*Mora Co.	48.54	60.00	26.28
Morgan	175.26	230.00	275.47
New York Mills	22.25	150.00	52.15
North Branch	69.05	150.00	101.47
Owatonna	159.97	240.00	253.35
Pillager	30.00	160.00	37.65
*Pine Island Co.	21.06	30.00	18.80
Pipestone	25.00	90.00	54.50
Princeton Co.	1.60	90.00	28.25
Remer	23.87	330.00	31.05
*Richville	49.38	140.00	37.56
Rock Creek	25.60	170.00	55.50
Roseau	68.00	190.00	152.12
*Sauk Center	84.30	290.00	70.70
Senjen	19.00	40.00	27.02
Sherburn	80.35	170.00	216.35
Staples	115.90	400.00	232.87
Stewartville	1.50	80.00	35.45
*Stillwater	189.23	370.00	154.30
*Sunnybrook Co.	10.80	120.00	3.59
St. Cloud	124.25	130.00	204.11
*St. Paul Eng.	2160.40	3180.00	2154.03
St. Paul Scand.	95.44	360.00	185.99
*Virginia	296.96	240.00	305.35
Wadena	35.35	280.00	96.44
Wells	59.75	200.00	121.05
Williams	29.67	320.00	45.30
*Willmar	259.82	210.00	236.47
*Wing River	26.75	180.00	23.87
*Winona	381.32	340.00	347.19
Wright	8.00	90.00	35.77

13200.87 32880.00 17263.82

Receipts This Year 13200.87

Short of last year's total 4062.95

The figures given above in the first column are the total Harvest Ingathering receipts from the various churches up to the close of the books for November. Each church goal and the total receipts for 1930 are also given for comparison. The churches which have reached the goal of \$10 per member are listed

with two stars and those which exceeded the accomplishments of the previous year are given one star in this report. It has meant much hard work this year on the part of these churches and all the faithful efforts put forth are greatly appreciated. The total figures show that in order to reach last year's record for the conference it will be necessary for \$4,062.95 to come in during December. An average of just a little more than a dollar per member would make it up. Shall we not endeavor to raise it and in that way help to supply the funds so much needed to keep our missionaries in the field?

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

Silver Star Band: Mrs. E. L. Garv.
Loyal Legion Band: Mrs. P. Back,
F. G. Bleedorn.

A. R. Smouse, Treasurer.

OBITUARIES

Churchill.—Mrs. Marie H. Churchill, nee Hirdler, was born Jan. 27 1864; and passed away from pneumonia at her home near Doland S. Dak. Oct. 20, 1931.

Sister Churchill accepted the truth when Elder Minner held meetings in that vicinity some years ago and was a member of the Conference church.

She left all in readiness for her death even though her illness was sudden and brief. The funds she had laid aside for missions have been handed in since her death. Shortly before the end she again expressed her confidence in her Redeemer and her faith in Him.

She was a devoted mother and will be sadly missed by her six children, all of whom survive her.

Services were conducted at the home and in the Methodist Episcopal church at Doland by Pastor A. G. Youngberg and she was laid beside her companion, Richard Churchill, in the Doland cemetery.

Mrs. A. G. Youngberg.

Mathias.—Grace Rodabaugh Mathias was born in Jefferson County, Iowa, May 2, 1888; and died at her home in Van Buren County, Iowa, Oct. 29, 1931. In 1903 she was united in marriage to Oscar Mathias. To this union four children were born.

Sister Mathias gave her heart to God and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Birmingham in 1917. She was a faithful, firm believer and ever adhered to the principles of the faith. She was a loving, devoted wife, and a patient, sacrificing mother. Our sister loved her Lord and the services of the church, and longed for her future home.

She leaves to mourn, besides her husband and three children, a sister and two brothers.

We laid her to rest awaiting the coming of her Saviour.

A. L. Miller.

Woodmark.—Robert Earl Woodmark was born at Boulder, Colo., June 30, 1916, and died at Brager, Minn., Nov. 13, 1931. While hunting near his home Robert's gun was accidentally discharged, causing his instant death. It was a great shock to the members of the family and friends, as Robert was known to be careful in the handling of a gun. For the past six weeks he had resided in Grand Park township. He leaves to mourn, his mother, Mrs. Lottie Woodmark; a brother, Glen, of Milwaukee, Wis.; and a sister, Grace, of Bismarck, N. Dak., besides a large number of friends. Interment was at the Shell Lake church cemetery. E. G. Sauer.

Matthews.—Edna Ryther Matthews was born at Pomeroy, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1882; and died at Greys Bay, Minn., June 25, 1931. She was married in 1909 to Robert W. Armstrong, who died in 1919. In 1926 she was married to John Matthews of Champlain, Minn. She leaves to mourn their loss a faithful companion a mother, three sisters, two brothers, four children, three stepchildren, two grandchildren, many friends, and the brothers and sisters of the Anoka church of which she was a faithful member for more than twenty years. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder A. J. Haysmer from her favorite text, Isa. 26:4. Paulina Anderson.

Bailey.—Lida Bailey was born in Menominee, Wis., Aug. 25 1860; and died at Staples, Minn., Nov. 27, 1931. In 1899 she was married to August Bentz. To this union one daughter was born, Sylvia Ellen, who now lives in St. Paul. She leaves besides her husband and daughter, three sisters: Mrs. Mary Leach of Minneapolis; Mrs. Belle Bergh, of Spokane, Wash.; and Mrs. O. O. Donneaux of Plainville, Mich. Sister Bentz was a faithful member of the Staples Seventh-day Adventist Church, and we are expecting to meet her on the resurrection morning. Funeral services were conducted by J. O. Peet on Sunday, November 29, at the Staples church.

Mrs. Nellie Emmerson.

Trickett.—Mary Maines Trickett was born near Monogala City, Pa., Dec. 4, 1856; and died at Knoxville, Iowa, Oct. 23, 1931.

When she was a child her parents moved to Iowa, where she lived the most of her busy life. In 1885 she was united in marriage

to Raymond Trickett. To this union five children were born.

More than forty years ago Sister Trickett accepted the present truth and united with the Adventist Church and during these many years the influence of her godly life has been felt by many. Her husband and all her children were united with her in serving the Lord.

The funeral service was conducted in the Adventist church at Knoxville by the writer, and she was laid to rest to await the voice of the Life-giver on the resurrection morn.

H. A. Fish.

Saunders.—William Saunders was born in Ontario, Canada, June 22, 1857; and died at Glenwood, Minn., Nov. 1, 1931. At the age of thirteen he came to the United States, where he joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was united in marriage with Fannie J. McElhaney who preceded him in death in the year 1925. Eight children, all of whom survive the parents, were born to this union. Since the death of his wife, the deceased had made his home at Glenwood, where he passed away peacefully, strong in faith in Christ Jesus and the power of His resurrection.

Frank H. Yost.

Sauer.—Herman Emil Sauer was born in Graysville, Wis., on Dec. 7, 1876; and died at his home in Paradise, N. Dak., on Nov. 12, 1931. Brother Sauer had been suffering from a chronic heart condition for the past few years, which was the cause of his death.

In May, 1900, he was married to Martha Borman and to this union three children were born. Six years after their marriage Brother and Sister Sauer came to Paradise, N. Dak., and had resided there since.

In his early youth Brother Sauer accepted Christ as his personal Saviour and also joined the church at that time. He proved true to His Master and to the faith which he cherished.

He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, one daughter, two sons, one sister, two brothers, other relatives and a host of friends.

Words for the occasion were spoken by the writer.

R. R. Bietz.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted.—Middle-aged woman to help with housework and care for children in exchange for home and small wages. Steady work to right person. Church privileges. Mrs. Alvin Miller, 212 Grant Ave., Eveleth Minn.

Wanted.—To get in touch with some one who has hay to sell and can load it on the Great Northern railroad. George Fowler, Stanley, N. Dak.

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YEARLY PRIVILEGES

I just received the following letter from Mrs. A. W. Brown of Spirit Lake and I am passing it on at once to our Sabbath school members throughout the states, as it places one of our Sabbath school activities at a very proper valuation. It reads like this: "I have just finished the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course and I feel thankful for the painstaking effort put forth by those who have prepared this course for us. I really find it more helpful each year. I am not actively engaged in Sabbath school work just now, but I feel that taking the Training Course is a good habit I have acquired that I do not want to break. There is so much spiritual help that is good for any one whether an officer or teacher or not. I feel that I would miss the "Worker" almost as much as I would miss the "Review" if I did not have it."

I hope that those who have not tried to follow this course of study that is prepared for us from year to year, will be ready to begin the 1932 course on time. You will find it highly educational to follow these study outlines from week to week. It will be an inspiration and help even if you are not now a worker in the Sabbath school. Younger members are enjoying these studies and it is a preparation for service that will make them ready to fill some place of usefulness when called to it a little later on. It will make them better prepared to do efficient work on short notice, to be minute-men, and such workers are often very necessary and always highly appreciated.

The "Sabbath School Worker" is to be a regular feature of each year's course and the outline helps make it easy for us to get full value of the articles and helps to be found in its columns. This helpful little paper has been enlarged and increased one third in size and still the subscription price remains the same. 90 cents a year or two or more copies to one address, 75 cents a year. Be sure to order if you do not have the "Worker" or renew your subscription early so you will not miss a copy.

The other book chosen for our study is "Bible Manners and Customs," a wonderfully helpful little book, that will add much to the interest in school and class if it is studied, and it will also make one intelligently prepared to pass

on to others, when ever appropriate, the interesting information it contains relative to Palestine, ancient and modern. This helpful book can be furnished for 95 cents, although the regular price is \$1.25. Order at once from the Book and Bible House.

Encourage your school to have a regular class in this study, but do not wait, study individually without fail and meet together if possible. Do something, it will improve the mind and prepare you to render more efficient service. Do not delay. Begin early and be ready at the close of 1932 to report on the year's work and receive a certificate.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

IOWA ITEMS

Mrs. Mollie Long Miller will be seventy-five years old December 17. They are living at 131 Highview Ave., Jackson, Tenn.

Elder McVagh spent Sabbath December 5, with the Council Bluffs church. He went to Minneapolis on Monday, to attend the Union Committee meeting.

Miss Alice Barber came up from Libertyville on Monday of last week to visit her sister, Mrs. Lottie Robinson, who is making good recovery from an operation.

Bernie Nelson, of Ruthven, was in the office on Monday of last week. He is suffering the effects of having a stick of wood fly up, seriously injuring an eye. His mother, Mrs. Louis Nelson, and his brother Edward Nelson, were also in Nevada

to be with the daughter and sister, Miss Mamie Nelson of the training class, who is recovering from an appendectomy.

IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen McConnell of Nevada a boy at the sanitarium on December 7.

Miss Caroline Schulz of Avoca submitted to a minor operation on Thursday.

"The Singing String Quartet" furnished a delightful musical program for the sanitarium family on Monday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Smith of Ames has again spent a few days with us and returned home in a much improved condition.

The sanitarium Sabbath school enjoyed the presence of a large number of patients last week. Fifty per cent of our regular membership have a perfect record so far this quarter.

The members of the senior class accompanied by Dr. Morse, Mrs. Sheldon and Mr. Fickess spent Tuesday in Iowa City where they visited the various hospitals and also Oakdale Sanitarium.

Mrs. Roy Davis of Maxwell, A. L. Swarm and Oscar Smith of Nevada, Miss Wyota Elliot of Oak Park Academy, and Mrs. Margaret Hunter of Northwood are with us for treatments.

Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson of Los Angeles, Calif., stopped at the sanitarium to visit Dr. and Mrs. Morse on their return from Rochester on Wednesday. In the afternoon they all drove to Des Moines to visit Drs. Henry and Mae Habenicht.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending November 21, 1931						
Anderson, Fred	Hope	15		12.50	12.50	7.50
Biggers, H. G.	Misc.	19	11		16.50	29.00
Engen, B. O. (4)	Hope	116	6	46.05	68.55	35.20
Evenson, Karl	BR	45	12	23.75	111.75	4.25
Heath, Ethel		24	60	84.05	326.75	242.30
Moyer, Mrs. C.					17.50	
Netteburg, Mrs. E.		23	5		1.75	96.40
Steine, Arne						
Totals		24	60	84.05	326.75	242.30
IOWA CONFERENCE, L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary						
Weeks Ending November 20 and 27, 1931						
Shelton, Glenn	BR	90	2	51.00	65.00	51.00
Jensen, F. M. (1)	HW	35	2	26.25	32.25	7.50
Hanson, Anna	BR	69		18.50	18.50	14.20
Wilcox, Elva	OD	59	2	16.25	21.35	57.95
Kromer, Mrs. A. (3)	Misc.	21		12.75	12.75	7.25
Olson, Myrrhine (3)	BTS	40		6.65	6.65	9.05
Omitted in last report					17.75	
Totals		314	6	132.50	175.25	146.95