



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

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ANNUAL OFFERING.

It is our established custom in connection with our Week of Prayer services to receive from our people an offering for our world-wide missionary work. This offering is known as the "Annual Offering."

We have more than seven hundred missionaries in non-Christian and non-Protestant countries, with more than two hundred forty-five main stations, and four hundred forty substations, gathering as fruit for the kingdom of God more than three thousand five hundred souls annually.

These missionaries and their associates are looking with great anxiety to the results of our Annual Offering. For it is from this and kindred offerings that they receive the support for themselves and families, and to supply their need in meeting the ever-increasing demands made upon them.

There are many reasons why the offering upon this occasion should be the largest ever given. We are nearer the end than ever before. The constant and ever-changing events in the world's kaleidoscope keep multiplying signs, and producing new evidences that the "end of all things is at hand." What the church is to do for regions beyond must be done quickly. Soon, very soon, her opportunities will be past.

The Great Giver of all our temporal, as well as spiritual blessings, has given us a year of unparalleled prosperity. Our fields and vines have rendered bountiful harvests, which have found a ready market with a good margin above the cost of production. No epidemic has befallen us; peace and quietude reign in our fair land, and if ever a people owed a debt of gratitude to a loving and beneficent Creator, Provider and Protector, it is the church of God at this present hour.

Sabbath, December 18, is the day set for receiving this annual offering. It is to be received following the reading by Elder Daniells, entitled "Facing Solemn Issues." I am sure the matter brought before us by this reading will inspire every heart with the spirit of liberality, and I sincerely hope all will give in harmony with the instruction recorded in 2 Cor. 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart so let him give not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." "As God hath prospered him" is the expression used in 1 Cor. 16:2. Putting them together we have it clearly stated, "according as God hath prospered us so let us give, not grudgingly," etc., etc. I am confident if this rule is followed that there will be the largest offering at this time ever given upon a like occasion for missions. May God grant it to be so.

Remember also the Annual Offering is counted on our Twenty-cent-a-week endeavor, and this is our chance to make good our full quota upon this important fund. May the Lord help us all to be faithful in this the hour of need and opportunity.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

AUTUMN COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS.

Believing that the readers of the REAPER will be interested in the actions taken at the late council of the North American Executive Committee which convened at Loma Linda, California, November 5-18, we submit the following as taken from the Secretary's report:

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK PLAN FOR 1916.

That it be the policy of the North American Division Conference to undertake to raise twenty cents a week as heretofore, fifteen cents of this to go to the General Conference for missions,

and five cents to be applied on the liquidation of institutional indebtedness; further, that we undertake to raise the fund as far as possible above the average of twenty cents as a Division, the overflow to go to the General Conference for missions; and further, that any union raising large special funds for institutional relief, thus dividing effort in raising the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, shall participate in the distribution of the five cents for institutional relief only to the amount that such union has raised above the fifteen cents.

UNION AND LOCAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

We recommend—

That the union conferences hold their sessions every four years, beginning with the present autumn and winter of 1915 and 1916, thus fixing the time midway between the quadrennial sessions of the North American Division Conference.

That the local conferences be held every two years, beginning with the year 1916.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

Whereas, The times in which we are living, when important issues are rapidly developing, and signs that show the end to be near are multiplying on every hand, make it an urgent necessity to enlist every Sabbath keeper in the finishing of the work,—

We recommend, That the home missionary work be recognized in each union and local conference as a definite department, and that the following steps be taken to organize it in a definite way:—

1. That a home missionary secretary be appointed in each union conference, for the purpose of enlisting every Sabbath keeper in systematic and regular work just as rapidly as men with the necessary qualifications can be found.

2. That the local conferences appoint

home missionary secretaries as soon as they can find suitable individuals, for the purpose of building up the home missionary work.

3. That the home missionary secretaries of both union and local conferences be practical instructors and organizers, with ability and experience which will enable them to set people to work in the following lines:—

a. Distribution of literature—tracts, periodicals, magazines, small books.

b. Bible readings and cottage meetings.

c. Christian Help work.

d. Missionary correspondence.

4. That tract society secretaries be educated to recognize that their office carries with it a large degree of responsibility to foster the home missionary work in the churches, and that a high standard of efficiency be maintained in our tract society offices in regard to the making and increasing of business along the lines of soul-saving work.

5. That ministers, as they raise up new companies, organize them into working societies before they leave them.

TRANSFER OF LABORERS.

We recommend, That our policy in such matters be as follows: That within a Union conference, interchange of laborers within said union conference shall be made by Union and Local conference committees.

2. Where an institution, local conference, or union conference wants a worker employed outside of said union or local conference, the procedure shall be as follows:

(a) The institution or local or union conference desiring such workers shall present its request to said union conference executive committee; said union conference committee shall pass said request, if approved, on to the division conference executive committee through its officers, and said division conference executive committee, if it approves, shall pass, through its officers said request to the union conference executive committee employing said worker.

(b) No party desiring the services of a worker outside the local or union conference where he works shall take up correspondence with said worker until after his union conference officers have informed him that the arrangement for securing said worker has been completed.

HARVEST INGATHERING.

Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering campaign has proved a great blessing in acquainting the people with the world-wide movement, as well as an effective method of raising means with which to

upbuild the work, therefore, be it—

Resolved—

1. That we continue the plan, and open the campaign for 1916 during the week of October 9-16.

2. That we use the *Signs of the Times* weekly as the medium.

3. That we set our goal at \$100,000.

4. That the material used in the promotion of the campaign be furnished and sent out by the publishers.

5. That the oversight of the campaign be in the hands of the Treasury Department of the North American Division Conference.

6. That the Home Missionary Department of the North American Division Conference take charge of the field end.

7. That a suitable report blank be prepared to be used in reporting the results of the campaign.

MINISTERIAL READING COURSE.

Whereas, It is highly important that each of our ministers pursue a regular course of reading and study, and to this end the General Conference at its last session established a Ministerial Reading Course; and,—

Whereas, Up to the present time only a little over one third of our ministers have taken this course; therefore,—

Resolved, That we urge anew upon our ministers the importance of their pursuing this course regularly from year to year for at least five years; also, that for this coming year we adopt the following books: Johnson's "Ideal Ministry," Robinson's "History of Western Europe," "Ministry of Angels," by I. H. Evans, and a book on the Orient, to be selected.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK.

Whereas, The second million dollars to missions was given by our Sabbath schools in a little less than three years and one quarter; and,—

Whereas, The speedy finishing of the Lord's work in the earth requires more liberal giving; therefore,—

We recommend, That the new Sabbath school financial goal be, "The third million dollars to missions by the close of 1916." (It is understood that this gives a period of a little less than two years for the raising of the third million dollars.)

That the Sabbath School Department be authorized to prepare a Sabbath school manual dealing with all phases of this part of the work.

We trust all our readers will study and become familiar with these resolutions and recommendations as they will largely furnish the basis of our operations during the coming year.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

Missionary Volunteer and Educational Dept.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER AND OUR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS.

Already several days of this important annual occasion have already passed. What have they been to us? On this occasion, if possible, more than others, one receives from the meeting according to what he puts into it. What are you, my dear Missionary Volunteer, putting into it this Week of Prayer? God is anxiously watching opportunity to aid every one of us who needs and seeks aid. "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29:11-13.

Some of our young people are continually having an indefinite and unsatisfactory Christian experience. God desires to give us his "expected end." His thoughts are "thoughts of peace" but he directs us to seek him with all our hearts. We do not need to wait until the Week of Prayer comes to make the surrender and do the seeking, but while the whole congregation is pleading with God we are assured of special favors from him. The Scripture says where two or three agree that what is agreed upon, always, of course, according to the will of God, the thing agreed upon shall be done. What an opportunity this week is for personal work of a character that will bring results! Prayer Bands! Personal Workers' Bands! All Missionary Volunteers let us work as for eternity now.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

S. S. AND MIS. VOL. CONVENTIONS AT CHAMBERLAIN.

On Sabbath and Sunday, November 27 and 28, the privilege of a Sabbath school convention was enjoyed by the Chamberlain, S. D., church. Miss Olga Albersworth, the state secretary, was present with the church at this time, and on the whole a profitable and interesting time was reported.

On Sabbath immediately following the Sabbath school, which convened at ten o'clock in the morning, the convention work was taken up. Different means and methods were presented to

the church, to help make the Sabbath school more of a success, and more of a soul winning agency; which is the main object of the Sabbath school. In the afternoon another session of the convention was held instead of the regular Young People's meeting, and on Sunday there was still another meeting which concluded the convention. The importance of the daily study of the Sabbath school lesson was one of the subjects that brought forth a great deal of thought and discussion; we believe that many if not all resolved to be more faithful in this matter. A unique feature of the Sunday afternoon session was the model and immodel Sabbath school acted out by some of the older members of the church with the children.

The following Sabbath and Sunday the Missionary Volunteers of the Chamberlain church were glad to welcome into their midst Miss Alma DuBois, state Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and Prof. M. B. VanKirk, the Union Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary, for the purpose of holding meetings in the interest of their particular branches of work. In spite of the fact that the devil tried to make things look a little unfavorable, so many being sick with colds, the program from start to finish inspired all with new interest and zeal in helping to give "The Advent Message to all the World in this Generation."

Following is a list of some of the subjects that were taken up and discussed:

Prayer band work and what it has accomplished, personal work, our aim, our motto, Standard of Attainment, The Reading Courses, Morning Watch, Leadership, Junior Missionary Volunteer Societies, etc.

The society at this place feel very much benefited and are laying plans to do better work than ever before; our prayer is that other societies throughout the state may also receive inspiration in like conventions.

MRS. C. E. BABCOCK.

Leader of Chamberlain Mis. Vol. Society.

A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS.

Our Union and local conference Missionary Secretaries, representing our Publishing Department, are arranging dates and plans for institutes to be held in each local conference of the Northern Union at an early date.

The purpose of these institutes is to train men and women in the art of "gospel salesmanship" and to inspire

them with the importance of circulating our message filled books among their neighbors and friends. We are therefore issuing "A call for volunteers." We want men and women, individuals of mature age and judgment, with a good Christian experience, and a love of souls in their hearts, to join our force of workers, take the instruction given at these institutes and enlist for life as Christian colporteurs, to go from door to door taking orders and delivering our good books from now until the close of human probation.

The reward is both sure and satisfying. God has promised that he that "Reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." John 4:36. Again he says, "Go ye also into the vineyard and whatsoever is right I will give you." Matt. 20:4, and, "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

These promises ought to be sufficient to call into active service scores of men to engage in this line of work. The greatest evangelizing agency in the hands of the church is the printed page. More people are brought to an acceptance of the truth each year through reading than by any other means. There is a great demand for our literature. Very recently a Colorado Senator accepted the present truth, and at a camp-meeting he became deeply interested in the circulation of our literature, so he procured a prospectus for "Daniel and the Revelation" inwardly resolving to secure at least one hundred orders for the book. His hundredth order recently taken was from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who was spending a few days at Denver looking after his mining interests.

What this Senator did, hundreds of our brethren and sisters could do, and it does not take a Senator to sell our message filled books. We have a good brother in our field who a few months ago left his farm and enlisted as a Christian colporteur, and during the present year he took orders for \$2,100 worth of books, and the report concerning his delivery is that it was 105%. That is, he delivered 5% more books than he had orders for. I do not know what I can say that would be a more earnest appeal for volunteers. I believe the hour has come when God will greatly bless and prosper farmers, business men, mechanics and professional men to quit their present business and take up the colporteur work, not for a few days, not

for a vacation, but a vocation, and that for life, earnestly and prayerfully following it until Jesus comes in the clouds of heaven to reap the harvest of the earth.

If you do not see your way clear to get loose from your farm or business, I would recommend that you consult a good auctioneer and prepare some sale bills, and I am sure you will be able to find relief in a few weeks, and come and join our institute; get familiar with your book and go into the soul winning business, and be wise. For it is written, "He that winneth souls is wise." Prov. 11:30.

I would suggest that all who think of responding to this appeal write to C. E. Weeks, 2718 Third Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, or to the Missionary Agent in your own conference, who will be pleased to render any assistance or counsel to those desiring to enter this line of work.

May God help us all to find our places as colaborers with him in his great redemptive work for humanity! is my prayer.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

From the Field

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WEEK OF PRAYER.

The times in which we live are filled with intense excitement. The pleasure seekers are on the increase, the world is absorbed in money making and selfish gratification.

Satan well knows his time is short and he has set his agencies at work to delude, deceive, and entrance the mind, until probation shall end, and the door of mercy closes forever.

The masses are rushing on to destruction. Wise, earnest, constant effort needs to be put forth to arrest their attention and to attract them to the loveliness of divine Truth. But we are powerless to help others if we ourselves are not overcomers. So it is strongly hoped that all our people will gain new and living experiences during this week of prayer. Certain it is that God will not disappoint us if we come to him with

longing, burning desire in our hearts for victory over sin and he will gladly breathe upon us his blessed Spirit.

If we have indulged in critical, hard words, and evil speaking; if we have permitted envy, jealousy, evil surmizing or sin of any character to have place in our hearts, it has effectually barred the door against the Spirit of God, and we find ourselves still weak and powerless. So let us see to it that nothing obstructs the channels to the soul.

We need more heart holiness, greater personal piety, clearer conception of spiritual things, a greater reverence for the Word of God, stronger, firmer, and purer love for each other, a higher regard for the gospel ministry. May we not lay our failures and weaknesses before God in prayer and believe he hears us. Let us give him access to our poor hard hearts that he may make them warm and tender and very susceptible to divine impressions. While God is richly blessing us we must not fail to remember the needs of the Cause and make a liberal offering to advance His work at this time.

G. W. WELLS

ROSEAU.

That the conventions now being conducted in several parts of the state are proving to awaken outsiders as well as our own people is made clear from the following letter received by Elder Ruskjer:

"Roseau, Minn., Nov. 28, 1915.

"My Dear Brother Ruskjer: It may be of interest to you to know how the people of Roseau felt after you left. The whole town was stirred, both those who were at your meetings and those that were not present. The people say that you ought to remain here for a time. Some that were not at the meetings were heard saying that they were very sorry they were not at the last one, at least. One of the store keepers asked me if I was at the convention that the Adventists held here? I told him I was, and then he said, 'I am very sorry that I missed the last meeting.' There are many that would like to hear more such meetings.

"Brother Deasing says that you ought to come back, for if you do, you will get the whole town out, which I also believe. I think that you should return, for a great work could be done. It seems that many are getting ready for the message. Sincerely your brother in Christ,

"ALFONS LOCKERT."

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY.

Three months of the present school year were completed on December 8. School opened with a good attendance which has steadily increased until the enrollment stands at one hundred nineteen. The chapel is full, and eleven tables are being used in the dining room. The dormitory rooms are full. The young men have been late in entering, but there are forty-four in the home now. The basement rooms have not as yet been occupied.

The additional room in the main building is appreciated by all. The library can now be used for library purposes only. One of the attic rooms has been set apart as a sewing room, and the other two attic rooms are being used as store rooms.

This fall the dairy barn was remodeled and enlarged. There are steel stanchions for twenty-one cows, and three steel pens. This portion of the barn is separated from the rest, and has a cement floor with an abundance of light and air.

A good spirit prevails in the school. Pleasure in the service of God is a good sign in our schools, and it is this disposition we want to see cultivated more and more. The kind letters of parents and friends have been an encouragement to us as we have passed through a trying affliction during the last six weeks.

If any are interested in attending school after the holidays, or during the second semester, which begins January 18, 1916, we shall be pleased to correspond with you.

Maplewood Academy,
Maple Plain, Minnesota.

VERDON.

It has been some time since I have reported, so I will send a few lines. I was at Verdon November 19, and held three meetings but not many attended as there was so much ice running in the river making it hard to cross, so some could not get there.

I was at a surprise party while there, upon the occasion of the birthday of a young man in the neighborhood. They were going to have a little party, but when they found that I was in the place they wanted me to go and have a meeting there Saturday evening. So I went, and we had a fair-sized company, and after the meeting they had some candy boxes which they passed around, and some birthday cards. After about an hour spent socially they all went away and I had a chance to explain some of

our truths to a visitor there whom I had never met before, and sold him one of our books—The Vatican and the War.

This is not much to report, but if everyone would send in something the publishers would have to enlarge the REAPER.

R. R. TICHENOR.

FERGUS FALLS.

As I have not written for some time I thought I would write a few lines that the REAPER family might know how the church is prospering here in Fergus Falls. We are of good courage in the Lord, and there has been some interest here in the truth. The night that Brother Ruskjer spoke, the pastor of the Nazarene church dismissed his congregation and all came to hear Brother Ruskjer, but since that it has aroused the dragon voice and we have had some quite lively times. We want the prayers of all that the Lord will lead them to see the truth and accept, as we realize that the test has come to them. We have been working with this minister and his members all summer and have had some rich experiences. To God be all the praise!

EDITH HARRY.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK.

It was stated last week that the Committee had not appointed any one to act as Home Missionary Secretary of the Conference. It is hoped, however, that there will be no retrenchment in missionary operations on the part of any church or individual on this account.

It is the desire of the Committee to fill this place as soon as a suitable person can be found. This is an important work and someone is needed who carries a burden in his soul for it, and will get under the load and endeavor to lead the people into a victorious campaign in missionary work.

We will not be wholly deprived of Brother Ruskjer's help, for a portion of his time will be spent in Minnesota, as well as in other conferences in the Union, but why cannot every worker and church officer take a special interest in leading the church members into active missionary service. It has been truly said that, "The churches that are at work are spiritually alive. The churches at work are those that are the most generous in gifts to missions and the paying of Tithe; the churches at work are the churches at peace; the

churches that are not working are dead churches along all lines."

We can scarcely overestimate the importance of every church with all its members engaging in earnest, self-sacrificing, personal work for others.

We have such a complete and rich supply of literature that can now be obtained at a nominal price, that it seems as if every church should be thoroughly organized into a systematic missionary society.

The Present Truth Series, published by the Review & Herald, are put out at such a remarkably low price that our churches could purchase them in large quantities and scatter them in a systematic way. The one topic plan in each issue is growing in popularity and this work if followed up, will surely be productive of good results. The small tracts can be scattered like the leaves of Autumn. The larger pamphlets and magazines can readily be sold. There is opportunity for all to do service for the Master, so let us all endeavor to do faithfully our part.

G. W. WELLS

MINNESOTA NOTES.

On account of the meetings of the Week of Prayer it has been thought best to postpone the convention to be held at Dodge Center until Dec. 31-Jan. 2.

A well attended meeting was held last week at Viking Hall, 1305 East Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, where Elder Carl Swenson is holding services every Tuesday night.

A Harvest Ingathering program was held Sunday evening, Dec. 5, at the Scandinavian church in Minneapolis. A good program was rendered by the children and young people and nearly eleven dollars was given for missions.

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STREETER.

Last March, in connection with Brother Hein, Brother Leer began a short series of meetings on what is known as "The Flats" about 15 miles southeast of Streeter. After seeding, they pitched a tent and held meetings until campmeeting time. As a result, the brethren who had lived in that vicinity have been greatly encouraged, and a goodly number have been gathered in to strengthen the old church there.

Early in October they began discussing the feasibility and advisability of building a new church. The work was begun at once and it was the privilege of the writer in connection with Elders Valentine and Carl Leer, Reising, and Hein, to visit the place and assist in their church dedication which took place Sunday afternoon, December 5.

The building is about 26x40, and is nicely finished, and seated with pews.

A large number of brethren and friends attended the series of meetings which began the Friday evening preceding. A family who had attended the meetings previously, but had not fully identified themselves with us, came out and said that this was the only place where they found peace with God, and they fully decided to obey the Lord and keep his commandments. A sister from Canada who had been wandering from the faith for a number of years, was present, and reconsecrated herself to the Lord.

Following the dedicatory sermon preached by Elder Valentine Leer, pledges and a collection were taken, amounting to approximately \$400.00. This leaves them with something less than \$300.00 to raise in order to have their building and seats paid for. In fact, the building is practically paid for now. All that is left is the seats. This is very encouraging. It is our second church building dedicated this fall, and the Minot brethren have theirs well under way and expect to begin meetings early in December.

The brethren in the vicinity of Streeter are of good courage, and feel determined to press the battle to the gates.

S. E. JACKSON.

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES.

Elder Valentine Leer and Brother Hein will divide their services between the companies at Streeter and Lehr.

Brother Jackson left Friday for Zenith. After spending the Sabbath and Sunday there, he will go on to Dunn Center for the remainder of the Week of Prayer.

A goodly number of pledges are coming in, and it is earnestly hoped that the Lord will bless to the degree that all the brethren who have pledged in the past may be able to remit. The money is greatly needed at this time, in paying bills before the year ends.

At the time Brother Ronning left the Conference some two years ago, the promise was virtually made that as soon as a Scandinavian laborer could be found, he would begin work in the state. Seemingly the services of no one could

be obtained until now. Brother C. C. Jensen, who was formerly of Iowa, and who has acted as president of the Norway and Denmark conferences and was later in England, was recommended at the Fall Council to connect with the work permanently here. The probabilities are that Brother Jensen will not arrive in the state until some time in the spring.

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FLANDREAU.

Gospel meetings were opened in an old store in the middle of the village November 9, and closed December 7. It has been a hard fight for an interest as there was none when the effort began. The churches had learned of our intention two or three weeks before our arrival, and there had developed a general mistaken notion of Adventists. This together with the great popularity of the movies and other theatrical attractions and social functions which draw the people out almost every evening, and the excitement of the Holidays will help to explain why not much stir was made by the truth.

The audience averaged about thirty-five, the smallest being twenty and the largest around one hundred. Some attended quite regularly, but every week there were present many new faces. The meetings were advertised in many different ways, but from first to last there was little response. Although there are visible but small results, we feel that our labors have not been in vain. Our people here have received much needed help; two new ones have been added to the faith; Bible readings are being held for interested ones who we hope will soon surrender to God; and a foundation is laid for future work as a good impression is left in the minds of the public.

Although our report does not look very encouraging we are united in thanking our Heavenly Father because he had need of us here. We know that God giveth the increase and we gladly work, leaving all results with him.

M. E. ANDERSON,
MRS. ANDERSON,
G. B. YOUNGBERG.

DAILY STUDY OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON.

"Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." How are we to hide God's Word in our hearts? Is it not by a daily, constant study?

The Sabbath school lessons are one means by which we may do this, and so it is important that each day we devote a small portion of our time to the study of these lessons. This will not only help us get acquainted with God's Word and retain it in our memories, but also help us in our daily Christian experience. By beholding we become changed into the likeness of the divine image. But where are we to behold our pattern so that we may be changed, if not in his sacred Word?

We must be like him if we are to see him as he is. So once more we are brought to the question of a daily study of the Word. The Sabbath school lessons we are now having are of special importance in becoming acquainted with the character and life of our Savior. Are his words becoming buried deep into our hearts? Are we giving these lessons sufficient study so that they are being burnt indelibly into our souls, and becoming a part of us and our lives? If this is not the case, let us with God's help resolve that from henceforth we will give the Sabbath school lesson a daily study.

As I look over the past five years and think of the splendid lessons we have had and if I had given them a more thorough study, how much better I might now be acquainted with the Word of God. Do you know that five years ago we were studying the Life of Christ? Then came the Acts of the Apostles, the Special Studies on the Message, The Book of Hebrews, Joel, Amos, Titus, Timothy. Then Romans, and, oh, how I enjoyed the study of that book, and, in fact, they were all so good, one hardly can tell which he enjoyed most. Then came the Epistles of James and Peter, and now this whole year on the Life of the Savior. I wonder if we have gotten out of these lessons all that it was our privilege and duty to get? I for one this coming year am determined with God's help to study the Sabbath school lessons as never before, so that I may have God's Word hid in my heart for that trying hour and time of trouble that is just before us, when we have nothing left in all this world but the promises of God on which to stand. How they will then be to the soul as a light that shineth in a dark place!

Mrs. Dr. Dunn,

WHAT I CAN DO TO MAKE THE SABBATH SCHOOL A SUCCESS.

How to make the Sabbath school a success should depend upon the members as well as the officers of the Sabbath school. First of all on coming to Sabbath school, we should be on time, and our thoughts should be on the lesson and the word of God. When asked to take part in the Sabbath school, whatever it may be, do not ask to be excused, but say, "I will do the best I can," and by so doing you may be the means of bringing some soul nearer to Christ; thus all co-operating one with another and Christ with us.

Now about our Sabbath school offerings. Who can tell what our aim is?—\$5,200 to Missions during 1915. Let us freely give of our means, for we know, that where our treasure is there our hearts are also; and may we have a part in finishing this work that is soon to close.

I think a good plan is to publish the amount given by each class, and also the attendance each Sabbath, and try to get the star at the end of each quarter for being in perfect attendance or with the least number of absences, and having the record of giving the most. Or, we might take the classes as a whole. Start a missionary from a certain place and take him so many stations each Sabbath until he has reached his destination. Find out the fare from station to station. Some Sabbaths we might be able to take him three or more stations; but never leave him half way between two stations; but protect that point by taking up a special offering.

There are many other plans that might show us what our means will do.

Thus our motto is—On Time.

Our object—Working together winning precious souls for Him.

Our aim—\$5,200 to Missions during 1915.

Keep the compass needle of your soul true to the North Star of a great ambition.

DAGMAR FREDRICKSON,
Chamberlain, S. D.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES.

Elder Cole reports an organization of a new Sabbath school at Cox, S. D.

Prof. Van Kirk left Monday night for Minneapolis after having attended the Convention at Chamberlain.

Sister Owen who is conducting the Bible work in Mitchell reports many interesting readers.

Brother and Sister Wiper report to

engage in the magazine work for two months during the Winter season.

Elder J. W. Lair returned to Watertown last Friday from a visit to his family in Walla Walla, Washington.

Elder Russell spent Wednesday at the office and Thursday morning left for Clarke in company with Bro. Anderson.

We learn that Brother J. P. Lorenz of College View is assisting Elder D. P. Gaede in a series of meetings at Herrick.

Brother Anderson closed his series of meetings at Flandreau Tuesday evening and they hope to have four or five take their stand for the Truth there.

A very interesting Bible study was given at the home of Mrs. Jaeger in Watertown, Tuesday evening, by Elder Lair, his subject being The Two Laws.

Bro. Weatherly has closed a series of meetings at Colton. And will undoubtedly begin meetings in a school district about fifteen miles Northwest of Mitchell.

Four new students arrived at Plainview Academy Tuesday night, among the number were the Misses May from Parker, S. D. and Gottlieb Dollinger from Bowdle.

Miss Du Bois spent Wednesday and Thursday at Madison, visiting the church school at that place and will spend the Week of Prayer at the two Elk Point churches.

Brother Rubendall has begun a series of meetings in the school district about six miles Southwest of Oldham, and it is reported that he has quite a good interest at that place.

Last week Thursday Elder Russell visited Brother and Sister Anderson and Gus Youngberg at Flandreau from where he went to Mitchell, remaining there over Sabbath and Sunday. He spent Tuesday at Plainview Academy and reports that everything seems to be moving along nicely. Somewhere about 2300 bushels of small grain, 1500 bushels of potatoes and an abundance of roughness for the stock were raised on the Academy farm this year.

The following appointments have been made for the Week of Prayer: Swan Lake, Elder Chas. Thompson; Colome and Burke, Alfred Youngberg; Chamberlain and possibly Mitchell, Elder C. M. Babcock; Java and Glenham, William Reiner; Tolstoy, Chris Stotz; Long Lake, Elder Valentine Leer; Madison, Ash Grove and Oldham, C. W. Rubendall; Sioux Falls and Alcester, E. T. Russell; Elk Point, North and South, Elder J. W. Lair and Miss Alma Du

THE BOOK WORK

MINNESOTA—WEEK ENDING DEC. 4

Name	Hrs.	Ords	Helps	Total	Del'd
Heralds of the Morning					
O. R. Osman	34½	4	1 60	10 00	
Bible Readings					
Anna Hanson	28	4	95	17 45	
Daniel and Revelation					
Theo. Mueller	42	8	7 50	36 50	
Home Worker's Books					
Mrs. J. J. DeLamater	50	46		38 85	
Totals	154	62	10 05	\$102 80	

SOUTH DAKOTA—TWO WEEKS ENDING DEC. 4

Home Worker's Books					
Anna Ritchie	10	12	1 25	8 75	
Bible Readings					
*B. F. Blank	64	17	10 50	69 50	
R. R. Ritchie	8	1	1 25	4 25	
Heralds of the Morning					
Olive B. Lindsay	17				38 00
Totals	99	30	13 00	120 50	
U. C. Totals	233	92	\$23 05	\$223 30	
*Two weeks					†Three weeks

Bois; Colman, Gus Youngberg; Monroe, N. G. Barber; Redfield, Plainview Academy Faculty; Camp Crook and Thunderhawk, Elder C. F. Cole; Breckenridge, Elder E. Lovold; Brookfield, Olaf Granlund; Cotton Wood Grove, D. F. Weatherly; Provision will be made for other churches not named.

OBITUARY.

BURDOIN.—Mrs. Julia Anna Burdoin was born near Syracuse, N. Y., March 23, 1841, and died of cerebral hemorrhage, in Proctor, Minnesota, November 23, 1915, aged 74 years, 8 months.

About thirty-seven years ago in Grundy County, N. Y., she accepted present truth and was a faithful Seventh-day Adventist to the day of her death. She is survived by a daughter and two sons—Mrs. Laura McCollum of Trenton, Mo.; Lynn F. Burdoin of College Place, Washington; and Sydney Burdoin, of Proctor, Minnesota.

The funeral was held from the Methodist Memorial Church in Proctor, and to a large audience of Proctor citizens the certainty of the only blessed hope through Jesus to both living and dead was presented by the writer. Interment in Omeota cemetery in Duluth.

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THE Annual Offering will be taken
Sabbath, December 18.

BROTHER C. E. WEAKS has been spend-
ing the past week in the Iowa Confer-
ence.

THE Seventh Biennial Session of the
Northern Union Conference will be held
February 1-7, 1916.

PROF. M. B. VAN KIRK assisted last
Sabbath in the convention at Wells,
Minn., and will spend this week at the
Academy and Sanitarium in Nevada,
Iowa.

ELDER CHAS. THOMPSON conducted the
services last Sabbath with the Church at
Sioux City, Iowa, and appoints to meet
with the Swan Lake, South Dakota,
Church next Sabbath, the 18 inst.

THE Editor on account of a severe
cold was confined to his room for a few
days last week and was consequently
unable to fill his appointment last Sab-
bath at Lake City, Iowa.

At the time of going to press he was
again at his desk, quite convalescent.

"I do not know, I do not care to know
The way I may be called to go;
The all the future holds for me
Alarms me not; God holds the key."
—Marsh.

THE SIGNS.

"I sent the Signs to a Catholic man
last year. He would not read it at first.
I got a letter from him a few days ago
asking for reading matter. He says he
is now one of us and expects to be bap-
tized in our faith."

(Signed)

IF YOU MUST DRINK.

To the married man who cannot get
along without his drink, the following
is suggested as a solution of the bond-
age habit:

1. Start a saloon in your house.
2. Be the only customer. You will
have no license to pay.
3. Give your wife two dollars to buy
a gallon of whisky and remember there
are ninety-six drinks in a gallon.
4. Buy your drinks from none but
her; and by the time the first gallon is
gone she will have \$7.60 to put in the
bank and \$2 to start in business again.
5. Should you live ten years and con-
tinue to buy booze from her, then die
with snakes in your boots, she will have
money to bury you respectably, educate
your children, buy a house and lot, marry
a decent man, and quit thinking about
you.

—Watchman-Examiner.

REMOVE THE STONES OF STUM- BLING.

O, my dear friends, you who are let-
ting miserable misunderstandings run
on from year to year, meaning to clear
them up some day; you who are keep-
ing wretched quarrels alive because you
can not quite make up your mind that
now is the day to sacrifice your pride,
and kill them; you who are passing men
sullenly upon the street, not speaking to
them out of some silly spite, and yet
knowing that it would fill you with
shame and remorse if you heard that
one of those men were dead, tomorrow
morning; you who are letting your
neighbor starve, till you hear that he is
dying of starvation; or letting your
friend's heart ache for a word of appre-
ciation or sympathy, which you mean
to give him some day,—if you only could
know and see and feel, all of a sudden,
that "the time is short," how it would
break the spell! how you would go in-
stantly and do the thing which you
might never have another chance to do.
—S. W. Un. Record.

HAVE WE A MESSAGE FOR THE WORLD?

CHESTER SPRAGUE.

The Seventh-day Adventists recently
held a ten days' camp-meeting here in
this city.

Over their speaker's stand was dis-
played, in large letters, their watch-
word, "The Advent message to the
whole world in this generation."

Their message is the immediate sec-
ond coming of Christ, and the obliga-
tion to keep the seventh day of the
week as a Sabbath.

And they are past masters in the art
of giving their message to the people.

They preach it in their sermons; they
pray it in their prayers; they sing it
in their songs; they publish it in their
books, pamphlets and periodicals; and
every member who comes into their
body is drilled in "the message" until
he is able to tell it to others.

And, as I read their watchword and
listened to their message, I thought,
"Have we a message for the world?" If
so, how many of our members could tell
it?

What proportion of all those who
make up the great body of people
known, in current thought and speech,
as the Christian Church, or the disci-
ples of Christ, can give an intelligent
reason why they are what they are?

Is it not true that in many places
the church has degenerated until it is
little more than a social club, in which
the members are satisfied to be known
as "one of the churches," and to main-
tain a respectable position in the de-
nominational line?

What has become of those mighty
gospel sermons we used to hear—ser-
mons which stirred our souls to their
depths, shook the community from cen-
ter to circumference, brought men and
women to their knees, to a study of the
word of God, and, finally, to the waters
of obedience to Christ?

What has become of our watchword,
"No God but the Lord; no creed but the
Christ; no book but the Bible; no plea
but the gospel; no name but the di-
vine name"?

We used to plead for the sover-
eignty of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and
the supremacy of the Bible, the word of
God, showing conclusively that the ac-
ceptance of these two great fundamental
principles would lead inevitably to a
close union of all Christians. What has
become of our great plea for Christian
unity on a Bible basis?

Have we a message for the world?

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