

# NORTHERN UNION REAPER

A O Daniells

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

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## TWO KINDS OF DEBT

As an example of personal piety and the power in the prayer of faith for the accomplishment of great results, no figure stands out more prominently before the world since the days of the apostles than that of George Muller, who provided homes, the necessities of life both in clothing and food, and a Christian education for more than two thousand orphans at one time, without contracting one dollar of debt in his more than twenty-five years of active service along this his chosen line for God and humanity.

He says in his book, "The Life of Trust," "Faith has to do with the word of God. . . . The word says, 'Owe no man anything.' There is no promise that He will pay our debts, but he has promised to supply all our needs."

When upon the occasion of enlarging his plant to accommodate more applicants in need of food and shelter, he was urged to proceed without the means in hand, "to pay as you go," he replied, "I do not mean to begin the building until I have the means requisite in hand. Just as was the case with regard to the New Orphan House. If God will condescend to use me in building for him another orphan house he will give me the means for it. Upon another occasion he said, 'I could not contract debt. I would not sign contracts, which I had no money in hand to meet.' But he had advisers to contend with just as the servants of the Lord have today who said that, the work is the Lord's and the need is apparent, therefore you can safely go ahead without funds, and 'the Lord will provide.' To such Mr. Muller replied, 'Just because it is the Lord's work, and manifestly his, therefore I can wait, patiently wait his time. When his time is come, he will give to the last shilling all I need; but if I commence before his time, which I should do were

I to begin that for which I have not the means, it would be like saying: 'God has not money enough to pay for his own work'; and instead of acting in faith, I should act presumptuously."

We believe Mr. Muller acted upon the principle of gospel finance, and the plan God would be pleased to see adopted at all times in connection with his work upon earth. Had the Remnant Church proceeded along this line from her beginning, we would not find ourselves afflicted today with what the Spirit of Prophecy compares to leprosy. 'The very highest kind of education that could be given, is to shun the incurring of debt as you would shun disease.' Vol. 6, page 211. "We should shun debt as we should shun leprosy." Id., page 217. "The whole cause must not be made to suffer because of debt, which will never be lifted unless there is an entire change, and the work is carried forward on some different basis." Id., page 213.

With this instruction before us, and the example of Mr. Muller and others, it seems clear to us that we should have the hearty co-operation of all our people in our efforts to correct the mistakes of the past in allowing debts to accumulate upon our institutions, and co-operate with those who are endeavoring to provide an income (as the 5c come-back on the 20c per-week plan), and solicit donations to "wipe away the reproach of debt," and sing the jubilee of freedom.

But there is a debt God expects us to bear until the close of probation. This is stated in Volume 6, page 22, "According to the truth we have received above others, we are debtors to impart the same to them." This is a debt that comes to every soul who opens his heart to the reception of light and truth from above, and a debt that brings rejoicing and blessing in the efforts put forth in paying. For it is in loving ministration to

others that our own souls are refreshed and watered. This is a debt that the more you pay upon it the more you owe for it is when we are imparting light to others that increased light comes into our own hearts. "And for every ray we are debtors."

I sincerely trust and earnestly pray that God will help us to be as vigilant in shunning the wrong kind of debt as we should be in discharging the responsibilities of the right kind.

Our Home Missionary department is in existence for the express purpose of helping our churches in devising ways and means, to enable them to make large and frequent payments to their neighbors and friends in the dissemination of the light that has shown into their hearts, through coming in contact with God's message due the world today.

The long evenings of autumn and winter are approaching. An abundance of printed helps await our demand and reception, and may God lay the burden of our responsibility upon us in such a way that we will be impelled to go from house to house in search of souls, and by so doing many will be gathered into the fold, for it is written, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

May God help us all to have the vision of our opportunities, privileges, and responsibilities is my prayer!

CHAS. THOMPSON.

"Endeavor pays its losses in unexpected ways—but Inertia begs from hope."

"Men who are proud of the ability to show other men 'Where they get off' are prone to forget to tell them 'How to get on.'"



## Missionary Volunteer and Educational Dept. M. B. Van Kirk, Secretary

### OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Last week we called attention to the opening of our academies. This time attention is called to the elementary schools. These schools were in full operation in many places a week before the academies started. Definite returns have not been received from all the superintendents as yet, but there are omens of real progress.

In Iowa last year there were seven schools, employing eight teachers. Today there are fifteen schools and sixteen teachers. In a visit with Elder Oberg, the superintendent, we learned that in every case the schools are doing splendidly. The schools in Minnesota are keeping up their record as to number and efficiency under the direction of Professor Hiatt. In South Dakota there are sixteen schools, and as many teachers, a few less than last year but nevertheless a good showing in face of crop failures and other adverse conditions. The situation in North Dakota is about as last year. There are some substantial improvements in school buildings, however. Our elementary schools prepare students for our academies.

Our teachers are wide awake and straining every nerve to make the schools the best they have ever been. One teacher wrote, "Busy but happy." Another, "I am much interested in my pupils." Another, "I am happy in my work for the children."

Let us all encourage one another and trust God to bring the results.

M. B. VAN KIRK,  
Northern Union Con. Edu. Sec'y.

### THE READING COURSES

I hope those who sent in their names for the reading course this summer have not forgotten that it opens October 1. If any have not secured their books, they ought to do so at once; if you cannot get them all at once, order one at a time. We expect another shipment here at the office soon. I hope that all will avail themselves of the opportunity offered in this way to improve the long evenings that are coming on, and also to get better acquainted with our own country. Especially is this true in the Junior Reading Course. The first book is very interesting and if you have not examined it, I am sure you will

want to do so. Just think of it, a visit to Washington, D. C., the Capital of our Country! Think of all the scenery you would see if you could make such a trip, and also of a journey to the coast, both east and west. Now this book gives you in a very short and yet interesting way, a trip to all these places that you would like to see. I myself have visited some of the places that are mentioned and I can testify to the truthfulness and apprehensiveness of the descriptions given in it. I know that you will never get tired of reading the biographies of missionaries who have gone abroad, so you will be interested in the books that are on missions. We have very interesting books for all three of the courses, the senior, junior and the German.

Please begin reading at once; do not miss a day. If you have to miss at all, then try to read ahead on Sundays or other days, in the evening, or whenever you find opportunity so as to keep up your reading.

You will find a leaflet in each of the books which contains the questions that usually were in the *Instructor* and the *Arbeiter*, and at the close of this leaflet, I believe on the last page, you will find the review questions, which are to be answered and sent to this office. Please take notice of this, and begin reading your books, if you have not already done so, and if you have not ordered them do so today. If it should be impossible for you to get the books, I am more than pleased to help such an one from the department books that I have on hand here. You may secure these by paying the postage both ways; but if you want to take these you will have to let me know soon, and then promise not to keep them more than two or at the very most three weeks, because there are others who would like to have the same opportunity.

Hoping to hear from you soon and to receive many more names on our list, I am,

Your brother in the interest of the  
Reading Course, J. J. REISWIG.

## Home Miss. Dept. S. A. Ruskjer, Secretary

### CAN MINNESOTA REACH HER GOAL?

So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof, for the people had a mind to work. Neh 4:6.

Realizing the great need of the hour

for men and means in foreign fields, surely every S. D. A. who loves this truth and values the salvation of souls, will feel it a privilege to do his or her part to reach our general goal of \$100,000 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign for 1916 to help further the work in regions beyond the seas.

The general department has suggested that all raise, if possible, \$5.00 each, and many of course will do more. Should some one be unable to raise \$5.00 we hope none will fail to reach \$2.00. Let us ask God to show us what he expects of us and then in his strength go forth courageously to do it. All having a mind to work, we shall succeed, and Minnesota will reach her desired goal.

We gathered in approximately \$2,600 last year, which was our state goal. Now shall we not exceed it this year by reaching, say, \$3,000 or more? This we can do if all will take hold and be workers together with God, not idlers in his vineyard, so ripe unto harvest.

The month of October has been set apart by the department as the time for this Ingathering. Shall we not all take hold at the same time and finish the work on time? Further, I trust no one will forget that we have a spiritual goal,—the salvation of souls,—to reach, which though we are not able to report on fully, will be faithfully and accurately kept in the books of heaven. So as we go out among the people let it be with a prayer that our words, conduct and the world-wide message of warning we bring them through the Signs may combine to win souls from darkness to the glorious light of present truth.

"The home missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off. It is in working actively to supply the necessities of the cause that we bring souls in touch with the source of all power." Testimonies, Vol. 6, No. 34, page 27.

All incidents of interest and success in your efforts, with a report of work done, will be appreciated by the writer if sent to me to Crookston, Minnesota.

May God add his blessing and success crown our efforts "for the people had a mind to work!"

A. GRUNDSET.



INGATHERING EARNEST  
MONEY

HE COULD NOT WAIT

For what? October 1, to begin the Ingathering for missions. One brother who had set his goal and marked his card in the \$20.00 square, having not yet received his mission papers, on Friday, September 29, started out soliciting, promising the papers to be sent the people by mail.

What happened? At the first attempt 77c was given. This being such a perfect number it was quite encouraging. At the second, third and fourth places the people were Germans and did not understand about the missionary work, but at each home they subscribed for the German *Signs of the Times*. At the fifth place the offering figure was more perfect than at the first. The lady when told of the missionary work in the broad world replied, "I have had some money in saving for this for some time. I have needed it for other things, but kept it for the Lord." It was a ten-dollar bill.

I believe that brother would better move his goal up a little or get a new card. It is a lesson to us all in South Dakota and also to our brethren in our sister conferences. Let us undertake great things for God then expect great things from him, and work to accomplish all our Lord would have us do. Let no one be afraid to set a goal, and then work faithfully to do what? make it? No! to pass it, and double it.

Keep in mind the thousand millions of heathen and the \$100,000 goal. Then remember for three months night and day, My Father and theirs is depending on me. W-O-R-K are the jewels of success.

W. B. PAYNE.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK IN  
IOWA

On Sunday morning, September 25th, Elder S. A. Ruskjer, Eleanor Molgard and the writer left Ottumwa for Sigourney. While at the depot at Ottumwa we met a gentleman who was very much interested through reading one of our magazines, and on talking with him we secured the names of a number of people which he wished we would send our literature to. That morning we mailed fifty-six periodicals to names obtained from different sources.

On reaching Sigourney we had the pleasure of visiting with our brethren

and sisters and of holding a meeting in the evening which was well attended by the church. A number ordered the Harvest Ingathering magazines and pledged themselves to do more work for the Master.

From Sigourney we next visited Muscatine and enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Metzger home. We met with the church in the evening and laid plans for more aggressive missionary work, especially emphasizing the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

From Muscatine we visited Davenport. Here Elder Ogden met with us. We tried to encourage the church in home missionary work. This church is a live one, doing whatsoever their hands find to do. They are engaged in trying to raise funds to finish paying for the little church, also for a church school which is in progress at that place. Davenport has been covered a number of times with literature which this church has distributed.

From Davenport we visited Atalissa and enjoyed the kind hospitality of the few believers at this place. We had a very profitable meeting and felt that the promise was true that the Lord would meet where two or three were assembled together.

From Atalissa we visited "Grandma" Carpenter at Iowa City on our way to Cedar Rapids. Grandma Carpenter is eighty-eight years old, but is not weary in well doing and is planning to take an active part in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Friday evening, September 29th, we held our first meeting with the Cedar Rapids church. We met in the home of Sister Marietta, and the brethren and sisters came from all parts of the city, and also from Marion, until the house was well filled. The Sabbath hours were well taken up; Sabbath school at ten o'clock, preaching service by Elder Ruskjer at eleven o'clock, funeral of Sister Kephart at two o'clock, and convention occupying the time from three to five. Still the people were not tired, so we again gathered at the home of Sister Marietta and held another meeting in the evening after the Sabbath which continued until ten o'clock.

Cedar Rapids manifested great interest in our home missionary work and are laying plans to secure definite results for the Lord in the Harvest Ingathering. The work is onward in Cedar Rapids and we much enjoyed meeting with this church.

Sunday morning we took the train

for Marshalltown, our last appointment in this tour. At ten o'clock we met with the brethren and sisters in their church. In the afternoon we met again from two until four, taking up regular convention work and planning for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Marshalltown is expecting to raise quite a sum in Harvest Ingathering and the enthusiasm and interest shown in this branch of the Lord's work did our hearts good.

Elder Ruskjer spoke to the people of Marshalltown in the evening.

After the session at Marshalltown Miss Molgard and the writer came to Nevada to lay plans for our Harvest Ingathering Campaign. In all we feel that the month of September has indeed been a month of preparedness to the people of Iowa, as omens all over the state indicate.

They inform us at the Tract Society office that Iowa has already ordered over 32,000 Harvest Ingathering magazines. When this article reaches the people we hope it will find Iowa Seventh-day Adventists busy as bees hurrying here and there in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering.

MRS. MINNIE SYPE.

## From the Field

## IOWA

Office address—Nevada, Iowa.  
President—A. R. Ogden.  
Secretary—Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas.  
Treasurer—A. R. Smouse.  
Educa. and Mis. Vol. Sec.—S. A. Oberg.  
Field Missionary Agent—L. L. Grand Pre.  
All office address.

## INGATHERING SUGGESTIONS

Do not become discouraged if you do not at first meet with the success you desire in soliciting for missions. Keep right at it. Distribute the papers discreetly, and in the fear of God do your best for missions. You may not receive as much money as some one else, but your reward for faithful effort will equal the one having the best of financial success. "Well done" will be your reward if you do your part faithfully.

Often it helps your customers by giving them some idea of what is wanted if you suggest, especially if you observe they are hesitating, that you are not asking for large amounts, anything from twenty-five cents to one dollar, more or less as they feel about that. If finally they do not give you something, twenty-five cents, fifty cents or one dollar, as a very last resort say, "Some give ten cents which is enough



to pay the actual cost of the paper and allows a small balance for missions." Do not become discouraged if you do not receive anything. Just keep right on working as though you were having the best of success in financial returns. Remember it is a splendid home missionary work if you do no more than to distribute these excellent papers among your friends and neighbors.

If every believer in Iowa would use at least fifty copies of the paper, I am sure that more than the five dollar per member goal on the average would be reached. Let no one be satisfied until he has done his share—distributed at least fifty papers.

A. R. OGDEN.

### IOWA NOTES

Order your Harvest Ingathering papers at once.

Do your best in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital Day, October 14, 1916.

Brother S. A. Oberg spent last Sabbath with the church at Humboldt.

Owing to the interest at Burlington the tent meetings were continued a week longer than was planned.

Brother O. Madsen of Ruthven spent several days in Nevada last week taking treatment at the Sanitarium.

Brother Lewis Newton finished a successful delivery last week and is attending school at Oak Park Academy.

Elder Dorcas spent part of one day at Gilbert, Iowa, soliciting for missions. He reports an interesting time and secured \$4.15 in a few hours.

Elder E. G. Olsen made a short visit at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Roy Bowles, last week while on his way from Cedar Rapids to Forest City.

Many find it a great advantage to have two solicitor's cards when working in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign—one for the dollars and another for smaller amounts.

Brother C. Tuttle and wife, of Creston, and Sister J. C. Johnston, and little son, of Corning, stopped in Nevada and made a pleasant call at the office one day last week while on their way to Vinton, Iowa.

We are glad to report that up to October 1, our Iowa colporteurs have actually placed in the homes of the people over \$17,000 worth of our truth-filled books. Eternity alone will reveal the results of this work.

Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas has been away from the office for several weeks, visit-

ing churches and isolated members in the northeastern part of the state. She spent last Sabbath with the church at Hawkeye and her visit was greatly appreciated.

Brother Fred Fick of Galva left for his home last Thursday after having spent a week in Nevada taking treatment at the Sanitarium. He brought his daughter to the Academy where she will attend school this winter. His visits to the office were appreciated.

The birthday offerings in the Nevada Sabbath school amounted to \$9.18 for the fourth quarter. We hope our Sabbath school members throughout the state will remember to give a penny for every year they have lived as a birthday offering. This will help materially in reaching the missions goal.

In all probability the larger Ingathering contributions will be received from your bankers, merchants, physicians, and business men generally, but when these are all canvassed thorough work should be done for the rank and file of the people in your community. The many small amounts will aggregate grand totals.

### MINNESOTA

Office address—679 Holly Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

President—G. W. Wells.

Secretary—Mary D. Hopkins.

Treasurer—S. D. Hartwell.

All office address.

Educational Secretary—H. M. Hiatt, Anoka.

Field Missionary Secretary—G. A. Campbell, Anoka.

Missionary Volunteer Secretary—E. L. Sheldon, Alexandria.

### ELDER ANDREW MEAD

In a recent letter received at the office from Elder A. Mead, he says: "I had hoped to be settled before this, but conditions seem to have hindered, and now I fear my wife cannot live in this climate, as it is so dry most of the year and that is bad for hay fever. We may have to return to Washington when she is able. I think she will have to remain in the hospital for some time, as she has had a critical operation, and is recovering but slowly, owing to her age."

I trust that the brethren and sisters in Minnesota will all remember Brother Mead in their prayers that they may have a good degree of health and strength in the closing years of the message which they have loved and to which they have devoted their lives.

S. D. HARTWELL.

### VISIT TO CHICAGO

It was my privilege to attend the ded-

icatory service of the International Publishing House at Brookfield, Chicago, recently, and I am pleased to report that we now have a splendid plant, well equipped for work, and definite plans are laid and work is speedily going forward in getting out literature in the various languages.

We have thousands of foreigners in this country, and grave responsibility rests upon us to carry the truth to them, it is evident that the most successful way to acquaint them with our message is to place the literature prepared in their own language in their hands, the co-operation of all our people in this good work is greatly desired.

While in Chicago, I also attended the dedicatory services of the Swedish Seminary, this took place Sabbath, October 7, this was a high day for the Swedish people, and it was a great encouragement to all present, to hear the report of the work done, and to learn how the Lord had opened the way in establishing the school, surely God's blessing has rested upon the faithful workers there.

I am glad Minnesota has at least a small investment in the Institution but that which interested me most of all, was the noble class of young men and women I found there from our Conference, who are definitely preparing for work in the cause of God.

I also had a pleasant visit at the Hinsdale Sanitarium, where I found quite a number of our young people from Minnesota, doing good work and consecrating their lives to medical missionary service, I was much pleased to meet with these and other old friends and acquaintances. They have a splendid patronage at the institution, and a good spirit prevails.

G. W. WELLS.

### REACHING THE GOAL

The fires of Ambition are burning in the hearts of many today. Looking out into the world you will find men and women with splendid consecration, devoting their time and energy in earnest endeavors to reach some chosen goal.

There are some who display a consuming zeal in their hunger and thirst for knowledge. They enter every avenue open to them and improve each opportunity to become more efficient.

Other lives are governed with a strong ambition for power. No sacrifice is counted too great if they may only grasp the scepter, climb upon the throne and rule.



Still there are others who are possessed with a lust for Gold. They are willing to give time, talent, health, the comforts of home and life, and sacrifice the principles of righteousness, yes, oftentimes eternity itself, in order to fill their coffers with gain.

There are many legitimate and worthy pursuits one may follow in this life, many desires to which we may rightly cling, but there is only one all-absorbing, all-controlling, all-consuming purpose that should govern the true follower of Christ. That purpose is set forth in the simple, clear-cut statement of our Saviour, when he said, "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is lost." "As the Father has sent me into the world, even so send I you."

This, then, is our Mission, our first work, all things else is to be subordinate. The message of love to poor lost sinners is to become the passion of our lives.

A holy, heavenly fire is to burn in our hearts that will touch every word and action with a warmth of love and power that will win souls to Christ.

If men and women of the world will devote their undivided time and attention in seeking for knowledge, power and gold,—the temporal things of this life; what enthusiasm and earnestness should possess our lives in dealing with the things which are eternal.

The call of God is, to carry the everlasting Gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. A mighty work this; but the message throbs with power and the demands upon us ought to arouse every sluggish heart, and animate every feeble pulse and quicken every faltering step.

The cry of the untold millions has entered into the ears of Jehovah and his call to us is, "Go, ye into all the world." The hour has struck, the bugle is sounding to call every believer in our conference to rally to the standard and help Minnesota reach her GOAL in the "Harvest Ingathering" Campaign. If we will put the earnestness into this effort that the world does to reach her goals, we will roll up the largest sum for MISSIONS during this campaign that we have ever done.

I believe the Harvest Ingathering work is a heaven-born plan, that not only gives our own people an opportunity to gain a rich, spiritual experience, but opens the way for thousands to become acquainted with God and his truth.

We earnestly request all our brethren and sisters to co-operate with us in this good WORK. If we take hold of it enthusiastically, especially during the month of OCTOBER and perhaps continue on to the close of the year, we may be assured of reaching the GOAL.

G. W. WELLS.

## TO HARVEST INGATHERING GO

By ELD. C. L. TAYLOR

(Tune: Make Me a Blessing Today C. S. 500.)

Arise, O my people and let thy light shine,

For this is the day of my glory divine.  
The Gentiles shall see and shall come  
in their love

To give of their wealth for My kingdom above.

### CHORUS:

To Harvest Ingathering go,  
And hasten my work while ye may!  
Let all hearts unite, let all gladly join  
In Harvest Ingathering today.

My workers have gone to the fields far  
and wide,

To save a lost world from its sin and  
its pride.

In patience they labor, they pray and  
they cry,

To rescue my lost ones before they  
shall die.

### CHORUS.

Yet *others* must go, there must be no  
delay,

My message must hasten while still it  
is day.

The millions of hopeless are praying to  
Me,

"O send us salvation, that *we* may be  
free."

### CHORUS.

Arise, then, go forth, let my cause be  
made known,

Invite all to join in the work to be done.  
*Their* gifts and *their* prayers may help

sound the glad call  
Of Christ, My Beloved, the Master of  
all.

### CHORUS.

(In first part of chorus, tenor and  
bass should repeat the words, "To harvest.")

## MINNESOTA NEWS.

Miss Hopkins was with the isolated

Adventists near Princeton over the Sabbath.

Lysle James, of Paynesville, and Fay Wood, of Grey Eagle, are attending the State University.

Elder Hartwell had charge of the service at Stillwater last Sabbath. He expects to meet with the Austin Church next Sabbath, the 14th.

Miss Hulda Anderson, our Bible Worker in Grandy, called at the office one day last week. Six have taken their stand for the truth at that place, and four others are expected to do so soon.

Bro. F. J. Nenno, of Mankato, made a pleasant call at the office on Wednesday. Capt. Nenno is employed in the U. S. Revenue service, and finds many opportunities for missionary work.

Elders Wells, Hoffman, and Swenson were among those of our state who attended the dedicatory services of the International Publishing House at Brookfield, Ill., and the Broadview Swedish Seminary at La Grange, Ill.

Bro. G. L. Gulbrandson, of Mankato, has connected with the office force, and is rendering efficient service in the shipping department. His long experience in the newspaper work makes Bro. Gulbrandson a valuable help.

It is to be regretted that we are delayed in getting our Ingathering papers in the foreign languages, but we are informed that the International Publishing House is rushing the work forward with all possible speed and as soon as we receive the papers at our office, every order will be filled.

The office has just received a large supply of the Review and Herald Extra, No. 22, on the Eastern Question, by Elder Daniells. These will be supplied at the usual rates, 15 for 10c, 25 for 15c, 50 for 30c, 100 for 50c, 1,000 for \$4.00. We trust our readers will send in liberal orders for these.

One sister, whose mother sent her some Harvest Ingathering papers and a solicitor's card, failed to receive the papers, and using only the card, secured \$11.00. This shows the interest people have in missions. Had the sister been able to show the beautiful paper, doubtless much more would have been received.

Elder Grundset spent some time at the office last week attending to his correspondence. He has assigned territory to the workers, and each one will have charge of certain counties for the Ingathering Campaign. Those given assignments have taken hold of



# The Book Work

Colporteurs' Report for Week Ending Sept. 30, 1916

## IOWA—

Agents	Hours	Ord.	Book	Helps	Value
Elmer Ely .....	18	2	G. C.	....	\$7.00
Bruce Watts .....	36	12	B. R.	....	44.00
Elva Wilcox .....	10	3	G. C.	\$0.75	11.75
L. L. Grand Pre.....	6	..	B. R.	....	18.00
Glen Shelton .....	45	17	B. R.	....	55.00
Mrs. L. Fitton.....	13	3	B. R.	.75	10.75
Miscellaneous .....	6	7	B. R.	....	21.00
Totals, 7 Agents.....	134	52	....	\$1.50	\$167.50

## MINNESOTA—

Theo. Mueller .....	39	4	D. R.	\$6.00	\$21.00
J. Borresen .....	11	..	Min.	13.60	13.60
O. R. Osman.....	40	22	P. G.	1.90	81.90
Mrs. Addie Maurice.....	..	12	H. W.	....	9.50
Totals, 4 Agents.....	90	40	....	\$21.50	\$126.00

## GRAND TOTAL FOR NORTHERN UNION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 30, 1916

Agents	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
11	224	92	\$23.00	\$293.50

the work very enthusiastically, and the churches are co-operating well in the plans laid.

## NORTH DAKOTA

Office address—Jamestown, N. D.  
President—S. E. Jackson.  
Secretary—J. H. Nies.  
Treasurer—Andrew Roedel.  
Educa. and Mis. Vol. Sec.—J. J. Reiswig.  
Field Missionary Agent—Jacob Jutzy.

## NOTICE

The new church at Bowdon, North Dakota, will be dedicated Sunday, October 29. It is expected that Elder Haffner and Elder Thompson will be present at these services. The Bowdon church extends a cordial invitation to all friends and believers to be present. The new church is 30x60, and we understand is finished and free from debt, ready for the dedication. It is heated by furnace and everything is modern. We earnestly pray that there will be an outpouring of the Spirit upon the believers at that time, that these brethren may be rewarded for their earnest efforts put forth in securing the building.

S. E. JACKSON,  
In behalf of Church Com.

"The craze today is for extraordinary men in the pulpit, men who are bright, and light—very light. The want, the need of today is the power that can make men burn with the glory of the bush."

## SOUTH DAKOTA

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## BURKE SABBATH SCHOOL

Upon the fourteenth Sabbath we had election of officers, and the following were chosen:

Superintendent, James Oss; Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Willis Melendy; Secretary, Tilly Osnes; Assistant Secretary, Hugo Holmquist.

Although we have a smaller membership than before, our donations for the quarter amounted to \$67.65. The new birthday offering envelopes have helped considerably in raising this amount.

JAMES OSS.

## HURON

It was the privilege of the writer to baptize five more souls in the James River recently. Among the number was the Jew who has been mentioned in these columns before. Sixteen have been baptized and more than that number have been taken into the church since we came to Huron. We thank the tender Father for a message that doesn't ravel out.

We have had many pleasant experiences working for souls in Huron. During our tent effort a member of

the M. E. church died and we were asked to take charge of the service, while the M. E. pastor was in town. Many words of encouragement have been received about the service.

Recently Mr. Bibbs, of Minneapolis, was scheduled to speak in Huron on Romanism before a Protestant league. He was unable to get there and the writer was asked to take his place. We considered this quite a favor when six Protestant churches had men in town at the time of Ph. D. and D. D. calibre.

Brethren, we should be thankful that people are beginning to understand that we *know* that they have something beside the "Mark of the Beast" the matter with them. After the lecture, men lingered at the door and visited. Words of regret were expressed for not attending our tent meetings.

Brother T. L. Oswald and Miss Bertha Wernli will continue the work here.

C. F. COLE.

## BONESTEEL

A church of nine members was organized here on Sabbath, September 23. While this is not a large membership (nor are all the members new ones) yet it seemed best for the stability of the work to associate together in church fellowship.

Of the fifteen people who began to keep the Sabbath, three have been baptized, and another brother whom God has reclaimed will unite in the Nebraska Conference. Two moved to Norfolk, Nebraska, before they were established. Four more have not yet found courage to completely close the gates of Babylon behind them. There is grave danger that they, like Mrs. Lot, will desire to return to a doomed city.

Others though assenting to all the message and who are keeping the seventh day, are not ready for the sacred rites of complete fellowship.

Our church school has eight pupils who are entering heartily into their studies. With Miss Lelah Garrett as teacher the school is giving good satisfaction to all, including especially the new Adventists who never knew before of our splendid Christian educational system.

At the present writing, October 3, I am en route to Madison to ship some of our personal effects. Brother Youngberg remained at Bonesteel and will continue the work there dur-





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### OBITUARY

**KEPHART.**—Mrs. Jane Kephart was born December 29, 1829, in Pennsylvania, and died September 28, 1916, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, being 86 years, 8 months, 29 days old. The

deceased spent the last forty-three years of her life in the state of Iowa, twenty-seven of which she was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

After a long life of usefulness, Sister Kephart fell asleep in Jesus to await the call of the Lifegiver.

The funeral service conducted by Eld. E. G. Olson, assisted by Eld. S. A. Ruskjer, was attended by a large number of friends. Sister Kephart leaves to mourn their loss three sons and one daughter.

Mrs. MINNIE SYPE.

ing my absence of several weeks, after which we expect to open a fall and winter effort in some other Rosebud Reservation town.

We are all deeply grateful to our Heavenly Father for his manifold blessings to us this summer, and as the days pass we feel keenly the need of the words "None of self, and all of Thee," becoming the earnest prayer and motto of our life.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Mrs. G. W. Tucker is visiting her parents in North Dakota for a few weeks.

The Eureka tent company sent in \$37.86 Sabbath school offering which was given during their effort.

Brother A. G. Youngberg assisted Elder M. E. Anderson at Burke last week. The ordinances were celebrated.

### THE CHURCH NAGGER

Every nagger is an inexcusable egotist. Boldly he assumes his superiority to anybody whose activities come within his view. Whether bishop or building committee, no worker is immune from his rasping remarks. Since he is a universal scold, he is often found prodding at the faults in others which stick out all over himself like the scars on a five-cent horseradish grater.

In the measure that he cannot dom-

inate by cheerful qualities, he tries to prove himself important by being an irritating nuisance.

In any organized group, the nagger is esteemed to about the same extent as the mosquito. People who work together must endure him, though his persistent buzz spoils dispositions, interferes with team work, and dissipates enthusiasm.

Of all the genus nagger, the species church nagger is the prize pest. He is by nature small enough so that he finds everybody's touchiest spot, and then he pervades it. He will begin a new buzzing around an old trouble long after everybody else has forgotten it.

The only way to cure the church nagger is to show him up. Every time he finds fault with the way somebody else is doing, try to turn the job over to him. When he snarls about somebody's else giving, ask him for his offering to current expenses. No matter what his complaint, give him a direct and personal chance to better the doing of the deed.

If he has any good stuff in him, he will presently come to himself. He will do some things fairly well, and other things very badly indeed. And he will say, "I see now what a chump I was to find fault with folks who, as I now discover, can beat me at everything I attempt. Henceforth I will let them teach me, instead of stinging them with my 'Why don't you—'"

But if there is no virtue in him, he will dodge all the suggestions you make about getting down to work himself. Then shoo him away, and don't let him have the cheap satisfaction of knowing that he has stung you, though never so slightly. He isn't worth it. Though thou bray such a nagger in a mortar with a pestle, yet will his nagging not depart from him.—Selected.

"A shepherd stood before the king of Egypt. A captive stood before the Emperor of the East. A hermit stood before the ruler of a great province. A tent maker stood before an Emperor of the West. A Carpenter stood before a Roman viceroy. And today men see these potentates only because they shine in the light reflected from Moses and Daniel and Paul and the Christ. So passes the glory of this world. So abides the glory of the world invisible."

"That song is sweeter than the rest

That plucks the troubling thorn of care

From out man's sad and guilty breast

And places peace and pardon there."

"Seeds of revenge bring weeds of contempt."



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Remember White Memorial Hospi-  
tal Day—Sabbath, Oct. 14.

Elder Chas. Thompson is in Wash-  
ington, D. C. attending the fall coun-  
cil of the General and North Ameri-  
can Division Conferences.

Prof. M. B. Van Kirk met with the  
Humboldt, Iowa church last Sabbath;  
Brother E. M. Oberg was at Sioux  
Falls, South Dakota, and W. H. Ed-  
wards was with the Fargo, North Da-  
kota, church.

Elders Chas. Thompson, E. T. Rus-  
sell, G. W. Wells, A. R. Ogden, S. A.  
Ruskjer and others from the Northern  
Union attended the dedication of the  
new plant of the International Branch  
of the Pacific Press Publishing Asso-  
ciation at Brookfield, near Chicago,  
Wednesday, the 4th inst.

## CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS— NOTICE

The Arithmetic Manual outlining  
the use of Stone and Millis Arithme-  
tics for grades four to eight, which  
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tional Department is now ready. Price 30  
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A. G. Yakovenko, our Russian broth-  
er, who has been employed by our con-  
ference for the past two years, called at  
the office Monday, on his way to take  
up work with the Pacific Press Branch  
office at Brookfield, near Chicago. He  
will have charge of the Russian publica-  
tions. We shall follow our brother with  
much interest, and while we regret to  
see him leave Virginia, we are glad for  
his promotion, and wish him Godspeed  
in his work. Brother M. S. Kritsky,  
from the Russian school in Dakota  
comes to teach our school at Yale, of  
this nationality.—*Columbia Union Vis-  
itor*.

## SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother G. W. Tucker spent a few  
days at Watertown last week.

Brother Strahle spent a few days  
at Parker and Huron last week in the  
interests of the colporteur work.

Brother Strahle in company with  
Bro. Oberg, the Union Field secre-  
tary, spent Sabbath at Sioux Falls.

Brethren Ruskjer and Payne are  
busy touring the state in the inter-  
ests of the Harvest Ingathering Cam-  
paign.

Elder Russell attended the dedica-  
tion of the new International Pub-  
lishing house at Brookfield, Ill., which  
was held October 4.

Brother Rubendall has recently suf-  
fered a severe attack of neuralgia  
which has left his eyes in a temporari-  
ly impaired condition.

The Sabbath school offerings of the  
Bonesteel school were over \$18 for  
the portion of the quarter during  
which it was operative.

A visiting minister at Bonesteel took  
occasion to preach for the evening;  
he established the new believers in  
our faith and disgusted those of his  
own persuasion.

Miss Albersworth spent last Sabbath  
with the members of the Aberdeen  
church in the interests of the Sab-  
bath school and reports a profitable  
visit.

Prof. J. J. Koehn spent Wednesday  
with the Florence church school and  
Thursday with the Redfield church  
school. He reports that they are both  
doing good work, and the children are  
much interested in their school work.

## SEMINARY NOTES

B. O. Engen, our last year's preceptor,  
returned last week to take up the same  
work this year.

A number of students who have  
worked in North Dakota threshing  
fields, report a poor wheat crop.

Students are coming in every day.  
At present there are sixty-eight en-  
rolled, but we still have room for many  
more.

Mr. Linnereu reports that many stu-  
dents are taking up music this year. As  
soon as possible he will organize a brass  
band.

Miss Anna Hilde, instructor in sew-  
ing, came back to take up the same  
work again. Miss Hilde has been work-  
ing in Chicago as a Bible worker.

Prof. C. J. Martinson's mother, Mrs.  
M. Martinson, sprained her ankle last  
week. She left shortly afterwards for  
her home at Stillwater, Minnesota.

M. E. Nelson, who has been working  
in a tent effort at Omaha, Neb., returned  
last week with two of his brothers. Mr.  
Nelson is one of our last year gradu-  
ates.

Alvin Johnson, former instructor in  
blacksmithing, made us a short call last  
week, when he was en route to Berrien  
Springs, Mich., where he intends to at-  
tend college.

F. M. Larsen, who has been living at  
the school home for four years, will  
make his home this year at Mr. Philip-  
sen's, where he will work a little to de-  
fray school expenses.

It has been decided that we are to  
issue a school paper. This matter has  
been under consideration for a long  
time, and at last it seems to be an es-  
tablished fact. Plans will be made in  
the near future, and we shall have more  
to report later.

On Thursday the local board held a  
meeting here. Elders Chas. Thompson,  
Wells and Broderson and Prof. M. B.  
Van Kirk were present who together  
with Pres. M. L. Andreassen discussed  
various plans for the benefit and im-  
provement of the school.

Arnold Larsen returned from South  
Dakota, where he has been working part  
of this summer. He reports a good  
potato crop. He intends to leave soon  
for Iowa, where he will work during  
corn husking time, and then come back  
to take up school work.

It is a pleasure to note the smiles  
that our older students wear when they  
come back to school. It is the belief  
of both students and teachers that this  
will be the best year of school work  
we have ever done at the Seminary.  
Even though the students are a little  
slow in coming in, we are looking for a  
good attendance this year.—*Hutchinson  
Leader*.