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General Articles

When Shall We Cease Giving?

He is God-like who gives willingly, freely, unselfishly, and habitually. Love, the loving and lovable, can exist only in the atmosphere of benevolence.

Our characters are formed and not inherited. One has truly said, "We sow a thought and we reap an act; we sow an act and we reap a habit; we sow a habit and we reap a character; we sow a character and we reap a destiny." Because of this law (cause and effect) it becomes necessary for man to form the "habit" of free and continual giving.

So long as man receives of the bounties of God, just so long is he in duty bound to give. God has written the gospel of unselfishness in all nature. The tree and plant are examples to man of unselfish giving. The seed is deposited in the soil, and from the element in the soil, air, moisture, heat, and the sunlight thus it received the power through God to form the clearest fiber, flower, and fruit, fragrant,

delicious and wholesome, which is in turn bestowed upon man.

As the *plant or tree is to receive only to impart; so God "Blesses us that we may be a blessing."*

Sabbath, June 30, gives one more opportunity in forming the "habit" of giving to extend the Message of Love to the uttermost parts of the earth. Let all give on this and other like occasions, and the work of character building will go on under the divine plan until we are all "like Him."

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

Announcement

We are this week publishing what might be called a Minnesota Conference number of the Reaper. Next week we will publish a like one concerning the South Dakota Conference. We know that the brethren who were at our conferences in these states will want a report of the doings of these meetings for preservation, and the brethren who could not be there surely ought to have the privilege of knowing what was done in their respective conferences. Therefore we will publish a full official report for Minnesota this week, and a

complete official report for South Dakota next week. It might be well for our Minnesota brethren to preserve this issue for reference during the year, and for the South Dakota brethren to preserve next weeks issue. We trust no one will draw the conclusion that we are running the REAPER especially in the interest of either of these conferences because we take up so much space with their reports. We purpose to do the same for each conference in the Union under like circumstances. We think we owe this to our brethren of the different conferences, for had they not discontinued their conference papers they would have published the same that we now publish in their own papers. But they dropped their several papers to join in a union paper and surely, the union paper ought to give space to their full reports.

Another word: Do not fail to read these issues because they appear to be somewhat localized. There is no better way for our brethren to get acquainted with each other and their work than to read carefully such reports as will appear in this and next weeks issues. Besides it is possible that some action was taken by these conferences that will be very sug-

gestive and helpful to you even tho' you do not live in the conference from which the report comes.

When the brethren throughout Minnesota read of those who have been chosen to bear responsibility for the coming year, whether that responsibility be in official lines or in proclaiming the word, we trust they will determine to stand by such by their prayers and influence; and when they read of the plans laid, we believe they will take hold with a hearty good will to try to make them a success. Likewise we will say next week to the brethren of South Dakota.

Minnesota Camp Meeting

President's Address

Beloved Delegates and Friends: To day we find ourselves assembled in the forty-fifth Annual Session of the Minnesota Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, and since our last meeting of this character, the records of another year have been spread upon the books in heaven.

In discharging our duty as your Executive Committee during the past year we have done, what in our humble judgment seemed best for the advancement of the work in its different departments; and have tried to consider the interests of the whole state.

In my short address to day I will only deal with matters in a more general way, leaving the details to the secretaries of the respective departments.

The territory of the Minnesota Conference includes the state of Minnesota which contains an area of 83,365 sq. miles, and according to the census of 1905 has a population of 1,979,912.

The Conference was organized

in 1862, and at the present time is supposed to have a membership of 2297 Sabbath keepers. Of this membership there are over 1400 English, over 600 Scandinavian, and nearly 200 German speaking people. There are 75 organized churches, and to unorganized companies, and quite a large list of isolated Sabbath keepers scattered over the conference. We have 85 Sabbath Schools in the state department, and 64 in the state home department, making a total of 149 schools, having a total membership of 2374.

Our Ministers have baptized something over one hundred people during the last year, and these have been added to our list of membership. During the same time, there have perhaps more than this number moved out of the state, so that the membership has showed no gain. The moving idea is in the air every where in this part of the land. The Superintendent of the Census Bureau says that 50,000 people have moved out of Minnesota within the last five years. This spirit has effected our people with the others. They move east, west, north and south. Some for warmer climate, some for more land, some for missionary privileges. In some instances, practically whole churches have gone away within a single year. We can scarcely bring people into the truth as fast as others move from the state. This has been a heavy draft on the showing of our membership, and has its effect, of course, on the amount of tithes and offerings to greater or less extent.

Another thing that has contributed to the cutting down of our membership report during the last few years, has been the Object Lessons enterprise. Up to

that time the membership report of the Minnesota Conference had reached to more than 3,000, and within six weeks after the opening of that memorable campaign in the state, the membership list had decreased 25 per cent. This was due to the fact that many persons had been reported as members, who had not been heard from for many years, and some had apostatized years before, and for some reason their names were on the list and were being sent in year by year to the Conference Secretary. When, however, the Object Lessons effort came on, it caused a decided revision in the records of membership. It has been a good thing for the work, and for the churches, tho it has made a very unfavorable showing in the conference membership.

Notwithstanding these conditions, our people have done nobly to support the cause, both at home and in fields beyond.

Tithes received in 1905

.....	\$23,292.38
Foreign Missions, including S. S. offerings	6,435.77
Making a total.....	\$29,728.15

Of this total sum \$12596.40 or a little above 40 per cent went to the general work outside of our home conference. Besides this support of the general field, our people have contributed the means for the new \$4000.00 dormitory at Maplewood, and it has been completed, except the paint, and is free from debt. I speak of this for your encouragement, and to show the real pulse of our people in Minnesota.

The Minnesota Conference we are happy to say, has no debts, except that we are debtors to carry the gospel to the world. This debt we will not finish paying till the

gavel comes down and the great fiat goes forth, "It is done." Until that time will be our business to be giving of our means and of our laborers for the publishing of the glorious message committed to our trust; and it is hoped that you will so wisely conduct your affairs in this Conference that you will be preserved from the thralldom of these hideous debts, which have caused so much embarrassment hitherto in this great cause.

OUR FIELD AT HOME

Our ministers find in Minnesota, many crying needs of labor. And while we hear the cry from across the sea, and while many are embarking for foreign shores, and many more are ready to go, yet as long as we are in the home land, it is our duty to search out the conditions which lie about our doors. There are 137 towns and cities in the state of Minnesota, each with a population of more than 1000 people, and there are more than fifty of these towns which have, as far as we know, never heard the voice of the Third Angel's Message. We have over a quarter of a million Scandinavians in the state, and only a little over six hundred Sabbath keepers among them. There are about 140,000 Germans, with less than two hundred Sabbath keepers. We have nearly 30,000 Finns, 20,000 Austrians, Over 10,000 Bohemians, over 10,000 Russians, about 10,000 Polish, about 2000 French, over 1000 Welsh, who have had nothing done for them. And more: there are over 5000 Negroes and nearly 11,000 Indians in the state. There are large settlements of Icelanders and of Belgians, a settlement of Moravians, and many smaller settlements of other nationalities, throughout the state. To these we

are debtors to carry the gospel, and while these demand our attention, we do not forget that they are only samples of the mighty hosts of their countrymen, in their respective fatherlands, and that to these we owe the gospel in this generation, and to every other nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

We need to train young men for the ministry. We need more Bible workers. We need a strong force of canvassers. We need faithful nurses, whose hearts are filled with the spirit of consecration. We need a corps of competent teachers and educators. We need faithful business men. We need young men and women in training for these various branches. We need strong spirited men and women to stand for the support of this cause both at home and in fields afar. We need families scattered through the conference whose whole desire is to educate their children for some place in God's field. We will always be called upon to sacrifice until the day of sacrifice is ended and we are called to reap the reward of the faithful ones. It will be your duty as delegates to make careful investigation as to whether this work is being done as you would have it done, and to make provisions for the support of the work for the coming year. There is nothing going on in the Conference which you may not freely know, everything is open for you. Our treasurer will be glad to make known to you everything he knows about accounts of the Conference. And any of our secretaries will be glad to tell you all they know in answer to your questions regarding their work. We desire that every hindering cause may be swept away from the councils of this Conference, and that we as brethren

may sit together and soberly confer with one another regarding the methods to be employed and the course to be pursued, which will best accomplish the purpose for which we are gathered here, and bring the greatest prosperity to this most important work which has been committed to our trust.

H. S. SHAW.

Proceedings of the Conference

The thirty-eighth annual camp-meeting opened Friday June 1, according to appointment, in a beautiful grove between St. Cloud and Sauk Rapids. The following day, Sabbath, was a blessed season with the Lord.

The conference, in its forty-fifth annual session, was called on the fourth day of the camp-meeting at 9:30 A. M. Monday morning, with a strong representation from the churches present.

Brother W. W. Ruble presented a request from the Hermon church asking admission to the Minnesota Conference, which was unanimously granted and delegate seated. The question then arose as to whether church elders and licensed workers were delegates ex officio. By referring to the constitution it was decided in the affirmative.

On motion eight men were appointed by the delegates to act in conjunction with the Conference Committee to appoint the working committees. The following were the men chosen: J. M. Comer, C. W. Flaiz, Louis Anderson, F. Kozel, Ben Francis, J. S. James, F. A. Detamore, and J. O. Peet.

After careful thought the large committee appointed the committees as follows:

Nominations: S. E. Jackson, J. F. Anderson, C. L. Emmerson, A.

D. Ewert, and E. M. Chapman.

Plans: C. M. Everest, Ella E. Merickel, J. S. James, F. F. Fry, and F. A. Detamore.

Baptism: O. O. Bernstein J. F. Anderson, and C. M. Babcock

Credentials and licenses: C. W. Flaiz, A. Mead, M. S. Reppe, Fred Johnson, and A. W. Kuehl.

Pastorial: O. O. Bernstein, F. A. Detamore, A. D. Ewert, C. M. Babcock, and Fred Johnson.

WORK OF COMMITTEES

Credentials and Licenses.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted the following report, which was considered by item and adopted:

For Credentials: H. S. Shaw, H. F. Phelps, A. Mead; O. O. Bernstein, Fred Johnson, H. Steen, A. W. Kuehl, J. F. Anderson, F. A. Detamore, and M. S. Reppe.

For ordination and credentials: C. M. Babcock.

For licenses: Geo. L. Budd, W. W. Ruble, S. E. Jackson, E. M. Chapman, A. C. Gilbert, O. J. Nerlund, A. V. Olson, A. D. Ewert, O. E. Johanson, and Ben Francis.

For missionary licenses: C. M. Everest, F. F. Fry, F. E. Rew, Ella E. Merickel, Mrs. M. H. Honeywell, Ina Grundset, J. M. Comer, Alice M. Burghart, Mary Baerg, and F. Kozel.

NOMINATIONS

The report of the committee on nominations was adopted as follows.

President, H. S. Shaw.

Vice President, J. F. Anderson.

Treasurer, C. M. Everest.

Conference Secretary and Book-keeper, William Asp.

Executive Committee, H. S. Shaw, J. F. Anderson, C. M. Everest, S. E. Jackson, A. D. Ewert, W. W. Ruble, and E. M. Chapman.

Department secretaries:

Sabbath school and Mission secy Ella E. Merickel.

Educational, W. W. Ruble. Field, F. F. Fry.

Religious Liberty, O. O. Bernstein.

Medical Superintendent, Dr. E. P. Hawkins.

Three legal members of the Conference Association were elected by ballot as follows: C. M. Everest, William Asp, and C. L. Emmerston.

A. W. Kuehl was chosen to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of A. J. Stone, who moved to another conference.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE ON PLANS

In the presentation of the work of the Committee on plans, ample opportunity was given for a free discussion, which was entered into a spirited and profitable manner, and recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. Whereas, God has greatly blessed our conference during the past year in the increase of tithe, therefore we recommend that \$500, from the tithe fund be appropriated to the Foreign Mission work.

2. Whereas, the book, MINISTRY OF HEALING, written by Mrs. E. G. White, brings within reach of every intelligent father and mother, every man and woman, lay and professional, a vast fund of information on life and its law, on health and its requisites, on disease and its remedies, and whereas, this book has been dedicated to the benefit and furtherance of the Medical Missionary work which is the right arm of the Message, therefore we recommend:

a. That all our people purchase and read this book.

b. That they put forth efforts to interest their neighbors in purchasing the same.

c. That our conference workers encourage the circulation of this book in their labors.

3. We recommend that the Minnesota Conference raise her pro rata of the \$1000.00, the amount required to pay the printing plant, office fixtures, and tents for Saskatchewan, Canada., which are itemized as follows: Printing plant, \$710.00., Office fixtures, \$160.00., Tents for Saskatchewan, Canada, \$130.00.

4. Whereas, the general relief fund is almost exhausted, we recommend that immediate steps be taken to replenish this fund to the amount of at least \$200.00.

5. Whereas, some of the field tents are becoming unservicable, we recommend that \$300.00 or more if necessary, be raised as soon as possible for the purchase of new tents.

6. Whereas, there is a large foreign element in this state consisting of Fins, Bohemians, Italians, Austrians, Greeks, French, and Jews, therefore we recommend that tracts, pamphlets and small books be secured in these languages and our people be encouraged to circulate this literature among these various nationalities.

7. Whereas, the Lord, through the Spirit of Prophecy has plainly instructed that plans be laid by which our young people may successfully engage in missionary work, therefore resolved,

That the Educational Secretary be asked to take charge of this work, and that he be permitted to spend his entire time in the Church school and young People's work.

8. Whereas, there is at present an almost universal demand for religious legislation as is shown by the many National Reform conventions and by the frequency of religious bills introduced before Congress during the past months, and,

Whereas, there is need of immediate action on the part of liberty loving people to save the cause and educate State, Municipal and Public officials in general on this subject, therefore be it resolved,

That a Fourth of July Religious Liberty collection be taken on date to be named by Conference Committee in all our churches: the fund thus created to be used in furnishing Liberty to every member of the State Legislature, and to otherwise promulgate the liberty principles as the State interests might demand.

9. Resolved, that all our churches as far as consistent, elect each a local Religious Liberty Secretary, whose duties shall be to look after local interests and keep in touch with the State Secretary of the Religious Liberty department.

10. Resolved, that our churches as far as possible and is consistent see to it that all County and Municipal officers be regularly provided with the publication LIBERTY, and that it also be placed in the hands of other influential persons, such as Principals of Schools, Teachers, Ministers, Lawyers, Editors, Doctors etc, etc.

11. Resolved, that we as delegates use our influence in our home churches to place this important periodical in the hands of every family of our own people.

12. Resolved, that suitable persons be encouraged to devote their time to the selling of the periodicals, LIBERTY, and in securing yearly subscriptions.

13. Whereas, the Spirit of the Lord has plainly spoken regarding the education of our children and youth, therefore we recommend,

a. That we encourage our churches to establish and maintain Church Schools.

b. That we solicit the atten-

dance of our youth at the Maplewood Academy.

c. That we encourage those who finish at the Academy, and are able to do so, to attend Union College.

14. We recommend that our Church Schools be supported by the hearty co-operation of all members of the church by way of monthly donations for that purpose.

15. We recommend that a Teacher's Institute be held this summer at such a time and place as may be arranged for by the Educational Secretary in counsel with the Conference Committee, for the benefit and instruction of Church School teachers.

16. Whereas, the churches of Osakis, Gresham, Lamberton, Redwood Falls and South Reynolds have become disorganized by removals, apostasy, etc. etc., Therefore we recommend, that they be dropped from the conference, and that the remaining members of these churches connect with the nearest organized church.

17. We recommend that our Mission Secretaries be encouraged to establish the resident canvassing work in their localities and make it a permanent feature of giving the Message wherever possible.

a. That in every church the Mission Secretary in conjunction with the Elder of the church lay plans for a continued and systematic effort with our tracts and periodicals—Signs, Life and Health, Liberty, Sendebud Vaktare and the Hausfreund—where practicable.

b. That some plan be arranged in every church so that reports of work done shall be given to the Mission Secretary, who will thus be enable to send a faithful report of the same to the State Secretary at the close of each quarter.

18. In harmony with the request of Union College, we recommend that Eld. M. S. Reppe be released by this conference that he may connect with the College as teacher in the place of Pro. P. E. Bertleson, who is unable to continue his work on account of sickness.

19. Resolved, that we hereby express our thanks and hearty appreciations to the citizens of St Cloud and Sauk Rapids, the Railroads, public press, owners of the ground, the Street Car and Electric Light Co., the Telephone Co., and city business men for their co-operation and favors shown in the preparation and equipment of these grounds.

WM. ASP,
Sec'y Minn. Conf.

Sabbath School Work

The work of the Sabbath-school department during the past year has been encouraging in many respects. The only new feature introduced has been that of the class record envelopes as recommended at our conference a year ago. Aside from this the main effort has been to strengthen and help forward the plans already in operation.

The general spirit of co-operation on the part of our brethren and sisters throughout the State, and the continued faithfulness of the Sabbath-school secretaries in the matter of reporting have been a resource of encouragement all the way along.

One of the most encouraging features of the work during the year has been the correspondence with our isolated brethren and sisters of whom we have a large number. The real object in this work has been that these lone ones might be kept as closely in touch with the message of work

for this time as those who were associated in companies, and that they might feel that they were connected with the people of God and having a part in this closing work.

At the time of our last camp meeting we had 87 organized schools on our list embracing a membership of 2144. New schools have been reported at Detroit, Hazel, Morton, Nevis Exsior, and Luverne. On account of removals and other causes the schools of Red Wing, Warren, Oskis, Badger, and Rochester have been discontinued, and Barnesville and Fairbault have been transferred to the State Home Department. So at the present time we have 86 regular schools with an enrollment of 2060, only a slight difference from last year.

One year ago we had 56 family and individual schools in our State Home Department with a membership of 200. Some of these have been dropped and others added until at the present time we have 72 of these little schools with a membership of 252. The donations from this department for the year 1905 amounted to \$187.59, all but \$5.38 of which was sent to missions, showing an increase of \$35 in their offerings to missions over the previous year.

The total number of schools at the close of 1905, including the Home Department, was 149 and the membership 2374. The average membership for the year was 2337 and the average attendance 1668, showing that on an average throughout the entire year there were 669 of the members enrolled on our Sabbath school records absent every Sabbath.

The total donations for the year were \$2037. 91, and \$1404.54

of this amount was given to missions. It is encouraging to note that although our membership is nearly 900 less than it was in 1894 12 years ago that our donations to missions are the largest they have been any one year since that date.

\$111.92 was reported for missions from the children's work during the year, which is also an increase over the previous year. As an encouragement to the children and a help to those having the work in charge, plans have been made to secure the names of all the children who wished to join the Mission Band for 1906. Accordingly blanks were sent to each Sabbath school in the conference and also to many of the lone Sabbath-keepers, and as a result quite a list of names have been sent in, nearly all of whom have some thing definite in mind whereby they hope to help.

There were not as many Sabbath school conventions held the past year as usual, owing, we think to the fact that when the program for the conventions was sent out in the "Sabbath School Worker", our churches were busy planning for the Missionary Campaign and the conventions in connection with that, and it did not seem best to urge the Sabbath school conventions at that time. However several good conventions were held in different places which were a real benefit to those permitted to have part in them.

The new envelopes for class records have met with general approval as far as we have been able to learn.

We are sorry to say that only about half of our schools are supplied with the "Sabbath School Worker." We invite each teacher and Sabbath school officer who

do not have the "Sabbath School Worker" in their home school, to send for a sample copy and investigate for themselves its value as a help in their work.

The Home Department in the local schools is gaining ground. In Minneapolis, St. Paul, Anoka, and some other places the work is well organized and the outlook is hopeful. In the schools where this work is taken up it has proved a real source of help and blessing to those who were unable to get out to Sabbath school and meetings.

We are thankful to again leave the responsibility of planning for this branch of God's cause with you. We feel to express our appreciation of the many tokens of our Father's tender watchcare, the good will and hearty responses of co-operation received from conference laborers and the brethren and sisters throughout the State. We trust that you may see light in continuing to strengthen and build up the lines of work already in operation, and that, while our Sabbath school donations to missions show an encouraging increase, that no one may feel to slacken their efforts in the least. As the message enters new fields, more means will be needed. At the present time the Mission board is depending upon the Sabbath schools to the amount of \$60,000 annually for the advancement of the work in foreign fields. Shall we disappoint them? May we not, rather, enter upon some plan whereby the rapid extension of the work can be kept continually before the members of our Sabbath schools and a still greater work be accomplished.

That the blessing of God may continue to rest upon this branch

of His cause until the triumph of the message is our sincere desire.

ELLA E. MERICKEL.

School Work

It is five years almost to a day, since the writer left the educational work in Minnesota to take up further studies at Union College. These fleeting years have passed rapidly into history, and now, after this period of absence, it is with anticipation of hard work and pleasant association with the brethren in the Northern Union conference, that I return to take up the educational and young people's work in this field. I reached the Minnesota camp meeting June 3, and enjoyed a spiritual feast throughout the meeting.

It is only doing justice to the educational interest in the conference, to say that one of the most lively and interesting subjects to be considered at the St. Cloud meeting was that of the educational interests. To no subject did the delegates in conference meetings respond so heartily as to this one. Brother W. W. Ruble was elected to succeed brother S. E. Jackson, (who cannot be spared from Maplewood academy) as educational secretary.

The young people's work, as urged upon us by the Lord through the spirit of prophesy, was thoroughly discussed, and the educational secretary was asked to take charge of the missionary efforts in this field of opportunity.

A most enthusiastic church school rally was held at the close of the conference meeting on Thursday forenoon. Elders H. S. Shaw, K. C. Russel, L. H. Chris-

tian, C. L. Emmerson, F. A. Detamore, and Prof. Magan spoke very encouragingly, and enthusiastically of the importance, possibilities and success of this branch of God's work. The people responded heartily to these stirring speeches and we were encouraged to believe that God's people in Minnesota are ready for a forward step in the church school work. God has ordained this work and it will triumph.

O. J. GRAF.

Announcement for Minnesota

An institute for church school teachers will be held at the Maplewood Academy, Maple Plain, Minn., Aug. 14-28. All persons interested as church school teachers in Minnesota are requested to attend. Bro. W. W. Ruble has been elected State Secretary of the Educational Department of the Minnesota Conference, and all matters relating to church school work should be sent to him, at Box 989, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

H. S. SHAW.

Miscellaneous

Fargo

A letter recently received from a sister in Fargo contained the following statements concerning herself and some other brethren and sisters who are working with her.

"We are of good courage in the Lord, and are receiving many of His blessings. We ordered 1,200 copies of the Earthquake Special Signs and are distributing them among the business and leading people of Fargo and Morehead. We have had some very interesting talks."

MISS L. WHITE.

How to Send Money to the Southern Missionary Society

Those who are contributing to the work of the Southern Missionary Society are earnestly requested to make checks, drafts, postoffice and express money orders, payable, not to any individual, but to the Southern Missionary Society.

All correspondence for the Society should also be addressed, not to any individual, but to the Society. Individuals may be absent, but the Society is always at home. By always addressing the Society annoying delays will be avoided.

Please take notice that the address of the Southern Missionary Society is now North Station, Nashville, Tenn., instead of Edgefield, Tenn, as formerly. All correspondence should be sent to Nashville, and all money orders should be drawn on the Nashville Postoffice, not on Edgefield, as in the past.

C. P. BOLLMAN,

Sec'y Southern Miss. Society.

The REAPER office has the past week installed a new Crocker-Wheeler half horse power motor for power to take the place of the gasoline engine which has been used.

Advertisements

We desire only such advertisements as we know to be thoroughly reliable, therefore anyone sending in advertisements should either be known to the editor or send a reference from some laborer or church elder.

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Up to date ninety-seven per cent of all orders taken for books by our regular canvassers in Minnesota were delivered.

The tent company at St. Paul, Minn. held their first meeting on Friday evening, June 22. The attendance was not large but encouraging.

Eld. C. A. Burman passed through Minneapolis to-day for Stanley, N. D., and from there he goes to Alberta, Can., where he is to labor.

Eld. C. M. Babcock who is laboring in Duluth, Minn., made a call at Detroit after the Minnesota camp meeting and reports having baptized five persons.

Prof. P. T. Magan who is dean of our Normal at Nashville, Tenn., is making a tour of the northern conferences in the interests of that school which is badly in need of funds. However he says nothing about funds,—but is doing faithful ministerial work,—except by permission of the conference management where he is. North and South Dakota have responded liberally to the needs of that worthy school.

We count the North Dakota Conference very fortunate, as they have secured Prof. N. W. Lawrence (who has heretofore been principal of the Mount Vernon College) to head the Academy at Harvey the coming year.

Last week we said Eld. L. H. Christenson attended the Minnesota camp meeting. We should have said Eld. L. H. Christian. Brother Christian is superintendent of the Danish-Norwegian work in America and is attending all the meetings he can because of that.

The Mid-summer Foreign Mission Offering is to be taken in all our churches, June 30th. We do not feel like pressing any one to give more than they are able, but we do feel like saying, Give all you can. The work in the regions beyond really needs and deserves a good offering.

Eld. R. A. Underwood took the grip at the Rock Lake, N. D. camp meeting and was quite a sick man when he arrived in Minneapolis the middle of the week. He is slowly improving but will not be able to do much for a few days to come. He reports an excellent spirit at the Rock Lake meeting.

Brother and Sister Shaw—two of our missionaries to India—had to return to this country some time ago on account of Brother Shaw's health. He is now at the sanitarium at Boulder, but they expect to return to India in a short time. Sister Shaw has been attending some of the western camp meetings, among them those of South and North Dakota. Her talks have been followed by very liberal responses in both states. The exact amounts will be given later.

In a future issue of the REAPER plans will be proposed to bring us back to the old time "tract and missionary" work. Do you think it necessary? Will you help make the movement a success?

From Sister Merickel's Sabbath school report we see that about thirty per cent of the members in the Sabbath schools of Minnesota are absent every Sabbath. Are you one of that thirty per cent? If you are won't you help make the per cent of absent members one less in the future?

Brother Muck, editor of our paper for the blind, visited the camp meetings in Minnesota and South Dakota. A collection was taken in each place. In Minnesota this amounted to \$64.34 and we think it was more in South Dakota. We have not North Dakota's figures but we hear they have taken hold of the matter. This money is to be used to furnish literature for the blind within our borders.

A canvassers' institute was held at St. Cloud following the Minnesota camp meeting from Monday, June 11 to Sunday, June 17. Those in attendance to take the training were, Brethren Albert Goude, Jay Battin, Arthur Christiansen, Alfred Heinig, Bro. Holton and Sister Nellie Brackin. There were others in attendance at the camp meeting who could not stay for the institute, but having had previous experience in the canvassing work fully decided to take up the work again upon returning to their homes. Brethren J. S. James, Field Secretary for the Union and F. F. Fry, Field Secretary of Minnesota conducted the institute.