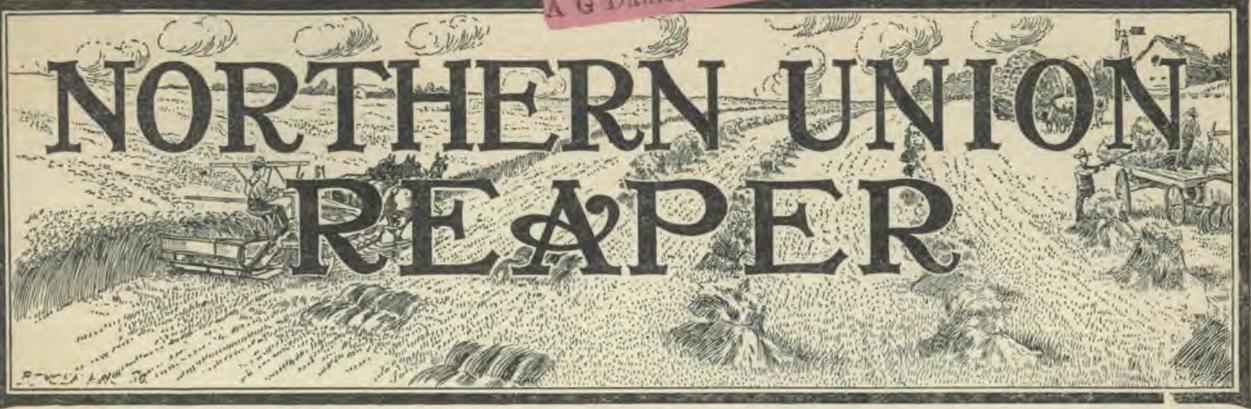


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SONG FOR CANVASSERS

Lives of canvassers remind us
 We may make our lives sublime,
 And departing leave behind us
 Books of truth in every clime.

Over hill and dusty roadway,
 Footsore and from men alone,
 Truth more precious than earth's
 millions
 Carries them to every home.

Lonely they, but God is keeping;
 Angels' footsteps go beside;
 And while many souls are sleeping,
 They, awake, in God abide.

Speed ye then to every household;
 Hold aloft the light so clear.
 Fruit of heaven crown your labors
 Throughout all the coming year.

—Sel.

HOW SHALL WE OBSERVE THE HOLIDAYS?

MRS. E. G. WHITE

"For we know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

Shall we follow Christ our pattern? In his life of self-sacrifice was seen not one jot or tittle of selfishness. He who had been rich in the heavenly courts, left all his wealth and power, and came to this world clothed in the humble garb of humanity. For our sake he became poor, that we through his poverty

might be made rich. Like him, his followers are by self-denial to be a blessing to the world. If in the lives of all God's people the character of Christ was revealed, we should see thousands more converted to the truth.

If men would only remember that every favor they receive is a gift from God, would they not do very much more than they are now doing to relieve his work of the embarrassment of poverty? Would they not act a noble part in rendering to the Lord that which is his own.

Wealth hoarded will become a curse. Often the Lord cannot preserve and bless the possessions of men, because the owners feel little or no obligation to assist in the great work of proclaiming the truth in new fields. Their substance, generously divided with their brethren who are laboring with meager facilities in destitute fields, would bring in return rich blessings from God.

No charity is complete unless it reveals an appreciation of the gospel. Those who now, in this time of emergency, selfishly hold on to their means, will soon suffer the loss of all they have. Those who are truly converted, and who have more than sufficient for their immediate necessities,

will freely impart of their abundance to help those who are poorer than they.

All should feel an intense interest in the advancement of the Third Angel's Message. The work of proclaiming this message has already grown to large proportions; but it is to advance still more rapidly. We need more laborers, and God's loyal people, filled with a spirit of self-denial, should now give cheerfully and liberally, in order that facilities may be provided for the entering of new territory. In many places the work has been retarded because of the scarcity of means. The rebuke of God will rest upon those who do not come up to his help against the mighty powers of darkness.

Shall we not as a people refrain from following the custom of the world in unnecessary indulgence during the coming holiday season? O, how much might be accomplished in needy mission fields with the money that is squandered in various ways at this season of the year by those who profess to be Christians!

Will not the Seventh-day Adventists in every place first consecrate themselves to the Lord, and then do their very best, according to their circumstances, to advance his work, by gifts

and offerings? Will they show that they appreciate the blessings of the Lord, and that they are grateful for his mercy? Will they not now consider their obligations to God, at a time when the world especially seeks for pleasure, and expends large sums of money for gifts to those who are not needy?

I have said to my family and my friends, I desire that no one shall make me a birthday or Christmas gift, unless it be with permission to pass it on into the Lord's treasury to be appropriated in the establishment of missions.

It will greatly praise the name of the Lord if his people, at this time, by the exercise of benevolence, increase the facilities for successful work in many needy fields. I long to see among Seventh-day Adventists an increase of faith and courage, and more praise and thanksgiving to God, so that where in the past there has been a withholding of means, there shall from henceforth be seen the evidences of a grateful heart—the faithful bestowal of gifts and offerings, to supply the needs of many destitute fields.

NEARLY FINISHED

There has been paid in in actual cash on the \$150,000 fund in the Southern Union Conference up to the present date, December 13, the sum of \$6,122.81. The General Conference requested that the sum of \$6,000 be raised by the Southern Union Conference as their reasonable part of the \$150,000 fund. We feel very thankful to God and very grateful to our brethren that we have been able to reach and pass that mark. There are, however, a large number of pledges that have been made in

the South on this fund that have not been paid. We shall certainly not stop to sing the song of jubilee at the present time, but shall continue right along helping to raise the balance of the \$150,000, fund and will then join in the grateful chorus when the whole amount is raised and there is added to it a large overflow. We are certain there is a large amount of money on the road, but it goes so slowly through the "regular channels" that we should all work until it is all in, at least the amount suggested by the General Conference. In the language of the sailor, let us call "All hands up on deck," and with an earnest, sharp, united effort, close up the fund immediately.

The recent financial crisis demonstrates that earthly institutions are not a safe place to deposit our funds. This truth, this cause, will survive when the world goes down in wreck and ruin. This is the only place of safety for our lives and our money.

We have hoped to see the whole amount actually on the list by January 1, 1908, but if it is not there before that time we feel certain that it will be but a few days until the many streams that are flowing toward the center of the General Conference treasury will have filled the \$150,000 fund to the brim and then to overflowing. J. S. WASHBURN.

From the Field

Iowa.

OSCEOLA

I have received a copy of your excellent paper, and will send in a short report. I can say that

the work of the Third Angel's Message is onward. There is nothing more sure than the great threefold message. There may be financial scares, panics, bank failures, earthquakes and desolation upon every side, but the message is onward. "The foundation of God is sure."

T. GODFREY.

REPORT OF THE IOWA SABBATH SCHOOLS

Following is the report for quarter ending September 30, 1907:—

Number of schools.....	156
Number of family schools.....	9
Present membership.....	3,043
Average attendance.....	2,354
Number of classes.....	428
Number in Senior division.....	1,366
" " Junior ".....	596
" " Intermediate division.....	275
" " Primary division.....	397
" " Kindergarten division.....	189
" " Home dep't of local schools.....	53
No. in state home department...	165
Total contributions,.....	\$809 62
Expense of schools.....	42 14
Ingathering to missions.....	111 59
Sabbath school donations to missions.....	655 89
Total to missions.....	767 48

Do you notice in the above report that a large number of our Sabbath school members are absent each Sabbath? Do you really suppose there are enough Seventh-day Adventists sick each Sabbath to make it necessary for so many to remain at home? We hardly think so; but if this be the case, it would seem advisable for all to study health principles more carefully.

A Sabbath school cannot be considered prosperous when so large a per cent of the membership is habitually absent. We are told that "all who are interested in the truth" should endeavor to make the Sabbath school prosperous. It is easy to form a habit of remaining at

home, until a very slight excuse will suffice to keep us there. Let each member make it a rule to be present each Sabbath unless it is absolutely necessary to remain away. Those who positively cannot attend regularly should become home department members, and study the lessons at home when they do not attend the school. And they should keep a record of the home study on blanks which are furnished, and at the close of the quarter this record should be handed to the Sabbath school secretary, who will count such members present each Sabbath they study at home, just the same as when they attend the regular school. This encourages more regular study of the lessons and makes a much better record for the school. If all our schools would take up this plan there would be all-around improvement, we are sure. Begin now, will you?

If you are not a member of any school, we will be glad to have you send us your name, and we will send you record blanks and place you on our state home list. You will notice that we have 165 such members, and many of these have testified that this "home" plan has been a great blessing to them.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

South Dakota

A STATEMENT

Following is the agreement entered into by the South Dakota Conference Association with Doctor Farnsworth and wife and Doctor W. T. Lindsay and wife, representing the Chamberlain sanitarium, of Chamberlain, S. D., a private corporation. The agreement is published at the request of Doctor Farnsworth, who desires that the people of

the South Dakota conference may understand the arrangement between the above-mentioned individuals concerning the \$6,000 raised in the South Dakota conference and deposited with the management of the sanitarium. This document shows that this agreement may be dissolved at any time, either by the Conference Association withdrawing the money or by the management of the sanitarium voluntarily returning it:

Memorandum of agreement made this nineteenth day of October, 1907, by and between Dr. C. P. Farnsworth and Mrs. Anna B. Farnsworth, his wife, and Dr. W. T. Lindsay and Mrs. Bertha A. Lindsay, his wife, of Chamberlain, South Dakota, parties of the first part, and the South Dakota Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a religious corporation, duly authorized under the laws of the state of South Dakota, party of the second part. Witnesseth:

Whereas, the parties of the first part have built and erected a sanitarium at Chamberlain, South Dakota, and intend to operate and conduct the same; and

Whereas, this party of the second part has paid to the parties of the first part the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be used in the cost and construction of said sanitarium;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the payment of said sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) by the said party of the second part to the said parties of the first part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, the said parties of the first part covenant and agree to give and furnish for said party of the second part, free of charge, board, room and treatment for one patient for fifty-two weeks per year, or the equivalent thereof—that is to say, said treatment may be either furnished to one patient for fifty-two consecutive weeks, or to any number of patients for shorter periods, so that the aggregate for each year of treatment so furnished shall be fifty-two weeks; such treatment shall include ordinary nursing and surgical operations. In case said party of the second part shall not in any one year exhaust or use up the fifty-two weeks treatment to which it is entitled, then and in that case, the second party is entitled in any subse-

quent year or years to enough additional weeks' treatment so as to make up or receive fifty-two weeks' treatment per year.

It is further agreed that this contract shall be in full force and effect so long as said sanitarium shall be conducted or carried on, or until the six thousand dollars (\$6,000) herein mentioned shall be recalled or refunded.

This agreement shall bind the parties mutually and their respective executors, administrators, heirs, successors, and assigns.

In witness whereof the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals, and the party of the second part has caused this contract to be signed by its president and countersigned by its secretary the day and year first above mentioned.

Signed in presence of James Brown, by C. P. Farnsworth, Anna B. Farnsworth, W. T. Lindsay and Bertha A. Lindsay. Countersigned.

C. P. Farnsworth.

Anna B. Farnsworth. (seal)

W. T. Lindsay.

Bertha A. Lindsay. (seal)

South Dakota Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists.

By C. M. Clark, president.

By F. R. Isaac, secretary.

LANGFORD

I recently attended the State Federation Council of Christian Churches held in Sioux Falls. The program opened with a strong appeal for the Bible in the home, and for a more simple interpretation. This was followed by the discussion as to what way may federation do practical work, and what are some of the hindrances to federation.

The responsibility of Christian churches for legislation and law enforcement; Christian unity; divorce, and Sabbath observance were among the topics discussed. The plea was made that federation was necessary to force the world to recognize that Christ's followers were one; and again it was made to appear that the work of the church was not alone the salvation of the individ-

ual or the family, but the reform-
ation of society. This could only
be accomplished by putting the
devil out of business.

The plan is to federate for
power, this power to be the
power of the state; and when law
enforcement is fully carried out
civic righteousness will result.
But civic robes will not cover our
nakedness. We must have the
robes woven in the looms of
heaven, without one thread of
human invention.

Now is the time to circulate
Liberty, and enlighten the people
as to the principles of true Chris-
tianity and the danger of religious
legislation. I hope our people
will take hold of this work with
a will, and see that every lawyer,
and every man of influence, re-
ceives a copy of *Liberty*. I ex-
pect to visit our churches in the
in the interest of this work soon.

R. E. HARTER.

OUR DUTY TO THE POOR

The following suggestive Bible
reading is timely, and will be
helpful to the people:

1. Will there always be poor
people who need our help? Deut.
15:11; Matt. 22:11.

"Widows and invalids are in the church
to prove a blessing to the church."—
Test., Vol. 1, p. 273.

2. What ought we to do in
view of this? Gal. 2:10.

3. But what should we not
do? Deut. 15:7.

4. What class of people will
consider the poor? Prov. 29:7.

5. Then what must be said of
those who are not willing to help
the poor? 1 John 3:17. To
which class do we belong? Let
each one answer for himself.

6. What has the Lord prom-
ised to do for those who will
consider the poor? Ps. 41:1.

7. But what will be the re-
sult if we are not willing to listen

to the cry of the poor? Prov.
21:13.

8. What other divine promise
may we claim when giving to
the poor? Prov. 28:27. First
clause.

9. But what is sure to follow
if we hide our eyes from their
wants? Prov. 28:27, last part.

10. How does pure religion
manifest itself? Jas. 1:27. Do
we hear it?

11. Whom are we really help-
ing when we help the poor?
Matt. 25:40.

12. Will the Lord notice even
the smallest acts of mercy?
Matt. 10:42.

13. "Arise, shine," is the mes-
sage that has come to us, but
what must we do before our
light will shine? Isa. 58:7, 10.

14. What ought we to do to-
day? Deut. 15:11.

15. What does the Lord call
upon every Seventh-day Advent-
ist to do?

"Deny yourselves of some things in
your houses or in your dress, and lay
by in some safe place a sum for the
needy poor. Let not your tithe and
thank-offerings to God be less, but let
this be in addition. God does not pro-
pose to rain means from heaven with
which to sustain the poor, but he has
placed his goods in the hands of agents.
They are to recognize Christ in the
person of his saints, and what they do
for his suffering children they do for
him, for he identifies his interests with
that of suffering humanity."—Test.,
Vol. 4, p. 511.

N. P. NEILSEN.

SASKATCHEWAN NOTICE

How is the cause of religious
liberty in your community? We
are anxious to keep informed in
regard to this important ques-
tion in Saskatchewan. You who
live throughout the province can
help us. How? By sending to
A. C. Gilbert, Box 322, Moose
Jaw, Sask., clippings from your
local papers, or special informa-

tion from other sources relating
to the operation and enforcement
of Sunday laws, or agitations in
other lines pertaining to religious
liberty, such as religion in public
schools, etc. If clippings are
sent, be sure to give the name
and date of the paper, and where
published. A. C. GILBERT,
Religious Liberty Secretary.

Minnesota

ST. PAUL

As I have often been encour-
aged by reading the cheering
reports in the REAPER, I thought
I would help to swell the list of
good things by sending a word
of cheer from St. Paul. The
work here is making slow, but
steady progress. We find here
and there souls who are hunger-
ing for the bread of life. At our
Wednesday afternoon prayer
meeting, some outsiders were
present; the sweet spirit of the
Lord came in, and hearts were
touched. One lady, who had
never attended a Seventh-day
Adventist meeting before, arose
and asked for our prayers. At
the close of the meeting she re-
quested that the prayer meeting
be at her home next week. She
then said: "I have attended many
prayer meetings of different de-
nominations, but never anything
like this; it is a new experience
to me. I am going home from
this meeting happier than I have
ever been in my life." One of
our workers has been visiting
this lady for some time, and has
kept her well supplied with our
good reading matter. This ex-
perience was a source of great
joy to all present, and gives us
fresh courage to keep giving out
the precious rays of light. "In
the morning sow thy seed, and
in the evening withhold not
thine hand: for thou knowest

not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether both shall be alike good."

We are looking forward to the week of prayer as a time of great blessing. We are laying plans for meetings each day, in different parts of the city. We are searching our hearts, and longing for a deeper experience in the things of God; and we have the blessed assurance that if we seek we shall find.

We are working and planning for our church building, which will be erected as soon as we can get the necessary means. We do not want to go into debt; so must wait a little longer. We are doing what we can here, and although we felt that the church here had given all it was possible for it to give, there are little streams pouring in constantly to swell the list. We feel to praise the Lord for the way he is leading out in this enterprise. We wish to express our gratitude to our brethren throughout the state for their liberality in giving to this work. Our prayers are following the brethren who have this work in charge, and not only them, but those whom they visit as well, that they may be blessed with liberal hearts. This is the Lord's work, and he calls for willing offerings. God recognizes as his saints, "those that make a covenant with him by sacrifice," and by and by in the great gathering day, will gather them together unto himself.

M. H. HONEYWELL.

VILLARD

From Friday until Monday night, December 6-9, I was at St. Cloud. Brother Budd had come to this place during the week to labor for some time, so I made no special effort for those

not of our faith. Several meetings were held and a few from outside the church attended some of these services. Donations to the St. Paul-Duluth church fund amounted to about sixty-eight dollars.

From St. Cloud I went to Royalton to visit an isolated family. I stayed at a hotel over night and walked seven miles the next morning to the place. I felt well repaid for the trip. Here I remained over night and held one service. One of the children had been baptized at camp meeting, and she was taken into the church, which has been reduced in membership by removals to the one family. Their donation to the church fund was twelve dollars.

Grey Eagle was the next point visited. Three families reside here, and all were visited. I also called upon a young man who is teaching school nearby, who has decided to keep the Sabbath. The donation to the church fund was seven dollars.

I next visited Sauk Center. This was once a large and prosperous church, but so many have moved away that they don't even have Sabbath services now. The few members who remain were visited, and I tried to speak words of courage to all. They gave over twelve dollars to the church fund. One sister had already given fifty dollars.

From Sauk Center I went to Grove Lake, where I stayed till Monday. We had several of the week of prayer readings and some preaching services. This church is also greatly reduced in numbers, and others talk of leaving. Sixteen dollars was given to the church fund.

I reached Villard Monday night. So few of the old members remain here, and they are so scattered, that the church

building stands idle, no services being held. A brother loaned me a horse and I visited all. They seem to be of good courage in God, though widely separated from one another. Seventeen dollars was given to the church fund. In all of these places orders were taken for literature.

F. A. DETAMORE.

CLINT

This is a country place seven miles west of Rock Creek. Three of the lady members of that church live here. One of these had formerly belonged to the Baptist church, but began the observance of the Sabbath last summer. At the earnest request of these sisters, that they as well as their neighbors might more fully learn the message, I came here and held a series of meetings, lasting two weeks.

Thinking I might be granted the use of the Methodist church, which is used but once in two weeks, I made application to the trustees but was told that a regulation had been made by the ministers which forbid the Adventists to hold meetings there. I further learned that they had it in black and white not to allow such sects as Mormons, Catholics and Adventists to hold meetings there. When the church was built, funds were solicited from all with the understanding that the house was to be open for all religious bodies. Denying me this privilege displeased the people of the neighborhood greatly, many of whom were our friends. There was no lack of places, however, as a number of houses were immediately opened for our meetings. The attendance increased at each meeting until the houses were crowded to their utmost capacity.

The spirit of opposition became more manifest also at each

meeting, as the message for these times was unfolded. Yet those opposed to us could not stay away, but had to come and hear that they were worshipping the beast and his image. Some seemed astonished, others were enraged even to a mob spirit at the presentation of the second death of the wicked in the lake fire. Others drank in the truth like a thirsty man drinks cool water, and in these I entertain the hope that the seed will yet bear fruit.

I am now with the Rock Creek church helping them with the week of prayer services.

FRED JOHNSON.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NOTES

The first book, "Early Writings," is almost finished, but you can catch up if you will hurry. Soon the interesting "Missions Study" will begin. "Into All the World," the next book, can be ordered from the Review and Herald, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., cloth, 50 cents; paper, 35 cents. The booklet, "Outline of Our Missions," will be sent free with it.

Diligent study of the Sabbath-school lessons, and of the "Great Second Advent Movement," will prepare our young people to reach the "Standard of Attainment" in March. The Bible Readings now appearing in the *Signs*, and "Our Truth" number of the *Instructor* will also be excellent help. This number, dated December 3, is now out. Will not all our young people take hold and help with its circulation?

The church elder should send to W. W. Ruble, young people's secretary, early in February, for lists of questions for the "Standard of Attainment." The ex-

amination is to be conducted by the church elder or someone appointed by him, during the first week in March. The questions on Bible doctrine will be based on the present Sabbath school lessons, and the Bible readings appearing in the *Signs* and "Our Truth" number of the *Instructor*. The questions on denominational history will be based on the "Great Second Advent Movement," by Elder Loughborough.

One of the greatest rewards of service is the ability to do more service. This is especially true of the young people's work with the special numbers of the *Signs* and *Instructor*. The information which they gain in selling these papers will help them to become "Members of Attainment." Those who reach that standard will be enabled to do better work in giving the truth to others. What a blessed privilege to have a part in God's work at this particular time.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Miss Wavie D. Tubbs, assistant preceptress and member of the faculty of Maplewood academy, passed through Minneapolis Wednesday last enroute home to enjoy the week of vacation.

The week of prayer was a period of blessing to those members of the Minneapolis church who took part in it.

F. F. Fry went to Anoka Friday to assist with the services in the church on Sabbath.

Elder A. W. Kuehl was called to St. Peter to preach a funeral service on Sunday and to conduct quarterly meeting exercises on Sabbath with the Kasota church.

Quarterly meeting services will be held at the Minneapolis (English) church Sabbath, December 28. A full attendance is desired.

A WONDERFUL DAY'S WORK

Brother Walter Harper decided to devote the proceeds of his canvassing on December 8 to the \$150,000 fund. His experience on that day was most remarkable, and should stir our hearts. I will quote a few words from his letter written December 8 and 9: "I have just got in from the eventful day I set apart for the relief of the \$150,000 fund. This is a grand, good day. I prayed much for it, and I know you have have prayed for me on this day. Yesterday was the Sabbath, and I kept it as a day of fasting and seeking God in prayer, not only for this special work, but for other needed blessings as well. And God did hear. To-day was a glorious day. Praise the Lord. Ps. 28: 6, 7; Isa. 61: 10; Ps. 9: 1, 2, 11; 63: 6, 7. Surely the stately stepplings of Christ were seen, and the tread of the Majesty of heaven was heard. The shout of the king was in the camp. Before this nothing could stand. Everything was swept before it. All fell prostrate at its approach. I got up early this morning. I went forth leaning on the everlasting arms. I had faith to believe that God would hear my prayer for this day's effort. God never disappoints those who trust in him. No one ever faithfully sought the Lord in vain. I was filled with God-given courage and good cheer. By 10 A. M. the dear Lord had given me \$20 in orders for books, outside helps, etc."

Brother Harper states that Caliente, Nev., the town in which the work was done, is a railroad town containing about 1,000 or 1,500 people. He states that in the railroad shops where part of his work was done, "The night foreman was one of the kindest

and most jovial men I ever saw, and did all he could to get orders for me. In it all I can only see the hand of God, and I can only repeat, "What hath God wrought?" He stated that a few of the orders were provisional, but he has already delivered \$6.50 worth of orders, and there is a strong probability that he will have an excellent delivery. He states, "When I got fairly started on my day's work I saw that things were going well, and my mind reached out to get some eighteen large orders, or over \$50 worth. When I came in for prayers at 2 P. M. my total orders amounted to \$67.55, and I decided I would try to get some five or six orders more, about \$15 worth. That would bring it up to \$82 for the day, but it was fifteen more big orders, or \$52.40 more."

Writing December 9, he says: "God gave me yesterday thirty-three large orders for books, helps, etc., and the total was \$120.15. There is no limit to what God can do if we will only let him work. May we arouse, buckle on the armor closer, and come off more than conquerors. May God give us willing hearts to lift on this fund now, to close it up and get ready for his coming."

This letter ought to be a breath of life and true inspiration, not only to our canvassers, but to all our people, and proves what God can do with those who fast and pray, and seek him with all their hearts for help to do his great work. Such a spirit, if it were received by all our people, would close up this fund at once, and would also bring new and before unknown success in the canvassing work. J. S. WASHBURN.

WANTED—By young man and wife, a place on farm. Can come now or when the spring work begins. Address G. R. Christenson, 2919 4th ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

RESULT FROM A CONSE- CRATED FIVE-CENT PIECE

A few months ago a sister living in Montana wrote that she had dedicated five cents to the Lord's service, and by the sale of tracts it had amounted to twenty-five cents. She began selling the *Signs*, and soon her five-cent piece had amounted to \$20, and since then she has continued selling the *Signs* until all record as far as dollars is concerned has been lost sight of. She has continued her faithful work, using 400 *Signs* a week, and her success has been remarkable.

J. R. FERREN.

THE first 50,000 edition of the *Watchman* is already exhausted, and the publishers have not been able to keep up with the orders. However the specials are now being manufactured so rapidly that there will be no difficulty with any future orders.

ON GOOD authority it is stated that one hundred and one American colleges now have a holiday on Monday instead of Saturday, and their presidents enthusiastically approve of the change, believing that it has largely done away with the use of the Sabbath (Sunday) for study.

OBITUARY

LEDUC—Emily Leduc died December 11, 1907, at her home in Belgrade township, Minnesota, of pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks. Sister Leduc was born in Canada. She had lived nearly eighty-one years. She was married to Joseph Leduc in Vermont fifty-six years ago. Her husband, now eighty-three, and six children, are left to mourn. With her companion she moved into Minnesota forty-four years ago, when this state was a territory,

and just being settled up. They have been keeping the Sabbath about thirty years. Two of her children are Sabbath-keepers. I endeavored to present words of comfort and encouragement to the family and others to live Christian lives from the words of David, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Ps. 116:15. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Congregational church in Belgrade, the local pastor assisting. Although she had lived more than the time allotted to man, it was very hard for her children to give her up. If they serve the God of their mother, the parting will only be for a short time. The glad day of reunion that will unite broken families is soon to dawn with the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

GALVIN—Died at her home, near Runnells, Polk county, Iowa, of meningitis, Mrs. Bertha May Galvin, aged 24 years, 8 months, and 18 days. Her remains were taken to Woodburn, Clark county, Iowa, where the funeral services were conducted. She was laid away to rest in a country cemetery about three and one-half miles southeast of Woodburn. Her death was very sudden, as she lived only a short time after becoming ill. She died in the faith, with the blessed assurance of a part in the first resurrection. Last May Brother and Sister Galvin were baptized and united with the church in Des Moines, Iowa. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14: 13.

"Asleep in Jesus, soon to rise,
When the last trump shall rend the skies;
Then burst the fetters of the tomb,
And wake in full immortal bloom."

T. GODFREY.

CHRISTOPHERSON—Charles Peter Christopherson died in St. Paul, December 18, 1907, aged 53 years and 10 months. Brother Christopherson was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, February 15, 1854. He leaves a wife and one child. The cause of his death was prolonged consumption. Words of comfort were spoken from James 4:14. Brother Christopherson was a member of the St. Paul church. His only child living is much afflicted, and his companion has little of this world's goods. We were reminded on the occasion that this sad earth is groaning under the curse, waiting for deliverance from sin and all its consequences. May this glad day soon come.

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THE Bookmen's Convention, to be held at Sioux Falls, S. D., January 10-16, 1908, will be a very important meeting, as it will affect the tract society and canvassing work in the entire territory covered by those who attend the convention. Invitations have been given especially to tract society secretaries and field missionary agents, but the meeting will be open to all others who wish to attend. A very strong program has been prepared, touching almost all features of the tract society and book work, and no doubt the different topics will be discussed in a manner which will be very helpful to all who attend the convention, and indirectly to the fields which will be represented. It is hoped that each conference of the Northern Union will be represented by the tract society secretary and field missionary agent. Assignments of topics have been made to representatives from the Central and West

Canadian union conferences, so that there will probably be a good delegation from each of those fields. The Northern Union Conference Committee will meet at Sioux Falls during the period of the convention, and this will insure the presence of the presidents of the four conferences composing the Northern Union. Very practical instruction will be given by E. R. Palmer, H. H. Hall and James Cochran, besides the benefit received from the general discussion of the topics assigned to other leading book and tract society workers.

IN the report of the Sabbath school secretary of the Minnesota conference, in last week's REAPER, the statement was made that out of the whole number of schools in the state—181 including the home department—131 gave all of their donations to missions, and several of the others used only a few cents from their offerings. This testifies that a very large majority of the schools have already ratified the recommendation made at the camp meeting last June, that all of the Sabbath school donations be given for missions, and that the supplies for the schools be furnished by taking special offerings. This is very encouraging to those who have charge of the mission funds, as it indicates a more decided interest in the work of our missions on the part of the members of the Minnesota conference. It is hoped that before the close of the next year all of the schools in the state will have come into line with the conference recommendation, and that there will be a stream of Sabbath school donations continually flowing into the mission treasury.

THE current issue of the *Signs of the Times*, No. 52, will contain the first of the series of articles on "An Examination of Christian Science in the Light of Reason and Revelation," by Elder R. A. Underwood. The articles are the result of deep study and patient research, and much information will be given which will not only be beneficial to Seventh-day Adventists, but may be used to open the eyes of many persons who are now ensnared by this delusion. Everyone should read these articles and then pass them on to someone else.

THE North Dakota conference will hold its annual meeting at the academy, at Harvey, N. D., December 25-29, 1907. This will be the regular meeting for the transaction of conference business, election of officers, etc. President Walker desires that the churches be fully represented by delegates. The North Dakota Conference Association will meet in connection with the meeting.

THE Southern Union Conference has completed its proportion of the \$150,000 fund. It was agreed that this union should raise \$6,000 as its share of the fund. The Southern is the first and only union conference able to announce that it has completed the task set for it, and it now proposes to go on with the good work till the fund has all been raised.

THE *Evangelists Sendebud* and *Sions Vaktare*, the Danish-Norwegian and Swedish denominational journals, have each issued very finely gotten up specials. These numbers are crowded full of excellent matter, and should receive a wide circulation among the people of the above-mentioned nationalities.