



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

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### \* SWING OUT

ISABEL M'DONALD

Swing out upon the promises of God,  
Nor stay thy hand on crumbling earthly things;  
Trust not in princes bold, ungospel shod,  
Nor pin thy faith upon the word of kings.  
Firm and secure is the foundation laid,  
The King of Kings, himself the corner stone.  
In faith and truth his promises are made;  
Thou needest naught but his sure word alone.  
Think not within thy heart how thou shalt stand,  
Nor look for help where mortal feet have trod;  
Trust him who weigheth all things in his hand,  
Swing out upon the promises of God.

### A CAMPAIGN OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

The campaign in behalf of religious liberty for the coming winter, in connection with what is likely to take place in Congress, gives evidence of being one of the most strenuous we have yet experienced. The repeated defeats that the promoters of Sunday legislation have experienced in Congress during the past few years, as a result of our efforts in opposing Sunday legislation, have aroused them to more determined efforts in their work of securing a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

All are aware that there are already two religious measures pending in Congress. One is the Johnston Sunday Bill for the District of Columbia, that was reintroduced into the Senate during the special session of Congress, May 17, 1909, known as Senate Bill 404; the other measure, known as House Joint Resolution No. 17, "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States so that it shall contain a recognition of God, and shall begin with the words, 'In the name of God,'" is equally dangerous.

Movements are already on foot in Washington for the purpose of strengthening the forces of those seeking a Sunday law for the District during

the coming session of Congress. The following is the first announcement that has appeared in the public press concerning their contemplated campaign:

At a mass meeting\* of the Laymen's Confederation, held last night at the Y. M. C. A., a large assembly took decided steps toward obtaining a better law governing Sunday observance in the District.

A committee of three was appointed to co-operate with the international rest-day committee in an effort to secure the passage at the next session of Congress of the Johnston bill. Another committee, composed of A. T. Endicott, Washington Topham, E. I. Booraem, S. J. Barker, Charles S. Bradley, W. W. Everett and C. B. Holland, was appointed to wait upon the Commissioners regarding the lack of Sabbath observance by certain departments of the District government. Special attention will be called to the street-cleaning department.—Washington Herald, October 30, 1909,

On Sunday, the 21st instant, the first of a series of four Sunday evening sermons was delivered in behalf of a District Sunday law by the pastor of one of the leading Methodist churches in Washington.

Wilbur F. Crafts, Chairman of the International Reform Bureau, also announces that a convention of the Bureau will convene in Washington December 12, for the purpose of inaugurating a more aggressive campaign in the interest of Sunday legislation and other so-called reforms.

There is little doubt that the other churches and religious organizations in Washington will unite with these efforts to carry on a concerted movement this winter, with the hope of influencing Congress to enact a Sunday law for the District.

It will also be remembered that thirty-one states out of the forty-six in the Union, have expressed themselves in favor of an amendment to the United States Constitution which will provide for the election of United States senators by popular vote. It will readily be seen that should this matter come before Congress for action it will afford a most ideal opportunity for the National Reform element to attempt to secure the adoption of



their long-cherished amendment to the Constitution, viz., to have the name of God incorporated in it.

In view of all these dangerous issues already before us, and the possibility of others arising, it will be evident to every wide-awake Seventh-day Adventist that he must arouse to action. There is no better way to enlighten the people concerning the dangers that threaten freedom of conscience in this country than by the circulation of our splendid religious liberty literature; namely, *Liberty*, *The Protestant Magazine*, "American State Papers," "The Rise and Fall of Religious Liberty in America" (a new book), and the Religious Liberty Leaflets. All who can should also prepare nicely written matter for the public press in their own vicinity upon some phase of this great question. Those who do not feel competent to write for the press will be furnished gratis with a copy of the little leaflet, "How to Write for the Press," by writing to the Religious Liberty Department of Seventh-day Adventists, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. K. C. RUSSELL,

Secretary of Religious Liberty Department

## ✿ From the Field ✿

### Iowa Conference

#### MOVING FROM IOWA

For some time it has been my purpose to write an article concerning the tendency among our Sabbath-keepers to be decoyed away from this fine state. I fully believe that many are making a serious mistake in allowing themselves to be decoyed away by the highly-colored representations and advertisements of "cheap lands" in other parts of the country. In my travels about the state my attention has been called to many cases where our people have sold good, rich farms and gone to the Dakotas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Texas and New Mexico, or other places where hot winds in summer, frightful blizzards in winter, prolonged droughts, unproductive land, alkali water eating out the stomach and alkali dust the lungs, pests and afflictions all unknown in this fair state, have blasted their hopes, ruined their finances and undermined their health, leaving them stranded far from friends and associates, to bemoan the day when wily land agents or others tempted them away from the state which in richness of soil and fertility ranks next to Eden itself. If a man feels called of the Lord to go to some out-of-the-way place to hold up the standard of truth, well and good. He should by all means go and the blessing

of God will go with him. But, when in hope of adding to his possessions, or bettering his condition, he sells out a good farm in Iowa and goes to any of the above-mentioned places, in nine cases out of ten he will find when too late that his dreams have turned out nightmares. Case after case of this character has been brought to my attention, and I cannot forbear writing very plainly about the matter.

I have talked with land speculators and agents in a confidential way about their methods, and some of them have been very free to tell me how they work their business. They buy up large tracts of land in Texas, New Mexico, and other "cheap" states, at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$1.50 an acre, and sell them out in ten-acre pieces at from \$10 to 20 an acre. A considerable portion of this enormous profit is expended in advertising matter, "free excursion trains" and that sort of thing. The wonderful "write-ups" of the newly opened country, with its "amazing opportunities" and chances to "acquire great wealth," catch the unwary and they flock in thousands to the new Eldorado to discover later that they are "left," and that the agent has discreetly left, too.

P. T. Barnum used to say that "the American people love to be humbugged and that he loved to humbug them." Mr. Barnum is now dead, but a host of land agents have arisen to take his place. When this "cheap land" is purchased, what has a man got? A piece of raw land that will take a large investment to improve. It is far from good market, good schools, churches and the refining influences of older communities. His family must suffer from these disadvantages and drawbacks all because of his hunger for more of this world's vanishing wealth. When he figures up the cost of his land, considering the original investment, the time and labor and additional cash outlay to improve it, the smaller crops, the lower prices from poorer markets, he finds his "cheap land" is exceedingly expensive.

There is a strip of territory running across the eastern half of the United States, from 300 to 500 miles in width, beginning at the west line of Iowa and taking in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, the south half of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, New York and New England, that includes practically all the good land, large cities, colleges, manufacturing establishments and intellectual genius of the United States. Outside of that territory is "hard scrabble," hard times continually, as many a stranded brother who has moved from Iowa could testify. The writer has traveled over a large part of the territory of which he writes and knows wherof he affirms.

We are living in an unsettled, restless age.



Everyone wants to be on the move. The greenest pasture appears to be on the other side of the fence always.

Settle down, brethren, before you make the mistake of your lives by pulling off to some new country, where you must plunge into all the hardships of pioneer life, at a time when you should be enjoying some of the fruits of your past hard labors. Give the land speculator and his glowing advertisements a wide berth, and thank the Lord your lot is cast in as good a country as you are now dwelling in.

It makes me sad at heart to find the membership of so many of our formerly large churches being depleted because of this continual search for "green pastures." It is hoped that a decided change may be brought about in this condition.

M. N. CAMPBELL.

### DON'T

We regret to see our people again getting into the habit of addressing their correspondence to, and having drafts drawn in favor of, individuals at this office. We have called attention to this often. If that person is out of the office for a few days at the time the letter arrives, it must wait until his return before it is opened. Then the order, remittance or report is delayed. Kindly bear this in mind in the future and address letters to the respective departments. Letters containing missionary reports, orders for books, periodicals and supplies, and correspondence pertaining thereto, should be addressed to the Iowa Tract Society. Letters containing remittances from treasurers, tithe reports or correspondence pertaining thereto, should be addressed to the Iowa S. D. A. Conference, with an H in the lower left hand corner. It will be all right for correspondence for several departments to be enclosed in one envelope and addressed to one department. These will then be handed to the proper persons. But what I wish to impress upon correspondents is to not address business mail to any individual.

We know individuals like to write us a personal line once in a while. These may be assured that we like to receive these good personal letters. We hope all may feel perfectly free to write any of us personally whenever they have a desire to do so; but we wish everyone to see the importance of sending all business mail to its particular department and not to any individual. All checks, money orders and drafts should be made payable either to "Iowa S. D. A. Conference" or "Iowa Tract Society," and in no case to an individual. Kindly remember these instructions, brethren, and let us all work together for the good of the cause.

G. C. HOSKIN.

### IOWA NOTES

A number of church school teachers, academy students and others are planning to spend the holiday period selling periodicals. Orders are coming in at the present time, ranging from twenty-five to five hundred copies, and the interest continues on the increase.

In response to the appeal of last week to those who owe money on pledges to the sanitarium fund, money has been coming in during the last ten days. It is hoped that all pledges will be paid before January 1, 1910.

Miss Gussie Olsen, a promising church school teacher and daughter of Elder E. G. Olsen, of Forest City, was operated on last week for appendicitis. She is reported as making a rapid recovery.

The new price lists of foods prepared by the Iowa Sanitarium Bakery will be sent on application to the office at 1319 Des Moines St., Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Isaac Watts, formerly connected with the Iowa Tract Society, has accepted the position of preceptress in Walla Walla College.

Mrs. W. D. Parkhurst, wife of Elder Parkhurst, of Des Moines, has been quite ill. It is hoped she will have a speedy recovery.

## Minnesota Conference

### WORD TO PARENTS

It has seemed best to give a vacation from December 24 to December 27 inclusive. In justice to those who cannot go home and to the work before us, we cannot well give a longer vacation at this time. Our work has been greatly hindered in past years by students remaining away one, two or three weeks, and thus retarding their classes seriously. We make the reasonable request that the parents of our students, if they think it best to have their children come home, to see to it that under *no circumstances* is the return to school to be later than Monday evening December 27, nor the leaving Maplewood earlier than December 23. We shall be glad to answer by letter any queries concerning the matter, which space forbids in this announcement.

H. J. SHELDON.

### ELECTION

The time for the election of officers is nearly here, and I want to say a word to our churches about it. I find that there are twenty churches in Minnesota who have had no missionary secretary this year. I conclude that it is because the office has not been regarded of much importance, but I hope the coming election will place a missionary secretary in every church. If you do not have but one officer let that one be a missionary secretary. By this I do not mean to simply have a person to keep the book, but rather to have a person to fill that position who has ability to get the church to work and direct its efforts.

It is sometimes difficult to find a person who



can lead the people in missionary effort and keep the books acceptably. In such a case I would suggest that the very best talent in your church be selected for missionary secretary, and then give him an assistant who can keep the book. Please do not consider this an unimportant matter. God says: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." And again and again comes the call for someone to devise plans and place them in the hands of the people. Your missionary secretary should be a general who can assist the commander-in-chief (church elder) in leading the army of Prince Immanuel on to battle. May God give you wisdom in filling this office is my prayer.

C. M. BABCOCK.

### MISSION FUNDS

The amounts set opposite the names of the different churches have been contributed by the members to apply on the ten-cent-a-week apportionment for missions:

Amount received for foreign missions from  
Januarv 1 to July 1, 1909.....\$3,631 13

Amount received from respective churches from  
July 1 to December 1, 1909.....

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Alexandria.....           | 86 50  |
| Alden.....                | 13 43  |
| Amboy.....                | 14 19  |
| Albert Lea.....           | 23 72  |
| Anoka.....                | 136 23 |
| Artichoke.....            | 47 13  |
| Austin.....               | 83 28  |
| Batavia.....              | 36 89  |
| Bath.....                 | 33 66  |
| Bruno.....                | 6 64   |
| Brainerd.....             | 33 90  |
| Brookville.....           | 15 94  |
| Cambridge.....            | 9 55   |
| Conference.....           | 138 17 |
| Canby.....                | 14 50  |
| Crow Wing.....            | 11 37  |
| Dexter.....               | 22 64  |
| Dodge Center.....         | 61 35  |
| Duluth, English.....      | 150 73 |
| Duluth, Scandinavian..... | 23 52  |
| Dundas.....               | 4 35   |
| Detroit.....              | 29 67  |
| Drywood.....              | 22 05  |
| Eagle Bend.....           | 15 76  |
| Eagle Lake.....           | 44 91  |
| Elmdale.....              | 24 55  |
| Erskine.....              | 3 75   |
| Feeley.....               | 17 63  |
| Faribault.....            | 9 80   |
| Foldahl.....              | 11 89  |
| Fergus Falls.....         | 35 13  |
| Good Thunder.....         | 39 77  |
| Gilchrist.....            | 47 35  |
| Grey Eagle.....           | 7 30   |
| Grove Lake.....           | 7 00   |

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Henning.....                    | 51 22      |
| Herman.....                     | 37 03      |
| Hewitt.....                     | 13 61      |
| Hutchinson.....                 | 5 84       |
| Isanti.....                     | 6 25       |
| Kasota.....                     | 19 00      |
| Lake City.....                  | 37 81      |
| Lake Eunice.....                | 23 44      |
| Lake Johanna.....               | 14 69      |
| Litchfield.....                 | 500 62     |
| Local.....                      | 40         |
| Mankato.....                    | 102 02     |
| Maple Plain.....                | 106 42     |
| Minneapolis, English.....       | 723 79     |
| Minneapolis, Scandinavian.....  | 39 88      |
| Medford.....                    | 9 19       |
| Mahtowa.....                    | 23 76      |
| Moose Lake.....                 | 21 84      |
| Mountain Lake.....              | 34 79      |
| Monticello.....                 | 17 98      |
| Nevis.....                      | 13 87      |
| Nayan.....                      | 24 42      |
| North Branch.....               | 3 00       |
| Owatonna.....                   | 26 31      |
| Pine Island.....                | 33 44      |
| Pipestone.....                  | 18 64      |
| Princeton.....                  | 1 40       |
| Rock Creek.....                 | 10 14      |
| Roseau.....                     | 23 75      |
| Rushford.....                   | 17 87      |
| Senjen.....                     | 8 10       |
| St. Cloud.....                  | 36 64      |
| St. Paul, English.....          | 460 07     |
| St. Paul, Scandinavian.....     | 85 70      |
| Stillwater.....                 | 56 99      |
| Stewartville.....               | 71 99      |
| Sherburn.....                   | 41 26      |
| Sauk Center.....                | 20 03      |
| Scattered.....                  | 333 21     |
| Scandinavian Appropriation..... | 328 00     |
| Verndale.....                   | 20         |
| Wells.....                      | 16 38      |
| Winona.....                     | 40 57      |
| Total.....                      | \$8,377 94 |

Actual church membership of 1,650 at 10 cents per capita for forty-eight weeks.....\$7,920 00

Surplus to apply on 15 cents a week per capita.....457 94

H. R. GAY, Treas.

### ELBOW LAKE

Having contracted to do the painting on four government buildings on the White Earth Indian reservation, I, with my family, left our home in Detroit August 5 and went thirty-five miles to Round Lake, where two of the buildings are located, and then to Elbow Lake where we now are. We are forty-five miles from home.

Being away from home and church privileges, we are not favored with an opportunity to be at the experience meeting of the campaigners, so thought we would give our testimony through the REAPER. We ordered twenty-five copies of the *Missions Review* sent up here, so they, with the ten extra copies, were here in time for the begin-



ning of the campaign. We read the paper the Sabbath before the campaign, and found it excellent. At that time there were six carpenters, five masons and one cook working on the job. On Sunday evening I gave each of these a paper, simply telling them that the paper was free, that it would give them an idea of what my church is doing toward the evangelization of the world, and that if, after they had read the paper, they felt interested, a donation would be thankfully received.

I knew the men had little if any money with them, so did not expect much from a financial standpoint, but believed it a favorable opportunity to acquaint them with our work. Although we had prayed that the papers would be read, and that the men would become interested, yet we were as much surprised as we were glad to have forty-five cents given to me the next day, and to receive fifteen cents more yesterday, making sixty cents in all that I received from giving away twelve papers. It was the Lord and not man who accomplished this.

We have ordered one hundred and twenty-five papers, which with the ten extra copies, make one hundred and thirty-five that we hope to distribute before the end of the year. We feel that the good those twelve papers will do cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents, but that it is in the effect they will have upon the hearts of those who read to enlighten and interest them in the truth.

H. W. JOHNSON.

#### MINNESOTA NOTES

Brother and Sister F. L. Smith, from Iowa, are both blind, but who are devoting themselves to the sale of magazines, have finished their work in and about Minneapolis, having sold three thousand copies of "Life and Health."

Mrs. H. C. Bailey, who lives eight miles from Elk River, in the country, successfully disposed of the copies of the Missions "Review" sent her, and received \$8.25 for the support of missions.

Brother C. K. Reiswig, of Mountain Lake, reports splendid success in the work of distributing the special "Review." He says he received over fifty cents for each paper.

Leslie D. Trott, who has been selling magazines in Minneapolis and St. Paul for several weeks, has been making a success of his work, selling from seven to ten magazines an hour.

The weather was so stormy that few persons came out to the general meeting at Chokio last week. Elder Anderson remained to continue the meetings over last week.

Brother M. E. Ellis, secretary of the Nebraska conference, met with the Minneapolis church Sabbath. Brother Ellis was on his way north on a business trip.

Miss Julia Carston died at Red Wing, Minn., December 8, 1909, aged 20 years. Elder Kuehl conducted the funeral services on Sunday.

Elder S. E. Jackson was in the vicinity of Chokio till

Wednesday of last week, and then went to Herman for Sabbath meetings.

Prof. Herbert Owen, who is connected with school work in Central America, was in Minneapolis Sabbath enroute west.

#### MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY NOTES

Last Sabbath Brother Alway gave a very interesting account of the convention held in Minneapolis, showing that the earnest perseverance of the leaders of these various movements only emphasizes the serious truth that we are soon to realize the wrath of the dragon spirit that has ever inspired the persecution of the followers of Christ. Are we ready for the issue?

The students worked with the special "Review" in the neighboring towns last week, and in spite of the inclement weather cleared over \$81. They expect to dispose of the remainder of the papers soon.

The Misses Lillian and Ruth McFall, of Boulder, Colo., visited at the home of Brother Alway last week, and made the academy a call while there.

The family met in the chapel Sunday evening for an old-fashioned spelling contest and sing. The evening was enjoyed by all participating.

### North Dakota Conference

#### AMONG THE CHURCHES

November 10 I left Harvey for the Bowdon church, where I met Brother J. J. Reiswig. He had already begun to fulfil the appointment, so we joined right in the work together. We found that the enemy had been working hard to discourage the brethren and sisters here, and so were very glad for the timely arrival of Elder Leer on November 12. His help was much appreciated; but he received a telegram from his aged father in California, saying that his mother was dying, so he left to go to his mother's bedside on Monday, November 15. We still had one more day left to fill our appointment at this place, and Brother Reiswig and myself continued the work alone.

We can only say that the Lord blessed us wonderfully. Everyone present expressed his appreciation, and felt that it was truly good to see the spirit of God working upon the hearts of his people, in pointing out their mistakes; but the best of it all was that it also helped them to make the wrongs right so the spirit could have free course with us. The Lord gave us the victory over the enemy, for which we thank his worthy name.

We also held the election for church officers, and Brother Philip Reiling was elected elder, and Brother Gottlieb Leiske, deacon. The result of this series of meetings was that the church as a whole took a new stand in behalf of home missionary work, and several of the young people made a new start to walk in this way of righteousness.



## THE BOOK WORK

## MINNESOTA—WEEK ENDING DEC. 10

| Name              | Hrs | Ords | Helps | Total | Del'd   |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|---------|
| Great Controversy |     |      |       |       |         |
| L. Holsvick       |     |      |       |       | \$35 50 |
| Practical Guide   |     |      |       |       |         |
| Leslie D. Trott   | 17  | 3    | 4 10  | 13 10 |         |
| Totals,           | 17  | 3    | 4 10  | 13 10 | \$35 50 |

## IOWA—WEEK ENDING NOV. 26

|                        |    |    |        |         |         |
|------------------------|----|----|--------|---------|---------|
| Heralds of the Morning |    |    |        |         |         |
| Anna Nordquist         | 25 | 2  | 7 25   | 11 25   |         |
| Great Controversy      |    |    |        |         |         |
| Glen Shelton           | 31 | 12 |        | 36 00   |         |
| Totals,                | 56 | 14 | \$7 25 | \$47 25 |         |
| U. C. Totals,          | 73 | 17 | 11 35  | 60 35   | \$35 50 |

From Bowdon we went to visit the Roosevelt church, where we were from Nov. 17 to 22. The first thing to be done at this place was to put a chimney on the new church building, and to put up the stove so that the church would be warm. Then, too, we had to help seat the church. We were very sorry to see that the enemy had been successful in separating the hearts of the brethren here, so that their love had become rather cold. As a result they could not work together to finish the new church building, which was begun a year ago last summer. We are glad for the blessed assurance that the Lord is willing to help all who come unto him. This was demonstrated at this place, for after the first meeting we were able to get the brethren together to finish the building so as to hold our meetings in it.

We had good meetings at Roosevelt, too, and the spirit of God was felt in our midst right from the start. It did us good to see souls convicted and wrongs made right. In some cases it was quite a trial for persons to go to their brethren and make confessions; but the enemy had to flee, and hearts were melted together with the love for God and his truth.

November 17 we went to the New Home church. We began meetings that evening and continued them until the night of November 28. Here, too, the Lord came near and blessed us. We have good reasons to believe that the words spoken will do much good. We trust that the seed fell on good ground and that they will bring forth fruit for eternity.

In closing I will say that it seems to me that if as a people we would lean more heavily upon the mighty arm of God, and tell him our difficulties instead of taking the arm of flesh for our help and tell our troubles to our friends, the enemy could be guarded off much more easily. Instead of talking about defeat we could talk more of the victories won. The time has come, brethren and sisters,

for us to hear more about victory over sin and less of defeat by sin. Let us hold up the banner of truth and stand on the Lord's promises to fight for us. Can we trust our captain, who has never lost a single battle? If so, let us come boldly to the throne of grace and have our needs supplied daily. Let us continue in well doing, for "It will not be long till we see him in whom our hopes of eternal life are centered. And in his presence all the trials and sufferings of this life will be as nothingness. Cast not away, therefore, your confidence, which had great recompense of reward."—Vol. 9, p. 287.

B. C. HAAK.

## GOODRICH

Perhaps it will be of interest to the readers of the REAPER to hear what is going on in this part of the great harvest field. Elder Martin Olson passed through here several times, going to and from his field of labor. We always entreated him to stop and hold a few meetings with us. He recently held meetings in the schoolhouse, and one lady accepted the truth, as was reported in the REAPER a few weeks ago. He returned in November and stayed eleven days, holding meetings in our home each evening. As a result a son of the lady already mentioned, and a young lady of another family, promised to obey all the commandments of God. These three were members of the Methodist church. While we were visiting around our table one evening, when there had been no meeting appointed, an old man, seventy-five years old, stood up and expressed his determination to keep all the commandments of God and to become one of his children. After the close of the last meeting several stayed a few hours, and one backslidden brother renewed his consecration to God. We had a precious season.

Brother Olson left us, but the Lord is with us. Last Sabbath we organized a Sabbath school of twenty-two members, and Tuesday evening we met for a prayer meeting. Sixteen were present, nearly all taking part in the service. All who are interested in missionary work please remember the work here at Goodrich. There are several persons now studying, and we hope to have them fully with us soon. MR. AND MRS. FRED REITER.

## A MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE

Yesterday I went to Parkstown, sixteen miles away, with a load of wheat. I felt an inspiration to do something for the cause, and placed a subscription receipt book for the *Signs of the Times* in my coat pocket, together with a clean copy of the *Signs*. I asked the Lord to direct me so that I might do my work right.



In Parkston I did business with five different men, and each one gave me his subscription for the twenty-five special numbers of the *Signs*. I felt so much encouraged over this experience that I have determined that when I get through husking the corn I will go in again with another load of wheat. I plan to drive on to the scales of a different elevator each time, and do business with different men, in order that I may have opportunity to work with other individuals. There is another town, about the same distance away as Parkstown, and it is my purpose to take my wheat to this town when I have gone over the place I am now working in.

I hope our German farmer brethren will try to do the same kind of missionary work in their leisure time. If they do many of them will forget about going to some other state—to California to raise grapes, or to Canada to get more land. To be connected with this blessed work is worth many times more than to possess more quarters of land.

A. D. BULLER.

### VALLEY CITY

I esteem it a great privilege to have a part in God's vineyard. I have been working at Goodrich, where we held a ten days' series of meetings. As a result of these meetings eight or ten persons, almost all Americans, have shown a decided interest in the truth. One old soldier, seventy-five years old, gave himself to Jesus and was very happy. He said that he had never had such a good experience.

Brother Reiter, of Goodrich, promised to report these meetings for the REAPER, and I will not say much about them. However, I wish to tell of one young man who has been planning to study for the ministry of the Methodist church. He told me that he would now leave the course he was taking and accept the truth. When I left Goodrich he came to bid me goodbye and gave me five dollars. These illustrations tell to a degree how the Lord is working upon the hearts of the people.

MARTIN OLSON.

### South Dakota Conference

#### ELK POINT ACADEMY NOTES

Our Missionary Volunteer Society recently voted \$25 of the funds being raised by them for the work in the South, to the help of Brother Alden, of the Hillcrest School, where help is so sorely needed in the time of sickness and affliction.

Christmas will soon be here, and already we hear many discussing the question whether they will spend Christmas week at home or not. As a number of students are planning on going the faculty have voted a week's vacation.

Miss Beatrice Barber returned last Monday from a week's visit to her home in Rodney, Ia., and has resumed her regular school work again. She reports a pleasant time, but is glad to be among our number again.

Miss Minnie Ehrke is visiting with her brother Albert for a few days. She is on her way to Arabia, Neb., where she will take up the duties which devolve upon the church school teacher.

Miss Esther Aalborg, of Viborg, arrived last Thursday to spend a few days with her nieces, the Misses Lydia and Esther Aalborg. She returned to her home Monday morning.

Miss Ethel Barber, a former student and graduate, made us a short visit while on her way from her home in Rodney, Ia., to Huron, S. D., where she will engage in Bible work.

Thanksgiving day was spent quietly and pleasantly at the academy, as we took up our usual school work, because of the vacation we are to enjoy during Christmas week.

Edwin Moreland, a former student of Union College, and now principal of the Merville High School, spent Sabbath and Sunday at the academy with friends.

Arrangements have been made to give instruction on the violin, and already we have a class of six members under the direction of Mr. Hawley.

We were glad to welcome Miss Maggie Levison during Thanksgiving week and enjoyed her visit very much.

New students continue to arrive and the latest one to enroll is Frank Lopp, of Canton, S. D.

Mrs. F. R. Isaac and Miss Della Jens made a trip to Sioux City the first part of the week.

The new piano has arrived and we are all greatly pleased with it. It is doing good service.

### CHAMBERLAIN SANITARIUM TRAINING SCHOOL

The advantages of the nurses' training school at the Chamberlain sanitarium are briefly:

A minimum amount of domestic work, as other arrangements are made to carry this line.

A maximum amount of nursing all kinds of medical and surgical cases.

A thorough course in theoretical training.

There are ten instructors.

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TO MAKE an annual offering has become a recognized practice among consecrated Seventh-day Adventist people, many of whom would regard it as an omission of a part of the yearly service if they were not privileged to make a thank-offering to God for the blessings received during the year. The last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer, December 18, is the time appointed to make and to receive this offering, and it is believed it will be the desire of every soul, after having had part in the services of the preceding week, to not only renew their own consecration but to make an offering out of the abundance they have received for the support of the gospel message in other lands. If our people could fully sense the great need of the the cause at this time, it is believed means in plenty would flow into the treasury. May the thank-offering of this people be more practical than mere words, however sincere they may be.

WE are in the last days of 1909, and many of our church members have not done their full duty in contributing to the support of foreign missions. An average of ten cents a week is all that has been asked for, and many persons have given more than this; there are some, however, who have not sensed the blessing of the privilege of contributing to missions, and still others who, through stress of circumstances, have been hindered from giving to the support of this work. Those who are willing and able are now privileged to make up the amount which those above-mentioned might have given. Shall not the next two weeks witness the most energetic effort in behalf of foreign mission funds in the history of the denomination? May each one do his best.

THIRTY-ONE years ago three copies of the *Signs of the Times* were sent to a gentleman in a New England state. He became deeply interested in the contents, and showed the papers to others, with the result that several began keeping the Sabbath. A little later a minister was sent there, who after a few weeks' of meetings, organized a church of twenty-five members. From that church three ordained ministers have gone to South America, and are holding responsible places in the conference work. One doctor has also gone to that country, while two nurses and a number of canvassers and school teachers have taken up work in their respective lines in different sections of the United States.

A VERY encouraging letter came to the office of the Pacific Press recently from the secretary of the Chilean conference, telling of the splendid success of the canvassers, who are selling from eight to seventeen books every day. An order was enclosed with the letter for 600 copies of "Patriarchs and Prophets," 600 "New Testament Primer," 500 "Coming King" and 8,000 copies of the new illustrated Spanish tracts.

ELDER R. A. UNDERWOOD left Minneapolis last Tuesday for Fargo, N. D., for consultation with Sister A. H. Robinson, treasurer of the North Dakota conference, who has been ill for a number of months. Wednesday evening he went on to Wheelock, N. D., at which place a church was dedicated on Sabbath.

THE International Reform Bureau opened a convention in Washington, December 12 for the purpose of inaugurating a more aggressive campaign in the interest of Sunday legislation and other so-called reforms. Wilbur F. Crafts is chairman of the bureau.

DURING 1909 over \$25,000 worth of subscription books were shipped by the Pacific Press through the Golden Gate to countries outside the United States. During the same period last year but \$12,000 worth were sent out.

THE first paper devoted to the proclamation of the three-fold message of Revelation 14 was the *Present Truth*, printed in July, 1849, at Middletown, Conn. It was an eight-page, semi-monthly, published by James White.

THE first day of the week is mentioned eight times in the New Testament, six of these refer to the same first day when Jesus rose from the dead.