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## REPORT OF THE NORTHERN UNION PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT FOR THE QUADRENNIAL PERIOD 1928-1931

From Minnesota's famed ten thousand lakes,  
To fair Iowa, where the tall corn grows;  
And o'er Dakota's prairies vast expanse,  
With the third angel's message we must advance.

From the Dakota's Bad Lands fantastic,  
And far down to Keokuk's mighty dam;  
Dwells the Northern Union's population,  
Of over six millions, cream of the nation.

From Arrowshead to Black Hills picturesque,  
Nestle twelve hundred fifty thousand homes;  
How can the message to all these go?  
The answer, our faithful colporteurs know.

Within the boundaries of the old Northern Union there are approximately one and one-quarter million homes housing a population of 6,407,986 people. Here is a territory of 283,495 square miles divided into 309 political units called counties and of these nearly 50 per cent, or 148, are without a single church organization to hold up the light of truth within its borders. At the present rate of progress in proclaiming the message to this number of people by word of mouth through our ministry alone, would require approximately 500 years. It is estimated, and liberally, that our ministry reached orally 12,500 not of our faith last year in the Northern Union. This is only one-half the annual increase in population alone. A moment's reflection on the work to be accomplished and the rate we are going would cause us to conclude that the task

is impossible of accomplishment. But God in His wisdom has given us various agencies organized to cooperate with the ministry in accomplishing this seemingly impossible task.

One of these agencies, and an important one, is that of the publishing department, whose duties are to disseminate truth-filled literature, and products of the printing press. For we are told by the servant of the Lord, "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory." Volume VII, page 140.

"The importance of the work of the ministry is unmistakable; but many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's deputed preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. Thus the message will go where the living preacher cannot go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of this world's history." Volume VI, page 313.

Some time ago one of our French workers came upon a group of French Catholics who were discussing the activities of a certain anti-Catholic organization. Our brother finally inquired of a priest, who was the center of interest in the group, what particular people he regarded as making the greatest inroads on the Catholic faith. After a few moments' reflection, the priest said, "The Seventh-day Adventists are doing us the most harm. There is no danger that many of our people will ever attend the public meetings of Protestants, but these Seventh-day Adventists hunt us up in every home; and worst of all, each one of them always has a book for you."

"I do not want anything to do with you or your book," said a minister to one of our colporteurs re-

cently. "I had charge of several churches in the country and one of those advents sold 'Great Controversy' all over that part of the country, and some of my very best members read it and accepted that faith; and I don't want anything to do with people that will break up churches like that." What better evidence do we need of the effectiveness of our literature work than this testimony of our opponents themselves?

The following is a comparative summary of colporteur reports for the last two quadrennial periods:

Average Hours		Value	
1924-1927	Colp. Worked	1928-1931	Colp. Worked
Iowa	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	27900	\$37877.15
Minnesota	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	35081	58035.35
N. Dak.	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	20955	37691.55
S. Dak.	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	17943	34580.50
Union	101 $\frac{3}{4}$	101879	168184.55
Average Hours		Value	
1928-1931	Colp. Worked	1924-1927	Colp. Worked
Iowa	33	30966	\$32853.80
Minnesota	54 $\frac{1}{2}$	53488	81675.00
N. Dak.	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	14617	25174.35
S. Dak.	25 $\frac{1}{4}$	25837	37881.85
Union	136 $\frac{1}{4}$	124908	177585.00

This shows an increase of 34 $\frac{1}{2}$  average yearly reporting colporteurs, and an increase in hours worked of 23,029 with a gain of \$9400.50 over the preceding quadrennial period. While we have not accomplished so much as we should have, yet when comparing average yearly local conference sales for the last quadrennial period with two unions joining the boundary lines of the Northern Union, it is discovered that the Northern Union stands \$39,819.77 against \$36,635.65 for the tri-union local conference average.

This is the cold financial side of the report, but it represents the circulation of much soul-saving literature and the visiting of over 500,000 people by our faithful, self-sacrificing colporteurs. Today as never before our literature is accomplishing results in souls saved.

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One colporteur reports five brought into the church with several others interested. Many of our part-time colporteurs in the Twin Cities report from one to several each brought into the truth through the interest awakened by them, and followed up by the Bible worker. Another colporteur reports nineteen interested ones in his county; another, six; and so on. Brother Knecht, our field secretary of Iowa, reports ten people brought into the church in Iowa during the last ten months of 1931 directly as a result of colporteur work.

In North Dakota an interest was found by one of our student colporteurs from Sheyenne River Academy from books sold in that section a few years before. With the assistance of the field secretary, studies were held resulting in the organization of a Sabbath school of thirty-four members. Later a minister was sent there, who organized a church that was admitted into the sisterhood of churches at the conference session last year.

Many letters of inquiry are coming in from seekers after truth as a result of books previously purchased from our colporteurs.

This report is made possible, first, through the efforts of our colporteurs who have braved the summer's heat and winter's chill in their devotion to service in the cause of God; and, second, our field secretaries and their assistants who have toiled side by side with their colporteurs in the field; and, third, the cooperation of our conference officials and workers and laymembers who have encouraged this branch of service in the vineyard of the Lord. Geo. A. Campbell.

#### REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SECRETARY

"Loving the Lord Jesus I promise to take an active part in the work of the young people's Missionary Volunteer Society, doing what I can to help others and to finish the work of the gospel in all the world."

Thus in the Missionary Volunteer Pledge is embodied the motto and the aim of the youth throughout the world who are uniting their enthusiasm and consecration in carrying forward the great objectives of the church.

There is no higher aim and no nobler purpose than that to which over 2400 young people of the Northern Union Conference have pledged their loyalty and support. These 2400 young people are connected with 141 societies, senior and junior, in the four conferences of the old Northern Union.

The 2400 who have taken year by year the senior or junior pledge are less than half the children and youth between the ages of six and twenty-five years, who are connected in some way with our Sabbath schools, churches, or the homes of our people. Thus we have a field of about 6,000 which should be a most fruitful field for church membership. This group presents a real challenge not only to the Missionary Volunteer secretaries but to every pastor, church officer, and church member. Let these youth be saved from sin and guided in service for the Master, which is the two-fold purpose of the Missionary Volunteer work.

We are glad to report that during the four year period 1259 young people have been baptized and added to the church. This is the largest number ever reported in our field. This means that a fraction over 60 per cent of all baptisms were of young people, the percentage running as high as 85 per cent some years in certain conferences, and not in recent years going below 50 per cent in any conference.

From 800 to 1000 have reported missionary activities, and by this number the following work has been done.

Bible Readings or Gospel Meetings,	4,658
Persons Taken to Services,	29,753
Hours Christian Help Work (3 yrs.)	61,958
Persons Given Help (1 yr.)	6,393
Treatments Given,	5,538
Articles of Clothing,	18,980
Books, Tracts, Etc.,	404,940
Letters Written,	12,597

Through the society offerings, Harvest Ingathering, and Big Week, the young people have given for foreign missions \$44,929.33.

Of the devotional and educational features the records show 1387 Bible Year Certificates issued; 303 Standard of Attainment Certificates; and 11,410 Reading Course Certificates.

During the period just closed Missionary Volunteer officers' institutes were held in each conference with a state wide representation of the Missionary Volunteer officers and leaders. These meetings were very helpful to the work. Two of the conferences have adopted as a policy the holding of such meetings annually. We hope that such meetings may be possible in 1932, with perhaps a larger representation of the young people than in a strictly officers' meeting.

The Junior Missionary Volunteer age is one of peculiar dangers and problems for our youth. Special plans are needed to properly direct the activities and character devel-

opment of these children. In answer to this need, the special plans for the juniors have been worked out and are being put in operation to some extent over the whole division.

It is not always easy to convince our people that these plans are important, especially in the rural districts where the boys and girls live much out of doors and have many avenues of useful as well as enjoyable activity. The need is, of course, greater in the cities, but the junior program is suited to both the physical and religious development and has in its progressive features a wonderful educational and character training power. It is to be hoped that these plans will be more fully recognized and carried out even in these rural and agricultural states. Only one junior camp has been conducted in the Northern Union, with participation by another conference in a camp in an adjoining union. These secretaries are enthusiastic for the junior camp idea, and I believe that much more will be done along this line in the years just before us.

The more recent councils of the Missionary Volunteer workers have placed greater emphasis upon the great objective of Missionary Volunteer work, the saving of souls. A youth for youth movement is being developed and fostered in harmony with the following statement:

"Satan is a vigilant foe, intent upon his purpose of leading the youth to a course of action entirely contrary to that which God would approve. He well knows that there is no other class that can do so much good as young men and women who are consecrated to God. The youth, if right, could sway a mighty influence. Preachers, or laymen advanced in years, cannot

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have one-half the influence upon the young that the youth, devoted to God, can have upon their associates. They ought to feel that a responsibility rests upon them to do all they can to save their fellow mortals, even at a sacrifice of their pleasure and natural desires." Volume I, page 511.

We ask in behalf of the loyal, faithful conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries and the local society officers a continuance of the intelligent, sympathetic, and active cooperation of every conference and church worker and of every older church member in yet greater efforts for the conversion of this army of youth and their enlistment in this mighty movement, for the giving of the advent message to all the world in this generation.

H. J. Sheldon.

#### REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY

Christian education was a part of the "faith" as understood by the loyal advent believers of earlier years in the territory of the Northern Union Conference. Three years before the founding of Union College a school was established in the basement of the Minneapolis church at 4th Avenue and Lake street, for the training of the young people of Minnesota and her neighbors who might choose to avail themselves of the opportunity. This was in the year memorable in our annals, 1888, and Prof. C. C. Lewis was principal of the school. This school continued until the establishment of Union College. In the late nineties Minnesota opened a school at Anoka, Minnesota, in an old hotel building and this was operated each year until in 1904 Maplewood began its work. During these early years of the first decade of this century, academies were also opened in each of the other conferences of the Northern Union. Three of these schools have since changed their locations, but all have continued with greatly improved conditions of buildings and equipment. The graduates from these schools are now to be found in every part of the homeland and in the mission fields to the ends of the earth. All four of these schools are members of the Seventh-day Adventist Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Three of them are fully accredited state high schools, and the other is so recognized for all practical purposes. We believe that today there are no academies among us better housed, better equipped, or better manned than these academies.

During the years, 1928-31, these academies have graduated 322 students, 143 of whom are now in de-

nominal work or continuing their training in other schools. These schools were never more worthy of the patronage of our people than now, and never was there a greater need for such a training as they are prepared to give. Truly they are havens of refuge to the youth.

The enrollment at this time is 381, which is only 38 lower than last year in spite of the greater financial perplexities in general.

We are living in a day of exceptional opportunities as to equipment and accessibility of the public schools. The children even in more remote rural sections have access to the modern graded or consolidated schools, and the school bus is a regular part of the system. Then, too, recent years have shown a large increase in the number of Adventist young people, the graduates from our schools and colleges, who are turning to the teaching of state schools as a legitimate means of self-support. One of our larger rural churches in the Northern Union sends its children to five township schools, every one of which a year ago was taught by an Adventist. This is true to some extent in many other churches. Yet there has been no time when these words were more important than now:

"The church has a special work to do in educating and training its children that they may not in attending school . . . be influenced by those of corrupt habits." Volume VI, page 193.

To parents He sends the warning cry, "Gather your children into your own houses, gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil." Id., page 195.

The teaching of evolution and its legitimate offspring, atheism, together with an intense worldliness, or indifference to religion, are permeating the educational methods everywhere. As an example a series of books teaching the origin of the human family from the animal is recommended for use in all the public schools of the union and is fully outlined in the state courses of study of some states. The enemy of souls is seeking to poison at its source the training of the present day. Our people are not fully aware of the danger. A concerted effort on the part of all our ministers and workers is a great need at this time that this heritage of the church may be saved to it and to eternal life.

With our new or increased emphasis upon evangelism which is the real and only objective of the church, let us hope and pray that

this instruction may be remembered:

"Workers in new territory should not feel free to leave their field of labor till the needed facilities have been provided for the churches under their care. Not only should a humble house of worship be erected, but all necessary arrangements should be made for the permanent establishment of the church school." Volume VI, page 108.

In our church and home schools the superintendents report two more teachers employed than last year, with a total enrollment up to this date of only thirty-nine below that of last year. While there should be a number more church schools in some parts of the field, in others every church which is able to maintain a school is doing so and we are encouraged by the fact that in this time of special difficulty the losses in attendance are so limited.

The college enrollment has suffered the greatest reverses. This is quite natural since the financial outlay required for a year at college is so much greater than in the academies, and many of the college students are dependent upon their own resources for this advanced training. According to available information—namely, reports from the registrars of the denominational colleges drawing students from the Northern Union—the first semester enrollment shows a loss of 65 from the total enrollment of Northern Union college students last year. This loss will be partially if not wholly made up by second semester enrollments.

In one of our conferences a large group of our young people are attending state teachers' colleges on account of the special certification requirements made by the state. This condition will be obviated by the accrediting of our college in the North Central Association.

The total enrollment in our schools of all grades has averaged about 1200 for several years, with the decrease as rated for the present year of 142.

The Educational Week of Sacrifice has been strongly promoted each year by our teachers and especially by the faculties of the academies. This Sacrifice Week has brought in the following amounts for the past period:

1928	\$ 875.23
1929	1050.74
1930	1348.99
1931	1141.34

Total \$ 4416.30

In closing let me pay tribute to the faithful and untiring efforts of the conference superintendents, the faculties of the academies, and the

teachers of our elementary schools. They are truly builders for eternity and heaven alone knows and will reveal in the future to all the universe the results of their labors in the characters which they have helped to build for life everlasting. No nicer work has been committed to mortals, and we ask your unceasing prayers for this work for the lambs of the flock

H. J. Sheldon.

### REPORT OF HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY

To the delegates at this quadrennial session, greetings:

In answer to His disciples' question as to what should be the sign of His return, Jesus said to them that when the gospel had reached all nations as a witness, the end would come. John the Revelator was shown that this was to be accomplished in our day. We read his message in Rev. 10:7: "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

The Home Missionary Department has been organized in the providence of God for the purpose of leading all our people into active service for the Master. The following brief report will give you, in a small measure at least, some idea as to what our faithful people are doing to hasten on the work to its completion. This report is very incomplete, inasmuch as only about 16.4 per cent of our members have reported regularly during the quadrennium.

By the blessing of the Lord, marked progress has been made in the various lines of activity promoted by the Home Missionary Department during the past quadrennial period. The object of all our activity can be summed up in the statement of Jesus' objective in His life, "To seek and to save the lost." Four hundred ten (410) souls were won by the lay members of the Northern Union. Surely this is a partial fulfillment of the promise in Volume VIII, page 246: "If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, going on a warfare at their own charges, each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ. If our people will act upon the light that is given in these few words of instruction, we shall surely see of the salvation of God. Wonderful revivals will follow. Sinners will be converted, and many souls will be added to the church. When we bring our hearts into un-

ity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His work, the Spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us.

In carrying forward a definite program of training our lay members in giving Bible studies, we see good progress. Twenty-six thousand two hundred twenty-four (26,224) Bible studies were conducted by our people.

At a recent camp meeting one of our conference presidents made the following statement: "Wherever our literature is sown, a crop of seventh-day Adventists is sure to arise." Figures compiled show a total of 1,759,036 books, periodicals, and tracts distributed. Definite results of souls baptized have been seen as a result of the Home Bible Study League.

The total amount raised in Harvest Ingathering for the past four years was \$209,196.15, compared with \$223,542.58 for the preceding period.

Our Big Week total was \$30,710.99, showing a gain of \$5,102.04 over the previous quadrennium.

There are 1400 copies of the "Review" going into the homes of our people. Figured on the basis of two members per family we stand at a percentage of fifty for our English-speaking people.

The goal of our missionary paper, the "Signs of the Times", is one per member. We stand third as a union in the United States, with a percentage of 52.

We here express our appreciation to our loyal people for their earnest cooperation in promoting these soul winning efforts. As we face the future our appeal is for still greater cooperation.

"Think not a leader can alone achieve,

He needs the help of others who believe

The cause is just. No worthy fight is won

Without the rank and file to see it done.

Great tasks demand, that back of him who leads.

Stand many helpers eager with their deeds."

Great possibilities are before us as a people. May we work for souls as never before. May we these coming years take God with us personally and be successful fishers of men.

V. G. Anderson.

### COMPARATIVE REPORT OF "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" Circulation 1926-1931

The following report shows the circulation at the end of the years 1926 to 1931.

Con.	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Iowa	1099	1199	704	806	833	1302

Minn.	794	806	716	1412	1302	1852
N.Dak.	280	1895	1723	189	526	724
S.Dak.	418	305	400	679	464	1155

Union	2591	4205	3543	3086	3125	5033
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The total number of "Signs of the Times" coming in to the union is the highest it has been for many years. The time has arrived for us to renew our subscriptions. Splendid articles are planned for 1932. Acquaint your neighbors with the truth. The "Signs" is the paper for the times. Remember, a club of "Signs" in every church.

"Is this the time, O church of Christ, to sound

Retreat? to arm with weapons cheap and blunt

The men and women who have borne the brunt

Of truth's fierce strife, and nobly held their ground?

No! rather strengthen stakes and lengthen cords!

Enlarge thy plans and gifts, O thou elect,

And to thy kingdom come for such a time!

The earth, with all its fullness, is the Lord's;

Great things attempt for Him, great things expect,

Whose love imperial is, whose power sublime."

V. G. Anderson.

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### BAPTISM POSTPONED

The Hawarden baptismal service announced to take place in the Central Baptist church of Sioux City has been postponed on account of the drifted roads and severe cold. The weather permitting it is planned that the service will be held on Sabbath, February 20, in the Central Baptist church, in Sioux City, at 2:30 p. m. The church is located on tenth and Virginia.

J. R. Nelson.

### SABBATH SCHOOL FLASHLIGHTS

Mrs. Edd Elias, superintendent of Forest City school: "I suppose you would be interested to hear how our school came out with the Investment and also with our birthday calendar. I am happy to tell you that with thirty-four members we had a 100 per cent Investment, which brought \$116.25. This is not so much as we had last year, but

I think it is pretty good for the dry year and low prices.

"I tried hard to have a 100 per cent birthday calendar, but I am sorry I could not quite make it. There was one missing. All those who gave an offering were enthusiastic over our calendar. Whenever any one paid a birthday offering a gold crown was pasted after the name. The children were quite interested in this. The total amount of birthday offerings was \$15.41, the largest amount the Forest City church has ever had in birthday offerings. I am thankful for what this will bring to our mission treasury to help advance the work.

"I plan to have a birthday calendar and Investment chart for 1932, for I believe it helps to bring in more money. Would you please send me a few birthday envelopes and also two or three more Mission Quarterlies, if you have any left? I am mailing our birthday calendar and Investment pictures. I thought probably you would like to use them in your work."

That is a fine report and I am glad when schools are wanting birthday envelopes, more Mission Quarterlies, thirteenth Sabbath envelopes and all these free supplies. When schools are calling for these it means they are interested and doing things. I wish you could see these beautiful Investment cards from Forest City, it would do your soul good. I shall take them with me everywhere I go. Then the birthday calendar is so fine, really every school should have one. A card at the top says in large letters Birthday Calendar, and attached to the bottom of that with rings, are twelve pages, for the different months, with the month and year neatly printed at the top and evenly spaced squares below for the days of the month, the date of each being in the upper left hand corner, leaving space for the names of the members in their proper birthday date space. If one cannot give an offering the school should esteem it a pleasure to remember him with a birthday card.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.

OAK PARK NOTES

One new student enrolled and two more are expected for the second semester.

Elder H. J. Sheldon conducted the vesper services at the academy Friday evening, January 29.

Rev. W. O. Benthin of the Presbyterian Church of Nevada occupied the chapel hour on Friday of last week. His subject, "Watch your Step," was well illustrated with

stories from real life. The students enjoyed the friendly admonition.

The sanitarium family enjoyed a musical program on Thursday evening, January 21, which was sponsored by Mrs. M. S. Culver, head of the music department. The Girls' Glee Club rendered two numbers. Several of the academy students assisted by giving readings, piano solos, and saxophone solos. A ladies quartet sang three selections.

The Reading Course campaign is on. One hundred sixty have enrolled to read the books. Two groups have been arranged with Ray Raleigh and Morton Davis as captains. It is hard to tell which side is leading. Reading Course books are in evidence everywhere. Three have completed both Junior and Senior books. The books are especially interesting this year.

One never knows just what to expect on Saturday night. Books are laid aside and the students, teachers, and friends gather, either in the chapel for an interesting program or lecture, or in the dining room for games and a lively march. Saturday night, January 30, Mr. Dyer of Armenia gave a very interesting lecture telling of his experiences as a Mohammedan slave for ten years, of his rescue by American soldiers, and of his education which was sponsored by the Near East Relief. Four of the students who were called from the audience were dressed in costumes to illustrate an Armenian and Mohammedan wedding.

state of Minnesota, so that these public servants might be kept in touch with the present issues.

An offering is to be taken as usual in connection with the service; the offering is to be given to the Religious Liberty Fund. This fund will be used to meet the expense in sending the magazine to the above individuals.

A. H. Rulkoetter.

DOING GOOD

Of the Son of God it is said, "That He went about doing good." A similar statement could truthfully be made about Christian Seventh-day Adventists today. I feel confident it will inspire your soul to read the following home missionary report for the year 1931. Number of souls baptized and added to the church as the result of missionary work by the laity,

Number reporting missionary work done,	75
A. Number Bible readings or gospel meetings,	6604
B. Number of missionary visits,	2523
C. Number of persons taken to Sabbath school or other services,	12415
D. Number of persons given needed help,	3607
E. Number of treatments given,	4544
F. Number of articles of clothing given to the needy,	1932
G. Number of books, missionary periodicals, or tracts distributed,	10010
H. Number of missionary letters written,	145,136
	3623

You will notice by the above, that beside and in addition to the soul winning work done in strictly evangelistic efforts, 4,544 persons received some needed help, and 23,269 articles of clothing were given to the poor. What a splendid record of Christian help work. Had all been faithful in reporting work done, this report would be much better. May God help us to be faithful in "that which is least," Reporting.

We are glad more of the churches now conduct the fifteen minute missionary service each Sabbath, twenty-two in all during 1931, and also the first Sabbath missionary service each month, twenty-eight in all during 1931. These services do much toward encouraging soul winning efforts and thus mean much in souls won to Christ.

May we, like our blessed Master, go about doing good.

A. A. Dirksen.

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ATTENTION, ELDERS AND LEADERS

Material has been sent out for the religious liberty program to be given on Sabbath, February 20. If you have not received your copy please notify the office immediately and your needs will be cared for.

In view of the present crisis that faces us, we shall want to improve the opportunity of this occasion. The present well organized persistent attempt for Sunday legislation is a challenge to our vigilance. The conference is sending the "Liberty" magazine to more than a thousand public officers in the

**BRAINERD DORCAS SOCIETY**

This report does not show the work of the Dorcas Society and members of the church exclusively, but also of those who, through the influence of the members, are interested in our work. The program of the society is not merely to do charity work but also to help improve our house of worship. We, therefore, should like to briefly mention both.

This society has directly or indirectly distributed to the sick and needy over 800 articles of clothing and about \$55 worth of groceries, milk, etc. Besides this a large supply of bedclothes and garments were given to an unfortunate family of our faith who lost their home by fire. Through the influence of a member of this society a business concern clothed eight children and their mother for the winter amounting to approximately \$100.

The most of the work done to the church building has been by voluntary labor, but every improvement has meant some expense and the Dorcas Society has helped to meet these expenses with the sum of \$773.65 raised by its energetic workers. The heating stoves were unsatisfactory and in bad condition. This has been taken care of and now we enjoy heat from a large furnace placed on a new cement floor in the basement and promptly taken care of by our dependable janitor. The wood was cut, sawed and hauled to the church voluntarily by our brethren and friends. The church has been rewired and new electric fixtures installed, which greatly improves the lighting system. A good piano has replaced the old organ. The sewer has been laid in, and two outside improvements such as the lavatories have been installed. The building of a porch, sign board put up, cement sidewalk, a nice lawn, and the painting of the building, give a better impression of the church to visitors and friends. The inside of the church is now being repapered and will soon be ready. The next thing we look forward to is a baptistry which is very much needed. Sometime when you visit Brainerd over the week-end come and worship with us in our little church. You are welcome.

Mrs. Frank Sundine, Treasurer.

**MINNESOTA ITEMS**

We are glad to report the baptism of twenty by Elder Johns at the Minneapolis English church on Sabbath, January 30.

The offering in the church service next Sabbath, February 13, is

for local church expense as is customary on the second Sabbath of the month.

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A new book in the crisis series is now available. It is a treatise on the prohibition question which is a very live issue today. The name of the book is "Wet or Dry" by F. D. Nichol. Order from the Book and Bible House, single copies 25 cents each, 10 for \$1.35, postpaid.

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Elder H. L. Wood, superintendent of the Alaska Mission, but who was formerly a laborer in Minnesota, recently visited for a few days his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wood at Grey Eagle, and his brother, Lafayette Wood of St. Paul. He spoke at the St. Paul English church last Sabbath.

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The following names were reported by the treasurer of the Gilchrist church as having reached the various Harvest Ingathering goals. Blue Ribbon Band: Mrs. Gust Swanson, L. S. Gunderson, Iver Hilde, Anna B. Hilde. Loyal Legion Band: H. O. Sather, Ole Jacobson, Mrs. Ole Jacobson, Ole Rushold.

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Our readers will be glad to know that the Investment returns for 1931 amounted to the large sum of \$3,459.69 to swell the amount sent to mission fields through the Sabbath schools. While this is not the amount of our goal we feel that it is an abundant reward of faithful efforts and thank God for it.

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Several days ago a letter from Sister Anna B. Hilde of the Gilchrist church came to the conference office and we have taken the liberty to pass a portion of it on to our readers. She writes, "I just want to relate to you a little experience that I had recently. We had a supply of the Scandinavian paper 'Sendebudet' and I thought of the good they might do, so I wrapped them and sent them out just a few days ago. One package was sent to a man of whom I had solicited funds in past years but did not get to this last year and did not write to him either. Just as soon as he received the papers he sat down and wrote to me and expressed his thanks and said he would read them. He also stated that he marveled at our missionary activities. He also enclosed a dollar for our work which was credited to the Harvest Ingathering Fund. I think we have in the Harvest Ingathering plan a most wonderful privilege to visit the people and it affords us subject matter to talk about. The Lord surely is waiting to work for us if we are only willing to do what we can."

**MAPLEWOOD'S DAIRY**

Perhaps you would like to come with me to visit Maplewood's dairy. It is milking time, and as we enter the barn we are impressed by the sanitary conditions and modern equipment which we see. We notice a number of improvements, including new cement work, new lining, and a fresh coat of paint, as well as improvements in the ventilating system, all of which were added last fall. Maplewood's dairy has undergone quite a change and has been reduced in size considerably in an effort to dispose of everything which did not prove the best for the school. This has resulted in greatly diminishing the Holstein herd and adding a number of purebred Guernseys as foundation stock.

At once we will see a row of purebred Holstein cows and directly opposite, a row of Guernseys. Every animal has not only been T. B. tested, but blood tested, and there is not a single reactor on the place.

You will be impressed with the interest that is being taken in the building up of Maplewood's new herd. Every morning and evening before the milkers come, the cows are curried, their udders washed, and every precaution taken to keep the milk clean and sanitary.

Now the milkers come. They are dressed in white overalls and jackets. They proceed to milk the cows as quickly as possible. They will take pride in telling you that of the thirteen cows they are milking at the present time there are tests running as high as 5.8. They are very likely to point out "Ruby Anna," whose milk tests 5.8 butterfat and who is producing two pounds of butter a day.

The milking is over. The milk is placed in the milkhouse, where it is properly cooled to be brought to the boarding hall. Under these circumstances, having been produced by good, healthy Holstein and Guernsey cows, under the most sanitary conditions, it is ready to be served to the students.

Claire Grimstad.

**MAPLEWOOD NEWS**

Another fire drill was conducted Wednesday morning, February 3.

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The students were entertained Saturday night, January 30, with an illustrated lecture on Iceland given by Elder Gulbrandson in the chapel.

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Mr. W. J. McComb was called to Minneapolis Friday morning, February 5, because of the death of Mrs. McComb's mother, Mrs. Butler

Winter. The members of the school family extend their sincere sympathy to those who mourn.

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The following students were on the honor roll for the first semester: Floyd Smith, John Christensen, Ruby Engelhart, Henry Hanson, Gertrude Jepson, Elmer Martinson, Clarice Rust, Doris Peterson, Nina Dahl, Alice Croak, Arthur Martinson and Elmer Cornwell.

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The following officers have been chosen for the young women's club for the second semester: President, Winifred Granbois; vice-president, Justine Sapin; secretary, Dorene Cornwell; assistant secretary, Virginia Thompson; critic, Ethel Hartzell; sergeant at arms, Alice Croak.

### OBITUARY

Olsen.—Mrs. Margaret Olsen, nee Christianson, was born in Bringstrup, Denmark, May 30, 1845; and died at Connorsville, Wis., Jan. 1, 1932. She attended school and grew to womanhood in the country of her nativity. She was united in marriage to Hans Olsen and they came to the United States more than sixty years ago. To them were born two children, but both of them died in childhood. Mr. Olsen died in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Olsen lived in Minnesota for about thirty-five years, then about twenty-five years ago they moved to Connorsville, Wis., where they have resided since. Mrs. Olsen accepted the faith as taught by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination under the labors of Elder C. Nelson more than fifty years ago and she was a charter member of the Owatonna Seventh-day Adventist church when it was organized in 1886. While living for some time in Wisconsin she remained a member of the Owatonna, Minnesota, church until her death. She was loyal to her Saviour and the message she loved. We laid her to rest until the Life-giver comes to claim His own. Mrs. Olsen is survived by two sisters and one brother: Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Anna Peterson and C. L. Christianson, all of Owatonna.

A. J. Haysmer,

Richards.—Mrs. Alice Vose Richards was born at Stoughton, Mass., April 27, 1855; and passed away at Duluth, Minn., Dec. 30, 1931. She was married in 1879 to Miles Richards. To this union two daughters and one son were born. Mr. Richards died about forty years ago. With the exception of about ten years she had made Duluth her home ever since her husband's death. She accepted Christ as her Saviour about twenty years ago and joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which she remained a faithful member until her death.

She leaves to mourn one sister, Mrs. Frank Pierce of Seattle, Washington; two daughters, Mrs. Blanch Madson of Duluth, and Mrs. Carl Bock of Los Angeles, California; one son, Harry Richards of Duluth; one grandchild; other relatives, and a host of friends. Mrs. Richards was a devoted Christian, loving her Bible and finding pleasure in going to the house of God. She was a kind and loving mother, and a dear friend to her acquaintances. She will be missed by us, but our comfort is the hope of meeting her when the Life-giver shall call. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Heb. 11:13-16.

Aug. S. Anderson.

Olson.—Mrs. Carl Olson, nee Beda Anderson, was born in Ostervaliskog, Sweden, June 16, 1859; and passed away in death Dec. 7, 1931. She emigrated from Sweden to the United States in 1881 and settled in Dassel, Minn. Here a year later she was joined in marriage to Carl Olson, who had left Sweden for America one year prior to her leaving. To this union nine children were born. Two of these, Albert and Axel Harry, preceded her in death. The husband passed away in 1923. Shortly after his decease Mrs. Olson came to Glendale, Calif. Mrs. Olson embraced the truth soon after her marriage, and was baptized by Elder Lewis Johnson. She and her husband both became charter members of the Kingston, Minn., church. In 1888 they moved to Big Stone County, Minn., and joined the Artichoke church, where Mrs. Olson remained a member until her death.

Her religious experience was one to be envied. She led a consistent Christian life, and not only did she personally know her Lord well, but she guided her family to know the One whom she adored. It must have been a true joy to her that her children chose to walk in the ways of the Lord.

She leaves to mourn Elder A. V. Olson, president of the Southern European Division, who resides in Berne, Switzerland; Prof. H. O. Olson, who for many years was president of Broadview College, Chicago, and who at present is associate secretary of the Bureau of Home Missions of the General Conference of S. D. A. and superintendent of the Swedish Department of the same organization; Alma Olson of Glendale, Calif., who faithfully remained with her mother, ministering to her needs and comfort during her time of illness and declining years; Prof. A. J. Olson, who took over the home farm in Minnesota; Prof. O. S. Olson, of Vallejo, Calif., where he is connected with a high school there; and Miss Esther M. Olson, who is connected

with the Glendale Sanitarium, Glendale, Calif. Besides these, there are twelve grandchildren left to mourn.

Funeral services were conducted in the Jewel City Undertaking parlor, Elders A. G. Daniells, J. E. Fulton, R. F. Cottrell, and the undersigned officiating. She was laid to rest by the side of her son Axel Harry in San Diego, there to await the call of the Life-giver. It must bring comfort to the children left to mourn to reflect upon the life experience of such a true Christian and devoted mother, whom God had given to guide them along the way of life. Our hearts are made glad in this hour of sadness that all who knew her feel so unmistakably sure that He whom she knew so well and served so truly, will call her to everlasting life in the resurrection morn.

P. E. Brodersen.

Ridgway. — John L. Ridgway was born in Franklin, Ind., Jan. 30, 1855; and passed away in his home in Sherburn, Minn., Dec. 30, 1931, after a short illness. He leaves to mourn his wife and companion since October 7, 1877, three sons, four daughters, sixteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mr. Ridgway was a pioneer in this part of Minnesota. He took a keen interest in matters pertaining to the upbuilding and betterment of the community, state, and nation. He was highly respected and his counsel was sought by many.

Though not a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, he seemed to love the doctrines of this people and earnestly contended for them. He seemed to be anxious to see the message go to every people in the world, and was willing to give of his means that this might be possible. He loved to come to our little church and hear the message preached, whenever a minister was present. Our sympathy goes out for those who mourn the loss of this loving husband and kind father. May the great God of Love comfort and sustain all who mourn, and may that great day be hastened when sorrow and sighing shall be no more.

The last rites were conducted by the writer in the Federated church at Sherburn, Minn., and the remains were laid to rest in the Sherburn Cemetery. Words of comfort and admonition were spoken, based upon the Saviour's statement, John 11:25, "I am the resurrection and the Life." A. A. Dirksen.

### ADVERTISEMENT

Wanted.—Man to work on farm by month. Start March 1. State wages desired in first letter. G. F. Carter, Glencoe, Minnesota.

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### EDUCATIONAL AND M. V. CORNER

Instead of furnishing banners to hang up on the wall and become soiled, faded and finally discarded, it seems more in keeping with the spirit of these times and just as satisfactory to our societies to receive special mention in the columns of this paper, for those points in which they have excelled.

We do hereby commend the following societies for successful achievements in 1931 and take pleasure in giving them honorable mention.

Chamberlain, for sending in twelve reports on time for the year,—the only one; Colman sent in eleven reports—what a pity the December report did not come.

Colman, for leading the state in Reading Course Certificates—ninety was the number. Leola came in second with sixty-four and Chamberlain third with sixty. Bowdle had fifty-eight and Hot Spings thirty-three.

Aberdeen, for leading the state in Bible Year Certificates earned—the number is nine. Leola was a close second with eight.

Swan Lake, for the largest number of young people baptized. Seventeen took this most important step—a splendid harvest of souls. Without having definite figures, I believe Plainview and Penville were the other high ones.

Chamberlain and Swan Lake have led the state in the total of missionary activities. Without the credit point system, which we have not been using this year it would be difficult to say which one was ahead so we are happy to make honorable mention of both.

Hot Springs, for the largest number of "Friends" invested. The number was nine. Swan Lake was a close second with eight and Aberdeen third with seven.

#### State Goals

	Goals	Results
Conversions	50	82
Reading Course	750	430
Bible Year	43	45
Standard of Attain.	20	4
Missions	\$2300.00	\$2090.79

While we have some reason for regret there is also reason for satisfaction in the above figures. It is to be regretted that our results in the Reading Course were less

than one third of our high mark for former years and that the Standard of Attainment results were negligible. Of course we should have something to lay it to, so let's lay it to the depression. Depression in those lines surely must have been the reason.

We are gratified to find that we made our Bible Year goal by a margin of two certificates. Even though the total was less than half our former high mark and that in spite of the conditions, we came within \$210 of reaching our mission goal. Not so bad a financial record.

But listen! When it comes to satisfaction we get it when we look at the return in souls. Eighty-two souls,—the highest record ever made in this line since your present secretary took office.

Of course, we do not have a right to claim all the credit for these splendid results, but at least they can't keep us from joining in the shouting. Nor do we believe that our earnest volunteer workers will be without reward in the final accounting for many of the souls that have been gathered.

Well, Volunteers, it's a pretty fair record, considering the circumstances, but let us resolve that, regardless of circumstances, 1932 shall be much better,—so much better, in fact, that when we get farther along and look back we will be a bit ashamed of the record of 1931. Already, methinks, I hear "a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees." C. M. Babcock.

### PLAINVIEW NEWS ITEMS

Prof. H. C. Hartman and Elder A. G. Youngberg left Tuesday, February 2, for Omaha where they will attend the Union Conference.

Prof. A. L. Watt had charge of our vesper service Friday evening, February 5. His topic was the Plan of Redemption.

The members of the sunshine band have been going out regularly every Sabbath afternoon giving programs to different old people in the homes at Redfield.

A group of the boys under the direction of Arthur Baer had charge of the chapel exercise Monday, January 24. They gave some athletic stunts and also demonstrated their physical power.

A health program was given in girls' worship Wednesday. It was the regular meeting of the Carpe Diem society. Ruth Kellogg gave a short talk on the care of the skin and hair after which Miss Egger gave some first aid instructions and demonstrations.

The semester grades were passed out in chapel Tuesday morning and the averages for both sides of the house reported. The girls rank highest in scholastic standing, their average being 90.2 and the boys average 89.1 per cent.

The music department under the leadership of Mrs. H. C. Hartman gave a musical program in chapel Saturday evening, February 6. One of the outstanding numbers was an overture played on two pianos by Erma Hein, Norma Hebbel, Elizabeth Watt, and Walter Kiesz. The rest of the program consisted of vocal and piano solos and other ensemble work.

Elder and Mrs. V. G. Anderson spent the week-end, January 29-31, at the school. Elder Anderson had charge of our vesper service and also the eleven o'clock hour on Sabbath. Mrs. Anderson gave the fourth number on our lyceum course Saturday evening, January 30. Their visit was greatly enjoyed and a hearty welcome is extended to them to visit our school again.

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### NORTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Elder Sam Reile of Canada stopped at the office for a few minutes Wednesday.

Brother Schelske of the Medina church was a welcome visitor at the office this week.

Brother David Rau and his family of the New Home church were callers at the office on Tuesday.

Elders Gaede and Reile and Brethren Engevik and Lang were callers at the office Monday en route to the Union Conference at Omaha.

Elder Meyer, Brother Montanye, Elder Scherr, Elder and Mrs. Leiske and Brother and Sister Wentland have gone to Omaha to attend the Union Conference session.

It is not too late yet to start reading your Bible through for 1932 or to read the Reading Courses for the year. If you do not already have these good books, they can be secured from the Book and Bible House.

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