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THE PATH IN THE SKY

The woods were dark and the night was black,
And only an owl could see the track;
Yet the cheery driver made his way
Through the great pine woods as if it were day.
I asked him, "How do you manage to see?
The road and the forest are one to me."
"To me as well," he replied, "and I
Can only drive by the path in the sky."
I looked above, where the treetops tall
Rose from the road like an ebon wall,
And lo! a beautiful starry lane
Wound as the road wound and made it plain.
And since, when the path of my life is drear
And all is blackness and doubt and fear;
When the horrors of midnight are here below,
And I see not a step of the way to go,
Then, ah! then I can look on high,
And walk on earth by the path in the sky.

—AMOS R. WELLS.

THE SACREDNESS OF VOWS

Frequently I am asked the question, "Are pledges made at campmeeting and other places binding?" Statements like these are made: "Such a brother told me that I had pledged too much, and hence I am not required to pay," or "Such a worker said that I might be released, or allow it to go in another line," or "I have changed my mind," etc.

To the mind of the writer the giving of a pledge or the making of a vow, is a sacred obligation. Inasmuch as the question has been so often referred to, we give herewith statements from the Spirit of Prophecy which state the matter so tersely that additional writing is unnecessary:

"By accepting the co-operation of man in the great plan of redemption he has placed a signal honor upon him."—Vol. 4, p. 464.

"God provided bread for his people in the wilderness by a miracle of mercy, and he could have provided everything necessary for the religious service; but he did not, because in his infinite wisdom he saw that the moral discipline of his

people depended upon their co-operating with him, everyone of them doing something. As long as truth is progressive, the claims of God rest upon men to give of that which he has entrusted to them for this very purpose."—Vol. 4, p. 469.

"Not until God ceases to bless his children will they cease to be under bonds to return to him the portion that he claims."—Acts of the Apostles, p. 339.

"In commissioning his disciples to go 'into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,' Christ assigned to men the work of spreading the gospel. But while some go forth to preach he calls upon others to answer to his claims upon them for tithes and offerings with which to support the ministry, and to spread the printed truth all over the land. This is God's means of exalting man. It is just the work which he needs; for it will stir the deepest sympathies of his heart, and call into exercise the highest capabilities of the mind."—Vol. 4, p. 472.

"But when the heart is stirred by the influence of the Holy Spirit, and a vow is made to give a certain amount the one who vows has no longer any right to the consecrated portion. Promises of this kind made to men would be looked upon as binding; are those not more binding that are made to God? Are promises tried in the court of conscience less binding than written agreements of men? When divine light is shining into the heart with unusual clearness and power, habitual selfishness relaxes its grasp, and there is a disposition to give to the cause of God. But none need think that they will be allowed to fulfil the promises then made without a protest on the part of Satan. He is not pleased to see the Redeemer's kingdom on earth built up. He suggests that the pledge made was too much, that it may cripple them in their efforts to acquire property or gratify the desires of their families."—Acts of the Apostles, p. 74.

"While under the direct influence of the spirit

of God, they made a pledge to give the Lord certain lands; but when they were no longer under this heavenly influence, the impression was less forcible, and they began to question and draw back from fulfilling the pledge which they had made. They thought that they had been too hasty, and wished to reconsider the matter. Thus a door was opened, by which Satan at once entered, and gained control of their minds. This case should be a warning to all to guard against the first approach of Satan."—Vol. 4, p. 463.

"A special example was necessary to guard the young church from becoming demoralized; for their numbers were rapidly increasing. A warning was thus given to all who professed Christ at that time, and to all who should afterward profess his name, that God requires faithfulness in the performance of vows. But notwithstanding this signal punishment of deception and lying, the same sins have often been repeated in the Christian church, and are widespread in our day. I have been shown that God gave this example as a warning to all who should be tempted to act in a similar manner."—Vol. 4, pp. 463, 464.

"Jacob made his vow while refreshed by the dews of grace, and invigorated by the presence and assurance of God. After the divine glory had passed away, he had temptations, like men in our time; but he was faithful to his vow, and would not harbor thoughts as to the possibility of being released from the pledge which he had made. He might have reasoned much, as men do now, that this revelation was only a dream, that he was unduly excited when he made his vow, and that therefore it need not be kept; but he did not. Long years intervened before Jacob dared to return to his own country; but when he did, he faithfully discharged his debt to his Master. He had become a wealthy man, and a very large amount of property passed from his possession to the treasury of the Lord."—Vol. 4, p. 466.

"There must be an awakening among us as a people upon this matter. There are but few men who feel conscience-stricken if they neglect their duty in beneficence. But few feel remorse of soul because they are daily robbing God. If a Christian deliberately or accidentally underpays his neighbor, or refuses to cancel an honest debt, his conscience unless seared, will trouble him; he cannot rest, although no one may know but himself. There are many neglected vows and unpaid pledges, and yet how few trouble their minds over the matter; how few feel the guilt of this violation of duty. We must have new and deeper conviction on the subject. The conscience must be aroused, and the matter receive earnest attention; for an account

must be rendered to God in the last day and his claims must be settled."—Vol. 4, p. 468.

"When a verbal or written pledge has been made in the presence of our brethren, to give a certain amount, they are the visible witnesses of a contract made between ourselves and God. The pledge is not made to man, but to God, and is as a written note given to a neighbor. No legal bond is more binding upon the Christian for the payment of money, than a pledge made to God.

"Persons who thus pledge to their fellowmen, do not generally think of asking to be released from their pledges. A vow made to God, the giver of all favors, is of still greater importance; then why should we seek to be released from our vows to God? Because his vow will not be put to trial in the courts of justice, is it less valid? Will a man who professes to be saved by the blood of the infinite sacrifice of Jesus Christ, "rob God"? Are not his vows and his actions weighed in the balances of justice in the heavenly courts?"—p. 470.

"And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel saying, This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded. If a man vow a vow unto the Lord or swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth."—Num. 30:1, 2.

"Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error; wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?"—Eccl. 5:6.

"It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make inquiry."—Prov. 20:25.

"When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it; for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; even a free-will offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth."—Deut. 23:21-23.

"But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the Lord is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the Lord. But cursed be the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a corrupt thing; for I am a great king, saith the Lord of

hosts, and my name is dreadful among the heathen."—Mal. 1:12-14.

"But when the immediate presence of the Spirit of God is not so vividly felt, and the mind becomes exercised in the temporal concerns of life, then they are tempted to question the force of the obligation which they voluntarily assumed; and, yielding to Satan's suggestions, they reason that undue pressure was brought to bear upon them, and they acted under the excitement of the occasion; that the demand for means to use in the cause of God was overstated; and that they were induced to pledge under false pretenses, without fully understanding the subject, and therefore they wish to be released.

"Have ministers the power to accept their excuses, and say, 'You shall not be holden to your pledge; you are released from your vow'? If they venture to do this they become partakers of the sin of which the withholder is guilty."—Vol. 4, pp. 473, 474.

"When these pledges are canceled, heaven accepts the offering and these liberal workers are credited for so much treasure invested in the bank of heaven. Such are laying up a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life."—p. 473.

As was said above, vows have always been considered sacred. Yet I am profoundly impressed with these statements which might be duplicated and tripled, should the space permit. In the face of these statements, prompted by the spirit of God, who dare to change or alter a promise made to him?
S. E. JACKSON.

JANUARY STATISTICS

The *Review and Herald* of February 29, 1912 gives the "Colporters' Summary" for January 1912, and it shows an increase of \$8,436.32 in sales over January 1911. I am sure we all rejoice to see the continual increase in this department of our work.

I want to call the attention of the REAPER family to the report of the Northern Union. The total value of sales for January were \$748.35. I notice from the same report that some of the unions sold more than \$4,000. As I compare these figures I cannot think that all is being done in this line in our union that ought to be. Our membership is more than 6,000, and I am sure that it is our duty to distribute more of our message-filled literature than we are doing.

The colporters work is no longer an experiment. It is demonstrated that those who engage in it receive a livelihood from it, and that souls are brought into the truth as a result.

At the bookmen's convention held in the Southern Union Conference last month, a number were there who had sold and delivered during the year 1911 one thousand dollars worth of books. Among them was a colored woman, who had spent her childhood in slavery. In her sales she was confined to her own people, which made it more difficult on account of their extreme poverty. When I think of this, and compare the opportunities in the Northern Union I can only think that there should be one hundred colporters to where we only have one.

Dear reader, as you read these words allow the spirit of God to speak to you, and if he says, "Go work to-day in my vineyard," "harden not your hearts." I am sure God wants many of us to leave our worldly avocation and take up definite work in spreading the knowledge of the "last message of mercy" to man.

I cannot but believe that he wants these laborers to work twelve months in the year. The enemy works all the time, it never gets too cold, nor too hot, too wet, nor too dry, for him, and "where sin abounds, grace doth much more abound."

Dear brethren, let us be up and doing while it is called to-day. Enlist in God's army for service. Buckle on the armor, and go out to win souls for the kingdom. May God impress all with duty is my prayer.

CHARLES THOMPSON.

SPECIAL LECTURES

H. H. Hall, manager of the book department of the Pacific Press Association, of Mountain View, Cal., has planned a stereopticon lecture tour through the Northern Union Conference early in March, and will give illustrated lectures at the following places:

- Shenoy River Academy, Harvey, N. D., March 4.
- Maplewood Academy, Maple Plain, Minn., March 5, 6.
- The Danish-Norwegian Seminary, Hutchinson, Minn., March 7.
- Minneapolis church, corner Fourth avenue S., and Lake street, Friday evening, March 8.
- Plainview Academy, Redfield, S. D., March 10.

These lectures will be given in the evening in each instance, and all our people who live near enough to the various schools mentioned are invited to attend.

The members of all of our churches in both St. Paul and Minneapolis are cordially invited to attend the lecture at the Minneapolis church. These lectures will show in a most impressive manner the marvelous growth of our publishing work both in this country and in other lands. Many beautiful, as well as interesting pictures will be shown.

RESULTS

The following experiences are taken from Brother Hall's report at the annual meeting of the Pacific Press Publishing Association held January 22, 1912:

This has been a year of results in the book work such as we have never witnessed before. Brother Limerick reports four women keeping the Sabbath in Missouri from reading a copy of "Prophecies of Jesus" sold twenty years ago, but which had only recently been taken down and read. Under date of October 24 he says:

"Sister Allen has found four women keeping the Sabbath and praying for some one to come who believed in the things taught in the book. The answer came when Sister Allen crossed the threshold of one of their homes, all unconscious of the fact that she had been sent in answer to prayer. The woman grasped Sister Allen by the hand and said, 'I am so glad to see you; let me shake your hand.'"

Some three years ago I was conducting a canvassing class on "Heralds" at the Bozeman (Montana) school when a young girl by the name of Grimes came in for instruction. She has since canvassed during vacations with both books and papers with the best of success. Imagine my pleasure in reading the following last night from the North Pacific *Gleaner*:

"About one and a half years ago Miss Grimes was canvassing in Anaconda and selling magazines at the same time. She sold a paper to a Mr. Platt. He read it and liked it so well that he subscribed for it, and after reading would give to his brother to read. We received a letter from him this fall asking for a worker to visit him. Elder Foster called, and found that not only had Mr. Platt stepped out but his family and brother also. They are rejoicing in the truth, and doing all they can to interest their neighbors in the message. One young lady is already in the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington preparing for foreign work, and another is planning on entering one of our schools. Six are now keeping the Sabbath and walking in all the light, as the result of the sale of that one *Signs* magazine."

When I was at the seminary at Washington recently I met a very intelligent appearing man by the name of Dr. Wood. Not until sometime afterward did I learn that it was through one of our canvassers who sold him "Great Controversy" that he came in the truth. I quote the following experience as related by Brother Painter, our union agent in the Northern Union, who wrote me about it last summer. Dr. Wood had just returned from a seventeen-year mission in India,

and was in charge of a congregation in North Dakota:

"Brother Charles White (the canvasser who sold the book to the doctor) was asked to speak to his congregation on Sunday evening, and gave a good temperance lecture. Before closing the meeting the Rev. Dr. Wood arose and offered some remarks in which he highly commended the young canvasser. He also advertised "Great Controversy" from the pulpit, and told the people it ought to be in every home. Besides subscribing for it himself, he wrote a recommendation for it in Brother White's prospectus. To finish it all he told the people that Brother White was a self-supporting missionary, and asked two young ladies to pass hats for a collection. The result was \$4.20 to help the canvasser out on his expenses."

Over in Brother Dayton's territory there is a certain section where our ministers have tried in vain to hold meetings. A German minister had been instrumental in closing the schoolhouse, and had in other ways prejudiced the people so meetings could not be held. But a young canvasser approached that minister with "Great Controversy," secured his order and recommendation, and then successfully canvassed the whole neighborhood. "Surely the wrath of man shall praise Thee: the remainder of wrath shalt Thou restrain."

Here is an incident from Minnesota: One of our faithful canvassers two years ago sold a "Daniel and Revelation" to a young man, Mr. Johnson, in Lincoln county, Minn. Mr. Johnson seemingly did not care for it and gave it to his brother. This man's brother had the same opportunity to secure the book, but did not take any particular interest in it until that following winter, when he read and studied it with great anxiety for his soul. After reading it he was fully persuaded to take his stand for the truth and entered the Academy at Maple Plain, Minn., against some opposition at home. Here he studied a canvass for the same book, and during this last summer was out giving the same light to others. He made a scholarship and is now back preparing himself for service. Pray for Mr. Johnson's folks as his mother is becoming interested.

✿ From the Field ✿

Iowa Conference

IOWA NOTES.

The Ladoga church is erecting a house of worship.

Brother L. P. Syje, of Cedar Rapids, after visiting his son, Ross, at the academy, left for Canada for an extended trip. He will visit his brother-in-law W. L. Manfull, en route.

The sanitarium is well filled with patients. Rooms that had formerly been filled with helpers, have in some cases been given to patients, the helpers occupying the less desirable rooms in the annex.

C. F. Jones, manager of the Branch sanitarium at Des Moines, with his wife and son passed through Nevada on their way to the Washington Foreign Seminary. After a short preparatory course we understand that Brother Jones and family go to Korea as missionaries.

South Dakota Conference

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES.

Brother Emil Oswald is holding meetings in Leola, S. D. No definite reports have been received as yet.

C. L. Shoemaker, father of Mrs. Clarence Rubendall, is spending a few days at Redfield visiting his daughter and family.

Wilhelm Reiner stayed over night at the academy last week on his way from his home to visit the Long Lake church.

Miss Alida Brown, of Aberdeen, passed through Redfield on her way home from Wessington, where she had been nursing for a few days.

Brother J. L. Weller, of Huron, spent the Sabbath with the church at Willow Lake. Brother Weller is the elder of the Willow Lake church.

Word just received from Prof. Frederick Griggs, of Union College, states that he will be at Redfield Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

Brother H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, will give a stereopticon lecture at Plainview Academy Sunday evening, March 10.

Brother Rubendall has begun his meetings at Colina, and latest reports indicate a good interest. We trust that souls will be garnered for the kingdom here.

Miss Edith Cilley, who is well known in the conference, and is one of our nurses and faithful Sabbath-keepers, is located at Redfield, and will pursue her nursing work in Redfield and vicinity.

We trust that all our churches will carefully carry out the plans of the second Sabbath reading as this contains much valuable and interesting information in regard to the work in the regions beyond.

Elder D. P. Miller expects to close his work at Carthage in a short time, and will join Elder Babcock in work among the churches. Elder Miller states that several individuals have taken their stand for the truth.

A letter from Brother Cole at Burke states that they are having an excellent attendance, and that already one family has begun to keep the Sabbath. One man is bringing his family twenty miles to attend the meetings.

Brother Alfred Jensen, of Swan Lake, passed through Redfield Thursday on his way from Hutchinson, Minn., where he attended a meeting of the seminary board, to Chamberlain, where he was called on conference business.

A number of our churches in the state are organizing prayer bands for the purpose of praying for certain individuals. God has blessed the efforts of the past along this line, and we can freely recommend such a plan to all our churches.

Mrs. A. G. Daniells recently spent several days at Redfield visiting with families and friends at the school. Sister Daniells had been visiting her brother in Pierre, S. D., and

was on her way to join her husband at Minneapolis en route to Canada.

Tracts on the duties of church officers have been secured by the conference and are being sent out to the various officers in our churches. These little tracts are very helpful and if any of our officers should fail to get one kindly drop a card to Miss Amber Bailey at the office, and a copy will be forwarded at once.

A letter received from Professor Kern, of the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary states as follows: "We received nothing but words of cheer from the Bolton's, of West Africa, although I feel that they have had a hard time since they have been there. I hope that the going of Brother French will relieve them somewhat."

North Dakota Conference

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

The conference has voted to purchase twenty new tents for our campmeeting this year.

At the recent Board and Committee meeting held at the academy a few changes were made in the faculty for the coming year. Announcement of these changes will appear later.

Miss Parker, matron of the academy and a former Union College student, has decided not to connect with the school another year, but expects to return to Union College also. We are extremely sorry to lose Miss Parker.

The office was favored with a visit recently from Brethren Buhalts and Graham. Brother Graham expects to devote considerable of his time in visiting some of the isolated members in the northeastern part of the state.

The Temperance "Instructor" is now ready for mailing and we will be glad to receive orders for this annual temperance number. It is positively the strongest and best edited issue of the "Instructor" that we have ever seen and it promises to have a wide circulation.

The committee have received an offer from the Carrington Commercial Club to locate the campmeeting at Carrington. The matter, however, has not been settled as yet. Announcement of a definite place for our campmeeting will be made through the columns of the REAPER.

Mrs. Mary E. McGuffin is canvassing for our forty per cent bocks and for "Coming King" in towns along the Milwaukee road west of the river. She reports an average of over one dollar per hour for all the time put in. This shows what can be done in North Dakota even in the winter time.

Friends of Miss Anna J. Olson, who has taught for several years at the academy, will be sorry to know that she is not expected to be connected with the school another year. She is planning on taking some advanced studies at Union College. Her influence will be greatly missed by her many friends throughout the state.

The state missionary secretary, E. L. Spencer, expects to spend considerable time during the next few weeks out among the churches and isolated members in the interest of our missionary work. He would be glad to have correspondence from anyone relative to this work and especially from those who would like to have some help and some instructions.

In reply to a general appeal sent out to our different churches and isolated members throughout the state, we have received replies from quite a number saying that they

are extremely interested in the fifteen-cent-a-week plan and have pledged themselves for this amount during the coming year. The following churches pledged their support to this plan: Saginaw, Kenmare, Beach, Fargo.

SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY NOTES

Elder A. V. Rhoads, of Minot, visited the school during the board meeting.

The academy board convened February 20-22, and laid plans for next year.

Elder J. J. Reiswig gave an interesting talk in the chapel Thursday morning, February 22.

Mrs. Carl Leer visited her boys at the academy at the time Elder Leer attended the board meeting.

Elder Charles Thompson, president of the Northern Union Conference, addressed the students at the chapel hour Tuesday, February 20.

Brother Graham, of Saginaw, spoke to the students at the Friday evening devotional service February 23, calling their attention to the solemnity of living in the time of the investigative judgment.

Prof. W. W. Ruble occupied the chapel hour Wednesday, February 21, reminding us that we are the ones who are to take the "dying" message of Rev. 14:6-12 "to every nation, kindred, tongue and people."

The visit of Elder and Mrs. Daniells and Elders G. B. and Charles Thompson was a source of great encouragement to the students and teachers of the academy. They came on the ten o'clock train Monday morning, February 19. Elders Daniells and G. B. Thompson spoke to a large audience in the afternoon, and in the evening the chapel was filled again to its utmost capacity when Elder Daniells spoke the second time. Elder and Mrs. Daniells and Elder G. B. Thompson left on the midnight train for Alberta, where they went to conduct a ministerial institute.

Minnesota Conference

NOTICE

There will be a canvassers' institute held in the basement of the Minneapolis church March 24-31, inclusive. If there are any in the state anticipating this line of our work I would earnestly urge you to attend. A good training is everything, and absolutely necessary for the book work. Brother Painter, Northern Union agent, will be present, and will render us valuable assistance. He is an experienced man, having been in the bookwork several years in the East. Come to 336 East Lake Street, Friday, March 22. Anyone desiring more information please write to the undersigned at once. F. E. STRATTON,

3238 First Ave. S., Minneapolis, Minn.

SAUK CENTER

Brother Soren Ruskjer was with us Sabbath, February 17, in the interest of home missionary work, and we enjoyed two very profitable meetings. Announcement was made for 7:30

Saturday evening to answer the question, "Where are the dead?" Not believing that the prophecy of Jeremiah 31:34 is yet fulfilled we invited our neighbors to come. The church school room was filled, and all seemed satisfied that the "dead sleep."

Monday evening, fifty-two people met in the larger church room to hear what becomes of the righteous and wicked after their resurrection. From the interest shown we believe there are honest souls seeking for truth, and should a series of meetings be held in Sauk Center we will do our best to help scatter the seed. I. D. BARTON.

AN APPEAL TO REASON

The only way that our dear people can keep in touch with the progress of the Third Angel's Message is by reading our good papers printed for that purpose.

The *Review* and REAPER ought to be in every American speaking home in Minnesota. Two or more of our Scandinavian papers ought to be in every Scandinavian home in Minnesota. While working in the interest of these truth-laden papers among our people I have been confronted with several different kinds of excuses. One prevalent excuse seems however, to be: "I cannot afford to take our papers." What! Can you not afford to take the papers that tell you what the message is doing from week to week? Do you not want to learn of the victories gained by God's servants? Are you not interested in watching the splendid progress that the message is making day by day? Are you not interested in the notes from the bugle, sounded by those who have given their whole lives to God's work and who are standing on the firing line bearing the burdens in the heat of the day? Surely you cannot afford to do without our papers.

When looking around in the homes of some of those who say they cannot afford to take our papers I have been deeply grieved to see such a paper as *Appeal to Reason*. How can our people afford to keep the *Appeal to Reason*, which is only whitewashing Socialism, while they are too poor to take the *Review* and REAPER? Is that not 'spending money for that which is not bread'? We cannot afford to thus turn from light to darkness. Let us *appeal to reason*. Socialism is not a friend of Christianity. Every cent we give to Socialism we are in reality giving to the enemy. Shall we not spend our subscription money for papers that will draw us nearer to God, and give us a greater determination to be loyal and true to him till our work on earth is done? Satan is very busy calling our attention to "side issues." Dear

children, let us make no compromise with Satan. Let us live and labor for the advancement of the precious truth with an "eye single to the glory of God."

SOREN A. RUSKJER.

MINNESOTA NOTES.

2,000 Temperance Annual "Instructors" ready for shipment from the Tract Society.

Elder Jackson and Sister Esther Francis spent Sabbath Sunday in institute work at Blackberry.

Brother Haak reports the work opening up nicely at Watonwan. Sister Bridges has begun Bible work in that city.

Professor Griggs, president of Union College, addressed the Minneapolis church Monday evening on the subject of Education.

\$75,196.67 was received by the Minnesota conference treasurer during the year 1911 from all sources. This is out \$50 for each member in the conference.

Brother Rudolph Nelson is meeting with success in Northfield working among the Scandinavian people. Sister Nelson is a successful magazine worker in the same city.

The Minnesota Tract Society has quite a number of back numbers of our different magazines that will be sent to any address at two and one-half cents each postpaid, as long as they last.

Brother H. O. Olson has spent some time recently at Northfield holding meetings, and at Enfield at the union church where one hundred outside people attended. Brother Olson is finishing his studies at the university preparatory to entering the great mission field.

KIND WORDS AT HOME

Speak kindly in the morning; it lightens the cares of the day, and makes the household and all your affairs move along more smoothly.

Speak kindly at night, for it may be that before the dawn some loved one may finish his or her race of life, and it will be too late to ask for forgiveness.

Speak kindly at all times: it encourages the discouraged, cheers the sorrowing, and very likely awakens the erring to earnest resolves to do better, and gives strength to keep them.

Kind words are balm to the soul. They oil the entire machinery of life, and keep it in good running order.—Anonymous.

A NEW book that will surely interest and inspire all who read it, particularly our young people, "The Advance Guard of Missions." This is made up of thrilling sketches touching upon the most important events in the lives and work of more than fifty pioneer missionaries. Price, plain cloth, \$1; handsome red cloth, \$1.50.

ART OF SELF DEFENSE

"Do you think it would be wrong for me to learn a noble art of self defense?" a religiously inclined young man enquired of his pastor. "Certainly not" answered the minister, "I learned it in youth myself, and I have found it of great value during my life." "Indeed sir, did you learn the old English system, or the Sullivan system?" "Neither, I learned Solomon's system." "Solomon's system?" "Yes, you will find it laid down in the first verse of the fifteenth chapter of Proverbs, 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' It's the best system of self defense of which I know."

THE BOOK WORK

IOWA—WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23

Name	Hrs	Ords	Helps	Total	Del'd
Daniel and Revelation					
W. H. Sample	15	4	1 50	15 50	7 75
xFred Shepherd	38	3	4 20	13 25	41 75
Great Controversy					
Wm. Howell	42	4	5 10	18 10	60
Heralds of the Morning					
J. V. Trimble	39	12	3 00	27 00	3 00
Totals	134	23	\$13 80	\$73 85	\$53 10

NORTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23

Miscellaneous					
Mary McGuffin	56	52	.	36 10	
Totals	56	52		36 10	

MINNESOTA—WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23

Patriarchs and Prophets					
F. E. Painter	40	14	\$4 35	\$49 35	
Totals	40	14	\$4 35	\$49 35	
U C Totals	230	89	\$8 15	\$159 30	\$53 10
xTwo weeks					

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THE campmeeting dates for 1912 are as follows:
Minnesota, June 6-16; North Dakota, June 17-23;
South Dakota, June 23-30; Iowa, August 23 to
September 1.

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THE California conference Sabbath schools,
with a membership of 2,356 and an average at-
tendance of 1,639, for the year 1911, donated to
missions the sum of \$4,589. This makes a little
better than four cents a member per Sabbath.

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ELDER JACKSON'S article on the first page
was originally intended for Minnesota readers, and
was especially prepared with them in mind. The
importance of the matter presented gives the
article the most prominent place in this week's
issue. We urge that none pass it by because of
its length.

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WE all like to see results. Business firms
must see them in the work done by their employees.
We will see them in our work if we are faithful.
A seed of truth is peculiar in that it doesn't
germinate at a stated time, sometimes years after
the sowing we see the blade, then the ear. Let
us make the REAPER a chronicle of sowing and
results.

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THE Third Angel's Message is taking a firm
root in the Philippines. There are now seventy-
five members in the church at Manila, not includ-
ing the mission workers. This church was organ-
ized less than a year ago with eighteen members.
The young people's Missionary Volunteer Society

was organized during January with a membership
of twenty-five.

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BROTHER OSCAR DORLAND, of St. Paul, who
is attending school at Stanborough Park Mission-
ary College, at Watford Herts, England, prepara-
tory to entering one of England's colonies as a
missionary, sends his greetings to the REAPER
family and says that he is enjoying his school
work and is becoming very much attached to his
British cousins.

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THE Temperance annual of the *Youth's Instruc-*
tor has reached our desk. It is the most attrac-
tive number yet issued. It is filled from cover to
cover with short stirring articles and statistics
that will not fail to place our people in the right
light before the world. Every hamlet, town, city
and the remote country districts should be visited
by our church workers. Address your tract
society for territory and rates.

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THE Minnesota conference, through her mis-
sionary secretary, has begun a campaign for
"Ministry of Healing." We know of no better
way to get the important truths of healthful living
in the homes of the people than for our people to
sell to their neighbors this excellent book. There
ought to be at least one member in every church
whose principal business consists of supplying the
community with reading matter of various kinds.
Send us the name of the person who is doing this
in your church.

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One progressive missionary secretary passes
on some quotations from Adventists concerning
the influence of tracts that should encourage us all.
Here they are:

"It was the reading of 'How Esther Read
'Her Bible' that caused me to take hold of the truth."

"I don't think I would ever have accepted the
truth, had it not appeared so plain to me in the
many tracts I read."

"Someone left a tract in the depot. I found
it and sent for others and soon saw the truth and
took hold of it."

"Tracts brought the truth to me."

"Printed matter left in the house by renters
brought the truth to me."

Would you not like to be continually sowing
with the hope of such a harvest in view? You will
be pleased with the excellent assortment in the
"Dollar Tract Package." Send \$1.25 to your tract
society and this package will be sent postpaid.