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EVERLASTING SONG

When the gate of heaven opens
To the throng redeemed from sin;
When the battles all are over,
And the saints shall enter in;
There will be a song of triumph—
Such as ne'er was heard before—
Like the sounding of the ocean
Will it burst upon that shore.

There no voices will be silent,
As that glorious anthem swells
To a great and mighty chorus,
Pealing forth like loudest bells.
And their voices, by resounding
Through the vaults of heaven's dome,
Louder still will swell the chorus—
For the saints are gathered home.

And throughout the ceaseless ages
Will this wondrous anthem roll,
For this mighty song of triumph
Never, never will grow old.
It will echo and re-echo
Through eternal ages long—
"Praise to him who did deliver,"
In an everlasting song.

N. P. NEILSEN.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO WORKERS

MRS. E. G. WHITE

God has given me words to speak to his people in these last days. Time is short, and God has a special work for each to do. All are to employ their God-given talents as the Spirit of God directs them.

The preaching of the word is one of the means by which God designs to bring light and evi-

dence to the world; it must be done in such a way that those who listen will not be repulsed by any coarseness or lack of refinement in the messenger. A sweetness of disposition and humility of mind are to be revealed by those whom God employs to give a knowledge of himself.

Divine power has given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who has called us to knowledge and virtue. We all, with open face, beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, may be changed into the same image, from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. This is a process of knowledge that will broaden the mind, impart spiritual excellence and give to the character the comeliness and perfection that was seen in the character of Christ. Those who faithfully study the words of Christ and his methods of labor, will learn to present the truth in a way that will yield definite and lasting results for good.

I am bidden to speak words of encouragement to those who are preparing themselves for service in the cause of God. When compassed with difficulties, remember that there is One who is in-

finite in wisdom, who will be your help. Bring your perplexities to the One who understands all your difficulties. If you will seek his wisdom, instead of relying upon the knowledge and judgment of human beings, the help that he has promised will surely be given you.

The parting words of the Saviour to his disciples should speak encouragement to every servant of God till the close of time. "The eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; go ye therefore and teach all nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto to the end of the world."

What greater assurance than this can we ask? We have the Lord's positive assurance that while we instruct others, he will be with us to be our instructor. Those who work for God will meet with discouragement, but the promise is always theirs, "Lo,

I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." God will give a most wonderful experience to those who will say, "I believe thy promise; I will not fail nor become discouraged."

The Lord has a work for women as well as for men to do. They can accomplish a good work for God, if they will learn first in the school of Christ the precious, all-important lesson of meekness. They must not only bear the name of Christ, but possess his spirit. They must walk as he walked, purifying their souls from everything that defiles. Then they will be able to benefit others by presenting the all-sufficiency of Jesus.

Read Rom. 16:1-12; Phil. 4:1-8.

It is not only upon those who preach the word that God has placed the responsibility of seeking to save sinners. He has given this work to all. The words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," are spoken to each one of Christ's followers. All who are ordained unto the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. The same longing that he felt for the saving of the lost is to be manifest in them. Not all can fill the same place, but for all there is a place and work. All upon whom God's blessings have been bestowed are to respond by actual service; every gift is to be employed for the advancement of his kingdom.

GROWTH BRINGS CHANGES

The growth of this cause and a more perfect organization bring more or less changes which are essential to the rapid advancement of the message. At the late General Conference council at Gland, Switzerland, quite a number of recommenda-

tions passed that body with reference to some changes in union conferences affecting territorial lines.

As the readers of the REAPER already know, in harmony with the recommendation of that council, a union conference has been formed out of territory that was formerly connected with the Northern Union Conference and the North Pacific Union Conference in northwest Canada. A union conference was recently organized in that field with Elder E. L. Stewart as president, and Elder H. S. Shaw as vice president.

At the same time it was recommended that the Central Union Conference release Iowa, that she might be connected with the Northern Union Conference. Further recommendations were made, affecting the Atlantic Union and the Lake Union Conferences. The Lake Union was asked to release Ohio, that she might unite with the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia, in what would be called the Columbia Union Conference. These recommendations have all been complied with, and at the recent session of the Atlantic Union Conference in Philadelphia, the Columbia union, embracing the above-mentioned territory, was organized with Elder W. J. Fitzgerald as president, and Elder H. H. Burkholder as vice president. New Mexico was also to be released by the Central Union, and joined to the Southwestern Union.

It was recommended that all these changes be brought about on or before January 1, 1908. In a recent communication from the president of the Central Union Conference, we are informed that that union releases Iowa, and that we may henceforth consider

Iowa a member of the Northern Union Conference. This brings about quite a little change in our Northern Union.

At the next biennial session of the Northern Union Conference, our brethren, with whom we have labored so pleasantly in the Canadian field, will not be present as delegates from that field to our union meeting, but instead we will have the pleasure of receiving the laborers and delegates from the state of Iowa, which is now a considerable part of the Northern Union Conference. This biennial session will meet in Minneapolis, March 5-15, 1908.

It will be noticed in the *Review and Herald* that Minnesota and North and South Dakota are listed among the conferences who have finished their proportion on the \$150,000 fund. Iowa has something to bring in before she will be in the star list. However Iowa is making a strong effort to accomplish this before the first of January.

In this readjustment of territorial lines, the Columbia Union will use Mt. Vernon as its training college. In our union, until the growth of the work reaches that point when it will become necessary for other arrangements to be made, we shall continue to send our advanced students to Union College. We have a large number of students in Union College this year from the Northern Union Conference. I wish there were more. However, I believe that those who are not past the grade of work that can be done in our conference academies should attend these until it is necessary for further advanced work.

These changes more equally divide the responsibility. The Lake Union will be composed of four states; the Northern Union

of four states; the Central Union of four states, besides the state or territory of Wyoming, which is organized into a conference. This leaves the Central Union with a constituency of one conference, and 1,700 more Sabbath-keepers than the Northern Union.

In the readjustment and more perfect organization that has come from time to time, our experience as a denomination has shown that it has been wise to divide up responsibility, and make readjustments of the work as the cause has moved forward in strength. It is believed all these changes will be helpful to all the fields affected. The various conferences and territories affected by these changes have cheerfully complied with the requests in a spirit of loyalty and harmonious action, such as has characterized this work from its beginning.

Something of the same feelings are experienced in making some of these changes that come into the private home and family when the children move out from the parental roof, and take upon themselves responsibilities, or are brought more directly in touch with other communities. In the changes that affect our own union we can say our sympathy and prayers will follow our dear brethren on the north of us, while we shall seek to co-operate with them in advancing the general work according to lines of organization. We also can express to the Central Union Conference our appreciation of the release of the Iowa conference to this field. We also give to Iowa a hearty welcome, as she joins with us in more intimate association in carrying forward the message of truth, to advance which we have given our hearts, our lives, and our highest ambitions.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH

"Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" Jer. 13: 20. A gentleman who had a fine flock of sheep was asked how he succeeded so well. He replied, "By taking care of the lambs." There is no more important duty resting upon the church than that of looking after the lambs of the flock.

The Lord has told us in "Christian Education," page 222, "Very much has been lost to the cause of God by lack of attention to the young." Let us take heed that the message borne in Jeremiah 48: 10, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently," does not rest upon us.

The young people in the church are much like the children in the home; they like to help. It is a sad sight to see a parent ruthlessly push aside the little child that is willing and anxious to help, thus wounding the little one, and, instead of strengthening the bond that should cement parent and child together, thoughtlessly rending those bonds asunder, and driving the child to seek sympathy and companionship away from home. The parent that takes his children into his confidence, talking over with them his plans, and asking for suggestions, even though such suggestions may be valueless, does much to attract his children to himself, and make them feel a deepening interest in father's business.

So in the church, we must give the young people something to do, and encourage them to do it. This will bind them to the church, creating a spirit of loyalty, a deepening spirit of consecration. Like the little boy who was running to the missionary meeting, on being stopped by

a stranger who inquired as to the cause of his running, he replied, "I am going to meeting; I am a part of the concern, and I must be there."

No more fitting prayer could ascend from our lips than that God would give us more than human wisdom in understanding our young people, and in knowing how to lead them into active service for Jesus.

C. L. BENSON.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTES

Our institute season is now on, and those interested will see by the printed notices that each of the conferences will hold an institute for the training of canvassers.

Almost every one is planning for his work for next year, and the question quite naturally arises, What shall I do? To Seventh-day Adventists, those who believe Christ is soon coming, the paramount question should be, How can I best advance the kingdom of God and hasten the consummation of all things?

The spread of our literature offers golden opportunities to our brethren to engage in missionary work; to learn how to deal with minds, and to become efficient workers in the cause of Christ. At these institutes instruction will be given covering every phase of the business connected with the canvassing work, and efforts will be made to give such training as will make successful workers of those who receive it.

The program for the institute in each state will be announced by the state canvassing agent, and I earnestly hope our brethren will heartily respond to the call of God for service, so that a large number of our truth-laden books may be placed in the hands and homes of the people.

W. L. MANFULL.

From the Field

North Dakota

TOWNER

October 28 I began to labor seven miles southeast of Towner, in which vicinity I have several brothers living. On account of the distance between the houses, we could hold public meetings in the school house only on Sundays. During the week days I visited in the houses, read, talked, and prayed with the people, having from two to four readings daily, besides leaving tracts in each house.

There were some American families near the school house in which we had our meetings, and they sent asking me if I would speak in English also. I then decided to hold an American meeting right after the one for the Scandinavians, and on the two last Sundays all but one family remained to the American meeting. The school house was so filled that several had to stand, and on one Sunday the people could hardly move by one another, the house was so packed.

I have never been in a place before where people listened so attentively, and talked of the meeting during the week, as they did there. We had a grand time together. Several persons are very much interested, and two of these said they would keep the Sabbath. This is a place where, the people said, no prayer had ever ascended to heaven. Dancing and card playing had been their enjoyment.

For reasons unavoidable I thought it best to leave this field for a while, and came home to Velva yesterday. I shall certainly go up there again some-

time during the winter or spring. In the meantime I shall keep the interested ones well supplied with reading matter. I believe a company will be raised up there sometime.

Every Sabbath during that month I went over to the home of Brother John Fjerly, six miles east of the school house, and had Sabbath meetings with this family. Several of their neighbors came in to the meeting, and we had a good time together. Brother Fjerly's whole family came to our meeting every Sunday, and helped us by their presence.

At times when you are imploring God to move on the hearts of people that they might surrender to the gospel, remember the people southeast of Towner.

N. M. JORGENSEN.

WHEELOCK

For a few months I have been visiting our son, who resides in the vicinity of Wheelock. This is a young church, and the conference president kindly invited me to meet with them, which I was very glad to do. I found the field all ready to harvest. Last Sabbath and Sunday eight more united with the church, and it is likely there will be more next Sabbath. This is on the picket line. It is only about five years since settlers began to come to make homes in this territory. The homes are scattered, so that the work has been done by house to house labor, and on the Sabbath. The conditions in this field are similar to what they were in Michigan thirty and thirty-five years ago.

In this church are sufficient students to form a most interesting church school. The homes are too far apart for them to come together during the winter.

Some are planning to attend the Sheyenne River Academy the coming winter.

My soul has been refreshed many times while I have been laboring for these individuals. I regret that I cannot remain in this field to labor in this new country.

A. O. BURRILL.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NORTH DAKOTA

The annual conference of the Seventh-day Adventists of North Dakota will be held at the Academy, Harvey, North Dakota, December 25-29, 1907.

We hope that elders of churches will see that delegates are appointed and the names of the same sent to Elder A. E. Doering, secretary of the conference. The ratio of representation is one delegate to represent the church, and one additional delegate for every ten members. The elder, by virtue of his office, is always a delegate.

We hope to see each of the churches fully represented, and all the delegates present for the first meeting at 7:30 P. M., Wednesday, December 25.

J. G. WALKER,
President of Conference.

The annual meeting of the North Dakota Conference Association will be held in connection with the Seventh-day Adventist Conference at Harvey, North Dakota, December 25-29, 1907. The first meeting of the association will be held Thursday, December 26, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M.

All accredited delegates to the conference are members of the association and should be present at this meeting.

J. G. WALKER,
Chairman of Board of Trustees.

MANITOBA NOTICE

The fifth annual session of the Manitoba Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at the Northwestern Training School, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, December 27-31. The first meeting will convene at seven o'clock on Friday evening.

At this session all the regular conference officers will be elected, including trustees for the legal part, and such other business will receive attention as may properly come before the delegates.

Each church is entitled to one delegate without respect to numbers, and one delegate to every seven members or fraction thereof. We hope also to see representatives from the various companies and isolated Sabbath-keepers. Let each church attend at once to the election of its delegates, and forward the credentials of the same to the conference secretary.

W. M. ADAMS, President.

South Dakota

TO OUR PEOPLE

Another year of precious probationary time is in the past, and another week of prayer is just upon us. What has the past year wrought for us in our Christian experience? Are we nearer God to-day than we were a year ago? Does the truth of the Third Angel's Message grow dearer to us each day, or are we allowing the cares, wealth, or pleasure of this world to rob us of the sweet peace of heaven? Probation is almost over. Eternity is about to be ushered in. What does this mean to us? Are we ready for the high priest of the heavenly sanctuary to lay aside his priestly robes and put on the garments of vengeance to return to this world to "give every man according as his work shall be"?

The idea of setting apart a week of prayer and self-examination is not to meet some old-time custom. We should not consider it as such, for, if we do, it will

fall far short of its primary intention. In days gone by God's people were admonished to lay aside their work, and meet together to seek God for the forgiveness of sin, and to humble themselves before God, seeking a closer connection with the source of all power to resist sin. Joel 2: 11-19; Zeph. 2: 1-3. You will notice that the blessing is promised to those who partake in the heart-searching, and those who, trusting in the Lord, go forth to meet the enemy. Notice God's testimony of them. Mal. 3: 16-18.

We earnestly hope all our brethren will lay aside the everyday duties of the farm, the shop or the place of business, and spend this week in seeking God and getting a deeper experience in spiritual things. Let there be a set time when all of our churches will meet in worship. Each church will have to determine the hour best suited to themselves. Do not let us fall into the habit of meeting two or three times in the week. Once a day, and every day, will bring the best results, generally speaking.

Let us as ministers, Bible workers, canvassers and teachers make this a special season of seeking God. Let us walk humbly before him, that we may be so used by the Holy Spirit to "feed the flock" that we may see definite results.

J. W. CHRISTIAN.

TRIPP

At my last meeting at this place the Lord came very near to us. Two young souls gave their hearts to Jesus. The youngest of the two kept her first Sabbath in a straw stack. She attended our meetings one evening when the weather was

very cold. The next morning at the breakfast table her father said to her: "Heline, do you intend to keep the Sabbath? If you do you will have to give up your home." Heline did not answer. Then her father asked the same question again. The girl answered, "Yes; I cannot give up the Sabbath. I love Jesus, and I must keep his commandments." Her father got up from the table, and taking hold of her hair put her out of the house. After hitting her a hard blow, he told her to leave home. Then she came to my place. It almost broke my heart to see the condition of this young sister, and to know of the experience she had had during the night. She was without necessary clothing, and the weather was very cold. This is a very hard field in which to labor, but we know God is with us and has some souls who love the truth.

This young sister is visiting some of the church members for a short time, and then we will try to send her to college. That is where she desires to go. She is 18 years old, and thoroughly converted. The sister who is at home is 20 years old. She always came to the meeting on horseback, and the father did not know it.

We are of good courage in our work. Pray for us that the Lord may bless us, and the young sisters also, that they may be faithful. C. W. REISWIG.

AN EXALTED WORK

The Lord desires that everyone of his children should be witnesses for him. We must all be missionaries in one way or another. To rescue perishing souls from the bondage of sin; to point sinners to the Lamb of God; to present the wonderful plan of

salvation to a lost and ruined race, is our calling as sons and daughters of God. Can there be a higher or more holy calling than this? Is there a more exalted work? All may not be called to go to a foreign land to hold aloft the banner of truth, but all have a work to do.

This work of saving souls is the Lord's work; but we may be instruments in his hands for carrying it forward. We must labor in love and with many tears. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." We will surely reap the reward, "if we faint not." Even the giving of a cup of cold water in his name, will not be forgotten of the Lord. Any work that we can do for the Lord, no matter how small it may seem to us, is an exalted work. The giving of a tract or paper, because we love the wonderful truths it contains, is an exalted work, and let us regard it as such—for it is the Lord's work.

But we must work now, for soon "the night cometh, when no man can work." Soon it will be forever too late. The time of trouble will soon be upon us. Already we can see the dark and angry clouds above the horizon. We can hear the rolling of the distant thunder and see the glare of the flashing lightning. Soon the tempest will burst in all its fury and it will be forever too late to rescue the perishing ones. O, let us sound the warning now. Let us snatch them from destruction.

N. P. NEILSEN,

LABORERS FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The laborers of the South Dakota Conference have been as-

THE BOOK WORK

SOUTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING NOV. 30

Name	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. D. Terwillegar	G. C.	4			1 00	1 00	35 00
W. H. Twining	H. M.	30					58 50
Lusebia Nott	H. M.	17	5	8 75	2 00	10 75	
*D. H. Buller	H. M.	54	64	118 75	75	119 50	
Totals, 4 agents		105	69	\$127 50	\$3 75	\$131 25	\$93 50
U. C. Totals 4 agents		105	69	\$127 50	\$3 75	\$131 25	\$93 50

*Three weeks

signed to the following churches for the week of prayer services:

Sutley.....	Brother Daniel Wall
Long Lake.....	Elder V. Leer
Tolstoy.....	Brother Wm. Reiner
Milltown {	Brother Christian Reiswig
Westford }	
Bowdle.....	Elder C. Reiswig
Elk Point.....	Elder E. G. Hayes
Tripp.....	Brother C. Reimche
Big Springs.....	N. J. Ronlund
Beresford {	Elder N. P. Neilsen
Swan Lake }	
Viborg {	Peter Lauritsen
Irene }	
Aberdeen {	Elder R. E. Harter
Willow Lake }	
Sioux Falls.....	Dr. C. P. Farnsworth
Chamberlain.....	Elder C. M. Clark
Cottonwood Grove {	Eld. J. W. Christian
Parker }	
Montrose.....	Brother F. R. Isaac
Highmore {	
Huron }	Florence Miller
Dell Rapids.....	Milla Johnson
La Delle.....	J. H. Schmidt
Madison {	
Ash Grove }	J. L. Weller
Woonsocket {	
Artesian }	C. F. Betts
Milbank {	
Webster }	W. L. Manfull
Dexter {	
Conde }	G. W. Miller
Bridgewater {	
Alexandria }	Dr. C. M. Excel

We trust that each leader will begin early to make definite arrangements to meet with the churches to which he has been assigned. It would be well to write in advance and let these brethren know when you are coming. May the Lord bless all of his people in this coming season of seeking the Lord.

J. W. CHRISTIAN.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder C. M. Clark has been

troubled with an affliction in his eyes, which has rendered him nearly blind for a couple of weeks. We are glad to report that he is rapidly recovering, and will soon be able to take up work again.

A bookmen's convention will be held at Sioux Falls, January 10-17, 1908. Delegates from the various conferences of the Central, Northern, and Canadian unions will be in attendance.

Elders Valentine Leer and Conrad Reiswig are attending the German general meeting now in session at Chicago.

Brother D. H. Buller has been canvassing in Monroe, Marion, and Parker with excellent success.

Minnesota

MINNESOTA CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

A school for canvassers will be held in the Minneapolis church, February 17 to March 4. Considerable thought has been given to the time and place for this meeting. Inasmuch as the next session of the Northern Union Conference will be held at Minneapolis March 5-15, it was thought it would be an advantage to those who wished to take the training to have the institute just preceding the conference meeting, so that those who desired to attend the important

meetings of the union conference might have the opportunity.

Every effort will be made to make this one of the most interesting and profitable institutes that has been held in Minnesota. We shall endeavor to give the very best help and instruction in book salesmanship that can be obtained, and it will be given free of charge. The only expense to be met in attending this institute will be the cost of the boarding. Railroad fare will be paid to the institute and into the field for those who go immediately into the field from the institute.

Instruction will be given in general principles of salesmanship, which include the best methods of gaining entrance and a hearing, giving the canvass and closing the sale, delivering, etc. Daily drills on these lines will be conducted. A thorough study of the book to be handled will be taken up each day. Bible studies on the cardinal points of our faith will be given, and nothing will be left undone that ought to be done to make this institute what it ought to be.

Our earnest desire is that many consecrated souls will feel a burden to prepare for this important line of work. This is a golden opportunity. May there be a hearty response to this call. Those who decide to attend this institute will please notify the undersigned in due season, so that the proper arrangements can be made for rooms and for entertainment for those who come. May the Lord impress souls to launch into this work and gain a speedy preparation to enter the wide harvest field, is my prayer. FRANK F. FRY,

Minneapolis, Minn.

519 E. Lake Street.

THIEF RIVER FALLS.

We have been quite busy here for a few days. Meetings are being held every night in the largest hall in the town. The attendance has been from 74 to 200 persons.

Elder Christian and myself will go to Detroit Wednesday morning and will hold three meetings that day. The members at Local, McHugh and Lake Eunice are expected to meet with us at Detroit. Elder Christian has made quite an impression on the people of this community.

Sister Rogers, of Thief River Falls, died on Thursday last. The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church on Sunday.

J. F. ANDERSON.

MINNESOTA NOTES

The editor of the REAPER had the privilege of visiting the company at St. Peter over Sabbath and Sunday last. Those who meet on Sabbath at St. Peter are all connected with the Home Sanitarium. This institution stands as a light for the truth to the people of this community. Regular Sabbath services are held. There are two classes in the Sabbath school. The sanitarium, though conducted at present as a private institution, is the only Seventh-day Adventist hydropathic institution in the state of Minnesota, and is worthy of the patronage of all who are seeking restoration to health. It is fully equipped with modern appliances, and ten or twelve patients may be cared for at one time. Graduate nurses give the assurance of good treatment.

Elder W. H. Granger will preach his farewell sermon at the Minneapolis church next Sabbath. Because of poor health Elder Granger has decided to

move to northern Texas, where he will engage in some form of agricultural work until able to take up his ministerial work again.

It is hoped the week of prayer will be faithfully observed by our people in Minnesota, and that especial attention will be given to the observance of the first and last Sabbaths of the period.

Elder R. A. Underwood will spend the first Sabbath of the week of prayer with the faculty and students of Maplewood Academy.

THERE are over twenty Seventh-day Adventist churches in Greater New York. Five have been added to the list during the past year.

ONE woman, 67 years old, sold over 9,000 copies of the *Watchman* in ten months. She sold 1,700 copies in seventeen consecutive days.

MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE

Mrs. C. E. Burgeson, of Baker, Minn., in writing concerning recent missionary experiences, says: "I sold a copy of Daniel the Prophet to a young man, and another young man, who boarded at the same place, read a part of it, and became so much interested in it that he asked one of our brethren to be sure to get him a copy of it. He said: 'We don't live up to it, but it is the truth.'

"Our little girl has been taking papers to school and distributing them. One little girl, to whom she gave an *Instructor*, did not take the paper home, and the teacher of the school read it. The other day the teacher told a story to the school which she said she had read in the *Instructor*, at the same time she stated that she wished all the students could read the good paper."

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Sun sets Friday, Dec. 13, at 4:30.

A SPECIAL APPOINTMENT

THE General Conference Committee has appointed the first Sabbath of the week of prayer, December 14, as a day of fasting and prayer. We invite all our people to make this day one of most earnest and united intercession. We need not here attempt to refer to the large volume of Scripture teaching, showing that, as the Lord's people come to places where more than ordinary blessings are needed, they are to seek God with fasting and prayer. The time of crisis in the work and in the world, so long looked for by this people, is visibly closing in. In some lands of enforced military service our people are just now under the severest pressure, owing to determined efforts to compel our youth to give up the Sabbath. Details are supplied in a letter being sent out to conference workers and church elders. We should earnestly seek God in behalf of our brethren, that for-

titude may be theirs in sorest trial, and that deliverance may come in such a way as will glorify God. These things, however, show how quickly the final struggle may break upon us in all lands. In America and in many countries the Sunday-law issue is being pressed with unprecedented force. Are we ready for the last scenes in the history of the message? All will say that we need the special blessing of God to fit us for the last days in the closing work. We must arouse, cut loose from the world, put away sin, and seek continually for the converting power of God in our daily lives, in our families, and in our churches. The message is to be borne to every community about us. The great mission field must be warned. There is a call for laborers and for means beyond all ordinary effort. The situation solemnly appeals to us unitedly to seek God, as a people face to face with eternity, and with a great and definite work committed to us. We urge that Sabbath, December 14, be observed as a day of solemn fasting and prayer among our people everywhere.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

ALL the conferences comprising the Northern Union are in the "star list" on the \$150,000 fund but the Iowa conference, and it is hoped that soon after the beginning of the new year this conference will line up with the rest of the Northern Union. Minnesota has just been placed in the "star list," though entitled to that distinction some time ago. The Canadian conferences, which were formerly a part of the Northern Union, having been placed in the Western Canadian Union, have taken

their obligations to the \$150,000 fund with them, leaving the Northern Union conferences almost free, and in a position to do a good work in finishing up the fund.

The Signs of the Times for the current week contains the first of a series of six articles by Elder R. A. Underwood on "Christian Science," under the general heading, "Examination of Christian Science in the Light of Reason and Revelation." These articles aim to present a faithful comparison between the teachings of Mrs. Eddy and the word of God, especially the Bible doctrines of Christianity. Much instruction will be given in this series of lessons which will be of the highest importance to those who wish to know what Christian Science really is.

A copy of the special "Truth" number of the *Youth's Instructor* has been received, and it is not speaking too strongly to say that this number is the best, looking at it from every standpoint, that has been issued by the management of the *Instructor*. This issue may be used among those who do not know the message, and will no doubt be a means of interesting many persons in the matter contained in it.

BROTHER W. L. MANFULL, the Northern Union Conference General Missionary Agent, has arranged for a canvassers' institute to be held in each conference in the union, as follows:

Iowa, Jan. 16–Feb. 10; place not stated.
Minnesota, Feb. 17–March 3; Minneapolis.

South Dakota, March 11–24; place not stated.

North Dakota, March 25–April 8; place not stated.