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

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FRUIT BEARING.

The fifteenth chapter of the Gospel by John records the remarkable teaching of our Saviour concerning "Fruit Bearing." He tells us that, "Herein is my Father glorified, that we bear much fruit." It certainly requires no argument to substantiate the statement that a gospel minister is called to glorify God, for it is written, "For ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's." I Cor. 6:20. These statements therefore make it clear that the call to the ministry is to gather fruit for the kingdom of God.

Our Saviour teaches us the principle insuring success in the fifth verse of this chapter, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." The figure here used is one easy to be understood. It is the branch that beareth fruit. This is its business, it exists for no other purpose, and bears fruit because it abides in the vine. But if for any reason the branch becomes fruitless, the husbandman prunes it off, and it is gathered and burned in the fire. So Jesus says, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away." Verse 2. We are his disciples if we bear fruit. If we do not bear fruit, we are cut off and eventually burned in the fire. Therefore, it is as clear as daylight that we must either be fruit bearers or be lost.

God has also ordained "that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." This ordained living is the tithe, and all are required to bring their tithe into the store house that there may be meat in God's house. The Saviour's statement in Luke 10:7, "The laborer is worthy of his hire," also the apostle James'

comment that "the hire of the laborer is kept back by fraud," etc., clearly show that the "hire" is paid for "labor."

The purpose of one's laboring is not for bodily exercise, but to produce results. If a contractor hires a man, although he might work to the limit of his physical strength, if he produced no results for his employer, he could not keep him simply because he was energetic. He pays for results. The same principle doubtless applies to God's laborers. They are sent into the field to gather fruit for the kingdom. They are sent out not only to "seek" but to "save" the lost, and it is not enough that we are energetic in seeking them, but God expects that they be gathered in as fruit for his kingdom, and it is to such the Lord speaks as "laborers."

At our recent Biennial Conference, the reports showed that \$185,884.86 of tithe was consumed in the four conferences of our Union, during the years of 1914 and 1915, and that during the same period 1224 souls were baptized and added to our membership. I am sure none will regard such a report as fruitless. No, we all rejoice that such results have attended the efforts put forth by the laborers. But, brethren, my fellow-laborers, we are well along in another year. 1916 is more than one-fourth gone. The summer's campaign is before us. Is it not possible for us to do more for the salvation of souls than ever before? Would it not be possible for us to add to our membership this year as many as were added during the biennial period just past? I verily believe it is, and, brethren, are we not living in the time when the possible should be accomplished? I feel that the end is rapidly approaching. Probation is very soon to close. The destiny of men will

soon be forever decided, and none of us should rest satisfied unless he has reached the possible.

Those of us who are laboring in the Northern Union are consuming the funds God has ordained for the gathering of souls in our territory. If we receive the "hire" it is only to be expected that God will require the "fruit" at our hands. Oh, I do hope and pray that we as laborers will so consecrate ourselves to God, and through prayer, and the study of his word, fired by enthusiasm born of the times in which we live, and the worth of a soul, go forth to gather fruit more abundantly than ever before. "Herein is my Father glorified, that we bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

Home Miss. Dept.

S. A. Ruskjer, Secretary

MAGAZINE WORK IN THE NORTHERN UNION.

"Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time before the people." The circulation of our truth-filled magazines is a very important part of the Home Missionary Department. I have now visited the Hutchinson Seminary and the four academies in the Union in the interest of the magazine work. As a result 114 students have handed in their names requesting complete instruction in magazine salesmanship. This instruction will be given in the form of magazine workers' institutes to be held at the Seminary and academies between April 20th and the campmeeting season.

In these institutes complete instruction will be given in the principles of magazine salesmanship applied. Not

only will the instructions be given, but drills in actual working methods will be a feature of the institutes.

We are looking for two classes of magazine workers. We want a limited number of older young people to go out in the large cities to earn scholarships in the sale of magazines by putting in full time in the work. Then, too, we want a large number of the younger young people and older men and women, to spend two or three days each week selling magazines in their nearby towns and vicinity. The latter class can thus make their headquarters at home, and in the case of the young girls, the parents can look after the welfare of their own daughters. We know that many who are really too young to leave home and spend the vacation selling magazines in some large city, can thus stay at home most of the time, and simply spend a couple days each week in selling magazines near their home. In this way they are under "mother's care" and still having some real good missionary experience, and making a part of their scholarship as well.

We shall be glad to hear from any who are interested in this important line of work with whom we are not now in touch. Would you like to take in the magazine workers' institute? If so, let us hear from you.

S. A. RUSKJER.

BRIEFS FROM PAPERS RENDERED AT THE IOWA MISSIONARY INSTITUTE.

How to Do Home Missionary Work for Non-Believers.

God's plan through all the ages has been that his redeemed ones in turn shall save others. But in order to "seek and to save" we must have Christ's nature implanted in us so strongly that we will not falter, and while Christ reigns supreme in the heart and life that purpose will be alive.

All have a work to do in God's plan. In our conflict for the right we need to be alive to every opportunity. No matter what our calling may be we will have a chance to "lift up Christ" and we can blend religion and business in a pleasing and tactful manner so the world may be warned.

Our chief aim should be to give the message to win souls for Christ.

The "How to do" lies with each one of us.

We have so much to help us, our precious literature, magazines and books,

We all say, "I'll do what I can," but we have to do more. We must do wonderful things with the help of God if non-believers are to be won in this generation.

HELEN RECK,
Sioux City, Iowa.

How to Do Home Missionary Work for My Catholic Neighbors.

Perhaps it has been fear, or the thought of being brought in contact with Catholics that I have always said I would never go where they are, but in God's own providence he saw fit to place me in the midst of them, and I can truly say they are as nice a people as I have ever known. But those I am associated with will not read anything given them. I have had the privilege of helping in sickness and other ways which have strengthened the cords of friendship, and I am trusting that our influence and daily life may receive power from on high to win these dear souls to Jesus before he comes. I realize that the work of winning souls is a very important one, and must be directed wholly by our Father who only understands the hearts and dispositions of each one of his children. "In seeking to convert or reform others, we should be careful of our words. In giving reproof or counsel, many indulge in sharp, severe speech, words not adapted to heal the wounded soul. By these ill advised expressions the spirit is chafed, and often the erring ones are stirred to rebellion." All who would advocate the principles of truth, need to receive the heavenly oil of love then our words will reform, not exasperate. Christ by his Holy Spirit will supply the force and power. This is his work.

MRS. ALBERT HANSON,
Sioux City, Iowa.

How to Do Home Missionary Work for Protestant Neighbors.

A great work is to be accomplished through home missionary work. The message cannot be given by the minister alone, but every member must be a co-worker with Christ. When this means is used many souls will be won to the truth.

There are many little things that we can do that will brighten the path for our friends and neighbors. A kind word, a pleasant smile, or a cheery "good morning" will often do more good than some great thing we do. It is the little things in our daily lives that count. It is only by the faith-

fulness in the little things that the souls can be trained to act with fidelity under larger responsibilities. It means more than any of us realize to live a true Christian life before our Protestant neighbors. We can do a great work if we live a Christian life, and unless our lives agree with our teachings our words will have little effect upon our neighbors.

We must be careful not to get into an argument with them because if we come out ahead it is apt to cause hard feelings. We should agree with them as much as possible, and at the same time try to convince them of the truth.

If we take God as our guide, and let him work through us, much will be accomplished and many of our Protestant neighbors will be won to this truth, and we will have stars in our crowns.

CARRIE NELSON,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Methods of Doing Home Missionary Work.

Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." We get life by giving life. One who is not giving is dying.

All around us are souls who are spiritually freezing to death.

Personal work comes first of all the different lines of missionary labor. There are some who may not be called from their own homes or neighborhoods, but let us be faithful in performing the every-day duties of life in the home, shop or office, wherever we are stationed.

In the home circle, at your neighbor's fireside, at the bedside of the sick, in a quiet way you may read the Scriptures and speak a word for Jesus and the truth. Precious seed may thus be sown that will spring up and bring forth fruit after many days. And there are our truth filled books, papers and tracts which are to be brought before the people. I would also mention the reading racks which can be put up in the depots and places where people are waiting or resting. In this way some hungry or thirsty soul may be filled.

Opportunities are appearing on every side. Let us press into every providential opening.

MRS. GEO. JUHL,
Sioux City, Iowa.

Have you seen the new Anti-Cigarette pledge? It's just what you need in your temperance work among young people. Price, one-half cent each. Order from your tract society.

Missionary Volunteer and Educational Dept.

M. B. Van Kirk, Secretary

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY.

The following is a list of topics which will appear in the Missionary Volunteer Day program. I am publishing it in the REAPER for the benefit of those who want to plan for it early. There will probably be a program in the *Church Officers' Gazette* very soon. May each society together with the elder of the church plan to make Missionary Volunteer Day a success. You will likely hear from your state secretary about this matter:

1. What the Missionary Volunteer Work is Accomplishing—M. E. Kern.
2. Greetings from Conference Secretary or President.
3. Annual Report of the Missionary Volunteer Work in Local Church.—M. V. Society Secretary.
4. The Missionary Volunteer Work and the Mission Fields.—A. G. Daniels.
5. The Missionary Volunteer Work a Preparation for Future Service—I. H. Evans.
6. Presentation of Certificates (Reading Course and Standard of Attainment)—Church Elder.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

THE BIBLE YEAR.

How many do you suppose have enrolled in Minnesota to read the Bible through in 1916? Up to date we have enrolled 568. Surely of this number, many will read these lines, and I take this means of telling each one how many others are making the same effort. Is it not an encouragement to know that we have so large an army of faithful ones who are, in a systematic manner, making the word of God their daily companion during this year? I cannot but wonder how all these are getting along with the reading. I hope that none are becoming "weary in well-doing," for this is an undertaking that pays well. Are there some portions of the Old Testament that we find less interesting than others and we almost feel like "skipping" them? Let us not do so, for "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The historical knowledge to be gained, the spiritual strength derived, and also the mental

discipline, are all elements that build character and "thoroughly furnish" us "unto all good works."

Just recently it was my privilege to send out the souvenir cards to those who reported as having read the Bible through in 1915. This card bears on one side a picture of William Miller's Bible and on the other side a facsimile of a stanza written by William Miller after the disappointment in 1843. I have been wondering if there are not some who read the Bible through in 1915 but never reported that they had done so. If anyone who reads these lines did accomplish the reading of the Bible last year, but has not received the souvenir, please notify me to that effect and I shall be glad to send one of the cards. Please do not be afraid to speak.

E. L. SHELDON.

PLAINVIEW ACADEMY.

The writer had the pleasure of addressing the students of Plainview Academy, Redfield, South Dakota, Sabbath evening, March 31, by invitation of Professor H. J. Sheldon. The chapel was filled with students, faculty, and several members of the Aberdeen church.

At the close of the address a few minutes remained and opportunity was given for personal testimonies, and at the call twenty ladies and gentlemen were on their feet in an instant, and as they gave their ringing and intelligent message, others kept rising and but a very few failed to press in at once, but arose at the last en masse to show their interest in the work of the gospel for these days.

It has been some time since the writer has stood before such a brilliant-minded assemblage of our young people—God's young people. We can understand now as never before the wisdom of God manifested by the organizers of this great work at the outset in establishing colleges, academies and church schools; for the successful culmination of God's last-day work depends upon the army of consecrated, intelligent, well instructed, and carefully indoctrinated young ladies and gentlemen.

My message to the youth of South Dakota is, Press in, young people, and fill Plainview Academy the next school year.

W. H. EDWARDS.

God thinks no better of a tree for being burdened with rotten fruit, nor of a church for being swollen in numbers with base pretenders.—*Spurgeon*.

From the Field

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THE WORK IN NORTH DAKOTA

"I have now been here for one week and will stay until Monday. Bible work from house to house is what is needed the most. If I could stay here a longer time, I do not think it would be impossible to get results, but in so short a time, I am not looking for any new converts. I wish I could have stayed longer. M. RUSKJER, Harvey, N. D.

"We received your letter yesterday and were indeed glad to hear from you. I was on the Flat six days and we had meeting every evening. The attendance was good considering the bad roads. The brethren are all of good courage. John Lackemayer, the boy who was at the Harvey school a few months this winter, was converted the last evening I was with them. He is going to keep the Sabbath with his father and mother. Some of the other young folks made a start. May the Lord help them to press onward. C. D. HEIN, Lehr, N. D.

"Another month is gone and it seems the whole hard, cold winter is getting ready to leave us. I am glad. It will be better for my health. I am glad that I can work a little bit harder now. Am teaching five classes, and the rest of the time I put in for the Russian paper. Just received six subscriptions so you see we keep adding a few names to the old list." S. G. BURLEY, Harvey, N. D.

I had a good meeting and visit at Williston. One sister has been added to the church and a few others also took their stand. The wife of that man who is said to be a socialist also took a stand, and I hope that he will also follow her. On Sunday we had the Lord's supper which was a very pleasant meeting. Then I went to Kief, where I stayed two days. There I also took one man into the church. He was very much interested in the work. He used to be a Roman Catholic. Later he was baptized in the Baptist church, and now has taken up the whole truth. At Dogden I stayed only one day where we had the Lord's Supper. Next I went to Max where I stayed three days. I also had a good meeting there. Brother Roedel

was also there and we looked over the record of church members and found that there were many members in the church, but very few present, since some had left that part of the state. The members at Makoti used to belong to the Max church but later Brother Burley organized a little group of their own." J. A. LITWINENCO, Herried, S. D.

"Just a few words this morning. Last Sabbath I was at Goodrich and in the evening we had a church trial. About the new effort south of Goodrich, I will say that the brethren here thought it was of no use for me to go down now because it is too near spring. Those people live at some town on the Wilton branch near Robinson." J. H. SEIBEL.

"I came in from the country yesterday, trying to get a train to Lehr, but on account of the washout down the line, I will have to wait until this afternoon sometime. My intention was to stay at Kulm until Monday or Tuesday, but it is almost impossible for the people to drive, especially at night. One family started to keep the Sabbath and some others seem to be interested and I believe some day they will also take their stand for the truth. The brethren are of good courage. Some of them came to the meetings at night ten miles, in these muddy roads." C. D. HEIN, Merricourt, N. D.

"Yes, I was very sick with la grippe, lying in bed from the 10th to the 23d of March, and am not yet well altogether. I am stiff in my neck and have an ache in the back of my head. Last Friday I went from here to Manfred, and from there 9 miles to Bro. Conrad Wagner's with a buggy and team, and that was with the Lord's help our safety. The roads are in a critical condition. I planned to go next Friday to Goodrich, and from there South, but yesterday decided it best that I stay at home, especially with the condition of my health. Thank God you had good meetings at Dunn Center. In the month of March I was out just four days, and spent 30 cents traveling expense, so if God gives me mercy that I can do something this month of April, I would be very thankful to God. My dear son Carl is also not very well. His dear wife is for a few days in our home. She gets a little stronger every day." VALENTINE LEER, Harvey.

"I have a list of about forty-five colporteurs and most of them ex-

perienced, having had success in the past, so I feel that with God's help we will exceed our last year's record. Of course, there will be some from Harvey who will be out for the first time, as well as a few from here and Clinton. I went to the city the other day to find out about the fare to the various parts of North Dakota. The fare from here to Jamestown via Aberdeen is about \$4.00 cheaper than via Minneapolis. I will instruct the workers the best I know, the way they should take to their respective fields. Last fall when I came down I was told by the ticket agent that there was no difference in fare, at least very little, between Minneapolis and Aberdeen. I thank you for the suggestion of going by way of Aberdeen. In nearly every county will be some one carrying the message this summer. I am very much encouraged for the good prospects. I hope that spring will soon be in North Dakota, so the farmers will feel of good courage." J. J. JUTZY, College View, Nebr.

"I arrived home today, in company with Eld. Nash. Am going to spend the Sabbath with the Roosevelt brethren. I do not know just how long I shall remain but do not expect to stay more than probably till Monday. I will try to increase the Woodworth church fund a little while there. We have now in cash and pledges \$568.00 and some of the business people and also some of the brethren have promised to help, but have not subscribed any definite amount. We have bargained with Mr. Rude for two lots. The regular price of these lots is \$225.00, but Mr. Rude has agreed to let us have them at \$100.00. Now I would like to know to whom this property should properly be deeded, whether to the North Dakota Conference of S. D. A., or have you some association in the conference to whom such property is deeded? We have enjoyed many rich blessings of the Lord while at Woodworth. Three have promised to be obedient to the commandments of God,—Sister Young and her mother, Mrs. Grimsley, and Sister Nelson,—while some of our own people have been reclaimed and all have received encouragement and help. Still others are deeply interested, among them Brother — and his wife (the — minister). We believe that at least some of these will yet take their firm stand for the truth. I have been interested in Woodworth since I again

turned to the Lord, and I am more interested now than I was before. I know I shall keep praying. I realize that I have not done much but I am glad for what the Lord has permitted me to do. I am glad for a humble part in the closing work, and am only sorry that I refused to work for the Lord so long. As a result of it I drifted away, but I am certainly thankful to God that I am his child." A. A. DIRKSON, Carrington.

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THE MONROE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Our offerings are good considering our small company of twenty-four members. They are about \$40 per quarter.

We have been having recitations and songs by the children for our five minute exercises, which seemed to interest all. Brother Barber has been reviewing the Sabbath school for several Sabbaths, for we thought that one person could carry the line of thought in the lessons better than to change every Sabbath, but this quarter we are going to have a different program. I think that changes are a good thing, for it has a tendency to keep up a better interest. The Sabbath school seems to be well interested in the lessons.

We are looking forward to the Rally Day and are planning to have a good Rally Day in the Monroe church. We all appreciate the "bunch of cherries" and will strive to reach the three goals represented by them.

A. L. WATSON.

THE BURKE SABBATH SCHOOL.

As our superintendent, John B. Osnes, has been attending school at Plainview Academy the past quarter, the assistant superintendent, James Oss, has had charge of our Sabbath school. While he has arranged the program, he has often had some of the others lead. We always have some readings, special songs, dialogues, recitations or talks in addition to the usual songs, scripture reading, prayer, review, lesson study and dismissal.

We have teachers' meeting at 1:30

and Sabbath school at 2 p. m. Because of cold weather and sickness only two of our schools can claim a Perfect Attendance Card of Honor. They are Mrs. Willie Melendy and Miss Mildred Melendy. Many are striving to get one this quarter. Increased interest is shown in the lessons and we have been glad to add several new members to our classes.

BERTHA OSS.

OLDHAM AND MADISON.

The schoolhouse effort near Oldham closed about three weeks ago, and we now have meetings on Friday night, Sabbath afternoon and Sunday nights. We cannot tell positively how many will be faithful to the third angel's message as a result of this effort, but seven are now keeping the Sabbath, and as many more are under deep conviction. God must give the increase.

The ministers of other churches are taking turns in casting their "javelin" at the message, but to no avail, for the God that protected his servant, David, from the wicked spirit that possessed Saul, is not asleep, but is leading honest hearts like David's to complete victory over wicked spirits today.

The new Sabbath keepers in Oldham, as the result, be is said to the praise of God, are established more firmly than ever.

The writer recently spent a few days with the Madison church conducting the Standard of Attainment examination. Seventeen persons took the Bible Doctrines examination, and will plan to write on Church History this fall. Many of these are church school children, and most all bid fair to have their certificate this fall.

The church school at that place is doing our children an incalculable amount of good under the loyal labors of Miss Blanche Wood. It sometimes takes a sacrifice to run a school, but it is worth the price.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

SUCCESSFUL INSTITUTE.

Our Colporteurs' Institute at Plainview Academy closed Friday, March 31, at 4 p. m. Twenty-five were in attendance, most of whom were students. Five came in from outside, and one from the Danish-Norwegian Seminary.

Brother E. M. Oberg gave us good service in general instruction and training. The outlook is good in South Dakota. Thirty-five or more workers will enter the field with our truth filled

books. All doing faithful service means that many people will be warned this year.

The Lord will bless with success and the work will be finished.

W. B. PAYNE.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES.

Mrs. N. G. Mason of Aberdeen spent a few days with Miss Du Bois at Watertown, last week.

Brother Gus Youngberg and Brother Bodtker of Henry, were callers at the office Thursday.

Mrs. Andrew Jensen, who has been sick for about two months, died at her home in Watertown, Monday, April 3, 1916.

Miss Alma Du Bois and Miss Olga Albersworth went to Colome last week in the interests of the Church school and the Sabbath school work respectively. They plan to stay at other points on their return.

The First Quarter's report of one Senior Missionary Volunteer Society numbering 14 members is very good: 307 Missionary letters were written; 143 were received; 162 Missionary visits made; 253 Periodicals given away and \$25.56 received to apply on Missionary Volunteer Financial Goal. Other items in this report are equally good. Let other societies do as well.

Brother C. W. Rubendall reports a good interest near Oldham. He says that in response to a call after the sermon on Friday night, the school teacher and her sister and brother, and another young man stood up, as an evidence that they would obey the truth. These are besides the family where he stays, and there is hope for four others. Several nights ago the subject was, "Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist," and it drew the largest crowd they had ever had. He will now have meetings only on Wednesday and Sunday evenings, and Sabbath afternoons. Two other adjacent neighborhoods are calling for meetings.

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STAPLES.

The Staples general meeting was held according to appointment, and while now an event of the past we

feel sure that the lessons learned, the blessings received, and the inspirations gained, will remain as a benediction to those who attended.

We were pleased to have present brethren from Brainerd, Motley, Es-therdy, Philbrook, Browerville and Verndale, who expressed themselves benefited and blessed by attending the meeting.

Elders G. W. Wells and H. M. Hiatt were the laborers present. Seven meetings were held. Eld. Hiatt gave one lecture on Education, contrasting the products of the school according to the Bible plan as shown by the sons of the prophets, who respectfully and reverently satuled God's servant, and those of the worldly school whose children mocked the prophet Elisha and brought upon themselves the indignation of heaven.

Eld. Wells spoke on practical subjects such as, Justification by Faith, The Priesthood of Christ, and on the last evening, What Follows the European War. This war subject brought out a large attendance who listened very attentively to the prophecies of God's word dealing with this time.

A number not of our faith attended all the meetings. The interest manifested and the words of appreciation by these would seem to indicate that perhaps with a little labor bestowed, some sheaves for the garner of heaven might yet be gathered in Staples.

We enjoyed very much the fellowship and pleasant association with the believers of adjacent churches, and also were pleased to become better acquainted with our Conference laborers, and we pray that the divine presence may accompany them in their labor among the churches.

G. T. NELSON.

NOTICE!

Rally Day! Yes, Sabbath School Rally Day for Minnesota.

Word has been received from Sister Plummer, who has charge of the Sabbath School work, to the effect that it has been decided to set apart a Sabbath for special exercises to be given by the Sabbath schools, and to devote the entire day to these exercises.

This news will come as a happy surprise to all, and the plan will mean not only a variation in the usual routine, but it will result in greater interest in the Sabbath School, which will be followed by development in every part of this work.

The day, June 3, which has been chosen by the general department as

being the best, is not one upon which the Minnesota schools can have the program, as our campmeeting will be held then. However, we have chosen another day, May 20. This will give plenty of time for the preparation of the program given in the May *Worker*, and I believe that with few exceptions our schools will have the special program on that day.

According to the interest and enthusiasm of each one, his joyment of Rally Day will be measured. Let us all unite our efforts in making Sabbath School Rally Day, May 20, a success, and an occasion long to be remembered.

MARY D. HOPKINS.

PEQUOT—"STONY BROOK."

Perhaps the name Pequot is becoming somewhat familiar to the readers of the REAPER, but permit me to suggest that they associate with that name that of "Stony Brook," because it is in the neighborhood known by the latter name that our little company of commandment-keeping people is located. Perhaps I should have said, where the place of meeting (a schoolhouse) is located, for the brethren are scattered about at distances varying from a few rods to eight miles from the schoolhouse. Be it said to their credit, however, that they are very faithful in attending Sabbath school and church services, and when all are present the building is uncomfortably filled. However, under these unpleasant conditions all are cheerful, and now we are especially encouraged by the prospect of soon having a church in which to worship.

Those who have read Elder Hiatt's report, know something of the plans of the brethren here to build a church. After he went, I remained three weeks longer, visiting and giving Bible studies. As Brother Hiatt mentioned, some faithful home missionary work had been done by members of the company, and as a result, three persons in addition to the two school teachers which he mentioned, have decided to obey the message. One of these three is also a public school teacher, and the other two a man and wife. Others are interested, and I trust that by the time this reaches the REAPER family it will be my privilege to be there again, and we earnestly hope that we may soon have a church organized to present to the Conference.

The dimension lumber has been given, and the labor will be donated, and considerable cash has also been subscribed.

However, it will mean to the brethren of the Calmar church living in

a real sacrifice, but we are glad to know that we are building for God and not for man.

We desire an interest in your prayers, brethren, and sisters, and may we all work together and with him until the work is done.

E. L. SHELDON.

MINNESOTA NOTES.

Elder Wells spent Friday at Maplewood Academy in council with Professor Hare.

The Conference Committee met Monday, April 10, at the Y. M. C. A. in Minneapolis.

Again we would call the attention of our readers to our new office address, 679 Holly Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

Mr. F. S. Finch, of the Minnesota Anti-Saloon League, gave a lecture last Sabbath at the Minneapolis English church.

Those writing to Elder Wells will please address him at his residence, 336 E. Lake St., Minneapolis, instead of at the office in St. Paul.

Brother Alfred Olson, of Minneapolis, has been busy the past week doing the carpenter work necessary for the preparation of the office at St. Paul for occupancy.

All missionary secretaries are requested to send their reports to Elder S. A. Ruskjer, at Sauk Center, as heretofore, as our Conference has not yet been supplied with a State Missionary Secretary.

The Tract Society and Conference supplies have all been moved to St. Paul, and the office force is now occupying their new home. All appreciate the quiet location and clean rooms. We expect to be settled and able to carry on the work as usual within a couple of weeks.

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CRESCO.

A church organization of twenty-five members was affected at Cresco, Sabbath, March 25. Elder Wolfe conducted a series of tent meetings at Cresco last summer. A hall for services was secured and the work continued until the company of believers were fully developed and instructed in all points of truth. Several mem-

and near Cresco, with those who accepted the message as a result of the series of tent meetings, compose the membership of the new organization. A number of persons are deeply interested in the truth who have not yet identified themselves with us in church fellowship. Further work must be done at Cresco to develop the interest.

One person has offered a lot in a good location on which to erect a church building, and a sister offers \$500 to start a building fund, so it is being planned to erect a church edifice this summer. It is certainly encouraging to see the work developing in different parts of the state. It was the writer's privilege to assist in service over Sabbath and Sunday, March 25, and 26.

A. R. OGDEN.

COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE AT NEVADA.

The recent colporteurs' institute at Nevada, Iowa, was declared by all present, including Brethren Weeks and Oberg, who have been in the book work over ten years, to be the most animated and inspiring of any they ever attended, and truly we could feel the divine guidance and approbation in all that was undertaken. The Bible studies each morning, by Elder Watts, were a source of great inspiration and served to keep us in close touch with God throughout the day. Our daily study of the Testimonies made us realize the great needs and the solemnity of this work.

At one of the meetings we set our sales goal for 1916 at \$25,000.00. When we consider that for 1914 the sales were less than \$4,000, and for 1915 a trifle over \$12,000, this goal seems startlingly large, but is it? "We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand."

The outlook for colporteurs this summer is exceptionally bright, as many from outside schools are planning on coming to Iowa for their vacation work, in addition to the splendid corps of young workers being developed at Oak Park Academy. Remember the work in Iowa at the Throne of Grace.

L. L. GRANDPRE.

IOWA NOTES.

Elder S. A. Oberg visited Stuart and Atlantic the latter part of the week and spent the Sabbath at Council Bluffs.

Elder Ogden conducted the funeral service of Sister Stebbins at Algona last Wednesday, and went to Lake City for the Sabbath and Sunday services.

Prof. and Mrs. M. M. Hare and their two-year old son, Milton, visited relatives and friends at Nevada recently. They were on their way to Loma Linda, California, and expect to go to the India mission field a few months later.

Brother Elmer Hansen was in Nevada Friday, coming from the home of his parents at Sioux Rapids. He was on his way to Mt. Pleasant where Sister Hanson is with her parents, Brother and Sister C. W. Smouse. They will soon leave for the southern field where they have been engaged in school work.

Miss Leora Dietel of the Conference office, has charge of the BULLETIN in the absence of Mrs. Dorcas, who is spending a little time each week with churches and companies in the interest of Sabbath school work. Sabbath, April 1, was spent very pleasantly at Des Moines and last Sabbath she was at Ft. Dodge.

REPORT OF HOME WORK.

Several months ago meetings were held a few miles from Russell, and several professed conversion. Among them a man and his wife whose minds were immediately turned to the Sabbath question. They began to inquire which day was the Sabbath and to study the Bible. Our church supplied them with reading matter on that and kindred subjects, and Brother R. W. Church, who was then our elder, and I gave them Bible readings. Not long after this they began the observance of the Sabbath, never having seen a Seventh-day Adventist minister.

When the leader of their band heard of their change of faith, she sent them word that the Lord had shown her by special revelation that it was not necessary to keep the Seventh-day, but they recognized this as the voice of a stranger and not of the true shepherd. Soon after this they had the privilege of attending tent meetings held by Elder Nerlund and Brother Starr, and learned more of the truth. Later they united with the church and are now working for others. Thus two were added to our church and eight to our Sabbath school. To God be the praise.

MRS. MAE C. LAING.

I would like to tell of the experience of one of our older Sabbath keepers. She is working in a quiet way with her means as well as in the home life. About two years ago she began sending the *Watchman* to a prominent business man in the city who has office rooms in the same building, where one of our nurses has bath parlors. The man occasionally gave his accumulated magazines to a friend of his for his children. Among them was the *Watchman*. The friend called once for some magazines and the business man, in gathering them together, remarked, "Here's a religious magazine, you won't care for it." The friend replied, "That, especially, is the very one I want. I am interested in that magazine." The business man, himself, is very much interested in our literature and reads all that is given to him.

MRS. DORA B. MCKIBBEN.

During the past week it has been my privilege to canvass some people who are much interested in Bible truths. One lady kept me answering questions for nearly two hours but as she ordered the book I felt repaid and hope she will make good use of the book when she has it to search for herself. My courage is good and I desire to keep pushing this work.

HANNAH MOTT.

I am glad that I can have my Saviour as my teacher and also glad to have such faithful brethren to work with in the great field of our dear Master. Regret that I could not put in more hours this last week but I have made up my mind that after this I will devote as much time as possible to the work. I have turned down several jobs of work because I want to make the colporteur work the occupation of my life.

ALBERT HANSON.

I am glad to see the good reports and to know how the work is advancing. I have learned that discouragement is hard to digest and we get no strength from it but God is looking after his people and he will give us success. Expect to get into country territory next week.

J. S. FRY.

The work has gone somewhat harder with me than common the past week. I wish Brother GrandPre could have been with me so he could have seen a real difficult place to work. However, the Lord was with me and blessed my efforts. I had many interesting experiences with the people whom I met. Pray for we workers in the field.

HENRY JONES.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Magnus Peterson died at her home near Erskine, Minn., the 21st of March, 1916, aged 56 years, 9 months and 21 days. She was born in Dalsland, Sweden, May 31, 1859, and came with her husband to this country in 1882. Sister Peterson accepted present truth a number of years ago under the labors of Elders J. Christensen and M. S. Reppe, and was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Erskine.

She is survived by her husband who feels greatly the loss of his dear wife. May God give him comfort in this hour of sorrow!

The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the home, and interment was made in the New Sweden Cemetery.

N. R. NELSON.

PETERSEN—Anna Carolina Petersen fell asleep in Jesus March 31 in Minneapolis after being sick in bed for a week. Mrs. Petersen was born in Denmark January 14, 1820, and was at her death aged 96 years, 2 months, and 16 days. She has been married twice, both of her husbands being deceased. Four daughters and one son survive her, also fourteen grandchildren and seventeen great grand children. Mrs. Petersen emigrated to America thirty-seven years ago, and settled near Swan Lake, South Dakota, where she lived until the spring of 1910, when she moved with her daughter, Mrs. C. F. Petersen, to Minneapolis, who has done everything to make it pleasant for her aged mother. Sister Petersen embraced the truth for our time in Denmark, and was baptized by Eld. J. G. Mateson about forty years ago. Since coming to this country, Sister Petersen united with the Swan Lake church, S. D., where she has remained a faithful member always willing to forward the cause of God. After the funeral service in Minneapolis, her remains were taken to Swan Lake, South Dakota, where she was laid to rest until the Lifegiver calls her forth. Words of comfort were spoken by Eld. G. M. Brown, assisted by the writer.

CARL SWENSON.

KING.—Rowena Cornelia Answorth was born in Chelsea, Vt., April 24, 1823. She was married to Henry Honeywell in 1843. To this union one daughter was born. Her husband died in 1848, and eighteen years later, in 1866, she was married to Alfred King. In 1873 they moved to Iowa and located near Storm Lake, where they lived for twenty-six years. They then removed to Oklahoma and lived with the daughter for six years, when the daughter died, and soon after they returned to Iowa and located at Nemaha, where her husband died a few months later. During the last six years of her life she was entirely blind. She made her home, for the past ten years, with her husband's granddaughter, Mrs. Henry Hanson, near Sioux Rapids. Last October she fell and injured her hip, which left her entirely helpless. On the evening of March 2 she passed peacefully away, at the ripe old age of 93 years, 10 months and 8 days. Grandma King endured many of the hardships of pioneer life. She was a Christian from early youth, and accepted the doctrine held by Seventh-day Adventists about fifty years ago, and remained a faithful and loyal member unto death. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, assisted by Pastor Cochran of the Baptist church at Sioux Rapids. The body was taken to Nemaha, where she was laid to rest beside her husband; there to await the call of the Life-Giver when He comes to gather the faithful.

W. A. MCKIBBEN.

LARSON.—Died at Graettinger, Iowa, March 28, 1916, Mrs. O. T. Larson, aged 68 years, 6 months, and 7 days. Johanna Maberg was born in Norway, September 14, 1847. About thirty-nine years ago she came to this country and located in Clinton, Iowa. The same year she was married to O. T. Larson. To this union two children were born, one died in infancy and the other, Mrs. Gjerde, was present at the funeral. About six years ago they moved to this village, and the same year Brother Larson died. From her childhood Sister Larson belonged to the Lutheran church. Twenty-four years ago, together with her family, she accepted the Adventist faith, under the labors of Eld. A. C. Anderson, and was ever an earnest and consistent Christian, and fell asleep in the blessed hope. A short service was held at the home, after which Eld. Ogden talked to a large and sympathizing congregation of the M. E. Church. The writer followed with a few words in the Scandinavian language, and our sister was laid to rest till the coming of the Life-giver.

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