

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

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WEEK OF PRAYER IN RED-FIELD AND HARVEY

According to appointment, it was my privilege to spend the first days of the Week of Prayer with the Academy at Redfield, South Dakota. I was much impressed with the seemingly earnest desire on the part of the students present to make the most of the season of prayer. The faculties of both schools had made plans to lighten the school work during this season and thus give the student sample opportunity to attend well the meetings, as as to keep up their school work. The testimonies given during the social meetings at Redfield. and the consecrations made at the first Sabbath morning meeting were an inspiration to everyone present.

The last Sabbath meeting, December 19, at Harvey was a time of special interest, the Spirit of God being present to a marked degree. The meeting on Friday evening, December 18, was largely a testimony service, during which a number of students took their stand for the first time, or renewed their consecration from a backstiden condition. Both of these schools have an earnest body of mature students, and I am sure that the Spirit of God will develop these young men and women into excellent workers for him.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

A NEW ORDER OF THINGS

We are living in a world of change, and even in the cause of God changes are sometimes expedient, even though not especially desired. I wish here to record some changes in the field force of our publishing and missionary department which I think will be of interest to the readers of the REAPER.

Brother C. E. Babcock, field agent of the South Dakota Conference, laid down his work a few weeks ago in order to take some school work in the academy in Redfield and thus more fully equip himself for the line of work he has in view. After some consideration it was decided to call Brother Payne, of North Dakota, to take up the work laid down by Brother Babcock. Brother Payne has spent eight years as field agent in North Dakota and one year in the Idaho conference, and his long and successful experience makes him especially adapted to the needs of the work in South Dakota. Brother Payne's acceptance of this call is greatly appreciated in view of the fact that it involved some sacrifice on the part of both him and his wife in leaving the cosy little home they had recently completed in Jamestown.

To fill the vacancy left by Brother Payne it was decided to ask Brother Roedel, the confer-

ence treasurer and tract society secretary, to leave the office and take the field work. Brother Roedel was already the conference missionary secretary, so he will, by this arrangement, have greater liberty to act in that capacity, and will also take the work of field agent. The work in the office is being provided for. and the office force will have the advantage of frequent visits from Brother Roedel and of his counsel and help in any time of need. I feel sure that Brother Roedel's services in the field will prove eminently satisfactory, and that the work in the office will in no wise suffer as a result of this change.

A change has also occurred in Minnesota. Brother Shrewsbury has been laid up with rheumatism for several months and confined to the house, ever since cold weather set in, and finally concluded that it would be to his advantage to seek a less rigorous climate, and has left with his family for the home of his parents on the Pacific Coast.

At the recent session of the conference committee Brother George Campbell, who has rendered faithful service in the canvassing field during the past year, was selected to fill the vacancy, and all correspondence intended for the field agent of Minnesota should now be addressed to George A. Campbell,

Anoka, Minn. Brother Campbell is well qualified for his work, and will do much to help build up this important branch of the cause.

I feel that we now have a very strong organization of our missionary department in the Northern Union, and believe that the year 1915 which opens before us will witness a mighty forward movement on the part of those who feel the responsibility of giving the last warning message to the world through the printed page.

With the dawning of this new year there ought to come to each of us a deeper sense of the great responsibility that rests upon us to arise, and in the strength of our God, finish the work he has given us to do. For the accomplishment of this exalted purpose should we not, like the founders of this great Republic, pledge "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor"?

F. E. PAINTER.

A REMARKABLE FULFILL-MENT OF PROPHECY

The Liberty Magazine for the first quarter of 1915 contains a photograph, actual size, of Secretary Bryan's Plowshare, twentyeight of which were made of obsolete swords and presented to the ambassadors of the nations who signed the peace compact with the United States government. The significance of this remarkable fulfillment of prophey is fully set forth in an article. Everybody will want to get this photograph in the Liberty as a souvenir, and circulate it among their neighbors.

Another reason why this issue of the *Liberty* Magazine is especially valuable and should receive an extensive circulation at this time, is because of three other living issues it deals with in this number. They are as

follows: The Meaning of the European War and "The Sick Man of the East" "Committing Suicide;" "The Significance of the Sunday Law Decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia;" and "The Submerged Issue" in New York State Politics; and we might add the article on "Human Rights and the American Saloon." It is highly illustrated with the latest war scenes in Europe.

This issue is considered the best and most significant number vet issued. If you read the three articles written by C. M. Snow, S. B. Horton and the editor upon the significance of the U.S. Appeliate Court's Decision on Sunday laws for the District of Columbia, and see how completely the Appellate Judge's arguments have been answered from a judicial, legislative, historical and Biblical standpoint, you will want to place this special number in the hands of every judge and lawyer in your community. Order 50 copies at once for \$2.00, or get your own subscription free by securing four other yearly subscriptions at twenty-five cents each. Send for a sample copy.

C. S. Longacre.

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PROSPECTIVE

Another year's work has been done. Our faithfulness or unfaithfulness in service for the Master, has been carefully recorded by the Heavenly Secretary.

I trust that, as we start out this new year, we may earnestly search our hearts, review the past and by God's grace make such changes in our lives as will lead us to greater faithfulness than ever before.

I am sure all our people will be thankful to learn that we have reached our full quota for missions in 1914 and have gone beyond the mark more than \$1,500.00.

The auditing committee met last week and settlement in full was made with all the laborers. Some thought was given and time taken in considering plans for the work during the present year. It is hojed the same sympathetic cooperation may be had by all our people and workers as during the past year.

We see no reason why such should not be, and we fully expect that all our churches and people everywhere will rally around the banner of truth, and aid in every possible way to spread the message of salvation.

This is the time for every soul who believes this message, to come to the front and work for God in saving the lost.

G. W. WELLS.

MENAHGA

According to appointment I met with the companies at Akeley and Wadena. I spent the first half of the Week of Prayer at Wadena, and the last half at Akeley. At each of these places we recognized the power of God and received some drops of the latter rain. Especially was this so at Akeley as a number of outsiders were present and at the close of the last meeting a number came around me and asked me if they could not join us. I was sorry that I could not spend more time there, as I had an interest here at Menahga that I could not leave.

One family of six took their stand to keep the Sabbath before I left them, and for this reason I was anxious to get back again. I am now in the midst of the effort here. As soon as I can leave here I shall return to Akeley and follow up the interest there. If I could divide myself into about four men I could then fill some of the urgent calls in this part of the country.

My courage is good in the Lord and trust I shall have the prayers of God's people to aid me in developing the work here.

GEO. L. BUDD.

AUSTIN CONVENTION

An Educational and Sabbath School Convention was held at Austin, December 4-., 1914. A full representation from the churches and companies in that immediate section of the Minnesota Conference was present.

Dodge Center had nineteen members in its delegation. Following in their order, though with fewer delegates, were the churches of Wells, Hayward, Pine Island, Albert Lea and Eagle Lake.

The opening session was held Friday night with a lecture on the History of Education. Following the Sabbath school two sessions were held that day. Excellent papers were read and the discussions did not "drag" at any time—one of the very essential requirements for a good convention.

Sunday, the time was given largely to the discussion of Educutional and Sabbath school problems, and the exchange of ideas was profitable and entertaining to all. Church and Sabbath school officers took an active part, and some most excellent papers were read. The music was plentiful and good. Sunday night the church school gave an excellent entertainment, regard-

less of the fact that they had rendered one at the Harvest Ingathering only a few days before, and had had no time for practise. the school work having been carried during the interval. The subject matter in all the exercises was of an entertaining and elevating character, and it was really remarkable Low each remembered his part in the various changes with such a short time to learn it. The superintendent could not refrain from eulogizing the teacher and the church members for the successful way in which they had established and conducted their school.

The Austin church members are masters in the art of entertaining their visiters. Many of the latter had decided to come at the eleventh hour. Those who came to meet trains sometimes found three or four visitors instead of one or two—yet there was always room for one more.

It was generally expressed: "We have had a good and profitable time," or "A fine convention," or "We have been well paid for coming." Miss Hopkins, our conference Sabbath school secretary, gave excellent instructions in her departmental work. Elder Francis, Elder Bliss and the writer were also present. Our churches should plan for more of these conventions. Take ample time, plan wisely and let all in the vicinity attend. You can have the same blessings in your churches.

H. M. HIATT.

NEW MISSIONARY MATERIAL

We are living in momentous times. Unmistakable evidence is given us that our Lord is about to come. The Spirit of God is gradually being withdrawn from the earth.

The agencies of evil are com-

bining their forces and consolidating. They are strengthening for the last great crisis. The world is now stirred by the spirit of war. Soon the scenes of trouble, spoken of in the prophecies, will take place.

What we do as a people to warn the world will have to be done soon. Let us thank God that not all in the world have taken sides with the enemy against the government of heaven. There are, here and there, souls who desire to know the truth and are willing to read, and with the wonderful array of literature we have, their needs should be supplied.

Opportunity is now being given to all our churches to do extensive and systematic missonary work among their neighbors and in their vicinities with but little expense.

The Review and Herald, the Signs Weekly and the Watchman are to get out Extras, similar to the war extra. There will be about twenty-five of these this year on various topics of Bible doctrines. They will sell at fifty cents per hundred or \$4.00 per thousand.

The partial list, as it is now developed, is as follows, from numbers 1 to 7:

- 1. The Bible the Word of God.
- The Origin of Sin and the Plan of Salvation.
- A Great Prophetic Dream; or, The Kingdoms of this World and the Kingdom of God.
- 4. The Second Coming of Christ.
- 5. The Signs of Christ's Coming.
- 6. The Home of the Saved.
- The Four Great Beasts of Daniel 7 and the Work of Anti-Christ.

The first one will be Extra No. 1, "The Bible the Word of God." This is now ready. The others will follow in order. It is hoped that these extras will be used by the thousands and regular systematic work done with them by our people.

Brethren, let us all awake and become actively engaged in Christian missionary service! Let us place these pages of truth in the hands of those who will read. Send in your order to the Tract Society. G. W. WELLS.

THE FIVE MINUTE EXER-CISE

I am told that the original purpose of the five minute exercise was for map study. This was very good, but as improvements are made in all lines of work the five minute exercise has been no exception.

Variation is the spice of life. Very often people ask me if I do not get dreadfully tired of painting and papering every day. I always say, "No, I get so much variation, meeting strange people and new conditions nearly every day, that really my experience is quite interesting."

There is so much chance for variation in the five minute exercise that there is no reason why these should not be the most interesting moments of the Sabbath school hour. We are living in an age of wonderful improvement and knowledge.

Recently I picked up a souvenir of Austin, and it is surprising to note that sixty years ago the territory where we now have flourishing cities, with paved and electric lighted streets, electric car lines, beautiful, shaded road ways with thousands of electric lighted automobiles to buzz over them, beautiful stock farms, etc., was only a hunting ground for the 'red man.' A trail was the only improvement between the Iowa line and Minnehaha.

Sixty years ago the Adventist message which we so dearly love was in its infancy, and today we are led to exclaim, "Oh, the wonders which God hath wrought." With this truth going to all the world is it not possible to glean reports to give as a five minute exercise? I

know of nothing that will infect us with the missionary fever germ, and reach heart and hand more readily than the encouraging report of a consecrated mission worker, unless it is a personal visit to our needy fields.

I often think of the time when our Sabbath school offering was less than one dollar each week, and when it reached two dollars we thought that was superfine.

One of our brethren visited the southern states and Cuba. He didn't get affected with malaria. but he did get the mission fever right. Hecamehome; hedidn'tsav much but everyone commenced to notice the increase in Sabbath school offerings. Well, one got affected after the other until our state secretary said she hardly knew what to expect next from the Austin Sabbath school in the way of donations to missions. Last year our offering to missions was twenty-five cents and a fraction per week for each church member. I sometimes think that our whole conference has been affected by the experience of this one man.

There is a saying all have heard, "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men." We might add a new one to the list and say, "A little praise now and then is relished by the worst of men."

We remember Paul commended Timothy for the faith that was in him and others, and God has said, "If thou doest well thou shalt live," etc. What more appropriate opportunity could be found for an occasional word of praise and appreciation than the five minute exercise time?

We have received this occasionally from our superintendent, our state secretary and others, and this has done me more good than all the Sabbath school thermometers and other devices in vogue. What we need is a thorough infection of the mission-

ary fever germ, with a heart full of the love of Jesus.

There is a way of giving these five minute exercises that will affect and infect. I often think what a splendid example of this our local secretary is. Have you noticed the twinkle in her eye, with the smile upon her face while she reads her report? She has something to tell that interests her and others. Sister White says, "The time will come when our faces will shine with the love of Jesus." I am glad some are commencing to shine; Aren't you? Oh, the amount of pleasure and blessing we might get if we always praised and never found fault, "There is so much bad in the best of us. and so much good in the worst of us, that it ill behooves any of us, to talk about the the rest of us."

There are many things that might be mentioned as subjects for five minute exercises:-The different Bible drills, mission exercises, plans for missionary reports, exercises by the children, etc. Sometimes an unpleasant task comes along and the five minutes must be used for that. In case all the brethren get edgeways it may be necessary to give a little rebuke and love talk to straighten them out. Then the sisters might get the desire to follow the fashions of the world and a plea for the plain beauty of the Christ life is in order.

There is one more thing I will speak of. What is more beautiful occasionally for a five minute exercise than a sweet soul-stirring song? How thankful we should be that God in setting the different gifts in the church did not forget the gift of a sweet voice in some. I have often wondered how much I would give could I sing with the voice some are blessed with, and yet I have so much to be thankful for that I will not complain as did the little freckled faced boy

with a crooked nose and bowed legs at school when they were having their thanksgiving program. All had told what they had to be thankful for except little Tom. The teacher said, "Well, Tom have you something to be thankful for." Tom said, "No, I haven't got nothin' to be thankful for, for I think God · nearly spoiled me when he made me." On the other hand I am more thankful that in a very short time all will be able to sing the song that the angels sing. That will be a song worth while, standing on the sea of glass, singing the song of victory and praise maki g heaven echo and reecho the praise to our God.

That will be a long five minute exercise. I want to be there, Don't you? It is the privilege of everyone in this room to be there. Shall we accept it? We must accept it. What do you say?—Presented at the Austin Convention by Chas. Rosenthal.

Brother H. W. Johnson of Detroit sends the encouraging report that nine were recently baptized there; three adults and six young people.

Elder G. L. Budd is conducting a series of meetings at Menahga. He reports that a family of six have just stepped out on the side of truth.

We were pleased to meet Brethren H. J. Sheldon and B. O. Engen, who are attending Union College. Brother Sheldon spent the vacation with his parents at Alexandria. Brother Engen visited relatives in this city and Rochester.

PRESS stopped to insert the following telegram: "W. H. Edwards,

"Give notice in REAPER that South Dakota has raised her quota for missions. E. T. Russell, Pres."

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Office address, Nevada. Iowa President, A. R. Ogden; Secretary, Mrs Flora V. Dorcas; Treasurer, J. W. Dorcas; Field Misionary Agent. J. L. NcGee. All office address.

IOWA NOTES.

Misses Hunt and Molgard sold 150 magazines in Marshalltown last week.

Sister Rea of Sharpsburg, who is past eighty-four years of age, writes of her Ingathering work: "I started out as soon as we received the papers and worked a part of two days, distributing 33 papers and collecting \$5.25. I have been keeping the commandments for nearly forty-three years. I have always enjoyed the week of prayer as a great blessing from the Lord and I trust we may have a great outpouring of the spirit of the Lord during that time this year."

An editor to whom Miss Peterson sent a Watchman and some tracts, responded as follows: "Received the Watchman and tracts and am thankful to you for the same; they are very interesting to me, especially the leaflet 'Have we come to Armageddon?' I received more information from that regarding the war in the East than all my newspaper reading had given me. If you have other Watchman or other reading please forward it from time to time, and I will be thankful to you and settle the same when you come again."

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A RETROSPECT

How rapidly time is passing! It seems but yesterday that we entered upon the duties of the new year, and here we are face to face with the close of 1914. Its record has been engraven in the books of heaven by faithful, recording angels. As we look back over the year's work, we can see it filled with many failures, and yet this morning we are not discouraged, for intermingled with these failures. we see much of the mercy and kindness of God manifested and so many victories gained that we can all say "Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

During these rapidly passing

weeks, a goodly number of individuals have found their Saviour for the first time. Others have been reclaimed. Splendid reports are coming in from the brethren as they report conditions during the Week of Prayer. For instance, one says, "Though I have visited the church many times, I have never felt so much of the blessing of the Lord. I do hope the same spirit has been felt by our brethren as they visited other churches."

As we have been around among the brethren from time to time they have said, "We are going to raise our full quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund." Now in some instances this will not be accomplished. Others, however, will more than do this so we are hoping and praying that the General Conference brethren, as they write the checks to our self-sacrificing missionaries in the dark places of the earth, will not be confronted with a shortage because of our neglect.

While other phases of our work are not in the condition we would like to see them, yet we have every reason to take courage, for our treasurer tells us that the treasury is in a better condition than one year ago in spite of the fact that we have had hailstorms and poor crops in many localities. We are also rejoicing that our brethren have responded to the request of those at the head of the work that we rise above the curse of debt. We are fully expecting that when next campmeeting time rolls around we will have pledges and salable real estate to cover every dollar of our indebtedness.

Seemingly our workers have been afflicted this year. We are grateful, however, that death has not entered our office family, and all feel determined to press the battle to the gates.

Many detailed items of interest might be given that our brethren have rehearsed. Suffice it to say, however, that we feel that the Lord is with us, and with his Holy Spirit leading and directing, we expect to come off victorious in the race. S. E. Jackson.

SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY NOTES.

Mr. C. W. Evenson of Sarles, N. D., is the latest arrival.

Miss Laura King of Montana, is spending the holidays at the home of Elder Alway.

Miss Mary Anderson of Bismark, has been spending a week with her sisters, Misses Ida and Anna.

Mr. Albert Buller of Bowden, visited here last week and expects to return here to school this coming week.

Prof. Van Kirk spoke very interestingly Saturday evening in the chapel, on his travels and experiences while working in the South.

Mr. Frank O'Brien, formerly a student of Maplewood Academy, who is now teaching near Manfred, N. D., is visiting Prof. Alway.

Elder John Seible spent a day with the Academy this week after having been a few days with the Sheyenne company. He occupied the chapel hour Tuesday.

The Week of Prayer was a very profitable time to the school. Many prayers were answered. Several, before unconverted, gave their hearts to the Lord and all others reconsecrated their lives to God and his finishing work.

SOUTH DAKOTA

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CHAMBERLAIN CHURCH SCHOOL

Our little church school has now been in session for nearly four months, and thinking that it would be interesting to hear from us, I will drop a few lines to the REAPER family. We have an enrollment of ten, and though the children are all very small. yet they take an active part in their work and seem very happy with the thought of being little workers for Jesus. The Week of Prayer meant a special blessing to the little folks. We held their meetings each day, and even the smallest of them took an earnest part in the services. We are looking for greater blessings as the school year advances and ask the prayers of every seeker of Divine wisdom, that God's blessing may rest upon our little school at this place as well as upon the other church schools throughout the land; so that when Jesus comes, all the dear little ones may be gathered to him, to dwell forever in the Everlasting Home that awaits all of those who remain faithful and true while on this earth.

ELSIE L. WOOD.

BRECKENRIDGE

I left my home November 9 for a longer than usual missionary campaign in the northwestern part of the state. Since the 20th of November I have worked out among the new settlers of Perkins County. The people out here on the prairie, as a rule, are scattered and live very far from each other. There is often a distance of two or three miles to the nearest neighbor. I often walk from house to house conducting meetings and Bible studies, also distributing our tracts and papers.

One family has begun to keep the Sabbath and has asked for baptism. A Swedish gentleman has gotten complete victory over his tobacco habit and has thrown his pipe and tobacco into the stove, and has subscribed for our Swedish paper Tidens Tecken.

There are several families out here who seem to be very much interested in present truth. Three of these families will withdraw their membership from the Lutheran church at the next business meeting, and I hope, by the help of God, that they may be prepared to join the Seventhday Adventist church.

That God will bless the work for the salvation of souls in this place, is the desire and prayer of his humble servant.

EMANUEL LOVOLD.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder G. F. Haffner is now laboring among the German churches in this conference.

Elder E. T. Russell left the office the evening of the 20th for a trip to Chicago or business.

Elder Russell spent December 27 at the office. The next day he visited in the vicinity of Parker and Salem.

Elder Valentine Leer, who has been laboring among the German churches in this conference, was suddenly called to his home at Harvey, N. D., on account of his wife having fractured her arm. We extend to Brother and Sister Leer our sympathy in this their hour of affliction.

The Week of Prayer is in the past, and Painview Academy has received many blessings as a result. The spirit of the Lord was present among the students and many gave their hearts to the Lord for the first time. We ask the prayers of the REAPER readers for our school.

The Beresford church gave eighty-five dollars to missions; and the Big Springs church donation will reach one hundred and sixty dollars or possibly more. We are indeed pleased to hear of these liberal donations on the part of our people, in view of the great need of the mission fields.

The Redfield church Annual Offering to missions on Sabbath (December 19) was one hundred and five dollars and some cents. This was from Redfield church members only,—aside from this something like nine dollars was received from students and credited to their respective churches.

It is with sadness we learn of the death of Brother A. P. Petersor of the Big Springs church. He has for some time resided at Hawarden, Iowa. We extend to his bereaved family our sympathy in this hour of their affliction. We understand that the funeral services were conducted by Prof. P. T. Magan, of Madison, Tenn.

An isolated sister writes; "Elder Lovold has been conducting a few meetings here near Breckenridge, S. D., and vicinity. One has begun to keep the Sabbath and has asked for baptism. A Swedish man has given up his tobacco and thrown his pipe into the stove; others are deeply interested."

Miss Olga Albertsworth of Texas is expected to arrive at the office about the first of the new year to take up the Sabbath school work of this conference. Sister Albertworth is an experienced Sabbath school secretary and we are sure that the work will prosper and grow under her direction; and we invite you all to cooperate with her.

During the week of prayer there were about seventeen persons who took their stand for Christ at the South Elk Point church. The young people of this church have been doing faithful prayer-band work, and have been privileged to enter Catholic homes and have Bitle studies. We believe that the souls reaped during the week of prayer was a result, to some extent, of the prayer hands.

Adventist young man wishes position in Apiary the coming season. Had two years' experience. Address REAPER office, 2718 Third Ave., So., Minneapolis, Minn.

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As customary, the REAPER was omitted at Holidays, hence there was no paper last week.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES.

Elder J. W. Lair reports good meetings at Alcester, Beresford and Swan Lake.

We learn that the interest in Sioux Falls is good, and as a result it is hoped that many will accept present truth.

Miss Alma DuBois in company with Prof, M. B. Van Kirk visited the Aberdeen church school on the afternoon of December 15.

The largest individual annual offering reported at the office thus far is \$100.00. This amount was given by a sister in the southeastern part of the state.

Mrs. C. L. Emmerson left December 23 for St. Paul where sne will visit relatives. Sister Emmerson expects to go to Minneapolis and have an operation before returning to her home in Redfield.

Elder Russell was with the Mitchell and Artesian churches during the Week of Prayer and reports good meetings at both places. At Mitchell two persons have lately begun to observe the Sabbath, The largest remittance for any one church during the last three or four years to the South Dakota Conference office, was a draft for \$1376.50 received from the Bowdle church today, December 23.

C. W. Rubendall made a short stay at the conference office. December 23, on his way home to Leola, S. D., after visiting a few churches in the eastern part of the state during the Week of Prayer.

Miss Elsie Wood stopped off at Plainview Academy for a day, on her way home to Petrel, N. D., to spend her Christmas vacation. Miss Wood is teaching the Chamberlain church school as you will recall.

The church school children at Chamberlain frequently furnish the singing for the Sabbath school at that place. They love to lift their little voices in praise to Jesus. Singing is as truly worship as is prayer.

R. L. Hickok of Woodford, N. D., was a visitor of Plainview Academy on Wednesday, December 23. Brother Hickok was on his way to Mitchell to visit his son, N. W. Hickok, who is now operating treatment rooms at this place.

Miss Alma DuBois accompanied by Miss Elsie Wood left the academy December 21 for the latter's home at Petrel, N. D. Miss DuBois expects to visit the companies at Breckenridge, Thunder Hawk and Lemmon before returning to the office.

NOTICE OF IMPORTANT MEETING

The twelfth annual meeting of the International Publishing Association will convene at College View, Tuesday, January 19, 1915, at 10:30 A. M. The membership consist of the Executive Committees of the General Conference, North American Division, Central Union, Northern Union, and Southwestern Union Conferences, the board of trustees and counselors of the International, and the editors of our foreign periodicals.

This will be an important meeting, as a decision will probably be made relative to the proposed transfer of the institution to the Pacific Press, or one of the English publishing houses.

Following this meeting, from January 20 to 25, there will be held, at College View, Nebraska, the annual board meeting of Union College, with representatives of its constituency from the Central, Northern and Southwestern Union Conferences; also there will be present representatives from the North American Division of the General Conference.

The question of the ownership of Union College will be raised, and one of two things is thought desirable: First, that a legal corporation be formed, representing the constituency of the Northern Union, the Southwestern Union, and the Central Union Conferences, to hold the property of Union College, and with such by-laws as would permit the three representative unions in their separate union conferences to elect a certain number of trustees to manage and control the college, will be under consideration at this meet-

Second, if this is not thought best, amendments and changes to be made in the present corporation holding the title of Union College, so as to place the power of electing the managing board in the different union conferences, respectively, will be the second proposition under consideration.

At present the Central Union Conference has the authority to elect the entire board of managers of Union College, under the charter holding the title of Union College. It is thought that it would be far better if the Northern Union, and the Southwestern Union could have the right to elect the trustees themselves, that would represent their territory, rather than the Central Union Conference to do it.

R. A. UNDERWOOD, Pres. Board.