



### MUCH IN LITTLE

The following action of the General Conference Committee will explain what the heading of this article means:

"Whereas, During the depression of the last two years, our people have responded even to the point of sacrifice in providing funds to maintain strongly the work in the world field, making possible the continued proclamation of the message in many tongues, resulting in a rich harvest of souls, and,

"Whereas, During recent months there has been a marked shrinkage of income to the General Conference in this hour of need when unprecedented openings for the proclamation of the message are everywhere significantly manifest, and,

"Whereas, A small added donation if given weekly, even so small an increase as five cents a week per member might carry us through the present financial crisis,

"Resolved, 1. (a) That we ask all our people everywhere to arise to the present need by giving weekly such increase of offering as they are able.

"(b) That in North America we ask every one to give through the Sabbath school an additional offering of at least five cents, a nickel a week to help to bridge the present crisis.

"(c) That we ask the Sabbath School Department to promote strongly in every Sabbath school the idea of the added offering of a nickel a week, or more for missions.

"(d) That the financial needs of the General Conference be clearly set forth at each union session, and every delegate attending these sessions be asked to endorse and strongly promote the plan of an increase of five cents, or more, for missions, through the Sabbath school.

"(e) That we seek through our union papers to call to our people to give to bridge the present crisis an increased offering of at least

five cents a week per member through the Sabbath school.

"2. Further resolved, That we earnestly request our people whom the Lord has blessed with means, to come forward at this time with large special offerings to help save our missions from retrenchment."

We believe this proposed measure of relief is practical and workable. If all our Sabbath school membership responds, it will mean a \$300,000 increase in our mission treasury, and fully reimburse the deficit of 1931. Therefore, we appeal to all our membership to make this proposed plan an actuality in your contribution. You will note it is not a change in Sabbath school goal from thirty cents per week to thirty-five cents per week, but it is an appeal for us to give each Sabbath five cents more in our offering than we have been putting in. I feel confident that a unanimous "amen" will be heard from all our Sabbath schools, and a corresponding effort upon the part of all to "add a nickel" to our regular offering.

I well remember when we rode on the street cars for a five cent fare. Now it costs a nickel more, and we pay it without a murmur or complaint. This is in principle what this plan means. The added amount for each is the "little" which in aggregate makes the "much."

I am impressed with the idea of dedicating a pocket to this fund, and when I am thirsty, instead of a glass of lemonade, I put two nickels into this dedicated pocket, and quench my thirst with water. When I want to chew some gum, just say "no" to myself, and put another nickel into the pocket. When I see a person buy a package of cigarettes, just thank God for the truth that makes me free, and contribute three nickels to the mission pocket; and thus we would find ourselves abundantly able from our present income to add

and thus add \$300,000 to the mission treasury.

Therefore, we urge all our people to accept of this appeal and plan from the General Conference, and begin now to put it into practice. I feel sure we will; hence, I say, "Thank you."

Charles Thompson.

### BOWDON, NORTH DAKOTA

I had often heard of Bowdon and was glad to spend a few days with our church there. The thing that impressed me most was their efficient and orderly working of the Home Bible Study League.

A large club of "Signs of the Times" was lying on a table near the front of the church. At a specified time six ladies of the church came forward, took their places at the table and began wrapping these papers. (The wrappers were supplied by the conference, with the conference return on them.) As soon as this was finished, six young people came forward and addressed these papers that were wrapped. The young people's secretary had charge and gathered them up ready for mailing. I was told that the home missionary secretary would take charge the next week, as they divided the time with the young people.

At one of our services Elder B. A. Scherr exhibited a long list of cards which had been returned by interested people from the various churches. I then thought of what a great work could be done in the Northern Union if every church were carrying on a similar program. The following instructions are taken from Elder B. A. Scherr's 1932 Bulletin for home missionary officers:

"Judging from our experience in this field of systematic work for outsiders we have found that the best results from missionary endeavor come from churches that use the "Signs of the Times" regularly, sending them out every week to the same addresses and then fol-



lowing up with one letter which is sent after the last paper is mailed. To help our churches in making up their orders for the coming year the conference is making the following offers. In ordering please order according to offer number.

#### **"Instructions for Home Bible Study League"**

"Home Bible Study League. We would like to have every home missionary officer start at once at the beginning of the year to get his members to send out 'Signs of the Times' or 'Present Truth' systematically through the mails or from house to house. Here is the way to proceed with the work:

##### **Through the Mails**

"A. If your society has no literature begin at once to lay plans to order a club for regular systematic distribution. (Notice special club rates on pages 5 and 6.)

"B. Order wrappers for these papers with 'Home Bible Study League' printed on same. (Price, \$1.75 a thousand.)

"C. Pick out your best writers and have them address the wrappers before wrapping the papers. (Type-write them if possible. If not use pen and ink. Do not use lead pencil.)

"D. Home missionary secretary should put mucilage on the ends of the wrappers at home and let them dry. After addresses are written have the people all take a hand and wrap papers. They can easily wrap a few papers and paste them each week.

"E. Send papers out regularly every week if possible. The societies that have been doing their work regularly with pen and ink or typewriter have had the best result.

"F. Change your names every ten weeks and send letters. We have found it is better to send to less names and change oftener. Do not send papers to one address for months. Change often and be sure to send letters.

"G. Do not write anything but name and address on wrapper. Do not paste anything on wrapper. Do not wrap any tracts in with papers. Do not write your own name on wrapper. Do not wrap in plain paper and write 'Home Bible Study League' in corner. Do not address any to parties outside of United States.

"H. Be sure to send letter and post card to every name at end of ten weeks. (Notice letter herewith attached with post card. Letters are better sealed with a two-cent stamp on, but you may send them open with a one and a half cent stamp.)

"I. Home missionary secretaries should not do all the work. It is a poor home missionary officer who

cannot get the church to work. It is the object of systematic work to get everybody to work. A man who can get ten men to work is better than a man who does ten men's work."

Every church ought to take up this plan. Many have already accepted the Sabbath truth in the Northern Union as a result of the Home Bible Study League. Write to your conference missionary secretary and ask him to come to your church and help you get started. Increase your "Signs" club for 1932.

V. G. Anderson.

#### **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.

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Those who read the article, "Kept from the Paths of the Destroyer" in the last "Review" will be impressed anew with the importance of daily study of the Sabbath school lesson. "Precious Jewels in the Orient", from Mrs. B. Miller of China, on the last page of the same paper, gives some interesting facts regarding the work in that mission field, the object of our next Thirteenth Sabbath Offering.

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### **A CALL FOR GREATER FAITHFULNESS.**

In this number of the Reaper will be found the statement of tithe and offerings for the churches in the North Dakota Conference for the year, 1931. This statement is being sent to the church officers and is published here for the benefit of our isolated people and the members of the churches who may not see it otherwise.

We are very sorry to report a still further drop in tithe and offerings for 1931. In fact the tithe received in 1931 is the lowest for at least ten years. Even in 1921 when the amount received was very small, it was more than for 1931 and it must be remembered that we have increased our membership considerably since 1921, so that our tithe should be much more now. The average tithe per member in 1930 was \$13.36, while for 1931 it is only \$10.55, an average of \$2.81 per member less than for 1930, or a decrease of 21 per cent. This is really a very serious matter, when it is remembered that it is the tithe which is the operating fund of the local conference, and without it the work cannot go forward. I am sure our people do not want the work of the Lord in North Dakota to stop nor to go backward. It is necessary, therefore, to have funds in the treasury with which to carry on the work. If we as a people want to triumph in the end we must go forward with the work of

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God, and not let ourselves fall back in trying times any more than in prosperous times.

The Lord has promised that those who are faithful in a few things will be made rulers over many things. This is the way, then, to get greater responsibilities and greater prosperity. Demonstrate to the Lord that you are faithful in that which you now have, and He has promised that He will give you added responsibility and prosperity. This gives the person with a small income the same chance before God that the one with a large income has. It is not the size of the gift, and the ability to give, but whether the person is faithful or not, that counts with God. If we are faithful with what we have, we have the sacred promise of the Creator of heaven and earth that He will open the windows of heaven and pour out such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. We all want the blessings, but sometimes are tempted to try to bring prosperity to ourselves by withholding some of the Lord's portion. This never fails to bring the opposite result. Instead of prosperity, such a course will bring adversity and poverty.

The principle question before us now is, "What are we going to do in 1932?" Are we going to continue to fall behind or are we going forward with the Lord's help? I am not unmindful in writing this that many of our people have been hard hit by the drouth, banks closing, and the general depression in the business world. It is not my idea to criticize those who are doing their best, nor to unduly press those who are faithfully giving the Lord His portion of their incomes. But I fear that there are those who do not realize their responsibility as they should, and who, for one reason or another, are holding back their tithe, while knowing in their hearts that they should not do so. To all those I appeal, will you not make a new resolve with the new year, that you will deal faithfully with the Lord?

There are some who have lost large sums of money in closed banks, and some of those have said to me that they wished they had given this money to the Lord's work rather than have it wiped out and do nobody any good. But after the bank closes it is too late to think of such things. How sad that they did not act on that impulse and send in the money while the bank was open. If there are persons in any of our churches or among the isolated members who have money lying idle in the banks, how much better it would be to place it in the conference NOW, either as an out-

right gift, or as an annuity, or at least to give the conference the use of it without interest, than to let it be wiped out by banks closing. If there are such, and they wish advice and counsel as to how to handle the matter, if they will write to me, I shall be glad to help them in any way to place their

funds where they will be safe from loss and at the same time help win souls for Christ.

Brethren, let us all be faithful, and let us work together in 1932 for the finishing of the Lord's work, so that He can come and take His faithful ones home with him.

W. I. Montanye.

### NORTH DAKOTA TITHE AND OFFERING STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931

	Memb.	Tithe Paid	Tithe Per Memb.	Mission Offerings	Per Week Per Memb.	Miscel. Off.
<b>District No. 1</b>						
Deisem	17	272.57	16.03	182.64	.20	3.32
Fargo	84	822.72	9.79	1046.03	.24	14.84
*Oakes	9	342.16	38.01	151.07	.32	27.69
Valley City	28	379.62	13.55	241.28	.17	11.57
Totals	138	1817.07	13.16	1621.02	.22	57.42
<b>District No. 2</b>						
Bowesmont	11	110.00	10.00	67.05	.11	
Grand Forks	15	486.57	32.44	446.58	.57	5.25
Walhalla	6	166.06	27.67	148.81	.48	6.55
Totals	32	762.63	23.83	662.44	.40	11.80
<b>District No. 3</b>						
Ackworth	11	154.72	14.06	102.82	.18	6.26
*Bottineau	9	233.57	25.95	161.31	.34	3.11
Devils Lake	22	465.54	21.16	251.06	.22	106.93
*Rock Lake	7	287.08	41.01	181.86	.50	
Totals	49	1140.91	23.28	697.05	.27	116.30
<b>District No. 4</b>						
Bowdon	85	713.45	8.39	695.28	.15	23.87
Bowdon Village	14	107.75	7.70	59.71	.08	5.00
Cleveland	42	183.40	4.36	283.31	.13	11.17
Cathay	5	66.25	13.25	238.02	.91	
Denhoff	47	92.51	1.97	105.86	.04	
Goodrich	53	449.82	8.30	670.57	.24	54.94
Harvey	80	617.27	7.71	980.43	.23	14.89
Hurdsfield	19	54.87	2.88	125.20	.12	
Jamestown, Eng.	18	1242.55	69.03	1066.55	1.14	30.28
Jamestown, Ger.	27	273.92	10.14	264.56	.19	7.93
Lincoln Valley	39	227.37	5.83	178.30	.09	10.12
McClusky	27	193.42	7.16	260.31	.18	31.49
Manfred	75	416.35	5.55	421.64	.11	18.69
Medina	33	267.04	8.09	294.23	.17	6.30
New Home	71	686.74	9.67	538.98	.14	19.73
*Pleasant Valley		426.01		190.24		4.41
Pettibone	31	259.39	8.37	302.64	.19	6.57
Robinson	14	147.87	10.56	123.97	.17	6.05
Sheyenne	24	55.87	2.32	136.54	.10	4.18
S. R. Academy	36	1204.31	33.45	744.92	.39	18.26
Turtle Lake	22	93.98	4.35	110.48	.09	2.00
Washburn	7	75.13	10.73	127.76	.35	
Woodworth	26	306.21	11.77	227.41	.17	35.32
Totals	769	7735.47	10.05	7956.67	.20	306.79
<b>District No. 5</b>						
Bismarck	26	454.49	17.48	446.87	.33	9.85
*Dale		76.47		81.42		4.50
Driscoll	8	93.53	11.69	53.70	.13	
Gackle	31	410.41	13.24	326.73	.20	
Hazleton	35	69.93	2.00	114.79	.06	
Kulm	99	1065.64	10.76	1067.13	.20	127.78
Lehr	45	389.85	8.66	253.56	.11	36.57
Napoleon	41	409.75	10.00	262.44	.12	15.60
Streeter	31	217.07	7.00	265.77	.16	9.75
Totals	316	3186.94	10.08	2872.41	.17	204.05
<b>District No. 6</b>						
Burt	53	372.64	7.03	299.88	.11	31.98
Dunn Center	8	300.78	37.60	247.71	.60	4.96
Golden Valley	52	298.09	5.73	153.55	.05	7.27
Hebron	18	213.29	11.85	253.76	.27	5.81
Lark	25	156.11	6.24	103.15	.08	17.35
Totals	156	1340.91	8.60	1058.05	.13	67.37



	Membr.	Paid Tithe	Tithe Per Memb.	Mission Offerings	Per Week Per Memb.	Miscel. Off.
<b>District No. 7</b>						
Beach	35	561.98	16.05	249.12	.13	3.61
Belfield	28	202.85	7.24	161.24	.11	11.85
Dickinson	6	626.85	104.47	173.72	.56	1.25
Mott	12	95.84	7.98	81.41	.13	
Taylor	17	368.51	21.67	209.90	.23	6.18
Totals	98	1856.03	18.93	875.39	.17	22.89
<b>District No. 8</b>						
*Crosby	11	140.89	12.80	282.58	.50	
*Deering		79.13		203.21		
Kenmare	21	430.49	20.50	277.32	.25	45.17
Minot	39	528.47	13.55	531.30	.26	18.58
Stanley	14	326.79	23.33	301.45	.41	10.15
Watford City	26	376.85	14.50	335.69	.25	4.55
Wheelock	21	164.58	7.83	117.56	.11	10.00
Totals	132	2047.20	15.50	2049.11	.30	88.45
<b>District No. 9</b>						
Butte	33	55.50	1.68	66.85	.04	8.05
Butte Village	33	138.19	4.18	75.66	.04	3.49
Great Stone	17	16.00	.94	66.09	.07	
Kief	22	106.10	4.82	99.19	.08	
Killdeer	33	163.84	4.96	141.27	.08	5.10
Max	41	174.76	4.26	143.98	.07	17.04
Williston	21	91.63	4.36	167.69	.15	5.55
Totals	200	746.02	3.73	760.73	.07	39.23
Conference	326	2980.31	9.14	2310.09	.13	53.56
Grand Totals	2158	22766.59	10.55	19855.25	.18	932.56

\*Indicates a company, not an organized church. The membership of all companies is included in the Conference church, except the Pleasant Valley company, which is included in the New Home church.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO CHURCH ELDERS AND OTHERS IN THE NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

A few days ago the Executive Committee met and had to give careful study to the matter of financing the work in the conference. It was brought to the attention of the committee that frequently emergency calls come in from the churches for a worker to come to conduct a funeral or wedding ceremony. Our people have been advised repeatedly not to call for a worker outside of their district because we must avoid unnecessary traveling expenses. As a conference and as workers we are glad to be of service on such occasions to such of our people who are supporters of the work, however, quite often people ask for a worker to come and serve them on such occasions but who are neither tithe payers and at times not even members. On account of the awful shortage of funds in the conference treasury the committee:

**Voted** that such who want the service of a conference worker for special occasions, such as named above but who are not tithe payers or not even members, must pay the traveling expense of the worker who is called upon to serve them on such special occasions.

The Executive Committee,  
H. J. Meyer, Chairman.

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### FIVE CENTS

Again we have the opportunity of showing that little things often accomplish great tasks. The shortage in our mission funds has become critical and the General Conference suggests that we ask our people to increase their Sabbath school offerings five cents per week. If this is done by every member it will prevent retrenchment in our mission policy. The shrinkage in mission funds for November is equivalent to that of the first ten months of the past year. Behind this call is the need of God's cause and surely we can find a way to respond. Perhaps most of us can make up for the four Sabbaths of the new year that have already passed. Let us remember that God is depending upon each one of us.  
A. H. Rulkoetter.

### SUNDAY LAW HEARING

Word has just come from Elder Longacre stating that there will be a Sunday law hearing before the Senate District Committee on Friday afternoon, January 22. On December 9, Senator Copeland of New

York introduced bill S 1202 which is a Sunday closing barber bill for the District of Columbia. The bill is similar to the one which was favorably reported by both the Senate and the House District Committees during the last session of Congress. We understand that the American Federation of labor is using its influence to railroad this bill through. A crisis exists and requires action. There is a strong probability that this bill will be passed. We trust that our church elders will push the matter of obtaining signatures to the petitions that are being sent them and that our people will join in doing everything possible to prevent this proposed legislation.

A. H. Rulkoetter.

### GRANITE FALLS

It was a privilege to meet with the Granite Falls Sabbath school on January 16 in company with Elder and Mrs. N. R. Nelson. Fourteen of the thirty-one earnest people present have identified themselves by baptism with the closing message as a result of last summer's effort, and another baptism is expected soon. Sister William Smestad, who for ten years had a Home Division school, is the capable superintendent, and is being given efficient help by the others. She reports an increasing interest in daily lesson study and the other Sabbath school plans, and offerings to December 31, amounting to about \$100 for missions, including the Annual Offering. The continued efforts of Brother Ingvald Johnson are appreciated, and the other workers who return often to conduct services are warmly welcomed. As this company of faithful believers let their light shine, and others are added to their number, I believe there will develop a Sabbath school which will do much to strengthen the work in our conference and in the world field. May the Lord richly bless every one there.

Mary D. Hopkins.

### MINNESOTA ITEMS

In our Minnesota churches the offering for the Needy Poor Fund will be given next Sabbath, January 30, as customary on the fifth Sabbath in the month. One fourth of the offering, or more if not needed locally, should be sent in for the Conference Needy Poor Fund.

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We were sorry indeed to receive the sad news early last week regarding the death of Mrs. George Olson of the Alexandria church, which occurred on Thursday, January 14. Then later in the week word was received that Frank Eklund of the Artichoke church had



passed away. We are quite certain that Elder Sauer conducted the funeral service of Sister Olson, and Elder N. R. Nelson was requested for that of Brother Eklund which was to be conducted on Sunday of this week. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the sorrowing relatives of both families.

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In order to help our people the "Review and Herald" have adopted the partial payment plan. The fourteen month offer at the twelve month rate is available under the above plan during January. A person may subscribe for the "Review" by sending one dollar with the subscription to the Book and Bible House and then send another remittance of a dollar at the end of February and the last remittance at the end of March. This perhaps brings the paper within reach of many, and we trust that there will be quite a general response to this liberal offer. Please remember the fourteen months offer ends January 31.

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### MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Elder Gulbrandson stressed the fulfillment of prophecy and the significance of present world conditions in a sermon at the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath, January 23.

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Phyllis Peabody, Ruth Moyer and Madge Brown were chosen, Thursday night, January 21, as a committee to nominate officers for the young women's club for the second semester.

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The Querist Club elected the following officers for the second semester at their meeting last Saturday evening: President, Thomas E. Eken; vice-president, Mrs. Frank H. Yost; secretary-treasurer, Russell Nelson.

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The Missionary Volunteer Society devoted its first meeting of the semester to a review of the young people's work from the beginning until the present time. Those appearing on the program were Alma Lorentzen, Floyd Smith, Lyol Netteburg and Myrtle and Harry Sather. Albert Peterson and Claire Grimstad had charge.

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A Reading Course and Bible Year chart has been prepared which shows the progress each one is making in this field of work. Salisbury Zytoskee, educational secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Society, says that there is an unusual interest being shown in this work this year. He can hardly supply the demands for books.

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On Wednesday evening, January 20, at six o'clock the students and teachers assembled in the dining

hall for the annual West Hall reception. Near the door was a miniature flower garden where each young man as he entered might choose a flower and in that way select his partner for dinner. Following the three course dinner which all enjoyed, groups were called by Miss Margaret Hanson

and the guests had the privilege of being shown the rooms of West Hall. One of the guests was heard to remark that the rooms seem prettier each year. After all had again returned to the dining hall a program consisting of readings, vocal solos, instrumental numbers, and a dialogue was given.

### MINNESOTA STATEMENT OF TITHE AND MISSION FUNDS

January to December 1931

Church	Memb.	Tithe Rec.	Weekly Per Memb.	Missions Rec.	Missions Goal	Weekly Per Memb.
<b>District No. 1</b>						
Middle River	26	\$ 207.29	.15	\$ 150.91	\$ 811.20	.11
Roseau	19	351.30	.35	345.29	592.80	.35
Williams	32	265.04	.16	298.38	998.40	.18
	77	823.63	.20	794.58	2402.40	.19
<b>District No. 2</b>						
Alexandria	30	550.49	.35	543.51	936.00	.34
Barnesville	9	111.57	.23	139.32	280.80	.29
Fergus Falls	19	313.90	.31	380.02	592.80	.38
Glenwood Co.	8	168.13	.40	118.70	249.60	.28
Hancock	10	140.95	.27	96.95	312.00	.18
Richville	14	260.22	.35	182.53	436.80	.25
Sauk Center	29	397.13	.26	347.05	904.80	.23
	119	1942.39	.31	1808.08	3712.80	.29
<b>District No. 2A</b>						
Eagle Bend	18	217.32	.25	154.21	561.60	.16
Hewitt	24	911.44	.72	300.31	748.80	.24
	42	1128.76	.51	454.52	1310.40	.20
<b>District No. 3</b>						
Brainerd	40	634.56	.30	609.87	1248.00	.29
Daggett						
Brook Co.	16	49.21	.06	47.47	499.20	.05
Detroit Lakes	45	403.64	.17	585.13	1404.00	.24
Hackensack Co.	6	95.27	.30	146.00	187.20	.46
Lake Eunice	32	823.40	.49	377.40	998.40	.22
New York Mills	15	47.08	.06	101.62	468.00	.13
Pillager	16	170.48	.20	129.32	499.20	.15
Senjen	4	33.50	.15	25.25	124.80	.12
Staples	38	590.72	.29	338.79	1185.60	.17
Wadena	28	176.50	.12	210.71	873.60	.14
Wing River	18	215.46	.22	95.92	561.60	.10
	258	3239.82	.24	2667.48	8049.60	.19
<b>District No. 4</b>						
Bemidji	42	476.71	.21	511.50	1310.40	.23
Blackberry	26	840.20	.62	573.12	811.20	.42
Hibbing	19	478.78	.48	513.90	592.80	.52
Remer	32	296.72	.17	130.08	998.40	.07
Virginia	33	470.78	.27	527.11	1029.60	.31
	142	2563.19	.34	2255.71	4430.40	.30
<b>District No. 5</b>						
Bruno	10	147.73	.28	118.65	312.00	.22
Duluth First	110	2435.88	.42	1450.13	3432.00	.25
Mahtowa	6	37.70	.12	63.39	187.20	.20
Moose Lake	14	284.14	.39	308.70	436.80	.42
Duluth Scand.	32	749.73	.45	656.13	998.40	.39
Mineral Center	24	185.34	.14	129.23	748.80	.10
Wright	9	108.00	.23	112.57	280.80	.24
	205	3948.52	.37	2838.80	6396.00	.27
<b>District No. 6</b>						
Grandy	12	165.00	.26	152.08	374.40	.24
Isanti	7	54.00	.15	80.50	218.40	.22
Mpls. Swedish	63	1546.05	.47	1076.42	1965.60	.32
Rock Creek	17	55.35	.06	144.08	530.40	.16
	99	1820.40	.35	1453.08	3088.80	.28
<b>District No. 6A</b>						
Mora Co.	8	168.57	.40	192.75	249.60	.45
<b>District No. 6B</b>						
Sunnybrook Co.	12	69.43	.11	55.08	374.40	.08
<b>District No. 7</b>						
St. Paul English	318	8962.00	.54	6258.34	9921.60	.37
<b>District No. 7A</b>						
Stillwater	37	524.01	.27	571.80	1154.40	.29



Church	Memb.	Tithe Rec.	Weekly Per Memb.	Missions Rec.	Missions Goal	Weekly Per Memb.
<b>District No. 8</b>						
Mpls. Eng.	417	13276.60	.61	6978.30	13010.40	.32
<b>District No. 8A</b>						
Mpls. Nor-Dan.	138	3395.51	.47	2457.89	4305.60	.34
St. Paul Scand.	31	598.03	.37	401.58	967.20	.24
	169	3993.54	.45	2859.47	5272.80	.32
<b>District No. 8B</b>						
Anoka	37	888.05	.46	806.09	1154.40	.41
Princeton Co.	9	11.63	.02	47.08	230.80	.10
	46	899.68	.37	853.17	1435.20	.35
<b>District No. 9</b>						
Hutchinson	179	4420.35	.47	2842.75	5584.80	.30
*St. Cloud	13	480.70	.70	759.09	405.60	1.11
	192	4901.05	.49	3601.84	5990.40	.36
<b>*District No. 10</b>						
Artichoke	30	180.70	.11	851.01	936.00	.54
Gilchrist	24	542.55	.43	552.82	748.80	.44
*Litchfield	16	555.43	.66	1325.71	499.20	1.59
Montevideo Co.	5	12.31	.04	115.38	156.00	.44
*Wilmar	21	540.14	.49	783.89	655.20	.71
	96	1831.13	.36	3628.81	2995.20	.72
<b>District No. 11</b>						
Faribault	34	838.28	.47	903.89	1060.80	.51
North Branch	15	258.34	.33	266.92	468.00	.34
Owatonna	23	271.63	.22	549.05	717.60	.45
	72	1368.25	.36	1719.86	2246.40	.45
<b>District No. 11A</b>						
Good Thunder	30	302.17	.19	292.11	936.00	.18
Mankato	114	2939.19	.59	2072.41	3556.80	.35
Wells	20	384.09	.36	245.16	624.00	.23
	164	3625.45	.42	2609.68	5116.80	.30
<b>District No. 12</b>						
Fairmont Co.	6	25.00	.08	66.12	187.20	.21
Morgan	23	106.99	.08	586.31	717.60	.48
Pipestone	9	79.50	.17	155.89	280.80	.33
Sherburn	17	327.30	.37	284.70	530.40	.32
	55	538.79	.18	1093.02	1716.00	.38
<b>District No. 13</b>						
Austin	70	1464.15	.40	1844.75	2184.00	.50
*Bath	9	119.86	.25	1121.88	280.80	2.58
Dodge Center	54	669.80	.23	519.78	1684.80	.18
*Houston	10	724.72	1.39	394.99	312.00	.75
*Pine Island Co.	3	274.71	1.76	124.63	93.60	.79
Stewartville	8	141.20	.33	169.55	249.60	.40
*Winona	33	1017.96	.59	1041.01	1029.60	.60
	178	4412.40	.47	5216.59	5553.60	.56
Camp Meeting Conference	486	7807.30	.30	297.48 6114.41	15163.20	.24
	3288	67842.91	.396	54322.85	102585.60	.317

In spite of the general decrease during 1931 in both tithe and mission offerings, there were nineteen churches and companies which showed an increase over 1930; that is, there were nineteen which had an increased tithe for 1931 and also nineteen which contributed a larger amount of mission offerings than in 1930. In ten of these churches there was an increase in both tithe and offerings. This is an encouraging feature of the report and the increase effected by those churches was especially appreciated. Six churches and one company reached or passed the average goal of sixty-cents-a-week per member. They are indicated by the stars in the foregoing report, and the spe-

cial efforts put forth on their part to make that measure of success possible are also particularly appreciated.

Inasmuch as the comparison of the total receipts with those for 1930 was given in the Reaper last week it will hardly be necessary to repeat that information here. The total figures for the year reported above should agree with the church treasurers' records except in those cases where the remittance was late at either the beginning or the close of the year. I trust this report will be helpful and will encourage all to do their best for the Master and the salvation of others during 1932. It is possible also to give here the number of baptisms reported

for 1931 which was 185. This compares favorably with other recent years, as the report for 1930 was 168, that for 1929 was 147, and 136 for 1928. The Lord has manifestly blessed the efforts of both the ministry and laity as is indicated by the steady growth in the number of baptisms even though the number of laborers has decreased somewhat. I sincerely hope and pray that the report for 1932 will show still another good increase in the number of baptisms. Shall we not all work and pray earnestly to that end?

A. R. Smouse.

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This will be your last opportunity to take advantage of the special "Review" offer. If you send in your subscription at once you will receive the "Review" for fourteen months for the price of a twelve month's subscription. This splendid offer applies also to the "Big Four", "Review," "Life and Health," "Liberty" and "Present Truth".

Don't forget—this offer is good only until Jan. 31, 1932. The prices remain the same, "Review", 2.50, Big Four, \$3. Send your orders to the Book and Bible House.

J. C. Christenson.

### OUR GREATEST AIM

"For what is our hope or joy or crown of rejoicing? Are not all these in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our joy and rejoicing."

These words of Paul to the Thessalonians reveal the goal of his faithful service for Christ. Is not the salvation of souls the greatest aim to which a Christian may lend his energy, means and talent? To see, at last, the actual results of sacrifice and labor will indeed be the greatest joy to one who has known what it means to be a co-laborer with Christ. "Just as soon as a person is really converted to the truth, there springs up in his heart an earnest desire to tell some friend or neighbor of the precious light shining forth from the sacred pages. In his unselfish labor to save others, he is a living epistle, known and read of all men. His life shows that he has been converted to Christ and has become a co-laborer with him." Vol. 5, p. 386.

"He who becomes a child of God, should henceforth look upon him-



self as a link in the chain let down to save the world, one with Christ in His plan of mercy, going forth with Him to seek and save the lost." "Desire of Ages," p. 105. The spirit of God is given for service. The church was organized for missionary activity, and if it affords no plan which will give opportunity for the members to engage in soul-winning service, it has fallen short of its purpose. But there are several effective plans for the spreading of the message that are dependent upon the laity for support. Foremost among these is the "Signs" method, and it presents one of the most economical methods of personal evangelism.

The "Signs" does win souls, and this was demonstrated again this last year in Iowa. Every church should try this method. Many of our churches are now using the "Signs" and we hope they will renew their club of papers this year. Every church should have at least a club of five "Signs." If a club of fifteen or more is ordered, the rate of \$1 a year applies, or about two cents a copy per week. Thus you see that by ordering a club of at least fifteen, the price of a copy is reduced to the price of a tract. Surely you want to have a part in the "Signs" campaign this year, when you stop to consider the negligible investment in comparison with the effectiveness of this medium in winning souls. Because of a general shortage of funds, evangelistic efforts may be hindered for a time, but this should only increase the work and opportunities of the lay members with the "Signs." Do your part.

J. C. Christenson.

#### BAPTISM AT HAWARDEN

This title may be a little misleading, and, therefore, a word of explanation is in order. Since the writer assisted by Brother M. N. Skadsheim came to Hawarden a baptismal class has been developed as a result of the series of meetings conducted in the tent and city auditorium. This class, consisting entirely of new believers is now ready for baptism. Thorough study of the Bible and ample time has been given these new believers to prove their worth for citizenship in the heavenly country.

It has been hoped that the baptismal services could be held in Hawarden, but the enemy of souls working with all his might has made this impossible. A request to the Baptist people in Hawarden for the use of their baptistry was denied. Two meetings of the board of trustees were held before our request was refused. At these meetings the pastor resigned as did also the president of the board of

trustees. Now the Baptist church will be without a pastor as the members are divided and cannot support another minister. In these experiences we have learned that more than half the Baptist people are very favorable toward the truth and many of them are keeping the Sabbath and have requested rebaptism. We were told by the president of the board of trustees that only one man was opposed to our request for the use of the baptistry and that the other members of the board would not oppose him since he was the financial backbone of the church.

However, we believe all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. The Baptist people in Sioux City have granted us the use of their Central Baptist church for our baptismal services and on January 30 at 2:30 the Hawarden people will be granted the privilege to follow their Lord in baptism. Thus, in spite of the efforts of the enemy, the cause of God goes forward.

The new church at Hawarden has been completed, and following the baptism, church organization will be effected. A church of about thirty members will be organized with a good prospect of about fifteen or twenty more added later.

An invitation is extended to all within driving distance to attend the baptismal services in Sioux City. Services will be held as usual in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Sioux City beginning at 9:45 with the Sabbath school. In the afternoon the baptismal services will be held in the Central Baptist church located on tenth and Virginia. The time is 2:30 o'clock.

J. R. Nelson.

#### TO CHURCH ELDERS

This is to call your attention to the offering that is to be taken in all our churches on January 30. This offering will be for the benefit of our church schools throughout the state.

I am sure that all our churches appreciate the difficulties that have arisen and the burdens that now rest upon our churches in carrying on the church school work. For this reason, we hope that our church elders will place this question before our people in a strong way and that they may have a real offering to give on the date mentioned.

We are very anxious to continue the present appropriations to our school and it is possible to do so only as we receive the needed help from the field.

We sincerely trust that our isolated people will also send in their offerings on this date and that a

liberal amount may be brought in to the treasury on January 30.

J. C. Nixon.

#### IOWA ITEMS

Elder Nixon spent Sabbath, January 16, with the church at Ft. Dodge.

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Elder McVagh conducted the quarterly service with the church at Dubuque on Sabbath, January 16.

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Elder and Mrs. J. C. Christenson were at Lake City to attend the institute meetings held on Friday, Sabbath and Sunday, January 15-17.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Anderson and Lyle drove over to Marshalltown with Mrs. Dorcas on Sabbath, January 16, and enjoyed the services there.

#### IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

Clyde A. Quinlish of Perry, C. E. Jacobson of Story City, Mrs. L. S. Nelson of Worthington, Minn., and Mrs. Phillip Allen of Nevada have registered as medical patients.

Miss D. Grace Norton of Boone and Mr. Everett Pearson of Nevada had their tonsils removed during the past week.

C. O. Kelley of Altoona was with us for about a week and was sufficiently relieved to return home and look after his affairs and then he plans to return. Mr. Kelley had been suffering for about six weeks and unable to look after his own work before coming to the sanitarium.

Mrs. Elizabeth Akins of Ames has been in the sanitarium for the past ten days for further treatment.

Keith Cooper, who is a sophomore student at Iowa State, has decided to drop out this quarter and take some treatments here for the relief of sciatic rheumatism from which he has been troubled for two years.

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#### TITHE AND OFFERING STATEMENT

In this issue of the Reaper a statement of our tithe and mission offerings appears. We kindly invite you to look it over and compare the amount that was given by your church with that of other churches.



In the first column, the membership is reported by your clerk on Dec. 31, 1930. In the second column the total amount of the tithe received from your church is recorded. In the third column the average tithe per member is given. In the fourth column is listed the total amount of mission offerings given, and in the fifth the average weekly offering per member is listed.

Comparing this statement with the one of a year ago, we notice that our tithe is \$7460.84 and the mission offerings \$7173.09 less. We all recognize that the past year has been a strenuous one. Drought, grasshoppers and other unfavorable conditions have had their effect on our tithe and offerings.

We have greatly appreciated the faithfulness of our people in supporting the cause in spite of these adverse conditions. We feel that if all were faithful in paying their tithe and offerings enough money would come into the treasury to take care of the work.

The past year's record cannot be changed. The figures are not only recorded on our books but we believe they are also recorded on the books of heaven. I, therefore, hope that wherein we have come short it will be made up during the year before us.

At this time we wish to thank our people for their loyal support

during the past year and we pray the Lord may bless you and your business, also your fields, flocks, and herds in the new year. May we all do our best and with the blessing of the Lord a great work can be accomplished. J. H. Nies.

#### ENJOYS "SIGNS OF THE TIMES"

"Home Bible Study League  
Watertown, S. Dak.

"Dear Mr. Niermeyer:

"I have enjoyed reading the 'Signs of the Times' very much. I always endeavor to read every word of it. I enjoy reading good Christian papers along with my Bible. Thanking you very kindly for sending me this paper, I am

"Yours Respectfully,  
(Signed) Mrs. E. M. Albee"

This is just one of the many dozens of interested readers in the state of South Dakota, who have been receiving the "Signs of the Times" during the past year either from some one in our churches personally handing it to them, or through individuals sending subscriptions to them.

Let us remember the "Signs" campaign again this year and make plans to do an extensive missionary work with this most excellent paper. In clubs equal to the church membership sent to one address, when the club is fifteen or more, it will cost only \$1 per paper, and

the conference will pay half of this. Can we afford to let this fine opportunity slip by for doing aggressive missionary work and to present the truth to our friends and neighbors in this fine way? Remember the date, February 7 to 20.

L. E. Niermeyer.

#### PLAINVIEW ITEMS

Brother G. A. Campbell and L. L. McKinley spent the week-end, January 22-24, here in the interests of the colporteur work.

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Prof. Walther Pfitzner of the Aberdeen Normal gave a piano recital at the school Saturday evening January 16. His program shows him to be a musician of unusual talent.

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The domestic science class has been serving different kinds of breakfasts to each other during the past week. Each morning they invited a guest to enjoy the breakfast with them.

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Miss Esther Miller of Chamberlain was Miss Velhagen's guest over the week-end January 22-24. She was on her way to Union College where she will enroll for the second semester.

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Three new students have registered for the second semester: Opal Loppe of Flandreau; C. A. Long of Denver, Colo.; and Mable Poore of Redfield. We know of one more student who is coming. This will bring our enrollment up to ninety-seven.

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Prof. C. P. Crager of the General Conference Educational Department and Prof. H. J. Sheldon of our Union were visitors at the academy Thursday in the interests of the school inspection. This visit was greatly appreciated and Professor Crager's talks were inspirational and very helpful.

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The Sunshine News campaign closed Wednesday and the results of the campaign were reported in chapel by James Webber, the president of the staff. Nathan Eder won first prize and Mary Anderst second. The sophomores and seniors won the contest by having the most subscriptions per capita. The total number brought in by that side was 142.

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#### ADVERTISEMENT

Wanted at once — Seventh-day Adventist young man to do chores. One who is willing to milk cows. Charley Carlson, R. F. D. 1, Cooperstown, N. Dak.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA STATEMENT OF TITHE AND OFFERINGS

December 31, 1931

Church	Membership	Tithe	Tithe Per Mem. For Yr.	Mission Funds	Per Wk. Per Mem.
Aberdeen	54	969.42	17.95	1290.75	.45
Alexandria	11	242.24	22.02	114.11	.199
Ash Grove	12	201.00	16.75	123.02	.197
Bowdle	108	1765.91	16.35	1585.36	.282
Brookfield	7	126.35	18.05	225.93	.62
Bison	28	232.13	8.29	383.47	.263
Camp Crook	16	258.71	16.16	196.43	.236
Chamberlain	57	2499.47	43.85	1342.57	.452
Colman	25	159.91	6.39	688.02	.529
Conference	413	6282.37	15.21	4603.41	.214
Elk Point	13	423.05	32.54	275.99	.408
Florence	13	256.27	19.71	203.39	.30
Hot Springs	30	628.67	20.95	743.08	.476
Huron	21	242.53	11.54	576.02	.527
Java	43	133.23	3.09	410.19	.183
Leola	72	302.59	4.20	767.58	.205
Madison	29	764.40	26.35	841.05	.557
McLaughlin	43	270.63	6.29	129.50	.057
Mitchell	28	329.30	11.76	815.20	.559
Mobridge	28	391.21	13.97	387.35	.266
Olivet	15	45.59	3.03	154.75	.198
Penville	18	75.19	4.17	183.63	.196
Redfield	63	2037.62	32.34	2063.22	.629
Rapid City	18	592.38	32.91	407.88	.435
Sioux Falls	84	2370.78	28.22	2924.65	.669
Swan Lake	68	604.62	8.89	1391.68	.393
Spearfish	36	630.31	17.50	350.39	.187
Tolstoy	64	1474.78	23.04	1130.90	.34
Tuthill	16	203.08	12.69	234.71	.282
Watertown	24	1387.08	57.79	1203.93	.962
Yankton	11	314.65	28.60	272.41	.476
<b>1468</b>		<b>26215.47</b>	<b>17.85</b>	<b>26023.57</b>	<b>.34</b>