



"The HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW"

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General Articles

The Spirit of the Age

The following letter was received by one of our canvassers in a province of Canada recently. It expresses the sentiment of a large number of people who are being wrongly educated by over-zealous, yet perhaps honest, people. The man who wrote the letter belongs to no church. His wife belongs to a Protestant church and they attend services about twice a year, and care very little what they do on Sunday.

"Dear sir—You will remember being here a few days ago, soliciting orders for your book, (so called) Bible Readings. Also receiving order from me for same. I also read carefully your paper, *Signs of the Times*, and found that its teaching is contrary to my way of thinking, and also contrary to the laws of our country, thinking that the book was along the same line of argument I borrowed one from a friend, to find that my conjecture was correct. I wish to cancel my order, I would not accept it as a gift, as to the price if you

want it you can call for it and I will pay you.

I wish to call your attention to an Act passed early this year by the Dominion government called the Lord's Day Act, which prohibits work of all kinds on Sunday, except works of necessity. To come in force on the first day of March next. Their idea is that what is good enough for the Christian is good enough for Jew and Advent, and in their opinion I entirely concur."

The Work for this Time

We have come to a time in the year when many of our brethren are planning on what they will do the coming season. As Seventh-day Adventists, as those who have given themselves to God, we should carefully consider the demands our Heavenly Father has upon us. That we are living in the last days no one who has given the question careful thought will deny. We see it in the social disturbances, in labor troubles, in storms, floods, disasters by land and sea, in the federation movements, agitation of the Sunday question in every land, and above all we see it in the call that is coming from

souls in every country, hungry for the precious truths of the Third Angel's Message.

In the face of the situation before us shall we devote our time and energy to making a few dollars, altho wages are good, and perhaps during that time go backward in our Christian experience? Or shall we devote our time in service for the Master, getting an experience day by day that shall make us earnest, faithful, efficient workers in saving souls for whom Christ died, and helping to do our part to fulfil the gospel commission our Saviour left to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?"

It will take all to win the prize, and God can not say to us "Well done good and faithful servant" if we have given him half-hearted service. May our hearts be warmed as we see the calls coming from every land; and may many honest, strong young hearts respond to the call and say "Here am I Lord, send me."

In the sale of our literature one has the very best chance possible to come in personal contact with the people, to learn their true necessities, and at the

same time, under the guiding influence of the Spirit, one may become a true minister and lead precious souls to the Saviour. But one says, "It is hard work and I do not like to canvass." Of course it is, and perhaps not always the most pleasant either; but Christ left a pleasant place and came down to this earth to save you and me, and the record says, "As my Father hath sent me into the world even so send I you." Did Christ have any trials or hardships or experience difficulties? If he did, so will we; yet we have the precious promise "As thy day so shall thy strength be," and "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye." Then the joy of loving service rendered to God, and the satisfaction of hearing from the loving Saviour's lips the words "Thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," will be ours.

May God roll upon the hearts of many in this union conference the burden of service, and give us his Spirit to guide us in his work and save us in his kingdom.

W. L. MANFULL.

Pacific Press Notes

The Pacific Press is in mourning. Elder W. N. Glenn, of the Editorial Staff of the *Signs of the Times*, after a week's illness with pneumonia passed away as the sun went down, Sabbath, December 1st. He had been connected with the Pacific Press for over thirty years, filling various positions of responsibility. He was always true and loyal to the message which he held so dear. His many years of faithful work in proclaiming the message are now ended. He pass-

ed away holding fast the hope which year after year has grown stronger as he has faithfully labored to proclaim this last message to the world.

It is with sadness that we mention the death of our faithful pioneer in the *Signs* work, Brother George A. King of New York.

In reference to his work and life the President of the Greater New York Conference writes:

"In my personal experience in this work I have never come in contact with one who was more devoted to the proclamation of this Truth than he. His whole being was wrapped in this Cause. For it he prayed; for it he lived; and for its advancement and triumph he labored incessantly. He looked upon the *Signs* as a father would look upon his only child. Article by article, page by page it was perused by him. His one great question was: 'How can the paper be improved to meet present day issues?' Never a testimony did he bear in meeting without closing it with an appeal for some one to enter the *Signs* work. Day after day, week after week, without a day's rest, excepting the Sabbaths, he toiled up those long flights of stairs bent on the one object of giving the Truth to the people. What a reward he will receive some day."

Our tracts (Bible Students' and Apples of Gold Libraries) are having a wonderful sale this season and we find it difficult to keep up with the demand. One cylinder press is kept busy nearly all the time on these little leaflets, and they must be falling in some places like the leaves of autumn. The Judgement alone will reveal the good that has been accomplished by scattering these tracts. Let the good work go on.

During the past few days we have been having very cold weather for this part of the country and our work men find it difficult to keep warm in our temporary sheds. Only a thin board partition full of knot-holes and cracks between them and the outside world. Several stoves have been put in but these relieve the situation only partially.

Notwithstanding all this, we have not heard one word of complaint. All seem to be trying to make the best of the situation and carry on the work to the best of their ability.

However it will be a day of rejoicing when the new factory is finished. We are now laboring under great disadvantages not only on account of the cold but for lack of sufficient room to carry on the work in hand. If we are not delayed in securing material we expect the new factory will be ready for occupancy about the first of January.

We have just finished printing editions of the following named books:

"Uncle Ben's Cobblestones."

"House We Live In."

"Early Writings."

"Vegetarian Cook Book."

Orders can be filled promptly.

We have in press volumes one to eight of "Testimonies for the Church" and these will be pushed to completion as soon as possible.

From the Field

Manitoba

Yorkton, Sask.

Since arriving here October 10 we have been living in the home of Bro. Geo. Mawson but realig-

ing that the greater part of the winter we will spend in this locality we requested Eld. F. H. Conway to ship our goods from Regina and we are now comfortably located in a large room in the home of Mrs. Jane McEachern. We have stable room here for a cow and horse, so we are well fixed for milk, cream, and driving.

Mrs. McEachern gives us the use of a good horse for the winter for its keeping. We purchased a fair sleigh of Brother Mawson so we can get around in the neighborhood a good deal, we hope. Here we are within one mile of the school house where we have already held three meetings with a fair attendance and good interest and we hope some are sufficiently interested to attend nightly services as soon as the rush of grain hauling is over.

The Presbyterian minister preaches every Sunday at three p. m. in the school house. He has shown himself friendly to us and we have visited in his home, tho he has not attended any of our services as yet. Some of his congregat on have requested him to preach on the Sabbath question and he has promised to do so. Tho he has not yet announced it we hope he may do it soon as we believe it will give us a good opportunity to give the people the truth.

We have passed thro some very trying experiences since coming to this locality, but we praise God as we believe they will strengthen us for greater service. Brethren and sisters, pray for the work in the Wallace neighborhood. We find the neighbors very friendly and expect some fruit for our labor.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL CURTIS.

A Word from Manitoba

After our tent effort in Winnipeg, which has been an experience long to be remembered by those connected with it, and which the Lord, in spite of the dark spots, has blessed with the fruit of ten souls who rejoice in the present truth. Elder Adams and the writer have visited the church at Russell, Man., where we held a few meetings, but on account of the rush of work could not stay longer to be a help to them. We found that this little church had its first experience in meeting the enemy as a church in the way of false doctrines. But thank God, the first battle was fought and victory gained, and the Lord has the glory. This experience has taught me the lesson more than ever before of the importance, of the conference committee knowing where the minister stands in matters of doctrine. Our ministers must give the trumpet the same sound, or they cannot be representatives of this last message. This little company has been benefited by this experience.

We went to Rosthern, Sask., next, where we spent a few days with the church. We found them of good courage as a church but it was found necessary to change the leadership, which matter was attended to.

This great field is sorely in need of a competent German laborer. It has thousands of German speaking people, but where are the workers to bring them the message? Every year there is an influx of many hundreds of that nationality from all parts of the world. Talk about the foreign fields! it seems to me that we cannot find a country

where all the different nationalities are so represented as right here. The city of Winnipeg alone, with its 12,000 Germans, 10,000 Jews, thousands of Prussians, Gallacians, and Icelanders, as well as Norwegians and other nationalities, certainly offers a grand foreign field, am afraid too foreign to be seriously considered. As the stream of missionaries go to the needy East, please let us remember that emigration is going West.

At present I am with the church at Morden to help them. They are scattered over so much territory that it is difficult to have them all together. I expect to spend the Week of Prayer with them in their different localities and may the Lord see fit to give us all the blessing we stand in need of.

C. J. KUNKEL.

South Dakota

The Canvassing Work

Just recently I have closed my delivery of books. There has been some delay in this, caused by the destruction of the stock of books held by the Pacific Press at the time of the fire. If one member of the body suffers all others feel and bear their particular share. I can not say that I feared the effect on my work. I was confident the Lord would care for it. The results has proven my faith to have been well-founded. Only two refused to take their book for not being on time.

There were quite a number whom I was unable to reach, one having gone to Canada, another to the Pacific coast, and others to distant parts of the states. In all I secured just one hundred and sixty one

(161) orders for, "Great Controversy," from May until the 1st of October and in the delivery lost in all thirteen (13) so placing in the homes of the people one hundred and forty-eight books. And it is gratifying how many most excellent sermons are, by this means, being preached thru the long winter evenings.

If one would know the varying conditions under which the canvasser labors, just read the sixth chapter of 2nd Corinthians. We have not yet entered into the full measure of the apostle's experience. But sufficiently to enjoy a good degree of fellowship with him therein. And we look forward to battles of the future with confidence in God for needed strength, and with expectancy and hope for a final and complete victory.

We gathered at the Institute last March, sought the Gracious Lord earnestly, improved our opportunities there, and went out expecting great things.

God blessed the efforts of our dear leader, Brother Manfull and others joined us after the camp-meeting. This little band has now ended the summer's work. We find ourselves scattered, not so much more as to localities but in present aims, plans and purposes. One has returned to his home hoping to lead his own dear parents to acknowledge the preciousness of the truth he sought to present to others. Another has taken a government claim. Two or three have joined the corps of self-sacrificing church school teachers for the winter. Others have returned to Elk Point Academy and Union College. Two are still in the field. How glad our kind brethren would be if even all these with many added should rally to the call that will surely sound when the time comes for the spring institute.

Let us pray that all our individual purposes, aims and plans shall lead us into the way of the one eternal purpose of our all-wise God and loving Father; that at last we may hear the "Well done" and receive our crown.

Brother James writes from mid-ocean these words,—“The great need of the world *beyond* should appeal to our hearts and cause us to sever every tie that binds us to earthly idols.” “Encourage all the boys to stay by it until God shall call them elsewhere.”

Yours in service,

IRA S. JONES.

Minnesota

Detroit

Brethren Fred Johnson and J. F. Anderson were here a few weeks ago and presented the \$150,000 fund. Altho this church is composed mostly of sisters whose husbands are not in the truth, yet they pledged or gave outright something like \$2.50 each, while some of the children who are not reckoned as members gave small sums. It was a time of encouragement to all, for they felt that they were having a part in hastening the gospel to all the world for a witness to all nations.

Brother Ruble was with us Sabbath, December 22 and while the subject of Christian education and church schools was presented a spirit of deep interest was manifested by the entire congregation. We believe the prospects are favorable for a church school here next year.

H. W. JOHNSON.

A Happy New Year to all.

Minneapolis

Since my last report I have visited quite a number of our Scandinavian churches where I feel that much has been accomplished, besides my work here in the city.

Since our Workers' Meeting my work has been in the city only and I am glad to report that my labors have not been without fruit. Last Sabbath evening we had the pleasure of following two dear souls to the watery grave in baptism. What seemed especially good was that we had the use of our own church for the first time. We have had our church repaired and a new baptistry put in so our church is now in good shape.

We are planning on beginning a series of meetings in the church at the beginning of the New Year in connection with our Danish-Norwegian Workers' Meeting which will be a means of calling the attention of the Scandinavians of the neighborhood to Present Truth. We trust that the different churches in the Northern Union Conference will especially remember these meetings in their prayers. The Lord undoubtedly has many Scandinavians in this city who are looking for light and truth and who ought to have it brought to them before the Lord comes.

H. STEEN.

Brother Steen's report reached us too late for the last issue of the REAPER before the Educational Special and then one issue was dropped out. We are sorry that this and some other reports are more than two weeks old because of the Special and the one week without an issue. But our brethren will be just as glad to read them we are sure.—ED.

Lake Eunice, Detroit, and Local

Brother Anderson and the writer have just returned to Minneapolis from a visit among the above named churches.

At Lake Eunice we met with Eld. S. Mortenson of Chicago, the Supt. of the Swedish work in America. The meetings which were held in the middle of the day and in the evening were well attended by the brethren, who were on time at every meeting and showed a good interest, both in a spiritual and a practical way. They promised seventy nine dollars toward the \$150,000 fund, gave about thirty dollars in cash to the Swedish work in Chicago.

The children, too, were not behind in good work, as was seen at the close of their "harvest ingathering" exercise, when twelve dollars or more was given by them.

At Detroit there is a small company of English and Scandinavian brethren, who meet together. Most of them are poor and some were sick—one with typhoid fever; but they love the cause and wanted to have a part in the big fund and they raised their share.

While at Detroit I was called to Senjen to conduct the funeral of sister Julietta Books, aged 44 years, who died with typhoid fever. Sr. Boo's accepted present truth about two years ago and remained earnest and faithful to the last. She seems to have contracted the disease while lovingly nursing her son who was first taken down with the fever and was yet sick at the time of her death. She leaves a husband, one son and daughter to mourn their loss. The services were held at our Senjen church where we again were reminded of the sweet promises that very soon the dead in Christ will be raised to everlasting life.

From Detroit we took the stage up to Local, eighteen or twenty miles northeast where there were three families of Scandinavian brethren living. It seemed a long distance and there was a lot of snow and very cold. The country is very hilly and the brethren scattered, but we were glad to find them of good courage and willing to help with their means.

In every place we have found the Scandinavian brethren in good courage and ready to stand by the cause we all love.

FRED JOHNSON.

Here and There

We left St. Cloud November 21 for a tour in the southeastern part of the state among the churches and scattered Sabbathkeepers. Our trip thus far has been very pleasant and profitable for both our brethren and sisters and us.

The first company with which we met was at Lake City where we remained over Sabbath and Sunday, November 24 and 25. We had some good meetings and some who were getting weary in the way of life were revived.

From here we went to Zumbro Falls where we found but few standard bearers of truth. Yet we enjoyed visiting those who were still there.

Leaving this place we came to Pine Island. We had some enjoyable times there. We were sorry to see the church at this place almost destitute of members. Those remaining need much help and encouragement, and we were glad to give them all we could in the few days we were there, November 30 to December 5.

Our next point was Dodge Center where we spent Decem-

ber 8-11. We held several services for the church and public and God came near to us.

At this writing we are at Stewartville the oldest church in the state. Our hearts were cheered in meeting the few brethren and sisters who are left to hold up the truth.

The sociability and hospitality of the brethren and sisters has been bountifully extended to us and we appreciate it fully. It has done us good to call on isolated ones, they seemed so pleased to see us, for some had not seen a Seventh-day Adventist minister for years. May they live faithfully the truth in their respective neighborhoods.

On our way from Lake City to Zumbro Falls we were necessarily detained at the little village of Hammond over night and thought this a good opportunity to tell the people some truth. We secured the Gospel Union chapel and held a good service with a large audience, and as the result sold about four dollars worth of books. We took about forty dollars worth of books with us to use in our work and have sold already over fourteen dollars worth.

The spirit of sacrifice for the cause is most manifest when calls have been made for the \$150,000 fund. Thus far we have raised \$520.02. May the blessing of God be showered upon his faithful and self-sacrificing people.

A. C. GILBERT,
J. M. CEMER.

St. Paul

The work here is encouraging and there is a growing interest among those who are studying the Truth. Since moving in from Como, our Sabbath meetings are

held in the church. The fourth meeting of the Missionary Society was held last Tuesday night. Our object is to win souls for Christ. All in the church are considered members of the Society and every individual is made to feel that upon his shoulders rests a part of the burdens and work.

The meetings thus far have been well attended. The heaviest part of the program falls upon the young people, yet there are parts of each program delivered by elderly members so as to give the whole a balanced grace of dignity. The children, too, when the meetings are held where they can be present, fill their place with childlike joy by giving recitations or helping in song.

At these meetings we aim to instruct each other along all lines pertaining to the work of the church and one program each month is devoted to the following subjects: "Home Missionary Work," "Religious Liberty," "Foreign Missions" and, "Health and Temperance."

Several companies have been formed to work not only for church members but for unbelievers. Every individual is to be an active worker in some of these lines of work. There are many talents among us covered with earth or wrapped in a napkin which if unearthed and moved into the right channels would be the means of a greater yield of sheaves for the Master. In this place circumstances are such that often a Seventh day Adventist moves to this city and months may pass before they really get among us as one of us. Others are not able to get away to church every Sabbath and feel the need of the meetings. For all in these two classes we have a little company of sisters called the "Welcoming Band," whose duty it is to seek out

these lone ones, visit them frequently and make them feel that there is a brotherly love among us and that they, too, are one of our workers.

It seemed necessary that some one look after the distributing of tracts, periodicals etc., so a number of the brethren called the "Literature Band" have the burden of that. Fifteen hundred copies of the "Liberty" have been ordered. one thousand have arrived, and the greater part of those are now out among the members being sold and given away. Several who are not old canvassers have related some interesting experiences in selling them. One young sister had a lively discussion with a Catholic priest.

There are always sick ones among us who need attention, also among unbelievers near us, and we call the sisters who especially are to look after these, the "Samaritan Band."

Then the poor widows who have to wash and labor hard to feed and clothe their little ones, and others who are poor and need help are looked after by the "Sewing Society." This lively company of young sisters meet often to sew and are superintended by one of our elderly sisters. Sometimes they have met at the home of a poor mother to help her make and make over clothing for her children. All old clothing and pieces that can be gathered up are handed over to this company. They have pieced coverings for several comforters this fall, the wadding, etc., being purchased from the offerings given at our Missionary Meetings. These quilts and most of the coats, jackets, dresses and other garments are on their way to our needy schools in the south.

Reports of the work of all these companies are brought to the Mis-

sionary Meetings and given in verbally at the close of each program. Each member old and young is also supplied with a Missionary Report blank upon which they are to record weekly their work done, visits made, Bible Readings held, papers, books, tracts, etc., distributed. These are collected each week, their contents summed up and the report as a whole read at the Missionary Meeting.

We hope to become better workers in the Master's vineyard. We feel the need of abundant showers of the latter rain. Pray for us, brethren and sisters, that we may gather out the sheaves from the leaps of rubbish in this city before it is too late. We know not how soon these large cities will be visited by the destroying angel.

ALICE M. BURGHART.

Reporting

Much is yet to be accomplished in our schools in the way of organizing and systematizing the work. We need a uniform method of reporting, which, as yet, we do not have. But a beginning has been made, and progress is before us, if all the teachers and superintendents will work together and in unison. Monthly report cards for church school teachers to send to the parent of each pupil at the close of the school month have been prepared. These are to be sent to all teachers in this Union. We hope that no teacher will neglect to use them. Then there are monthly report blanks for the teachers to use in reporting to the conference educational superintendent. These also will soon be sent out to the teachers.

Most, if not all, our Academies are endeavoring to keep in closer

touch with the patrons of their school. To accomplish this they will, in addition to the usual correspondence with the parents, send them at regular times a comprehensive report of the student's standing in the school. This will not only keep the parents informed but will also, no doubt in many cases be an incentive to greater faithfulness on the part of the student. Should any teacher or school fail to receive these blanks, write to your conference superintendent about it or report to the writer and you will be supplied.

Let us remember that the Lord would have his work done decently and in order, and that faithfulness in little things is a preparation for greater usefulness.

O. J. GRAF.

Notice!

The Medical Department of the General Conference is anxious to have the address of all the medical workers in this union. This information is also desired by the officers of the Northern Union Conference that we may be in touch in this line of missionary work. I therefore wish for all the physicians and nurses to send in their present addresses, with any report of their work that they see fit to send. I will then forward a list of these names to Dr. Ruble, who is now at the head of the Medical Department of the General Conference. I trust there will be a hearty response for we wish the closest harmony to exist between these workers themselves and also the workers in other lines.

E. P. HAWKINS.

God so loved that he gave.

A New Method of Teaching Reading

The Rational Method of Teaching Reading is being introduced in the most progressive schools of this country. It successfully combines the virtues and avoids the faults of the old methods. The new readers that were recommended by the Educational Convention held at College View last summer, and now being published by the Pacific Press Publishing Company, were prepared in the light of this method.

Brother O. J. Graf, Educational Secretary of the Northern Union Conference, has prepared an outline of instruction on this method, which should be a great help to every teacher of reading. The outline comes in pamphlet form. Prices, postpaid: Single copy, five cents; twenty-five copies, \$1.00; one hundred copies, \$3.50.

Order of the Educational Department of the Northern Union Conference, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

Note.—All persons teaching in our schools in this Union Conference will be furnished with a copy free of charge. If you have not received one, send in your name at once.

Obituary

DIED—Mrs. Martha F. Nason, of heart failure at St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 16, 1906, at the age of 78 years, 2 months, and 2 days. She was born at Sheffield, New Brunswick, Sept. 14, 1828 and was married to Lembul Nason in 1850. Four sons and two daughters were born to them of whom but one son, Pembroke,

still lives, with whom Sister Nason made her home, her husband having died two years ago. She experienced religion in early life and became a Seventh-day Adventist in 1879 uniting with the St. Paul church as a charter member in 1883. She was faithful to death and passed away in the attitude of prayer. Funeral services were held at the home in St. Paul and her body was taken to Farmington and laid to rest, there to await the Master's call in the first resurrection.

F. A. DETAMORE.

Advertisements

We desire only such advertisements 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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J. W. BOYNTON.

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He who would do much for God must hold communion with him often.—*Christian Witness.*

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Maplewood Academy

One of the largest classes in school this year is the geography class. It has twenty-seven members. They are studying the Atlantic states.

The English literature class is studying what is regarded as Shakespeare's best composition.

Brother Heyer from Fergus Falls spent Sabbath and Sunday with his son, Julius, at Maplewood.

Elk Point Academy

So many of our last year's students are with us that we are often reminded of last year's work.

Prof. O. J. Graf has just spent several days with us. His counsel has been very much appreciated.

Miss Gunda Torkelson, who left school some weeks ago on account of her eyes, is again with us somewhat improved in health and ready for school work.

We expected Prof. P. T. Magan to be with us Thanksgiving evening. On the announcement that he would not be here till a week later we hastily prepared a

program and spent a pleasant evening in the boys' parlor.

We have had very little cold weather. At present the days are warm and pleasant, and there is no snow.

Sheyenne River Academy

Bro. J. A. Reiber has spent a few days with friends at the Academy.

Bro. C. G. Berglin recently took a vacation of a few days, while attending to some business at his old home near Valley City.

The first social and musical program of the year was recently held in the Academy chapel, and proved a very pleasant occasion to the school family and a few friends. The chapel was turned into an attractive parlor by the good taste and labor of a few faithful hands. The preparing and rendering of the program was an altogether freewill service. The numbers consisted in music, readings, recitations, mental drills, and remarks; all of which seemed to be much enjoyed and appreciated by every one present.

Among the recent arrivals at the Academy are, Edward Kindoph of Bowden; Martin Neilsen of Mohall; Martin and Arnie Gyes of Harvey; David and Oscar Trygg of Bi mark and Luther Wilson of Cherokee City, Ark. All these students are working well and hard to catch up in their studies with those who have had the advantage of class work from the beginning of the term.

The school farm has met with the loss of one of its best horses of late, caused by pneumonia.

Thanksgiving day at the Academy was spent partly in class work, partly in the ap-

pointed Thanksgiving service, and partly in a pleasant afternoon sleighride by nearly the whole school family.

One of our students from Dannybrook, Verne Carpenter, was called home a few days ago by the death of his father. He has, however, returned to school again.

Many of the reports printed in this issue could have been printed two or three weeks ago, but the Educational Special took up the entire space one week and no paper was issued the next. Hence the slowness of these reports in appearing.

The Episcopal priest of Cando, N. D., spent Sunday evening, December 2, explaining to his congregation about the observance of Sunday in the primitive church. His text was Eze. 43:28. It was said to be a very weak argument and not very impressive. However it reveals an interest on the part of some of the people, otherwise he would not have made the explanation.

Word just reaches us that the main building of the Bethel Academy at Bethel, Wis., was burned early on the morning of January 2. The value of the building is said to have been \$13,000 with an insurance of \$3,500. No lives were lost but many only escaped in their night clothes. These particulars were gleaned from the *Minneapolis Journal* of January 2.

We feel that the great prevalence of fire in these days should admonish all of our schools to be extra careful to know that their heating apparatus is in perfect shape, and that every precaution is taken to ward against fire. Then if we carry insurance at all why not carry enough to somewhat cover the value?