

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

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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The daily reports of the great European war bring many thoughts to our minds in connection with the still greater war being waged between Christ and Satan. This war is reaching its great crisis in the struggle that takes place just before Christ comes back to this world. To meet this crisis, the Lord has sent forth a great cry all over the land for volunteers to enlist in active service for him. This call is made through this home missionary movement, for the interest that is being taken in it, and the attention that has been turned to it, in so many parts of the world, shows that the movement is inspired by the Holy Spirit.

The question is, how many will respond to the Lord's call to service? Many are doing so, and it is inspiring to read the good missionary reports in the union conference papers. But not all are yet working, and perhaps some who are working can do more.

There is one very important thing about this call to service and that is that, the Lord tests the love of his followers by the work they do for him. "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." Matt. 25:45. He said to this class, "Depart from

me." Are we really followers of Christ? If we are, every call to us will be another opportunity to show more of our love to Jesus. We will welcome it as giving us another outlet for the warm love we have in our hearts. Just as Christ has poured out his love to us, so we will want to pour out our love for him. As we do this, it will come back to us in fresh evidences of the Saviour's love for us.

One call to service is the plan to circulate an average for every member of two weekly Signs of the Times each week. The first eight weeks of the campaign brought in additional subscriptions to the amount of 17,605, but while we are very thankful for this increase through the efforts of some loyal disciples, it does not seem a very great work for 71,000 believers. We feel sure you can do better than that, for of this number one sister alone sent in 137 subscriptions.

Here is the situation: On one side is the Lord, looking longingly, yearningly, at the souls he died to save, who do not know him. He has only one plan for reaching them, and that is through the work of those who know him. He is depending upon them to do it, but they are so slow, and time goes so fast. On the other side are honest-hearted people, longing and praying for

something, they know not what. They are unsatisfied, craving for that alone which will help them, the saving power of Christ.

Who will bring these together? Every Sabbath keeper may have a part in doing this, and there is no better way than by circulating our literature. Just now special efforts are being made to build up the circulation of the Signs because it has proved again and again to be a very effective instrument for soul-saving. Are there not more who will take at least two copies of this paper each week? They cost only five cents a week, or \$1.20 for the two copies for six months, if ordered with the church club. They will sell readily, as they are full of the very things the people are interested in just now. Those who do not care to sell them can give them away, or mail them to friends and neighbors. The method of circulating them is not so important, as it is to get them into the hands of the people in some way, that the Holy Spirit may have channels through which to work.

The Lord is depending on you, and he has no other plan. You will not disappoint him, will you?

E. M. GRAHAM.

There is no material in this world that is unpromising.—Henry Ward Beecher.

#### THE REAPER

The REAPER is the official organ of the Northern Union Conference, and is published as a means of communication between the laborer and laity, and between the local conferences comprising the Union.

The publishers are anxious to have every family of Adventists in the Union receive the weekly visits of this paper. The subscription price is fifty cents per The year. (Fifty numbers.) subscription list is handled with the greatest care so every subscriber will get his paper regularly. As soon as the subscription is received, it is entered upon the list, the name and address set in type, and from this type the posters are printed each week, so there can be no irregularity in mailing when once the name is entered.

We do. however, receive occasional complaints from subscribers that they do not get their paper regularly. We are sorry that this is true, for we have no other object in publishing the paper and securing subscriptions, than to supply the same. We hope none will think we are doing all this business to get an occasional fifty cents without giving value received.

We promise to exercise the greatest care and diligence to see that no mistakes occur at this end of the line. We are very sensible, however, that after we do this, once in a while an error creeps in and we are responsible. We have, however, perfection for our goal, and we are not discouraged for if we don't reach it in this world, we hope to do so in the next.

We would like to suggest, however, that mistakes might occur that would effect the arrival of the paper in your home that we would not be responsible for. I will enumerate a few, which may

serve as a suggestion to all. Occasionally we receive a letter with fifty cents enclosed requesting the "REAPER for one year" and the party sending it signed no name, nor gave any address. (And usually the post mark on the envelope of such letters is so dim as to be unintelligable.) The party after waiting a short time, and receiving no paper sends in a post card inquiring "Why he doesn't get his paper, and if are not going to send it we can return the change." The mailing clerk ought to have known where the party lived and who he was without name or address, but he didn't, and hence the delay. Sometimes we get a letter with fifty cents (coin or stamps) and not a scratch of pen or pencil. From the amount enclosed we suppose someone wanted our valuable paper and we would be glad to send it but can not.

We occasionally get a notice from a Post Master saying, Mr. Brown or Miss Smith has moved and the paper is unclaimed. We ought to have known when they moved without any notice but we did not, so we could not change the address. Again, we get a card from Mr. Blink living at 1603 Walnut St., saying he has moved to another part of the city and requesting his paper changed to 1603 Walnut St. (Giving us the same number instead of the new one.) We did not know where Brother Blink was going so we keep sending to the old address, and finally we get a notice that he hadn't received his paper for weeks and requesting that we please look up the reason. If in the notice he indicates where he lives his address is changed and he feels amply repaid for "jacking us up."

Again, the paper is going regularly to "Mary Jones" of Happyhollow. Sister Jones moves and in due course of time sends us a card "to change her REAPER to Prosperville," and signs her name "M. D. Jones." We look over our long list of Joneses and fail to find any M. D. Jones on the list. We have Mary Jones. Marion Jones, Martin Jones, and Max Jones. Sister Jones neglected to tell us where she lived before she moved to Prosperville, and signed her name differently. So it was hard to tell which Jones it was that moved. Our mailing clerk of course is not busy (?) and search is made to comply with the request of "D, M. Jones." It takes several weeks to find out and hence the delay in Mrs. Jones' paper.

We have on our desk now two letters containing subscriptions from parties in Minneapolis, and not a scratch to indicate the senders and another from a party giving name and saying tosend to "1419 Seventy-second Street, Minnesota," but no city given. These cases cited are not imaginary if the names are fictitious.

A little more carefulness upon the part of the subscribers as well as upon our's will I am sure minimize the mistakes, and secure regularity. So let us all be charitable with and for each other. Willing to help as well as be helped, soon we will be in a land of perfection where all perplexities will be forever ended.

We are yours to serve, PUBLISHERS.

#### SIGNS WEEKLY

Every lover of this great cause, and especially those who have taken hold with a new grip in connection with the call for advance moves all along the line, will appreciate the success that is attending our united efforts in increasing the circulation of the

Signs of the Times weekly. When the campaign opened, the subscription list stood at about 15,000. It has now passed the 30,000 mark, and the orders are rolling in.

Brother Hoskin, who has been with the Signs for many years as circulating manager, says, "that they have never before seen anything like the flood of orders that is pouring in." Praise the Lord for this.

Have you, dear reader, ordered your two copies? Is this great increase due to your sympathy? If every believer in the North American Division Conference were doing as well as you are, where would the list stand? By the way, we would like to suggest that you make an effort to secure subscriptions from your friends and neighbors. This is a good time. We want to see the list rise till we reach the 100,000 mark. Will you help us? We would be glad to hear from you regarding your efforts with this soul-winning agency.

F. W. PAAP.

## SPREAD OF THE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST FAITH

A successful evangelistic campaign just completed in New York by Prof. C. T. Evenson, of the Adventist Church, brings forward facts and figures showing the growth of the denomination in widespreading fields. These "carefully gathered statistics," says the professor, in giving them to the Evening Sun, New York, "show what is going on in our work all over the world."

"At the close of 1913 the number of communicants was 122,386, a gain for the year of 12,794 and a net gain of 8,180. This is the largest gain of any year since the denomination was organized, 51 years ago. Of this number 71,863 are in America, 31,772 in

Europe, and 18,751 in other countries.

"The number of churches at the close of last year was 3,589. This is a gain of 715 during the year of 1913, or a gain of nearly twenty-five per cent.

The total amount of funds for evangelistic work contributed by the members of the organization during 1913 was \$2,866,727.40, or \$23.42 for each member. Of this amount 62 per cent was raised in tithes, which is the main source of revenue in our denomination. A further expenditure of \$411,050 was made during 1913 in maintaining seventy advanced schools, and \$52.643 in charity work in connection with our sanitariums, thus making total contributions and expenditures for all purposes within the denomination for the year 1913 the sum of \$4,002,141, or an average contribution for each communicant of \$32,70 during the past year.

"The total value at the end of 1913 of 1,350 church buildings and 166 institutions belonging to the denomination was \$12,812,-784, there being added \$729,000 in assets during the year.

"The total number of schools," continued Professor Everson, "conducted by the denomination is 786, employing 1,511 teachers and having an enrolment of 27,379. From these schools came 828 persons that entered the denominational work last year.

"At the close of last year there were thirty-seven publishing houses and branches, having assets amounting to \$1,500,000, employing 734 persons. The total denominational literature sold during the year amounted to \$1,870,000. This literature is issued in 360 books, 325 pamphlets, 1,200 tracts, and 128 periodicals, issued in eighty different languages. The literature is distributed by 2,060 colporteurs.

The denomination maintains 1608 missionaries stationed in sixty-seven different countries. To support this work in foreign lands there was expended \$911,769 in the year 1913."—Literary Digest.

## From the Field

## **IOWA**

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sionary Agent, J. L. McGee. All office address

#### OSCEOLA

I have been with this church one week, and God has come very near to his people at this place. Last Sabbath eleven young people came forward to seek God, several for the first time. Truly, God is seeking to gather in the youth.

The house has been well filled each evening and Sunday evening almost every seat was filled. Many are desiring to know what these things mean that are coming upon the earth.

V. B. WATTS.

#### RINGSTED

Brother J. M. Olson, working at Ringsted, Iowa, writes: "My wife has helped me some and a young man helped me one day. and altogether we have collected \$71.10. This is largely made up of small donations, 25 cents and up. I rather enjoy soliciting for missions. Some days I have had good success and other days not so much. One day I drove all day in the cold, went without dinner and received 25 cents. Other days I received \$2.00, \$5.40. \$3,70, etc. I am going to some of the surrounding towns in a short time so you may send 50 more papers."

#### SIOUX CITY

We rejoice to report five new members added to the Sioux City church last week. On Sunday afternoon, November 15, we secured the First Baptist church where six persons were buried with their Lord in baptism. This makes twenty that have been baptized since last spring, as the result of the united labors of the Sioux City church and the workers located here. Several others are keeping the Sabbath and we hope they will soon be ready for baptism.

A spirit of liberality is taking hold of our members and they are doing nobly in bringing their tithes and offerings for the work. Many of our number are assisting in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and are receiving some liberal donations. We have found as we have met the people in the city, that our work is looked upon with considerable favor and we have found very little prejudice. The Lord by his spirit is opening the hearts of the people to receive the message and we are full of hope and courage in our work W. A. McKibben. here.

## NORTH DAKOTA

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#### THE TITHE

With some tithe recently received at the office from one of our sisters there was a short note stating that it had been a terrible temptation to use this money for her own benefit in a time of need. Still she came off victorious, and was faithful in sending to the Lord that which he had entrusted to her. Undoubtedly there are many others who are having a similiar exper-

ience, and then again we receive letters from others indicating that they enjoy paying to the Lord his tithe.

One of these letters received seemed so good that we feel like passing it on for the benefit of others. It reads as follows:

DEAR BROTHER:-

Herewith please find check for \$410 of the Lord's tithe. I hope it will help to further and hasten God's message for our time. Am of good courage in the Lord. May God's abundant blessing rest upon all his work and workers, and finally gather us all into his glorious kingdom, is my prayer.

We do not report this because of the large amount sent in by this individual, but because of the spirit in which it is written and sent. We do not wonder that this brother is of good courage in the Lord. Where there is unfaithfulness in this matter, the Lord cannot impart his promised blessing.

ANDREW ROEDEL.

#### THE PRINTED PAGE

In writing to us recently Brother Jutzy, who has been doing winter canvassing in the towns along the Great Northern Railway in the northern part of our state, relates an experience which he had one day and which we think too good to keep. He says: "The Watchman sells very easily. Sold thirty in about two hours while waiting for a train. One lady said, 'This is just the kind of a magazine I have been looking for, and I will not only take a copy, but will subscribe for it,' and she handed me a dollar. Many people are just glad to get it and very few refuse to buv."

There is no question but that the political situation in the world is preparing the minds of the people for the very truths that are published in our magazines, and now, as never before, our people should rally to this kind of work. Many of our lay members could sell at least fifty magazines a month in their communities without any difficulty. Indeed, the people will be glad to buy them

Sister Bernice Godding, who is doing our stenographic work at the tract society office, sells an average of a hundred magazines each month between office hours.

Eternity alone will reveal to us the results of this seed sowing. We would like to hear from such as would be able to take up this line of work in their community.

ANDREW ROEDEL.

#### NORTH LAKOTA NOTES

Elder Jackson visited the Beach church last week.

Sister J. J. Reiswig recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, and is, at this time, improving rapidly.

Elder Rhoads has returned from Seattle, Washington, where his wife recently had an operation. It is reported that she is improving.

Brother and Sister John Voth, of New Home, passed through Jamestown last week on their way to Oklahoma where they will spend the winter.

Brother R. L. Hickock, of Woodworth and Rebert Goodman of Jamestown have recently entered the canvassing work with "Heralds of the Morning."

There is still on hand at the office, a liberal supply of Harvest Ingathering Reviews. Are there not a few others who will order some of these and work with them between now and the close of the year?

The Jamestown Mission Band placed a copy of the Review Extra on the Eastern Question in practically every home in the city of Jamestown last Sunday. As a result, a gentleman came to the office the following morning and purchased fifty to send to his friends. A copy of this Extra should be placed in the hands of everyone within our reach.

Elder Wells was called by phone to Mankato to conduct baptism there last Sabbath. Two followed their Lord in the watery grave.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

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### ATTENTION

We desire that every church in the South Dakota Conference should carefuly examine its membership list, and recommend that such members as are living in other states, or at a great distance from their church, unite with the churches nearest them, or unite with the conference church of the state in which they live. Such members as are backslidden should be visited or written to, and after sufficient effort has been jut forth to reclaim them and they have not changed their manner of life their names should be dropped by vote of the church.

Let every church officer in the South Dakota Conference see to it that this work is accomplished and a report rendered to the South Dakota Conference office of their membership before January 1, 1915. Fellow workers, do not fail to do your duty.

E. T. RUSSELL.

## A REFORMATORY MOVE-MENT

On page 126 of Vol. 9 of the Testimonies we find these impressive statements: "In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families and opening before them the word of God. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. Great blessing were received by the true and humble people of God."

Prophecy is only history in advance. In other words God looks

down through time and beholds the acts and words of men; thus he sends us a message years in advance and relates to us what men will say and do. Let us notice one or two passages, dear readers, at this point. Isaiah 2: 2-4 was given by the servant of God several hundred years ago. The prophet tells us that in the last days people will be talking of beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. while they will be doing just the opposite; and when we arrive at the time appointed, we find men here doing just what the prophet saw they would do and say. Notice Joel 3:9-11. Another instance. In Psalms 22: 7 we find these words, "All they that see me laugh me to scorn; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head," Matt. 27:39 says, "And they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads." In other words, several hundred years before Jesus died the shameful death on the cross, God told through his servant just how the angry mob would wag their heads, and when the time was fulfilled that was what they did. Another, Psalms 22:8. "He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him, seeing he delighted in him." Matt. 27: 43. "He trusted in God, let him deliver him now." Here God told just what would be said when Jesus was dving, and we find that the same words were used. We are also told in Psalms 22 of the casting lots for his garments, which they did. How perfectly God knows just the outcome of the lives of men. How well he knows their every act and word. Now God saw someone just at this time visiting from house to house opening to people the word of truth. He saw doors thrown open for the truth to be presented. Dear reader, are you one that God has shown his servant as going out in this grand and awful time explaining to people what this great war means to this old earth?

Again let me say, Men fulfil prophecy. On the same page of Testimonies Vol. 9. I read these words, "Some refused to walk in God's way." Vol. 9, page 117, "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." My dear brethren let us be careful which line of this prophecy we are fulfilling. The last quarter I received only seven reports from the twenty-nine churches in the state, and only forty-one members reported. We have a membership of 900 in the state, and if we are to form our conclusions from reports, only forty-one out of 900 are doing anything for this truth. shows 859 fulfilling one line of prophecy and 41 fulfilling the other. Brethren, let us go out and find the doors that are open to the truth. We are told by the servant of God that this death stupor is from Satan. If you are fearful, if you are timid, if you don't feel like going out, if you don't think your education is sufficient to do this work, remember this stupor. This death stupor is from Satan, and you will always have it until you go forward in the order of God and shake it off.

D. F. WEATHERLY.

#### PLAINVIEW ACADEMY NOTES.

Miss Idona Hill spent Thanksgiving, Sabbath and Sunday at Aberdeen visiting Sister Elsie McKeon.

Etherl Currier-Saxton, former preceptress of Plainview is now spending a few days at home with her parents at Cresbard.

Mrs. R. G. Montaney, of Kulm, N. D., came to the academy last week to bring her son Elliott who expects to attend school the remainder of the year. Miss Dorothy Montgomery spent Thanksgiving day at home in Huron, returning to the Academy on Sunday, November 29 accompanied by her mother.

Elder C. L. Emmerson, Bible teacher of the Academy, spoke in the Congregational church in the city of Redfield Sunday morning, November 29, on the subject of "The Source of Peace."

Thanksgiving will certainly be remembered by the students of Plainview Academy, for it was a most beautiful day for this time of the year. A base ball game was played in the afternoon, and every care seemed to be forgotten.

Mrs. G. C. George and mother, Mrs. Libbie Collins, left Redfield Thursday evening, November 26th, for College View, Nebraska. Sister George will return to Redfield after viciting a few weeks at College View, leaving her mother with Mrs. M. E. Ellis.

J. C. Stotz and C. M. Christy spent Thanksgiving at the home of Brother and Sister E. P. Warner of Conde. Brother and Sister Warner are some of the dear isolated people of South Dakota, and are always glad to be called upon by any of our people.

Thanksgiving day, November 26, Elder E. T. Russell visited Britton, S. D., and performed a marriage ceremony, uniting Arthur H. Excell and Miss Esther B. Johnson, both of whom have been former Plainview Academy students. Quite a number of guests were present and it is to be hoped that their married life will be as calm and bright as was the day upon which they were wed.

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#### MINNESOTA NOTES.

During November, the depository shipped one thousand and seven pounds of second-class mail matter.

The Mankato church recently placed an order with the office for five thousand of the Review and Herald War Extras.

Sister T. S. McDonald, of Hewitt, sends the encouraging report that \$15.13 was raised by the children of their church to be credited to the Children's Mission Band Fund. All will be glad to learn that Dr. Riley, pastor of the First Baptist church of Minneapolis, has recommended to his congregation that each one use from five to ten copies of the tracts on the Armageddon Question. He said that these tracts are the latest and best published on this subject.

## ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

"The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecy of the eleventh chapter of Daniel has nearly reached its complete fulfillment. Soon the scenes of trouble spoken in the prophecies will take place."

"Fearful tests and trials await the people of God. The spirit of war is stirring the nations from one end of the earth to the other. But in the midst of the time of trouble that is coming,—a time of trouble such as has not been since there was a nation,—God's chosen people will stand unmoved. Satan and his host can not destroy them; for angels that excel in strength will protect them."

It is a cheering experience to be identified with a movement and people that are under divine protection. It is true that this advent movement is not popular, and never can be. It leads all who are fully identified with it against the whole current of the world. It strikes down every idol of the carnal heart, yet it attracts and holds us with a wonderful power. It leads us to contribute our gold and silver, to consecrate our sons and daughters; to abandon evil habits and wicked ways, to break off evil associates, to lay all upon the altar and dedicate ourselve; to earnest Christian service. Surely this work is from heaven.

In spite of the fearful war and bloodshed, the thrilling events that startle the world, the calamities by land and sea, the message is speeding its way onward. Splendid victories are being gained over the enemy; but this great advancement in the cause of God is only made possible by individual sacrifice and labor of God's people.

The inhabitants of this land not enlightened by the blessed truth will, during this month expend, squader and waste thousands of dollars in selfish gratification, but am I not right in stating that it is more in keeping with our profession and in harmony with the demands of the hour, for all believers in this message to invest our money to better advantage?

How selfish and worldly we would become if there were no more calls for men and means to carry forward this work! We can not, with safety, grow weary in giving to the cause of God, or turn a deaf ear to the multiplied appeals for help.

Who of us by looking over the past find where our giving to God has impoverished us? Would we, if possible, withdraw the amount? and turn it into channels of selfishness? Nay, verily.

How very appropriate the time honored custom of our people, that on the closing day of the Week of Prayer we take up an offering, and as an expression of our gratitude for the spiritual blessings we have received, we return to God, not only words of praise, but give of geld or silver for the furtherance of his work.

I trust we will each make the most of the opportunity, and endeavor as a result of our united efforts upon the day appointed, Sabbath December 19, to give a great impetus to the advancement of the truth. Why should we not at this time receive from every church and company and isolated believer the largest offering ever rolled up in Minnesota for missions. Let us plan, pray and give to this end,

G. W. WELLS.

The leader of the Young People's Society turned the Young People's meeting into a praise service on Sabbath afternoon, November 28, Thanksgiving day just being past. Many were the voices that thanked God for his watchcare, and guidance over them the past year.

The literary society of Plainview Academy met for the second time in the chapel at eight o'clock Saturday evening, November 28. After necessary business was transacted, a program was given consisting of various things, among which was an interesting debate on the following: "Resolved That the trustees of Plainview Academy should install electric lights before September 15, 1915." On the affirmative side were Profs. Ortner and Field; on the negative, Elder Emmerson and Prof. Stotz. The decision of the judges was a draw.

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## HOME MISSIONARY DEPART-MENT

The call to service now sounding throughout our ranks is being responded to nobly on the part of many. World war conditions serve to arouse God's people and deepen the longing in every heart for the ushering in of that bright and glorious day, when pain and tears and death and sighing shall be no more. What a few realize in this direction is what we want every Seventh-day Adventist to know. "God expects personal service from everyone to whom he has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for the time." Vol. 9, p. 30. "It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth." Vol. 7, p. 13.

We wish that every church, in the North American Division. would do as well as the Northside German church of Chicago. The following is taken from a letter just received from the leader, Mr. David Voth:

"Last Sabbath the Northside German church of Chicago had their Harvest Ingathering program. At the close of the program the money was collected, that had been solicited by the members of our church, which amounted to \$202.16. Our church has 51 members, so we raised nearly \$4.00 per member. We made up our twenty cents a week and about \$50.00 more. Last Sabbath was a happy day to our church. We were all glad and happy for having a part in the Lord's work,"

We trust that our dear people everywhere will take hold and make good at this needy and most opportune time. Now is the time to labor. Soon it will be too late. May the spirit of Israel's God, the spirit of service, rest upon this people. We are surely nearing the end. May we all be ready for the midnight call. F. W. PAAP.

#### SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY NOTES.

School was dismissed on Thanksgiving day, and the day until the afternoon study hour was spent in playing ball and skating.

Two new students arrived Thanksgiving morning, making the enrollment ninety-one, twenty students more than on the corresponding date last year.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hagan, Mr. Baumbach, and Mrs. Bietz of Bowden and Miss Harschenko of Benedict spent Thanksgiving here with the school

Elder John Roth, formerly a student of this Academy and now a worker in the city of St. Louis, Mo., spent last Sabbath with us and spoke in English during the morning service and again to the German students in the after-

The city of Harvey is sending a carload of flour to the relief of the suffering Belgians ir Europe, and the students and teachers were called upon to assist raising the money for this enterprise. A collection was taken in the midst of the Thanksgiving program after a short talk by Prof. Haughey telling about the situation existing in the war zone. Enough money was raised to buy more than a ton of flour.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES.

I. G. Ortner made a short trip to Gettysburg the first of last week on business.

Elder J. W. Lair has left Redfield for Viborg. He expects to visit Swan Lake, Beresford and Alcester.

Sabbath, November 28, Elder E. T. Russell met with the Aberdeen church returning to the office the evening after the Sabbath.

Miss Zella Peterson, who is teaching school up near Mellettee, S. D., spent Thanksgiving, Friday, Sabbath ard Sunday at hone with her mother at Redfield.

Macedonian calls are coming to this office from different parts of the conference, which lead us to realize as we have never before that "the harvest is great but the laborers are few."

We have just learned that Elder Valentine Leer is laboring among the German churches in South Dakota. Last Sabbath and Sunday, the 28th and 29th, he was with the church at Tolstoy.

Elder E. T. Russell addressed an audience of interested hearers in the Congregational church at Redfield on Sunday night, November 29, on the subject, "Causes of the War in Europe."

All church clerks should bear in mind that they are required to forward a complete quarterly report to the conference office not later than the 8th day of the month following the close of the quarter.

Elder J. W. Lair of College Place, Washington, reached Redfield Friday. the 27th ult., and addressed the academy students on Sabbath, the 28th. We extend to him a hearty welcome to our conference and sincerely hope that his labors will be profitable to the cause in this field.

R. H. Wiper is holding a series of meetings in Sioux Falls and they report quite an interest. Many indifferent ones that are connected with the church seemed to have received a spiritual awakening, and some outsiders are deciding to walk in the commandments of the Lord.