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OUR MISSION OFFERINGS

The Mission Board treasurer of the General Conference found himself in great perplexity as the year 1931 closed with a shortage of funds. The budgets voted at the Fall Council in Omaha begin with January 1, 1932. As there is no surplus at the end of 1931, the situation is quite perplexing, if not perilous to begin with. Our missionaries' needs are as great in January as in December. The fact that there is but little, if any, reserve to draw upon as the year begins is the basis of my appeal.

I wish to urge that there be no marking of time in bringing our offerings to God's storehouse. It will be easier for every church to keep up with a full quota by beginning strong. Let us urge our Sabbath schools to bring from the beginning a full 30 cents per week per capita of the church membership for the first month and for every following month throughout the year.

Every other avenue of feeding funds into the mission treasury should be as liberally contributed to as circumstances will permit; unless this is done, there will be suffering for the necessities of life among our missionaries and embarrassing retrenchment in our missionary endeavor all over the field.

The needs of our missionaries are the needs of our own children; they are our boys and girls who have gone abroad. Those who are responsible for strategic places in our missionary endeavor are the members of our own families; they are bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh. To fail in bringing needed supplies is bordering onto the criminal. We believe that phrase, which says, "One is worth what he lifts in a crisis." To be unconcerned, then, practically places us with the unfaithful, numbers us with the "wicked and slothful."

Therefore, my dear reader, let us

"one and all" come to the help of the Lord, and let us do it now. Let us make January able to contribute her quota to the supplying of the appropriations for 1932.

We need to recognize that the harvest truly is great, and the laborers are few, and that God requires of a steward that he be found faithful.

May God help us to be found doing our full share is my prayer.

Charles Thompson.

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES" FEBRUARY 7 to 20

A special offer even better than last year, especially for our smaller churches, is made by the "Signs of the Times" this year. A recent letter from Brother J. R. Ferren of the "Signs of the Times" contains the following paragraph explaining this special offer:

"This offer is to allow each church subscribing for a club of the 'Signs' equal to its membership, the special rate of \$1 per copy a year (the minimum to be 15 copies as explained below.) The regular 'Signs' club rate is \$1.25. Ordinarily the \$1 rate applies only on clubs of 100 copies or more. This special offer provides that a church of say forty members may make up a club of forty 'Signs' at the special \$1 a year rate. Our only change from last year is that we are reducing the required minimum number of copies to 15 (from 25), thus giving the very small church of from ten to fifteen members the privilege of the same advantage. Larger churches, of course, must bring their clubs up to or beyond the number equaling their membership in each case."

With this special arrangement we hope that every church will plan now for a good sized "Signs" club. I have been pleased to meet some new people in our churches recently who knew nothing of this truth a year ago, but who have been reading the "Signs" given to them

by some faithful member.

Do you want new members added to your church? Do your best in circulating the "Signs" this year. "Increase your 'Signs' club," thus doing your part in soul winning work for 1932. V. G. Anderson.

THE YEAR ENDED

We are submitting in this issue of the Reaper the statement of our mission offering for the year 1931. We all know that the past year has been a very strenuous one which is further emphasized when comparing the record of 1931 with that of the previous year. Our tithe income in the Union territory shows a decline of 18.2 per cent while the mission offerings show a decline of 17.3 per cent. It will be noticed that the decline in tithe income is almost 1 per cent greater than the drop in the mission offerings. This goes to show that it meant a greater sacrifice on the part of our people to give the smaller amount of mission offerings this year than it was to give the larger mission offerings in the previous year, due to the greatly reduced income of our church members.

The Sabbath school offerings show a loss of only 13.8 per cent while the Mid-summer Offering shows a gain of 62.2 per cent over the previous year. We appreciate the loyal support of our Sabbath schools.

I am sure we are all made sad to see our tithe and offerings fall off so heavily, and wish they might have been much more because we know the cause of God has need of it in the world-wide field. We earnestly pray that the Lord may abundantly bless in the fields where these offerings are used, and greatly multiply the good accomplished by these gifts. We believe He can and will do this just as certainly as He multiplied the loaves and the fishes when walking the shores of Galilee.

We have not received the reports for baptisms for the last quarter of

the year at this date, but expect the number of baptisms in 1931 will be considerably greater than for the year 1930.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the faithful in the Northern Union Conference for the true loyalty to the third angel's message and their whole-hearted support so freely given to the advancement of the cause of Christ in all the world the past year even under adverse conditions. May the Lord bless every one. As we enter upon the new year let us be of good courage in God. "There is no crisis with the Lord." We are living in a serious time and know not what the future may have in store for us, but may we hold firmly to the faith delivered to the saints and the promises of God as given in His word. May we not weary in well doing. The Lord is a present help in every time of need. Let us do all we can to finish the work God has given His church to do, and finally triumph with Christ our Saviour and all the redeemed.

I. G. Ortner.

CHANGE OF DATES

Since last week's issue of the Reaper the dates for the Iowa and Minnesota colporteur institutes have been changed and are as follows:

Iowa, February 22 to March 2.
Minnesota, March 4 to 13.
Please note this change.

The crying need today is for colporteur evangelists. "The harvest is great, the laborers are few." Surely there must be many in Minnesota and Iowa who could do acceptable work for the Lord through the ministry of the printed page. Investigate the matter at once by writing to your field secretary. He will inform you of the plans for attending the institute.

George A. Campbell.

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NOTICE

A circular letter has been sent out to all the churches in Iowa and to all the isolated believers in regard to the easy-payment plan which the Review and Herald Association is offering and let this article remind you that you must act at once to benefit by it. The church home missionary secretary

has been provided with subscription blanks for your convenience. This subscription blank is composed of three coupons. Tear off coupon number 1 and send it with \$1 to the Book and Bible House not later than Jan. 31, 1932. The second coupon with \$1 must be sent in by February 29, and the third by March 31. If you are subscribing for the Big Four one dollar should be sent with the third coupon, but only 50 cents if the "Review", only, has been ordered.

Remember you must send in the first by January 31, or the other two coupons are void. Likewise the second must be sent in on time or the third one will not be honored.

Now no matter whether you are a subscriber or not, sit down and take advantage of this plan, as it is good for new subscriptions, renewals, or extensions, and you will receive your subscription for fourteen months for the price of twelve. You can't afford to let this opportunity pass. J. C. Christenson.

SORROWS THAT COME

A letter came last week from Elder A. R. Ogden to Brother G. A. Nystrom, with whom he had worked for a number of years in the West, and to whom his heart turned in this time of trouble, telling of the death of his wife in California on December 20. He was two hundred miles from Port au Prince, Haiti, when the cable came. The first boat would not be leaving until several days later and the first airplane to the States not before the following Thursday. A few sentences from this letter to his friend will be given here, for the benefit of those who knew the family so well in Iowa and in other states of the Union: "Brother Nystrom, you can hardly realize the terrible stroke it was to me. I had just received four letters from her, dated December 1, 4, 6 and 9, and she was as well as usual. It caught me at a place where it was impossible for me to get home within a reasonable length of time. She was buried on Thursday, December 24. It seems too terrible to be true. Just yesterday I had the first air letter from the children in which they told me the details of her illness. She had taken a little cold on Wednesday of the previous week and kept getting worse until by Saturday night, they said her lungs were completely filled with liquid. She suffered intense agony from then until about midnight, when she passed away. I never before understood the words of that text, "Jesus wept," as I do now. It has just dawned upon me that He wept for me—what infinite love.

"I have written at such length

because of our close association in the past and also that you might have some information to pass on to other inquiring friends. I have been so unnerved that it doesn't seem possible yet for me to start on the trip, but I must go to be with the children for a time. The brethren here have been very good and kind and sympathetic."

Many hearts will ache in sympathy with Elder Ogden and the family left to mourn, and it is well that we sometimes feel the sorrows of others and "weep with those that weep."

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

SABBATH SCHOOL ITEMS

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, superintendent of the Hawarden school: "Please send us some Thirteenth Sabbath Offering envelopes and we will see what that will do for our next Thirteenth Sabbath Offering, about fifty will be an abundance I think. Last time, Professor Skadsheim helped his class to earn money by selling pop corn, candy, and doughnuts and by doing other things, so he and his six or seven boys had \$5.02 in their class pail last Sabbath. He brought their money to class in a small red pail. I hope we can soon resume the teachers' meeting and the Training Class studies."

Mrs. Edna Morley, superintendent at Onawa, happened to mention this in a recent letter: "The Smithland Sabbath school joined with us in our Investment program. Their school raised more than \$39 and ours \$50.25, I believe it was. I wish that more might be raised next year."

Edyth Simmons, of the children's department at Centerville: "I wanted to tell you about the goal device I have for the children this

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teen members with one picture on the cards for the boys and another on the cards for the girls. Then I took white paper the size of the cards to cover the pictures, marked them off in twelve squares with the sewing machine, so each time they have learned their memory verse and studied their lesson seven times, a square is torn off easily. If all the squares are torn off they will have a pretty picture that can be hung on the wall. They do not know what the pictures are. I will try to keep my other chart until camp meeting time as it would be rather difficult to wrap it and send by mail to you."

Miss Simmons is enthusiastic in Sabbath school work for the children, and she is developing the same interest in her pupils. A short time ago she hurried a letter to me, saying their papers, for some reason, were not ordered in time, and asked if I would please try to get her information so that she could give the texts to be studied to her children the next Sabbath, so they would not lose out in their daily study. She has written this: "I don't know how to thank you for the papers. I was so glad to get them. Mother stayed home with the twins, so I asked her to open the mail if it came. She did, and then called over to the Hall and I gave the children their lesson scripture."

It pays to do everything possible to help the members keep their record perfect in this. Be interested and the children will be interested.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

IOWA ITEMS

Elder J. C. Christenson and his family, spent Sabbath, January 9, very enjoyably, with the church at Carroll.

Brother G. A. Campbell spent a few days in Nevada this week, encouraging students at O. P. A. to take up colporteur work during vacation.

Elders Christenson and V. G. Anderson were at Lake City Friday, Sabbath and Sunday, Jan. 15-17, where a home missionary institute was conducted.

Elder McVagh spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week attending a ministerial institute of unusual interest in Des Moines. He was with the Dubuque church over Sabbath, January 16.

Preparations are being made for a home missionary and Missionary Volunteer convention to be held at Ute the last three days of the month, January 29-31. Elders Chris-

tenson and Nixon will be in charge and they are hoping to see all nearby churches well represented. If you are within driving distance plan to be there.

Remember the Sabbath school and home missionary convention to be held at Ft. Dodge, at the church on South 19th St., Sabbath, January 23. Take your lunch and all the family and spend the day pleasantly and profitably there.

Brother Knecht returned to the office on Wednesday of last week, after visiting the churches at Os-kaloosa, Fairfield, Keokuk and Ft. Madison, in the interests of colporteur work, especially with regard to new recruits for the colporteurs' institute to be held in Des Moines, February 22 to March 2. The map shown on Brother Knecht's "News Letter" recently, shows many counties that have not had a colporteur for from nine to thirteen years, so the way is open for work to be done. He has in his desk already a number of applications from those who will prepare for this work. He planned to visit Hawarden, Sioux City and Terril, January 17 to 23.

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TWO IMPORTANT WEEKS AT S. R. A.

It was a pleasure to those who directed the work of the Week of Sacrifice to notice the splendid interest that the members of the school family took in this enterprise. All were anxious to raise the amount that was assigned to our school. The students were organized into two groups. Personal work was done by the students in their respective dormitories. Two young men solicited every room in the young men's dormitory, and the same work was done in North Hall by several young ladies. Four chapel periods were given to the discussion of the great need of our mission fields. When the offering was brought in on Sabbath morning, it was found that the majority of faculty members had given their week's salary and the students had gathered an amount equal to \$.61 per student. The total sacrifice gift amounted to \$165.72. This is about \$45, more than last year. We have a smaller faculty than last

year and also a smaller enrolment. When we take this into consideration we feel greatly encouraged. We are glad to know that our students and teachers have an interest in God's cause. We appreciated the splendid spirit and cooperation of everyone who had part in this work. May God add His blessing.

Following the Week of Sacrifice we had our Week of Prayer. It was our privilege to have Professor Sheldon with us during the week. His visits to our school have meant a great deal to us. The spiritual topics which he presented were a real blessing to all. Nearly every student made a new start for the kingdom. A baptismal class has been organized since the Week of Prayer. A large number of students are attending this class. It meets every Friday evening at seven fifteen. We pray that all of these young people may find forgiveness of their sins. May they all find the joy and peace which comes to the individual by serving God faithfully.

R. R. Neuman.

FARGO DORCAS SOCIETY

Greetings from the Fargo Dorcas Society. We have a membership of twenty and we meet the first and third Tuesdays of each month at the homes of our members.

After our devotional period of fifteen minutes, we have a business session, and then spend the balance of the time sewing.

This past year we have given away 585 articles of clothing beside the five boxes we sent to the Red Cross, also twelve quilts, and fourteen pairs of pillow cases.

Of course we need money to do all these things so we experimented with one thing and another until we found something with which we could make money. Now we have worked up a fine business that brings us a steady income all the year around. Last year we took in \$158.70.

Just the few years our society had been in operation we have also done many things for our church such as helping to finish our junior room, buying the piano, a cupboard, tables song books, kindergarten material and thirty chairs for this division. We also bought the "Little Friend" and "Instructor" for two years. Then we bought a clock, paid for a large part of our rostrum carpet, and made a partial payment on the piano for the auditorium. We also bought an electric outdoor sign, some reading course books for the Missionary Volunteers, and some papers for our reading racks.

We hope this will be an encouragement to those who are contemplating material and thirty chairs for this

plating organizing a Dorcas Society, to do so at once. You will be surprised what you can do for others and for your church.

Fargo Dorcas Society.

NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Elder E. A. Piper and Prof. R. R. Neuman were in Jamestown for the executive committee meeting.

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Elder Meyer returned to the office on Monday after spending the week-end with the Bowdon church.

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Brethren Eli Wentland and William Uruh, members of the Pettibone church, were at the office on Thursday.

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Elder Charles Thompson spent Thursday and Friday in Jamestown. He came in to attend the conference executive committee.

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Brethren Christ Lang, Daniel Harr and Schmidt were in the office Thursday and Friday. They attended the annual audit of the North Dakota Conference.

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Elder V. G. Anderson spent a few hours at the office on Monday. He had spent the week-end in the interest of the young people at Bowdon.

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Elder Scherr returned to the office on Wednesday evening after spending a few days out in the field in the interest of the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Departments.

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How about those late reports? If you have not sent in all your reports as yet, sit down before you forget and send them in. They are needed to make up our records and get everything up-to-date.

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WATERTOWN

As a result of our meetings held here in the church this winter, we have quite a few new people attending our Sabbath services. Some of these we expect to baptize on Sabbath, January 23. There are others with whom we are studying, who give good indications of accepting the truth as they are among those who are attending our meetings on the Sabbath. Of course, there have been a few who apparently received the truth gladly until

the more testing truths were presented, and like many of those disciples of old, when these came, they turned away feeling that the price is too great.

That the Lord has spoken to hearts, though, is evident by the testimony of one new believer, which she bore at prayer meeting last evening, January 13, when she said among other things that she had prayed for God to give her faith. This He had done, she said, and it was like coming out of darkness to receive this marvelous light. She is one of the baptismal candidates. We are continuing Sunday evening meetings until the time of the Union Conference session. Pray for the work here.

L. E. Niermeyer.

"SIGNS" MINISTRY

As we have entered another new year with its many opportunities for missionary endeavor before us, I would urge each of our churches and companies, as well as individuals, to plan strongly on the use of our English missionary paper, the "Signs of the Times." The publishers are again making a very attractive club offer of \$1 per year, when the church takes a club equal to its membership, and they have lowered the minimum club to fifteen copies this year, which is ten less than last year. Our conference will match dollar for dollar, assisting with an amount equal to that which the churches raise.

The official campaign, according to the General Conference arrangement, is February 7 to 20. Let us begin to plan now to maintain South Dakota's fine record in "Signs" ministry, which was achieved last year and which was the best in the history of our conference.

L. E. Niermeyer.

EDUCATIONAL AND M. V. CORNER

We are off into the new year, exploring the unknown, discovering the wondrous possibilities that lie just before. What we shall find depends largely upon the object of our search. We shall doubtless find opportunities for self-pleasing, and, unless careful, we shall spend our time gathering "fool's gold" when the pearl of wondrous price is just beyond. If we refuse to toy with trifles and press forward with vigor and courage, we shall find Him of whom the prophets wrote, and not Him only but many a weary traveler in search of Him, who has wandered far afield and is longing for some one to show him the way.

The Morning Watch Calendar should be in the hands of every Missionary Volunteer and should

lead to faithfulness in the matter of personal devotion. It seems that there has been a falling off in this matter in recent years. But there can be no falling off in the matter of seeking God without a corresponding loss in spiritual life. May we not have greater faithfulness in this matter this year.

Have you observed that the new Morning Watch Calendar has a new method for checking yourself up on the Bible Year? In this new arrangement the exact number of chapters in each book is set down in rotation so that if you read a chapter anywhere in the Bible you can check it off and thus avoid having to reread it. A Bible Year book mark will be given to each one who completes the Bible within a year. Those who use more than a year to complete it will receive a certificate and two certificates entitle the holder to a book mark. Shall we not have a large number of readers this year?

The usual New Year's program was given by the Leola Volunteers to a full house on Sunday evening, January 3. It was a splendid program and did credit to the Leola Volunteer Society. This has been a regular custom of this society for several years and the general public has come to look forward to it as an annual event. There is excellent talent at Leola and we trust that God will prosper the work there.

We have got out some mimeographed copies of instruction for Missionary Volunteer officers which we wish to place in the hands of the new officers. This instruction is revised since last year and applies especially to 1932. If you have not received this instruction sheet it is doubtless because we do not know who the officers are in your society. May we not have a complete list of officers from every society at once.

Reports are coming in slowly. We desire to make a report of the outstanding achievements for 1931 and give proper commendation for them, but we hope to hear from all our societies before doing so.

Our new officers at Plainview Academy seem resolved to start the new year off well. They are making places to increase the society activities in the regular lines and Professor Vande Vere informs me that he is much interested in the progressive classes and expects to push this line.

BRITTON, HECLA AND VICINITY

Last week I picked up the Reaper to see what news it had brought from our part of the field, I was disappointed to find only Professor Hartman's article on Plainview in the South Dakota columns. Not

that I was disappointed with the article, for it was a good one, and I am sure all read it with interest, but I had expected something from the field and was disappointed that nothing appeared.

Of course I remembered at once that it was the end of the year and Brother Nies and his helpers were all busy with closing up the books for the year and I excused them. But how about the workers in the field? Why hadn't they reported? Hadn't we a right to expect to hear from them? Wouldn't all our dear people who are sacrificing for the cause expect some reports from the field? And right then it occurred to me that I am a part of that force of field workers who ought to be reporting. So I resolved then and there that I would write a few lines to the Reaper.

No doubt one of the reasons why we are reluctant as workers to report is because it seems as though we haven't enough results to warrant a report. But I have no doubt if you in the churches and in the homes could know more of our battles we might have more of a place in your prayers.

The work of God is a battle and so much the more in these evil times and I trust that you are remembering the workers in the state as well as elsewhere as they battle with the powers of darkness.

I reported a baptism of six persons at Hecla some time ago. Since that time I have been away from this field a part of the time. One Sabbath was spent at Clark, where we have a little company who are bravely carrying on, one Sabbath at Leola where we have some young people who are seeking the way of life, and a few days at the office and at home with the family.

It has been my special effort lately to try to win some of the young in the divided homes, and there is much reason for encouragement. We are conducting young people's meetings, and one young man from an outside home has signified his purpose to give up his cigarettes, keep the Sabbath, and live a Christian life. This is no small decision for a young man who has been drinking, smoking, dancing, and playing cards, since these are the things that nearly all the young people are doing.

A mother and daughter who were among the very first to attend our meetings last summer have finally begun to observe the Sabbath. This woman's sister-in-law, who lives in Hecla, has also signified her intention to keep the Sabbath and through her influence studies are now being held with a group representing four families, all in town. None of these were able to attend the meetings held in the

country and it seems that this may lead to the holding of a series of meetings in the city of Hecla.

At present my parish reaches from Hecla to Britton with believers and interested families scattered all the way between the two places. We are holding services in Britton in the forenoon and in the country near Hecla in the afternoon.

Since writing the above we have secured the use of a building in Hecla where the Sabbath services will be held and where we shall hope to hold a series of meetings in the near future.

It has been the want of a place that has kept us out of Hecla so long. It seems now that the Lord has opened the way for us to go in and occupy the field.

Pray that God may bless in the gathering of precious souls from this part of His vineyard.

C. M. Babcock.

PLAINVIEW ITEMS

Elder C. M. Babcock had charge of our Friday evening vesper service, January 15.

The annual board meeting was held at the school January 11 and 12. Plans were made to make Plainview progressive in every way.

The domestic science class under the supervision of Marybelle Huffman gave a six o'clock dinner in honor of the board members at the home of Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Hartman. The tables were bountifully served with a three course dinner and were decorated with pink roses and green candle sticks. During the dinner a toast was given by Professor Hartman to the board members, after which Elder Oss gave the response. Elder Youngberg gave a toast to the founder of the school, and Elder Babcock and Dr. R. A. Crawford expressed words of appreciation to the class. The string trio composed of Miss Velhagen, Bonita Long, and Mrs. H. C. Hartman furnished the music during the dinner. After the dessert course two readings were given by Miss Simon and the male quartet sang two songs, "Dixie" and "Fotch along de Hoe-cake", both southern selections.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

Already another Sunday-closing bill has been introduced at Washington. Elder Longacre has sounded a warning to all to be on guard. Literature and petitions are the ammunition against such legislation. More will be heard before long.

Elder Gorden Oss spent two days at the office after the board meeting at Redfield, and left again Friday morning for the southern part of the state. He met with the Elk Point church Sabbath, January 16, and his plans were to visit Burke and Chamberlain before he returns.

Brother McKinley writes from La Plant that the interest is still good, but on account of the severe weather the attendance is not quite so good as it has been, and for the present he is holding only three meetings a week. He believes there are some who will take a definite stand for the truth.

We have a slightly damaged Bible Readings in the cloth binding which we are offering for \$1.50 regular price \$3.25. This is a splendid book and if you do not have it in your library, order it.

Elder C. M. Babcock spent Sabbath, January 16, at Redfield with the academy church. A little later on he plans on starting another effort in the little town of Hecla.

The annual school board and conference committee meeting was held at Redfield January 11 and 12. The members were all present with the exception of Brother Peter Kier of Viborg. Elder Charles Thompson of the Union Conference was also present.

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A CRISIS—AN EMERGENCY

"A Crisis—An Emergency" are the words Sister L. Flora Plummer uses in writing of the result of a recent solemn meeting held by the General Conference Committee, at which the treasurer, Elder J. L. Shaw, in short, terse sentences told of the condition of the mission funds. She says: "Every heart beat a bit faster as the story was told. Two short words tell it, A Crisis—An Emergency. Something out of the ordinary must be done or 1932 will be a disastrous year for our beloved cause. In this hour of stress the brethren directed the SOS call to the Sabbath School Department. No greater honor has

ever come to me than to stand in the presence of the twenty-eight men assembled and as your representative, say, 'The Sabbath school secretaries in North America will do their best to accomplish what you ask.' Our slogan is to be: 'Five Cents More Each Week For Missions'.

"This is an emergency measure only. An average of a nickel more for missions from each church member each week in North America will bring in \$328,000 extra money and save the day. Surely we can do this.

"I am praying, as I write; praying that the spirit of this call will rest heavily upon your heart; that you will be able to lay all else aside until you can get this appeal before your Sabbath schools; praying that God will crown your efforts with success."

"Courageously yours,
L. Flora Plummer."

I count it a privilege to pass this urgent call on to the officers and members of our Minnesota Sabbath schools. May the Lord direct in all the efforts put forth in our endeavor to answer this emergency call. May He grant each one the blessing that is in store for the faithful. Mary D. Hopkins.

STILL TIME

There still is time for you to send in your renewal subscription to the "Review and Herald", and receive fourteen months of service for the price of twelve months. This offer is good to new subscribers as well. You may have the weekly visits of the "Review and Herald" for fourteen months for the price of twelve months, if you send your order in before January 31. Send it in today dear reader. This offer also holds good on the Big Four. Elder M. E. Dawson in his last letter to me makes the following statement, "We are continually reminded of the important place the 'Review' holds in the lives of its regular readers. To those who have read it for years it is a part of their lives which they simply cannot do without. We even had a complaint a few days ago from a subscriber because the Week of Prayer number took the place of the regular 'Review' and she was without the general denominational news for a whole week!

"The outlook for peace and prosperity among the nations during 1932 is not too bright and as time goes on we believe our people will need the encouragement which can be obtained by reading the 'Review' more and more."

Do not fail to send in your subscription now, even if it does not expire for a few months. The new subscription starts when the old expires, and from that date you receive the "Review" for fourteen

months. Order through the Book and Bible House, 1354 Roblyn Ave., St. Paul.

A. A. Dirksen.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

Please remember the One Per Cent Fund when you pay your tithe.

E. S. Hill of Stillwater made a pleasant call at the conference office last Thursday.

The offering in the church service next Sabbath, January 23, is for the Educational Fund as customary on the fourth Sabbath of the month.

The annual meeting of the conference auditing board, also meetings of the conference executive committee and the Maplewood Academy board were held last Sunday at the Union Conference office in Minneapolis.

An Investment Offering of \$3.60 was received last week from Sister W. H. Burghart, and \$34.35 from the Morgan Sabbath school. We are indeed thankful for this large total of \$37.95 to pass on to the mission fields. We expect to report the full amount of Investment for the year from our conference soon, as there are only a few secretaries who have not reported for the fourth quarter.

A few additional particulars of interest have been received regarding the death of Elder John Hoffman which was mentioned last week. With the exception of having a cold, he had been in his usual health and had conducted the church service at the Denver Scandinavian church, of which he was pastor, on the Sabbath before his death, but he had a fainting spell while at church that day. He felt fairly well after returning home, however, and desired to attend a church school board meeting with Sister Hoffman on Monday night. She felt though, that he would better remain at home, so he did and wrote an article for the Swedish paper, after which he retired. About 11:30 he awakened feeling very ill, and while Sister Hoffman was endeavoring to relieve his distress he had a sinking spell from which he did not rally, and passed away about midnight. A physician who had been called, pronounced the cause of his death to be heart failure. The funeral service was held on Sabbath afternoon, January 9, and burial was made at Denver. He will be greatly missed by the church he was serving as pastor and by whom he was beloved, also by the relatives and host of other friends whom he had in various parts of

the country where he had labored during his many years of service as a minister. He had labored in Minnesota for a number of years and was especially well known in this conference, which was Sister Hoffman's home and where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Fischer of St. Paul, and other relatives reside. An obituary will no doubt be published in the Reaper at an early date.

We know our members will be interested in the figures showing the receipts of tithe, mission funds and Harvest Ingathering for the year 1931 and as compared with the receipts for 1930. There was an unusually large decrease in the tithe for the months of November and December which brought the percentage of decrease up to 18.2 per cent for the year as compared with a decrease of 14 per cent during 1930. In dollars and cents the decrease was \$13,577.76 in 1930 and \$15,169.54 in 1931. This decrease almost \$30,000 in two years necessitated reductions in wages, a smaller corps of conference laborers, and drastic retrenchment in connection with our conference work and expenses wherever it seemed consistently possible in our efforts to operate within our income. The Lord's blessing has manifestly attended the missionary endeavors put forth by both workers and laity, for in spite of the financial handicaps the number of baptisms reported will show a good gain for 1931 as well as for 1930. It is also an encouraging feature that the percentage of decrease in mission offerings has been much less than that in the tithe, being 8.6 per cent in 1931 and 9.5 per cent in 1930. In dollars and cents this decrease in mission funds was \$5149.30 in 1931 and \$6299.11 in 1930. For the liberal and willing spirit manifested on the part of our constituency we are very grateful indeed. The average weekly per capita mission offerings for 1931 were 31.7 cents compared with 34.8 cents for 1930. The Harvest Ingathering receipts dropped off quite seriously in both November and December this year, so that we were unable to catch up during those months as we hoped to do. The total Harvest Ingathering receipts for 1931 were \$14,218.73, which was \$3035.09 less than for 1930. Detailed reports by churches, of the tithe, mission funds and Harvest Ingathering will be prepared for publication in the Reaper at an early date. Shall we not seek the Lord earnestly for His blessing during 1932 and resolve with His help that if possible we will do more for Him and the salvation of others this year than we were able to do during 1931?

OBITUARIES

Hunter. — Mrs. Lydia Roushey Hunter, the second daughter of John and Mary (Tyrrell) Roushey, was born in Bradford County, Penn., March 8, 1855; and died at Boone, Iowa, Jan. 4, 1932. Her early years were spent in Carroll County, Ill. Her parents located there in the year of 1855. On April 11, 1877, she was married to Andrew William Hunter, at Marengo, Iowa. To this union, two sons were born, both dying in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter moved to Boone in 1880 and made their home in central Iowa until Mr. Hunter's death, July 7, 1915.

She has been an earnest Christian from her girlhood days. Sister Hunter was a faithful, active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Boone and even in her declining years she cheered others by her presence at the Sabbath services.

She leaves no immediate relatives; cousins, living elsewhere, being the closest of her kindred.

She fell asleep with a bright hope in the first resurrection at the second coming of her Lord and rests beside her husband in the family lot in Linwood Park Cemetery, Boone, Iowa.

Services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Reverend Crawford of Boone.

C. F. McVagh.

Ogden.—Mrs. Mae Ogden, nee Meek, was born in Kansas, Aug. 18, 1879; and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Squier at Glendale, Calif., Dec. 20, 1931. Pneumonia was the cause of her death.

Sister Ogden was united in marriage to Elder A. R. Ogden May 1, 1898. At the time of the marriage, Elder Ogden was a young minister in the Kansas Conference. To this union two children were born, Beatrice and Orland.

During the General Conference held in Battle Creek, Mich. in 1901, a call came to Brother and Sister Ogden to labor on the west coast of South America, this call they accepted; Elder Ogden was the superintendent of, what was then called, the West Coast Mission, including Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and Chile.

It was during the time they lived in northern Chile that their oldest child was born, Beatrice, and at that time Sister Ogden contracted a serious illness, lying at the point of death for several days. The high fever ran for several weeks, leaving her heart impaired. Her heart ever after caused her much distress at times. However, she rallied sufficiently to assist her husband

very faithfully in efforts and camp meetings. Her great interest was in the children at camp meetings, she was the director of the children's meetings during the time of the many camp meetings she attended in the middle-west and later in the state of Washington. Many of the young people today, when children, were in the Sabbath school classes that Sister Ogden conducted. In her pleasing and winful way she carried the children with her, in her they fully confided. The lessons taught to them will never be forgotten. One little girl, named Dolores, chose to make her home with Sister Ogden. Our sister appreciated the services rendered by the young lady during the time of her many days of sickness and suffering.

In the autumn of 1928, Sister Ogden with her daughter Dolores, accompanied her husband to Havana, Cuba, where Elder Ogden took the superintendency of the Antillian Union Mission. The tropical climate proved too much for Sister Ogden so she was advised to seek a more suitable climate. She and her daughter, Dolores, then went to Glendale, Calif., to live with Mrs. Beatrice Squier, the older daughter, a graduate nurse from the White Memorial Hospital. It was ever her wish to regain her health and again unite in service with her husband in the Antillian Union Mission, but the Lord directed otherwise.

During recent months, she was apparently gaining in strength, and especially so since a severe illness the early part of 1931 at which time Elder Ogden was with her in California. Her last letters to her husband seemed hopeful that she would soon be well and could be

of some service in God's cause. But on Monday morning, December 21, Elder Ogden, accompanied by the writer, upon arriving in Cape Haitien, Haiti, en route to Santo Domingo City, a cable was received from his children in California, informing him that their mother had passed away the night before. This was a terrible shock to our Brother, Elder de Caenel, the superintendent of the Haitian Mission and the writer did all they could to comfort the bleeding heart. Pastor Phillip Giddings of the Haitian Seminary, was a great comfort to Brother Ogden.

It can be truly said that she died in mission service, for she contracted her trouble while in service in Chile, and because of her husband being in the mission field at the time of her death. A mother in Israel has fallen at her post. During the last four years she sacrificed with her husband in service in the Antillian Union Mission although her health did not permit her to remain permanently in the field, nevertheless her sacrifices have been greater than had she been permitted to remain in the field.

She leaves to mourn, her husband, and three children, Beatrice and Dolores of Glendale, California, and Orland of Seattle, Washington; a brother, M. L. Meek of Denver, Colorado, and a Sister, Mrs. Della Shawhau of Kansas City, Missouri.

Words of comfort were spoken by Elders J. W. and Frank Westphal, Elders Fulton, and Farnsworth assisted in the funeral services. Interment was made in the cemetery near Glendale, California. Our Sister rests from all her labors.

F. I. Mohr.

COLPORTEURS' REPORT

G. A. CAMPBELL, Union Field Missionary Secretary

Colporteur	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Total orders	Del.
IOWA CONFERENCE, L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary						
Week Ending January 2, 1932						
Shelton, G. A.	BR	40	4		35.00	36.75
Yurth, Mrs. Chas	Mag.	30		27.00	27.00	27.00
Kromer, Anna	Misc.	25		20.25	20.25	6.75
Hanson, Miss Anna	BR	28		6.50	6.50	4.85
Snovel, Mrs. A.	Misc.	8		3.50	3.50	.75
Wileox, Elva	Mag.	9		2.85	2.85	2.85
Luke, Iona	Misc.	2		2.00	2.00	2.00
Totals		142	4	62.10	97.10	80.95
Week Ending January 9, 1932						
Shelton, G. A.	BR	44	9		63.00	
Hanson, Miss Anna	BR	36	6	14.45	54.95	3.45
Kromer, Anna	Misc.	25		12.25	12.25	4.75
Kaufman, A. D.	Mag.	45		10.95	10.95	10.95
Snovel, Mrs. A.	Misc.	14		5.00	5.00	
Wileox, Elva	O. O.	23	1	7.00	10.00	9.20
Totals		187	16	49.65	156.15	28.35

MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Mrs. Pettis gave a musical program at the chapel hour Monday, January 11, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Semester examinations were given on Friday, Monday and Tuesday, January 15, 18, 19. All seemed to be glad to spend Saturday evening, January 16, in studying instead of the usual entertainment.

The boys were surprised at noon Friday, January 15, to find under their dinner plates a hand decorated card inviting them to the girls' "open house" to be given at six o'clock on January 20.

The school family was made sad last Friday, January 15, to hear of the death of Mrs. George Olson, of Alexandria, the mother of Esther and Marie who are students in the school. Our sympathy is extended to all the bereaved ones.

Among the guests at the school last week-end were Dr. F. E. Cornwell of Mankato, Brother and Sister Melendy, Mrs. Judson Crouse, and Harry Melendy of St. Paul and Mrs. Shaeffer of Excelsior.

The officers of the Woden Club for the second semester were elected at the meeting held Wednesday evening, January 13. They are as follows: President, Donivan Jahn; Vice-president, Floyd Smith; Secretary, Russell Nelson; and Treasurer, Ed Jepson.

The following students were entertained at the home of Mrs. Mabel Peterson from five to seven o'clock on Sunday evening, January 17: Erma and Byron Miller, Elmer and Dorene Cornwell and Le Verne Melendy. The occasion was in honor of Doris Peterson's birthday.

It was a pleasure to have Prof. C. P. Crager, of the Educational Department of the General Conference, and Prof. H. J. Sheldon of the Union, spend from Thursday to Saturday night at the school. Professor Crager had charge of the week-end services and his talks were especially appreciated.

A surprise gathering at the home of Professor and Mrs. Johnson, honoring Miss Sadie Johnson, school matron, was enjoyed Saturday evening, January 16. After playing a number of games, refreshments were served and a serving tray was presented to Miss Johnson as a birthday remembrance. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Hein and Medora, Mr. and Mrs. Yost and Donny, Miss Wirak, Miss Tubbs and Miss Culpepper.

Professor Johnson was reelected chairman of the McLeod County chapter of the American Red Cross at the annual meeting which was held Tuesday evening, January 12, in the Union Club room in the city hall. Several of the students gave a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Pettis, while re-

freshments were being served. Many remarks of appreciation were heard concerning the numbers given and the way they were rendered.

NOTICE

The eleventh session of the Northern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Omaha, Nebraska, February 3-13, 1932. Among other important matters to come before the delegates will be the recommendation of the General Conference Fall Council of October, 1931, recommending the uniting of the territories of the Northern and Central Union Conferences.

The first meeting of the session is hereby called to convene at 11 a. m., Wednesday, February 3, in the Crystal Hall of the Rome Hotel located on the corner of 16th and Jackson Sts., Omaha, Nebraska.

Charles Thompson, President,
I. G. Ortner, Secretary.

NOTICE

The regular quadrennial meeting of the Northern Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists Incorporated will convene at 10 a. m. Friday, February 5, 1932, in the Crystal Hall of the Rome Hotel located on the corner of 16th and Jackson Sts., Omaha, Nebraska.

Among other important matters to come before the delegates will be the recommendation of the General Conference Fall Council of October, 1931, recommending the uniting of the territories of the Northern and Central Union Conferences. All accredited delegates to the Northern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in session at that time and place are members of this association.

Charles Thompson, President,
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A BOLD AND AMBITIOUS POPE

The world was stirred the day after Christmas by the issuance of another encyclical letter by Pope Pius XI inviting and urging Protestants, Greek Catholics, and all others, to rejoin Roman Catholicism and be under his sway again. The present Pope has great plans for the reunion of Christendom during his pontificate, and tremendous developments are looming on the world's horizon so far as the papacy is concerned.

To help explain these issues and all they involve the "Signs of the Times" is beginning in the paper of February 2 a series of four articles on "The Pope—Is He Peter's Successor? Is He the Rock Upon Which the Church Is Built? Does He Have the Keys of Heaven and Hell?"

Be sure to read these issues.

STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND

January 1 to December 31, 1931

Conference	Membership	Quota	Received	Short	Per Week Per Mem.
Iowa	2579	80464.80	43389.86	37074.94	.323
Minnesota	3288	102535.60	54322.85	48262.75	.317
North Dakota	2125	66300.00	19855.25	46444.75	.179
South Dakota	1461	45583.20	26023.57	19559.63	.342
Union	9453	294933.60	143591.53	151342.07	.292

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

January 1 to December 31, 1931

Conference	Membership	Received 1930	Received 1931	Per Week Per Mem.
Iowa	2579	23040.21	23761.80	.177
Minnesota	3288	32003.03	28503.30	.166
North Dakota	2125	16029.07	12343.34	.111
South Dakota	1461	16222.73	14965.62	.196
Union	9453	92295.04	79574.06	.161

STATEMENT OF HARVEST INGATHERING

January 1 to December 31, 1931

Conference	Membership	Received 1930	Received 1931	Per Capita
Iowa	2579	17410.81	12691.22	4.92
Minnesota	3288	17263.82	14218.73	4.32
North Dakota	2125	6678.72	3627.88	1.70
South Dakota	1461	11394.99	6192.50	4.23
Union	9453	52748.34	36730.33	3.88

I. G. Ortner, Treas.