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

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KEPT

'Tis sweet to know I am the Father's child,
Whate'er betide.
E'en though around me swirls an ocean wild,
His hand doth guide.
Kept, safely kept, why should my heart know fear?
He watcheth me.
He only would his tim'rous child draw near,
His grace to see.
We stand amid the storm on mountain-side,
The lightning's glare;
The thunders roar o'er valleys far and wide,
Faith would despair.
But to our fearsome hearts is whispered, "Kept,"
Nor need we dread,
For though our world be torn and tempest-swept,
Hope is not dead.
Kept by the power of God, along life's way,
Faith triumphs still;
Strength to each soul, according to our day,
To do his will.—Sel.

A CALL TO CONSECRATED EFFORT*

MRS. E. G. WHITE

Upon every believer to whom has come the light of the Third Angel's Message there rests a solemn responsibility to let the light of truth shine forth clearly. The commission that Christ has given his followers is unmistakably plain. It bids them go into all the world, bearing to every nation, tongue and people the saving message of present truth. They are now to take hold of this work as it has never been taken hold of before, and do their best. There is no time now for controversy. A world is perishing for the bread of eternal life.

Christ has given his life in order that lost humanity might be redeemed to live with him in glory. Throughout eternity he will bear in his hands the prints of the cruel nails by which he was transfixed to the cross on Calvary. These will

ever bear witness to the sufferings he endured in order that penitent sinners might have life eternal. But those who claim to be followers of the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world, will never be permitted to live with their Saviour in the earth made new if in this life they labor not for souls as they that must give an account.

There are many, many believers who carry too light a burden in behalf of souls unsaved. There never was a time when the world was in greater need of the light of heavenly truth than it is at the present time. On every hand are cities unwarned. Souls are perishing, and what are the light-bearers doing? There needs to be manifested a burden for souls, such as many have not yet realized. In self-denial and self-sacrifice, with Bible in hand, God's chosen messengers are to search out the honest in heart and reveal to them the way of life everlasting. Many who have never been specially set apart as gospel laborers should engage in this work. All who have received in their own hearts the light of heaven, are to let this light shine to those about them. May God help his people to be aroused to a realization of their duty toward those who have never been enlightened regarding the truth for this time!

There are some now claiming to be followers of Christ who in the judgment will be confronted by their friends and neighbors to whom they might have pointed out the way of salvation, but whom they allowed to remain unwarned. Then will they hear the terrible words: "Why did you not tell us the things you claimed to believe? Why did you not seek to help us understand the truths of God's word? Why did you not do all in your power to warn us before it was everlastingly too late? You never told us these things that would have helped us to prepare to meet our God in peace. You allowed us to come up to the judgment unwarned, unsaved."

There is a world to be saved. This is why I am so anxious that every believer in the Lord

Portion of a talk before the Pacific Union Conference, Mountain View, California, January 29, 1910.

Jesus shall live on the plan of addition, adding grace to grace, and becoming established in the most holy faith. Those who are diligent to make their own calling and election sure, will also be found seeking in every way possible to win many souls to the truth for this time. God is now calling for more earnestness, for greater zeal, on the part of those to whom has been entrusted the most sacred truths ever committed to mortals. He is calling for earnest prayer, and for increased diligence of effort in carrying these truths to the inhabitants of the earth. He is calling especially at this time for a strong work to be done in the cities.

The truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth in the cities of the East. The stronger conferences of the Middle West and of the Pacific Coast now have the privilege of advancing the cause of God in that portion of the field where the Third Angel's Message was first proclaimed. Something has been done, it is true; but God requires of his people a far greater work than anything that has been done in years past.

I have been through many of these cities, and have had opportunity to visit them again recently. I have seen New York, and Boston, and Portland, and Buffalo, and other cities of the East that are waiting to be worked. What I have seen of these unwarned places brings sorrow to my heart. Often I have lain upon my bed in an agony of distress over the situation, and then I have attempted to write out the presentations that have been made before me distinctly, that there are not seen in some of our larger churches the reforms that should be taking place. Many of our brethren are not carrying the burden they should have in behalf of the unworked cities. They have not been making decided movements to send strong laborers into these cities.

Some have hesitated because they feared that the work outlined would require more means than was at their command. But I have urged our brethren to step forward by faith, and follow the leadings of divine Providence. Christ has bidden his servants go out into all parts of the field. He will sustain every laborer who, in obedience to the command of our Leader, seeks to warn the inhabitants of our cities. Angels will prepare the way before every such worker. God's messengers need to arouse themselves from their lethargy, and lay aside everything that may hinder them from doing the work that God is now calling upon them to do in behalf of the great cities of our land. As they advance in faith, the salvation of God will be revealed, and prosperity will attend their efforts. The name of God will be magnified, and the coming of Christ will be hastened.

THE NORTH AMERICAN NEGRO DEPARTMENT

At the last General Conference, after much consideration, it was thought advisable to organize a North American Negro Department for the better organization and advancement of the work for the colored people. There has been considerable delay in getting the department into working order.

We did not realize at first the great amount of work before us. But when we consider that nearly one-seventh of the population of the United States is colored, and so little has been done for them, we can see that there is much to be done. A few comparisons will help us to see this more clearly.

There is one colored person to a little over seven white; but there is only one minister for the colored to thirty-three for the white. Only one training school for the colored to twenty-eight for the white. Only one sanitarium for the colored to fifty for the white. The Spirit of Prophecy speaks the truth when it says that this people have been neglected.

When we consider that forty-four per cent of the colored people are illiterate and only six per cent of the white, and that the death rate among the colored is much larger than among the white, we must admit that they especially need schools and sanitariums. Surely the time has fully come when we should arise and put forth well organized and systematic efforts to carry this complete gospel message to the ten million colored people in this country.

We are now getting the work of the department more fully organized and plans developed to push forward. But we need more workers and more means. I believe our dear people, who have a real desire to see this work finished in this generation, are ready to help us with their prayers and their means to enable it to be carried to a speedy finish. The department has taken over all the work formerly carried on by the Southern Missionary Society, and we desire to see the good work begun in a few places carried on until the light of the message reaches every place.

The *Gospel Herald* will be enlarged and be the organ of the department. The price will be raised from ten cents to twenty-five cents a year for single subscription; fifteen cents in clubs of ten, and ten cents in clubs of twenty or more.

We are not only desirous that every Seventh-day Adventist family shall take this paper, but that a special effort be made to get it into the homes of those not of our faith. We know that all will be interested to get reports of the work that they are

helping support. We shall do our best to make this paper what it should be. We shall be glad to hear from all who are interested in helping forward the work among the colored people.

We have located the office of the department at 61 Lindsley avenue, Nashville, Tenn., where all correspondence can be addressed to the writer.

A. J. HAYSMER.

✿ From the Field ✿

Iowa Conference

MODEST ADORNMENT

On account of the extremes to which the world is now going in the matter of personal adornment the people of God are in danger of departing from the simplicity that is pleasing to their maker. A note of warning must be sounded by the Lord's true watchmen against every tendency to swerve from the highway that has been cast up for the remnant to walk in.

That the Lord requires plainness in the matter of dress is apparent from the instruction given through the apostle: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."

In years gone by whenever there has been a marked revival of spiritual power among God's people, the flowers, feathers, gold and jewelry, used purely for adornment, have all gone overboard, showing plainly where the Holy Spirit is disposed to draw the line. With the loss of the "inward adorning" comes the tendency to "outward adornment," and the professed believer in this message who goes about decked in flowers, feathers, rings and other jewelry, advertises to the world the absence of those qualities which should be most highly prized by devout Christians.

Pointed instruction has come to this people from time to time through the Spirit of Prophecy, and the following from Testimony Vol. V, pages 499-500, sets the matter forth in its true light: "I would warn the youth who ornament their persons, and wear feathers upon their hats, that, because of their sins, our Saviour's head wore the shameful crown of thorns.

"All should be taught to be neat, clean and orderly in their dress, but not to indulge in that external adorning which is wholly inappropriate

for the sanctuary. There should be no display of the apparel; for this encourages irreverence. The attention of the people is often called to this or that fine article of dress, and thus thoughts are intruded that should have no place in the hearts of the worshippers. . . . The parading of bows and ribbons, ruffles and feathers and gold and silver ornaments, is a species of idolatry, and is wholly inappropriate for the sacred service of God, where the eye of every worshipper should be single to his glory. All matters of dress should be strictly guarded, following closely the Bible rule. Fashion has been the goddess who has ruled the outside world, and she often insinuates herself into the church."

It has sometimes been urged that those who regard the wedding ring as a sacred emblem should not be required to lay it aside. If this is true, why ask people who regard Sunday as a sacred day, and have been so educated, to lay it aside? Both practices rest upon identically the same foundation, i. e., sun-worship. Practically all forms of heathenism grew out of sun-worship, and sun-worship is the development of nature worship of which the central thought is the worship of the principal of reproduction. The remnant people of God are to stand free and clear from every vestage of paganism. The following from Special Testimonies to Ministers and Workers, No. 3 throws, light on the attitude we ought to maintain toward the wearing of the wedding ring:

Some have had a burden in regard to the wearing of a marriage ring, feeling that the wives of our ministers should conform to this custom. All this is unnecessary. Let the minister's wives have the golden link which binds their souls to Jesus Christ, a pure and holy character, the true love and meekness and godliness that are the fruit borne upon the Christian tree, and their influence will be secure anywhere. The fact that a disregard of the custom occasions remark is no good reason for adopting it. Americans can make their position understood by plainly stating that the custom is not regarded as obligatory in our country. We need not wear the sign, for we are not untrue to our marriage vow, and the wearing of the ring would be no evidence that we were true. I feel deeply over this leavening process which seems to be going on among us, in the conformity to custom and fashion. Not one penny should be spent for a circlet of gold to testify that we are married. In countries where the custom is imperative, we have no burden to condemn those who have their marriage ring; let them wear it if they can do it conscientiously; but let not our missionaries feel that the wearing of the ring will increase their influence one jot or tittle. If they are Christians it will be manifest in their Christlikeness of character, in their words, in their works, in the home, in association with others; it will be evinced by their patience and long-suffering and kindness. They will manifest the spirit of the Master, they will possess his beauty of character, his loveliness of disposition, his sympathetic heart.

Some have clung to the expression used above as a justification for wearing the ring, claiming

they can do it conscientiously, "In countries where the custom is imperative, we have no burden to condemn those who have their marriage ring; let them wear it if they can no so conscientiously." This, however, would be too much like a drowning man catching a straw, for the conscience once enlightened concerning the origin and nature of the custom would naturally revolt against it. The standard has not been held too high in days gone by and the Lord forbid that we should lower it to pride and worldliness. M. N. CAMPBELL.

SCHOOL BOARDS NOTICE

The work of the school year is now well advanced, and in the case of some schools is drawing toward its close. We would respectfully invite the attention of patrons to this fact, and suggest if the services of the one teaching your school is desired for the coming year that this wish be communicated through your school board to the Educational Superintendent. The engagement of teachers and their assignment to schools naturally belongs to the conference educational department, and in the case of any such preference as suggested early mention should be made, since already plans are being laid for some of our schools. Address correspondence to

M. M. HARE, Stuart, Iowa.

IOWA NOTES

It was decided at the union conference meeting that a summer school would be held at the Danish-Norwegian Seminary at Hutchinson, Minn., for the teachers of the Northern Union Conference. A six weeks' term has been planned for. The date of the commencement of the school will be given later.

Brother A. P. Hansen, of Exira, while helping a friend move household goods last week, was thrown from the load by the wagon running into a ditch, and sustained a fracture of his leg. Brother Hansen says that he is thankful that the heavy wagon did not come over on him.

Brother F. F. Fry, the new field missionary agent, has moved his household goods and will be located in Nevada this week. Brother Fry has had an extended experience in the canvassing work, and will no doubt be a help in advancing this branch of work in our state.

A change has been made in the date of the canvassers' institute to be held at Nevada. The date formerly announced was March 14-24, but the time is now set for March 20-30. This change was necessary in order that suitable arrangements might be made.

Brother C. W. Hollingsworth, who for a number of weeks has been confined to his home with a severe attack of rheumatism, is now able to walk with the aid of a cane. It is hoped he will continue to improve and be able to take up his work again.

Elders M. N. Campbell and J. W. Dorcas held meetings with the church at Eddyville on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

South Dakota Conference

ANNUAL CASH AND TITHE REPORT

Of the South Dakota Conference and Tract Society
for year ending December 31, 1909:

CASH REPORT

	Received	Paid Out
Tithe	\$24,300 41	\$20,107 38
Individuals	6,184 39	2,009 94
Societies	327 23	4 38
Weekly offerings	170 22	170 22
Missions	1,802 48	1,802 48
Sabbath school donations	1,796 91	1,796 91
Annual offerings	617 72	617 72
Midsummer offerings	121 28	121 28
Thanksgiving Ingathering	144 16	144 16
Harvest Ingathering	495 32	495 32
Russia	187 60	187 60
Russian school	111 00	111 00
Africa	75	75
Gold Coast	2 00	2 00
India	95 63	95 63
Peru	10 00	10 00
Spanish Honduras school	5 00	5 00
Suffering Armenians	2 00	2 00
Kingston earthquake fund	5 10	5 10
Southern work	19 38	19 38
Colored work	505 90	505 90
General Conf. Religious Liberty fund ..	79 26	79 26
Work for the blind	113 00	113 00
Jewish mission	13 05	13 05
Sendebud	89 00	89 00
Southern Missionary Society	9 78	9 78
Zions Vaktare	34 00	34 00
Danish mission	2 00	2 00
Life Boat	10 00	10 00
L. Johnson	103 50	103 50
Hazel (Ky.) Academy	45 00	45 00
August Anderson	3 00	3 00
Colored sanitarium	5 00	5 00
Prof. Magan's work	2 15	2 15
Bible Training School relief fund	1 00	1 00
Chicago German church	25 00	25 00
New York	5 00	5 00
South Dakota Conference Association ..	2,524 54	4,334 50
Educational fund	125 00	59 00
Relief fund	183 28	430 58
Canvassers' fund	128 52	242 94
South Dakota miscellaneous fund	976 00	1,045 53
Tent fund	808 51	778 00
State tract fund	30 15	
Elk Point Academy account	84 99	
Elk Point Academy donation	15 00	
Elk Point Academy furnace plant	20 00	20 00
South Dakota religious liberty fund ..	14 25	
Children's mission band	73 84	61 35
Property	108 50	128 14
Merchandise cash sales	1,591 61	
Pacific Press, Kansas City		4,500 00
Pacific Press, California		400 00
Review and Herald		400 00
International Publishing Association ..		250 00
Northern Union Reaper		25 00
Bible houses		349 15
Miscellaneous publishers and dealers ..		280 11

Postage.....	147 90	
Express.....	26 56	
Freight.....	48 63	
Drayage.....	18 24	
Exchange.....	7 05	
Telephone.....	24 40	
Insurance.....	15 00	
Coal.....	37 25	
Gas.....	8 26	
Box rent.....	3 00	
Traveling expenses, Laura Allen.....	12 00	
Cash on hand January 1, 1909.....	7,813 40	
Cash on hand December 31, 1909.....	9,540 33	
Total.....	\$51,942 61	\$51,942 61

ANNUAL TITHE REPORT

	Received	Paid Out
Aberdeen.....	\$ 743 52	
Alexandria.....	209 00	
Artesian.....	186 34	
Ash Grove.....	115 30	
Beresford.....	353 66	
Big Springs.....	445 86	
Bowdle.....	6,277 30	
Bridgewater.....	174 13	
Britton.....	98 00	
Chamberlain.....	1,020 69	
Cottonwood Grove.....	216 28	
Cresbard.....	4 50	
Dell Rapids.....	59 20	
Elk Point.....	1,177 04	
Ellsworth.....	251 19	
Florence.....	592 40	
Ft. Pierre.....	193 45	
Glenham.....	567 12	
Highmore.....	323 74	
Huron.....	509 71	
Individuals.....	1,420 92	
La Delle.....	1,150 00	
Lake Preston.....	60 00	
Langford.....	434 50	
Long Lake.....	880 00	
Madison.....	113 18	
Milbank.....	154 14	
Milltown.....	1,195 45	
Mitchell.....	155 30	
Montrose.....	181 19	
Parker.....	472 47	
Sioux Falls.....	1,172 25	
Sutley.....	1,155 00	
Swan Lake.....	1,156 92	
Tolstoy.....	3 50	
Viborg.....	140 40	
Webster.....	430 51	
Westford.....	125 00	
Woonsocket.....	211 56	
Refund.....	50 00	
Conference laborers.....	\$11,856 85	
Northern Union Conference tithe.....	2,425 05	
General Conference tithe.....	4,241 50	
Danish-Norwegian work.....	500 00	
E. G. Hayes (Kentucky).....	489 09	
F. L. Perry (Peru).....	350 50	
P. T. Magan.....	125 00	
Balance January 1, 1909.....	5,561 59	
Balance December 31, 1909.....	9,754 62	
Total.....	\$29,742 61	\$29,742 61

FINANCIAL STANDING

RESOURCES

Due from	
Societies on account.....	\$ 68 62
Individuals on account.....	963 62
Publishers on account.....	309 68
South Dakota Conference Association.....	3,879 86
Merchandise on hand.....	2,757 73
Property.....	2,591 15
Cash on hand.....	9,540 33

LIABILITIES

Payable to	
Societies on account.....	\$ 20 77
Individuals on account.....	452 10
Publishers on account.....	17 69
Tithe fund.....	9,754 62
Canvassers' fund.....	26 63
Educational fund.....	269 95
Children's Mission Band.....	12 49
Elk Point Academy donation.....	15 00
Relief fund.....	270 74
Tent fund.....	161 42
South Dakota miscellaneous fund.....	367 06
South Dakota religious liberty fund.....	68 56
State tract fund.....	5 84
Balance (Present Worth).....	8,678 12
Total.....	\$20,120 99 \$20,120 99
G. W. STILSON, Treas.	

ELK POINT ACADEMY NOTES

Professor Ruble, the Northern Union Educational Secretary, visited the academy last week staying over Sabbath. While here he gave us some fine talks, dwelling especially on the need of efficient workers, trained in our schools, to fill places in our work.

Brother Shidler stopped between trains and gave us a short visit last week. When the canvassing agent comes here he seems to be the center of attraction. This shows how the students are interested in field work.

A fine new set of "Historian's History" has been added to the library, coming in time to be of special aid to history students writing their term themes.

Miss Sarah Sulzle has been obliged to leave for home as her parents are expecting to move to Canada.

North Dakota Conference

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

After the union meeting at Des Moines the conference committee held a meeting in the Milwaukee depot at Minneapolis. The campmeeting needs were considered in detail, and arrangements were made for the different committees. These will be announced later. It was also decided to purchase a new book tent, as the one we used last year proved too small for the purpose. That one, however, will be used for other purposes.

The board met at the academy the following day to finish its work. The needs and interest of the school were considered. It was decided to build a barn, which all feel is needed very much. As plans were not ready the action was deferred until such plans could be prepared.

THE BOOK WORK

IOWA—WEEK ENDING MAR. 4

Name	Hrs	Ords	Helps	Total	Del'd
<i>Great Controversy</i>					
Glen Shelton	30	10		30 00	
Thayne Hopkins	24	4	\$1 00	13 00	\$6 00
<i>Bible Footlights</i>					
G. O. Darland	5	3		8 25	5 50
Totals,	59	17	\$1 00	\$51 25	\$11 50

As bathroom and toilet facilities are indispensable in such an institution as the Sheyenne River Academy, the plan for a water system was talked over, and it was decided that such a plan should be worked out, and the cost ascertained. As we have no fire protection, and an inadequate lighting system, all these needs will be taken into consideration. We certainly have reason to be thankful to God that no serious accidents have happened so far, but as means of self-protection have been placed within our reach we must not presume upon the power of God, but exercise faith, after we have done what we can. These improvements should be made this season. They are needed for sanitary as well as protective purposes. We sincerely hope that our people throughout the conference will rally to the support of this work. I urge the committee not to rest until the task is finished.

The workers are scattered to the different parts of the field. Elder Rhoads is helping Brother Payne at Minot in conducting a canvassers' institute and holding evening meetings. If the outlook is encouraging the meetings will be continued and more help will be sent him.

Elder Hayward has gone to Brindsmid to visit our people there. He will remain with them for a time. Elder Leer is visiting some of the German churches and will meet with the Goodrich church next Sabbath. Brother Reiber went to Leonard to work with that company for a time and will then enter a new field. Brother Seibel went to the Gackle church to work for the young people. Brother Graham started on a tour among the scattered people in the northern part of the state. Brother Reiswig is at home taking some needed treatment. Brother and Sister Haak are visiting friends in Minnesota, but are expected at their post of duty every day.

We trust that the effect of this union meeting will be far reaching, and that we as workers will be able to discharge our duties with new vigor and renewed consecration.

C. J. KUNKEL.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

Once more we wish to call attention to the canvassers' institute to be held March 22-April 7

at the Sheyenne River Academy, near Harvey. We are anxious to see a good attendance at this time. There are rich blessings in store for all who, feeling a burden for souls, go forth with the blessed truth of salvation. There are many in this dark old world who are hungering for the good things which God has so graciously and bountifully given to us.

We have so many good books. Come along, brethren, old and young, and let us place many of these in the homes where they are so much needed. Those who come should at once notify Prof. J. F. Simon, or the undersigned, so that provision may be made for entertainment at the school. Each one should bring at least half enough bedding for a double bed.

To the young people who feel a burden for souls, and who desire to attend school next year, I wish to say: Come and let us help you to earn your scholarship. While at this work you will receive great blessings and be instrumental in ministering the same to many others. W. B. PAYNE.

Minnesota Conference

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

Number of organized schools.....	84
Family and individual schools.....	70
Total membership.....	2,153
Average attendance.....	1,551
Number of classes.....	284
Number in senior division.....	859
Junior.....	348
Intermediate.....	250
Primary.....	292
Kindergarten.....	169
Home Department of local schools.....	27
State Home Department.....	208
Donations from organized schools.....	\$683 78
Amount used for expense.....	12 05
Amount given to missions.....	671 63
Donations from Home Department—All to missions..	74 09
Total donations for the quarter.....	757 87
Total given to missions.....	745 82

We are pleased to report that when the summary for the quarter was made up this time there were only two schools left standing with any item of expense on their records, and that one of these has since taken its stand on the side of "All for Missions."

During the year 1909 our Sabbath schools sent \$2,839.96 to the work in other lands, a gain of \$381.20 over 1908.

Quite a number of schools have been heard from regarding the reading course for Sabbath school teachers, and we trust that many others are taking up the work. It means individual effort, but it will prove a source of great help to

every teacher and officer in the Sabbath school who enters into it. ELLA E. MERICKEL.

BECIDA

I wish to thank the one who is so kindly sending me the REAPER. I had not thought until recently of sending in a report of my work here, but for the sake of the unknown giver I shall do so. For the past three years I have been conducting a home Sabbath school, a few outsiders being in attendance. The members of one family have accepted the Sabbath and are now living in Iowa. Since coming to Minnesota I have had the privilege of getting our papers into more than fifty homes in the following localities: Bemidji, Mallard, Solway, Alida, Maltby, Park Rapids, Laport, Becida and others. "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." My work is mostly in my home with my little ones. Brother Ruskjer visited us and although I was not able to attend the meeting to which he invited me, I felt thankful that the people of Alida were to hear the message, and hope that in the near future the people of this vicinity will likewise be remembered. Remember us in your prayers.

MRS. E. A. TOLLES.

MINNESOTA THE BANNER CONFERENCE

Our loyal people in the North Star state will be interested to know that Minnesota was the first conference of the world to pay its quota (\$2,640) for 1910 on the \$300,000 fund. This amount was included in our surplus on the ten-cent-a-week plan for foreign missions. Our conference has done exceptionally well the past year in its donations to the regions beyond.

In a recent conversation with a faithful Minnesota pioneer of the Third Angel's Message, I was informed that the servant of God said at one of the first campmeetings held in this state that, financially, Minnesota would be one of the banner conferences. I believe, brethren and sisters, that we are beginning to realize this.

We have another new year before us with all of its responsibilities and possibilities. Are we able to do as well during 1910 as we did the past year? If we do it will mean that every member must give at least fourteen cents every week for foreign missions. I hope we can raise fifteen cents per capita. As the Lord continues to bless us, may we in turn give of our substance to spread the good news of the soon-coming kingdom of God.

H. R. GAY.

FEELEY AND BLACKBERRY

Meetings were held at the abovenamed places

February 11 to 20. There was a good attendance and a good interest at Blackberry. Two families manifested a real interest, and we left them convinced of the truth.

We held the annual election and communion services at Feeley. An elder and deacon were ordained, and the meeting was a real spiritual one.

After attending the good union conference meeting at Des Moines I came to Anoka and met with the brethren on Sabbath, March 5. The Lord came very near with his good spirit and greatly blessed us. It was truly good to be there. The brethren are doing missionary work, and the Lord is blessing them.

ANDREW MEAD.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Elder W. H. Anderson, missionary from Africa, who went out first with Elder Tripp in 1894, was in Minneapolis last week and spoke in the church on Sabbath morning, Saturday night and Sunday afternoon. It is believed the interest of the people in foreign missions will be increased, and their confidence in the leading of God in his work greatly enlarged.

Elders Chapman and Olson have been called to Staples to take up the work laid down by Elder Babcock. A great interest has been awakened there. Let us pray that those in whose hearts the seeds of truth have fallen may be given grace to take their stand on what they know to be God's will.

Brother F. F. Fry and family stopped in Minneapolis over the Sabbath enroute to their new field of labor in Iowa. The best wishes and prayers of the Minnesota brethren will follow them in their labors.

Brother Soren Ruskjer, who has been laboring with Brother Babcock at Staples, has been compelled to go to Montrose for treatment. He has been suffering with a very annoying ailment.

Brother Chapman reports an interesting time at Pine Island. He says he would like to go there with a tent another summer and with the Lord's help raise up an addition to that church.

Brethren Lovold and Halsvick have a very good interest down in their section of Minneapolis. They are expecting fruit.

Elder R. A. Underwood was at Maplewood Academy Friday night and Sabbath, speaking twice to the students.

WANTED—A man to work on a farm; good wages will be paid to a suitable man. Address W. O. Johnson, Melby, North Dakota.

WANTED—A Seventh-day Adventist man, between 30 and 40 years old, to work on small farm. William Stevens, Alden, Minn., R. 1, Box 3. 2t

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IN the March number of the *Signs of the Times* monthly there is an astronomical article of more than usual interest to Seventh-day Adventists. It throws considerable light upon the statements of Sister White concerning the open space in Orion. Our people everywhere will want to read this article. Following it in the April number there is another article that continues the same subject and considers the question of "Where Shall we Look for the Central Sun? Where in the Mighty Starry Heavens is the Throne of God?" Certainly you will want to read these articles. They are the first of a series on "Astronomy and the Bible," now appearing in the *Signs of the Times* monthly.

A LETTER from Battle Creek, Mich., say: "A suit of ouster against the sanitarium management has been tried, and the judge has handed down a decision to the effect that the present management cannot continue unless it changes its entire financial policy and pays the debts on the institution. It is stated that a receiver will be appointed by the court to take charge of the sanitarium, and the present management will not again have charge until it has satisfied the court of its ability to manage the institution in harmony with the laws of the state, to settle its debts and to satisfy all creditors."

Now, while the public mind is so absorbingly interested in the subject of Easter and its celebration, is an excellent time to teach the truth about this festival, and to know its meaning in connection with the history of the great falling away of the early church. In the *Signs of the Times* monthly

for April Elder Charles L. Taylor writes an article on the Easter festival. Everyone should have the information which it contains, and it will be an excellent missionary work to get as many Christian people as possible to read it. This is an easy means of presenting the truth to your neighbors and acquaintances.

THERE are now over 8,000 Sabbath-keepers in Germany, which places the "Cradle of the Reformation" next to the United States in membership. These have paid over \$100,000 tithe during the past year, which makes an average of about \$12.50 a member. Of this tithe fully \$20,000 was given to fields beyond—outside of the German empire—besides over \$18,000 in offerings. More than \$1,700 members have been received during 1909.

THE article by Mrs. E. G. White in this issue of the REAPER is one of six which have been furnished for publication in the union conference papers. The article is fresh and very practical. Every thought in it should be given careful attention, and the admonitions given should stir the hearts of Seventh-day Adventists to the very depths. The articles will be published each week till all have been used.

THE whole number of periodicals of all kinds circulated by the Review and Herald Publishing Association during the year 1909 was 1,681,893 copies, and representing a total value of \$174,597. Estimating that five persons read each paper circulated, or some parts of it, there were 8,409,465 people who were reached with some phase of our message during the past year by the Review and Herald periodicals.

"MEALS Without Meat," "The Meat Boycott," "Meat Dangers" and "Diseased Meats" are among the leading topics of the March number of *Life and Health* that will be especially attractive to all classes just now, while the boycott is on meat, and the live questions of "High Prices" and "Increased Cost of Living" are being agitated in every place.

THE *Protestant Magazine* is not conducting a campaign of abuse of individuals. While it is sincerely and unalterably opposed to the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church, it opposes in a strong, dignified, convincing manner the principles and doctrines of the church without attacking any member of that communion.