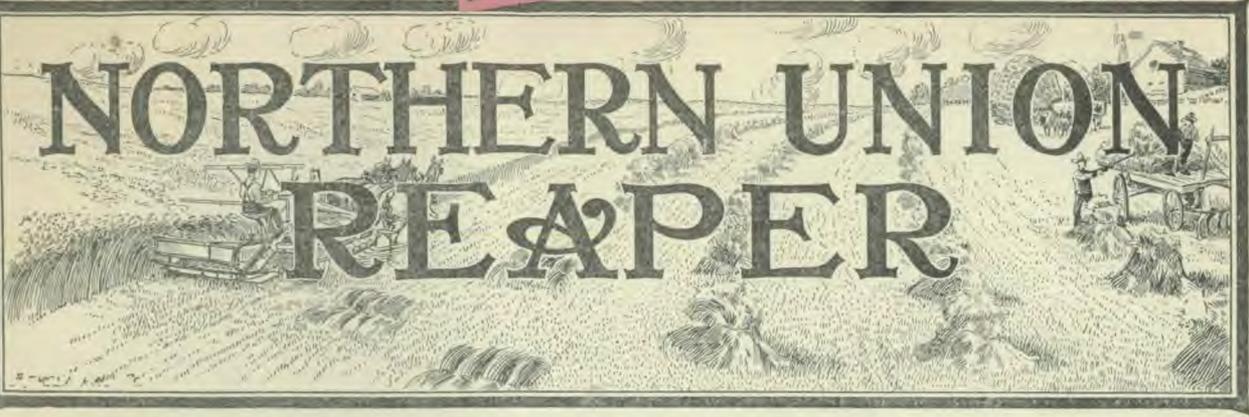


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### General Articles

#### The Examinations

In harmony with the action taken at the Northern Union Conference meeting held at Minneapolis last year, and also in harmony with the resolutions passed by the General Conference Educational Convention held at College View last summer, the Northern Union Conference examining board has worked out plans for conducting our examinations. These plans were published in the REAPER of July 24, 1906. The first examinations under the new order of things will be given within a few weeks; and the next, the latter part of May.

When a student receives a grade of seventy per cent or more on any final examination paper, the educational department of this Union Conference will issue to the student a certificate of standing which will be accepted by all the church schools and academies in this Union Conference, and we are confident will also be accepted as credit in the subject represented

by the certificate when the student enters any of our colleges and academies outside this Union Conference; we are planning to make arrangements to this effect.

Those who have not been in our schools this winter, but wish to take the examinations, may do so by going to any of our schools, where the examinations will be given. The exact date has not been set, but may be learned by corresponding with the educational superintendent or principal of the academy in your conference, soon after the tenth of March.

O. J. GRAF.

#### Report of Kansas City Branch of the Pacific Press for 1906

The readers of the REAPER will doubtless be interested in a brief report of the Kansas City Branch of the Pacific Press for 1906. I am very glad to tell you that last year was a very prosperous one for the book work in our field. Notwithstanding the great calamities that came to our main house and difficulties in securing books, our sales last year were by far the largest since the establishment of the branch at this place. Our sub-

scription book sales amounted to \$76,265. Trade books \$4,711.20. Tracts \$3,475.64. Total sales for the year \$84,457.84. Our sales for 1906 exceed that of 1905 by \$25,600.57. The above is a report in dollars and cents only. It would be impossible to give results of the effect this great mass of literature has had on the people. Had we the space we could cite you to many interesting cases of persons accepting the truth through reading our books. I quote a portion of a letter just received from one of our canvassers, it is so fresh and good I know you will enjoy reading it. "Another week is past and some very good experiences. I met two families that are keeping the Sabbath, one from reading "Bible Readings," and the other from "Daniel and Revelation," but neither one knew there was a church or anyone keeping the Sabbath within forty miles of them."

The above is one of many instances that have been brought to our attention during 1906 of individuals accepting the truth wholly from reading our books.

#### PROSPECTS FOR 1907

The present indications are that 1907 will be a good year for

our publishing work. Not since my connection with the work, thirteen years ago, have I seen the interest manifested as it is at this time. The work is coming up in every conferenee. Our conference workers fully realize this is one of the chief means of giving the truth to the people. The Lord has said this is so, and it is being demonsfrated every day. We cannot refrain from mentioning the good work our colleges are doing in connection with our publishing interests. Half the students in some of these institutions are planning to enter the canvassing work this summer. I will mention especially Union College which is located in our field. There are at present about 400 students in attendance. Early in the year a canvassing band was organized, and one or more meetings are held each week in the interest of this work. The band is growing in numbers weekly. At the present time they have an attendance at these meetings of about seventy. We fully expect that one hundred young men and women will enter the canvassing work at the close of school from Union College alone. The interest in this branch of the work in many of our other schools is as good as it is at Union College. We are expecting 1907 to be the best year in the history of this denomination for the spread of our literature.

JAMES COCHRAN.

#### From J. S. James

From a private letter to Brother Fry we are permitted to extract the following.

Calcutta, India, Dec. 28, '06.

F. F. Fry, Minneapolis,

Dear Brother:—Your most wel-

come letter of November 12 was placed in my hands this morning and I can assure you it did me a world of good to read it. I could almost see myself back in Eagle Lake carrying on my work as usual. I can assure you that I did not wish it were so. Not that I did not enjoy my work while there and feel contented with the success attending it, but more because I rejoice to be in a field where every move you make and every blow struck is received with welcome by those for whom you are working. God has lead us to this field and we feel to praise his name for it.

We sighted the welcome shores of India last Friday, December 21, at about noon. We were on shore at 2:30 p. m. where friends were glad to meet us. Not being able to get our baggage thru the customs in time to leave Bombay before the Sabbath we remained over there until Monday eve and then took a train for this place. I presume you will be interested to know something of our journey from London to this place.

We had a very pleasant journey considering all things and the time of year. The first night out from London while in the English channel we had a rough spell that made us all a bit sick but we were soon over it, as soon as we reached the Bay of Biscay. To our surprise this water was smooth it being generally very boisterous. After the second day out we could see land on our left all the way to Gibraltar, First France and then Portugal and Spain. The moutains close to the sea in these countries looked very beautiful. Many of them abound with vineyards and small fruit orchards. Little vil-lages and towns dotted the coast all along. We saw the city of

Lisbon, the great city destroyed by earthquake in 1755. Gibraltar is a wonderful place. Nothing I have ever read concerning it does it justice. The rock is practically an island off the coast of Spain in the Straits between Spain and Africa. On this rock at the base is built a city of 27,000 inhabitants, 7,000 of whom are British soldiers. The ground upon which this city is built has been reclaimed from the sea by filling in from the rock. The rock is 1,400 feet high and about two miles long with the broad side facing the southwest. It is fortified with 600 guns of high power, sufficient to shoot to the coast of Africa, a distance of fifteen miles, with deadly accuracy. We went ashore here for a few hours and looked over the place. Not a single vegetable is grown on the rock. Everything consumed by the 27,000 people there is brought in the hours between sunrise and sunset every day from the nearby shores of Africa, Spain, Portugal and France. Our next stop was at Marseilles, France, where we staid over night and took coal. We went ashore here and looked over the town and made a few purchases. Everything was French and we understood but little. From Marseilles to Port Said, Egypt was quite a pleasant journey. One night we passed the volcano called Stromboli off the coast of Italy in the Straits between the main land and the island of Sicily. We passed within a mile of it but it was not in action save a few streams of lava flowing over the crest of the crater.

(Continued next week)

"Sculptors of life are we, as we stand  
With our souls uncarved before us."

**Liberty**

The fourth number of *Liberty*, now ready, completes the first year of this new magazine. As to age, it is a mere babe, but in influence and power it has proven to be a giant. Its average circulation during the nine months it has been published reaches nearly 50,000 copies per issue. No doubt, it will have a circulation of 100,000 copies before the close of its second year.

The fourth number of *Liberty*, while it reveals improvement along religious lines in foreign countries, it presents conclusive evidence that the pagan and papal philosophy of union of church and state is rapidly growing in favor in the United States. The special message for this time is, therefore, "Proclaim liberty to the captives." Let the people understand that the spirit of the gospel is opposed to bondage of any kind, and has no part in religious coercion; that God has left every man free to choose or reject divine government; that the right to believe and to worship includes the equal right not to believe and to refuse to worship; that religious freedom is heaven-born, — a gift of God, and does not admit enforced observances.

The fundamental principles of religious liberty upon which the foundation of this nation was built, is being eclipsed by the philosophy and sophistry of National reformism, and those who are heaven-favored with a clear conception of the only worship and service acceptable to God, have resting upon them a binding obligation to impart this knowledge to those about them. A mighty struggle between truth and error is upon this nation.

The issue is clearly drawn, and its culmination is not far in the future.

Let all the readers of the REAPER ponder the crisis and arrange to do their full duty in disseminating the gems of truth associated with the gospel of liberty. Send for a liberal supply of the magazine and sell them in your community. The people will buy them readily if properly presented to them. They are interested. This is a live interesting issue in which all intelligent people are more or less interested than appears on the surface.

*Liberty* is a quarterly magazine of thirty-two pages. The subscription price is only twenty-five cents a year, or twenty-five or more copies in one order to one address, two and one half cents a copy. The retail price is five cents a copy. Order through the tract society, or direct from the publishers, *Liberty*, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

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## From the Field

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**Alberta****At the Leduc School**

We have been enjoying fine weather here the past week. Although the weather has been cold most of the this winter it has been comfortable at the school. The fuel supply has been plentiful for which we feel very thankful.

The students have an hour every afternoon which they use in taking exercise out in the open air. All seem to enjoy the school very much. Most of the students say it is better than they had

expected. Several of the students are expecting to enter the canvassing work at the close of the term.

DOW JAMES.

**Alberta Institute**

We began our institute work here the eighteenth of February. I found a fine class of young people and it certainly speaks well for the future of the Alberta Conference. The prospects for successful growth of a conference depends on getting the young people to work and have them enlist their lives in the service of the Master.

We have four in the "Great Controversy" class and some fourteen on "Heralds of the Morning." Perhaps not all of these will canvass but a goodly number will go out and some of them are very earnest young men. We believe that it will mean that many books will be placed in the homes of the people this summer in Alberta.

I believe that the Canadian field is a very promising field. The soil is good and the people seem to be prosperous. The present is a very opportune time to enter with our literature. While the old ties of church, society, etc., are broken up they will welcome any religious instruction, and help that may be given, perhaps more than in any other of their past life. But conditions are different than in the states, and in order for the book business to succeed something must be done towards having a depository on the ground so the boys may be sure of getting their books more speedily. This is a perplexing question but I trust the problem may be solved before the time to order the

books for fall delivery has arrived.

I believe the Pacific Press realize the need in this field and will make arrangements to relieve the situation.

W. L. MANFULL.

North Dakota

Lincoln

Dear Brethren: Please send my REAPER to Lincoln, N. D. instead of New Home, N. D.

I am teaching church school here. I have twenty-two scholars. This is a German school and so I am teaching in German. I have not time this morning to write much but I will write more later and let you know how my school is getting along.

Your brother in the work,  
H. H. Koehn.

Minot

Enclosed please find fifty cents to pay for another year to the NORTHERN UNION REAPER. I would not do without it for twice the price of it. It is to me just like receiving a personal letter from the workers with whom I am acquainted in the Northern Union Conference.

I am now on a farm located ten miles southwest of Minot, N. D. trying to hold up the standard of truth in this vicinity. I greatly miss the pleasant associations of those of like precious faith since locating here. I have no Sabbath school nor meeting privileges with our people. Yet I feel of good courage in the Lord, and are keeping apace with the message in reading twelve different periodicals from our own presses; and after reading them I distribute among my

neighbors. In this way I hope to be a small channel through which God may work.

Your humble brother in Christ,  
J. N. PETERSON.

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The readers of the REAPER may be interested in some of the difficulties and triumphs of our work in this part of the field. Psalms 147:16, 17 can be fully appreciated in this North Dakota country at present. "He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes. He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold."

Snow, cold, blockade, fuel famine, etc., combine to make difficult some branches of the work. Many of the railroads have been obliged to keep a crew of men, two engines and a snow plow constantly employed since early in December, and yet have not been able to run a train for days and weeks at a time. From sixty to eighty degrees of frost has caused serious complications in fuel famine districts. Our town has been obliged to close the public school, high school, court house, city hall, electric light plant, and all the churches to divide the fuel to the needy. Citizens have divided and subdivided until their bins are nearly empty. The city officers have made a personal canvass of the entire town gathering from those who had a surplus, for those who had none. You could see the business men and officers with a hand sled delivering a sack or a barrel of coal to a needy family. "How are you off for fuel?" was a neighborly greeting. "When you run out come over and stay with us, we have

a little yet," you would hear them say. You could hear but little complaint as nearly all realized that the elements were against the railway company.

In an effort to reach Rock Lake I was landed at St. Johns, where during a three days blockade I was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rudrud. Mrs. R. is a lone Sabbath-keeper, having accepted the truth about three years ago from reading and she is still faithful to the Message. Later on during a trip to Egeland, Crocus and Rock Lake, we held a service at the later place where an appreciative audience listened to a sermon on "God's Message for To-day." The brethren at all of these places are of good courage desiring to lend what aid they can to finish the work quickly. An interest in your daily "sacrifices" is earnestly solicited.

E. H. HUNTLEY.

Feb. 8, 1907.

Walcott

Dear Brethren: I was impressed to write a few lines to the editor of our good little paper, the REAPER. I like it very much, especially the cheering reports from the field.

But why do not more of the workers and lay members give some of their experience in the work for the Master? I believe it would be a good thing if the REAPER was filled up with such reports. Let us do all we can to make this paper very good.

I am of good courage and I praise the dear Lord for his Holy Spirit which he is giving me. I have not done much for the Lord this winter but he is blessing my feeble efforts.

I have been having some studies on the Word of God with my

cousin and he is much interested. He sees the truth but has not yet decided to follow. There are several others who are interested. I believe the Lord has many souls in and around Walcott who are waiting for the glorious Third Angel's Message. The people around here are mostly Norwegian Lutherans, and I believe this would be a good place for one of our Scandinavian ministers to labor for a few weeks, if not longer. I intend to sell Danish Object Lessons in this vicinity and would ask your prayers that I may have success in placing many of these good books in the homes of the people and that they may do much good.

I have written a letter to Washington to two of our representatives and one senator from North Dakota, against the Wadsworth Sunday Bill, giving our views on Sunday legislation, and I am sure the Lord dictated the letters. They all answered me immediately thanking me for the interest I showed in their work. It did me good to get letters from men in position. I believe we all can do something for Jesus if we use every opportunity the Lord opens up for us.

When I think of the joy that awaits me if I am faithful I want to surrender everything to Him who left all the joys of heaven so that we might share them with him. Brethren, let us all be faithful the Lord will soon come and take us all to himself. Then if we try to think of some of our bitterest trials and temptations they seem insignificant compared to the joy and happiness that God's children will enjoy thruout eternity. Pray for me that I may be the means of

getting my folks and others to see this truth.

Your brother in Christ,  
GUSTAV ELLINGSON.

### South Dakota

#### Wallace

I know that my subscription has expired so I will send my fifty cents to pay for the past as that is all I can spare now.

I am so glad every time the REAPER comes because it brings such good tidings from different parts of the field. There was such a cheerful piece this time entitled "Is Anything Being Done?" I haven't much time to go out to talk to people, and it is not very handy this time of the year, but when evening comes it feels so good to sit down and write letters to people who come to my mind during the day.

I have sent many missionary letters this winter to people to whom I cannot talk. Among those I sent were to a brother and sister in Norway, one to Bristol, three to Webster and some out in the country to acquaintances. It is my most enjoyable time when I am telling my friends about His soon coming. It seems to me that by the pen we can do just as much good as by speaking. Brethren, it is our duty to keep at the work till He comes.

There is one thing that I miss in the REAPER and that is the letter from Brother Perry.

I have to close for this time with a hearty greeting to all the readers of the REAPER. Yours in the work.

MRS. A. JENSON.

We certainly wish we were privileged to have matter for publication from Brother Perry

and other foreign missionaries from the Northern Union Conference.—ED.

### Minnesota

#### Ponsford

Since my last report my work has been in three places, Ponsford, Park Rapids and Senjen. I have spent some time at each place. We have had profitable meetings at each place. The work is onward and all of the new converts seem to be strong and of good courage. There are some who are newly interested for whom we have great hopes because their interest seems thoroughly genuine.

I was with the little company at Park Rapids last Sabbath and Sunday, February 10. We had some very profitable studies with them. They are anxiously waiting for public effort. We trust their hopes will soon be realized.

I desire the prayers of the REAPER family.

GEO. L. BUDD.

#### Sebeka

I will drop you a line this morning. I should have written before but I have had so many things on hand to think of and do, that I have not written, that's all.

You see I am away again. I did not like the idea very well to think of going right out, but I don't expect ever to have my way again. I am with Brother Chapman. We will visit the churches he and Brother Ruble were to visit, which will take us about three weeks, and then open an effort in St. Cloud.

We have visited Henning and had some good meetings with

the brethren there. We did not get to see all the members, but so far have raised \$49 on the \$150,000 fund which is splendid for them.

Your brother in the work,

J. M. COMER.

A later letter from Brother Comer reports most excellent success. He also sends five new subscriptions for the REAPER. Thanks to Brother Comer and all our brethren who are remembering the REAPER subscription list.

### Sacrifice and Progress

It is ever a recognized principle that advancement in any department of activity, physical or spiritual, is built upon the immovable foundation of sacrifice.

We look into the face of nature with unraptured interest and are delighted with her charming expressions. We see her garments embellished with beauty and adorned with jewels of various designs. We see the beasts innumerable which romp at her feet, and play hide and seek in the folds of her garments. There is man who lives in her shadow and enjoying the soothing breezes from the gentle sweep of her commanding hand. Over all hovers the smiling sun lavishing his love with unaffected grace. The spirit of giving may be seen in every rank of animal and vegetable life; from the mole-like insect that rides on the bosom of the sunbeam to the mightiest beast which romps in the jungle; from the vine that trails on the moldering wall to the majestic tree of Lebanon.

The lioness fights to her death to save her young. The hen will sacrifice her life to protect her own. The little flower in-

hales properties that it does not need, but which its neighboring plant must have. The growing cottonwood tree gives out elements which the nearby oak requires. And so the process of giving goes on thruout creation's vast domain. To man, the highest intelligence in earth, the burden of self-denial has been gradually diminishing since his fall until now it seems selfishness is almost supreme in the heart of human kind. Yet, despite the general downward trend of humanity, God has ever had a few who have shown themselves valiant in his service, and "made a covenant with him by sacrifice."

Progress, in the general movements that have affected the human race for its betterment, has been energized with sacrifice and controlled by devotion. The degree of sacrifice and devotion, was regulated by the consecration of its promoters.

We speak often of the 1844 movement and the wonderful results attendant upon it. But as often as we think of the carrying of this great advent truth from natal skies to foreign climes, we invariably associate with this mighty gospel awakening the spirit of sacrifice and charity so manifestly characteristic of the people who started and carried to a successful triumph the message due the world at that time. As they neared the time when they thought their faith would be turned to sight, the desire to deny self—sacrifice—grew until the day of their expectation came, and they had nothing left of temporal things which they would call their own. The experience of God's chosen at that time will find its antitype in the closing up of the gospel work in which we as a people are obliged

to perform. Tho we will not feel the bitterness of disappointment for "He will come and will not tarry."

It was sacrifice that encouraged progress, it was a living religion, a genuine surrender to God that made every mission field of the globe hear the message of heaven. These same qualities must be seen in every professed adherent to the truth which will triumph in this generation.

I believe the power of sacrifice is now working on hearts. We know that the gospel has made wonderful progress in the last few years, and especially during the year just past. And we also know that beside the advancing work has stood the rising monument of sacrifice.

While out among the churches helping to secure means for the Lord, I have been much impressed with the willingness of the faithful to give of their prosperities to hasten the realization of our cherished hopes. I can see the emblem of advancement carried aloft in the hands of progress cheered on by sacrifice. Soon we will stand on the summit of the unclouded mount of victory. May we heed the call of the solemn present and receive the blessing of heaven, and learn the lesson of sacrifice which means progress.

A. C. GILBERT.

Elder A. W. Kuehl spent Sabbath and Sunday, February 23 and 24 with the Dodge Center church. He preached to them in the forenoon on Sabbath and in the afternoon gave a talk on the work in Africa. He reports a very enjoyable time.



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Entered as Second-class matter April 6, 1906, at  
the Post-office at Minneapolis, Minn., under  
the Act of Congress, March 3, 1879.

Owing to the state of circumstances here at the office the revision of our list for this week has been delayed but all changes will be made next week.

Elder R. A. Underwood returned Sunday from Elk Point, S. D., where he has been attending a meeting of the Academy Board. He reports everything running very nicely there.

We wish to correct an error made in last week's REAPER in speaking of Doctor Hawkins' lecture at Maplewood Academy. His subject should have read "Practical Hygiene or Training for Health."

Bro. L. E. Koon, auditor for the Northern Union Conference, arrived in Minneapolis Thursday and is busy auditing the accounts of the Northern Union and Minnesota Conferences.

The revised dates for the Canvassers' Institutes of this Union as sent in by W. L. Manfull, field secretary for the Union are given on page seven. It will be noticed that some changes have been made from earlier notices, but the revised list is correct.

Bro. F. F. Fry left last Wednesday morning for Duluth, stopping at several places on the way, in the interests of the canvassing work.

Bro. O. J. Graf is spending a few days at Maplewood Academy. He gave a talk to the students last Sunday night on his trip to Yellowstone Park.

Even this early, one of our sisters from the north part of the State writes as follows: I am looking forward to camp meeting as never before, and have told the Lord I am willing to do any work that is right to earn money to go."

In a letter received from Sister C. E. Burgesen a few days ago she said that her husband and four of the children were sick in bed. At the time the letter was sent Brother Burgesen had been sick about three weeks and was no better. Brother Burgeson was one of the faithful canvassers in Minnesota a few years ago, and the entire family have our sympathy and prayers in this time of affliction.

It will be learned with regret that Dr. W. A. George, our missionary in Constantinople, has through failing health been obliged to abandon the sanitarium work recently begun with prospects of good success. And now (February 18) the sad news comes that the efforts to regain his health in the highlands of Switzerland were unsuccessful and that death brought an end to his sufferings. This seems doubly sad as no one is available to enter upon the work he left in Constantinople.

**North Dakota Items**

Brother Martin Olson who is now in Sweden is expected back in April.

Elder Suzie and Brother Chas. Leer are visiting the brethren at Kulm, N. D.

Elder J. G. Walker recently spent the Sabbath with the brethren at Hankinson, N. D.

The North Dakota Conference Committee met at the Sheyenne River Academy, Sunday, March 3.

It has been arranged to have Brother Strong and Brother Daniel Kurtz visit some of the brethren in the southeastern part of the conference.

Brother Graham is visiting brethren in the northeastern part of the State. Elder Huntley, who was appointed by the Conference Committee to accompany him, has been prevented from doing so by the illness of his wife.

The enrollment at the Sheyenne River Academy is now fifty-four, the largest it has ever been. Others are expected for the spring term. The blockade in North Dakota is now lifted and affairs are beginning to move about as usual.

On February 26, Brother and Sister Carscallen of Oscnabrook, N. D. met with considerable loss by fire, most of their goods being burned. Still Brother and Sister Carscallen are in the best of courage and believe that the Lord overrule all for good. They have our sincere sympathy.