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

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THE COMING CAMPMEETINGS

In last week's issue of the REAPER we gave the dates upon which the various campmeetings will be held in the conferences of the Northern Union. At the recent Spring Council of the North American Division Conference Executive Committee recommendations were made to provide help for these meetings as follows:

That Elder I. H. Evans attend South Dakota, Minnesota and North Dakota.

That Elder W. A. Spicer, if he returns to this country in time, attend Iowa. If he should not, it was recommended that Professor W. W. Prescott attend this meeting.

That Elder Haffner attend South Dakota and North Dakota.

That Elder J. T. Boettcher attend Minnesota and North Dakota.

Professor H. C. Lacey, Bible teacher of Union College, and Prof. J. F. Simon, M. V. Sec., are expected to attend all the meetings.

That P. E. Brodersen and Professor Andreassen attend as many of our meetings as in their judgment the interest of the Danish-Norwegian Department will permit.

It was also recommended that Elder Daniells be invited to attend as many of the larger campmeetings in this country that are held in the later part of the season as he can arrange to do. It will be expected that in this event the Iowa Conference will receive a visit from Brother Daniells.

We found in our council meeting that it was very difficult to plan with certainty upon some of our brethren on account of the conditions that exist in the field, and around Washington, because of the war situation. But plans were made according to the best light they had, and will be carried out unless some unforeseen situation might arise

that would make it clear that duty called elsewhere.

I thought it would be interesting to the readers of the REAPER, if they anticipate attending these various meetings, to have some idea who of our General men will be expected to be present. Of course, it is understood that the regular laborers of the union and local conferences will be present as in the past.

We trust that all in their respective conference will make early preparation to be present at their meeting.

We will have more to say from time to time as plans develop.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

THIS GENERATION

The writer is frequently asked how long a generation is, and when the last generation began. If these questions could be answered in a mathematical way, it would be easy to know just when the Lord will come. No doubt, if the Lord had wished us to know the day or year of his coming, he would have made it known to us. But inasmuch as it has not pleased him to reveal this, it is not well to spend our time in theorizing on the subject. In fact, time will never again be a test. Since 1844, at the expiration of the twenty-three hundred years, prophetic time has ceased; for the angel of Revelation 10 said, "Time shall be no longer." So then, in computing time since 1844, we are not at liberty to deal with specific dates, nor to figure in any authoritative way the time when the Lord will come.

We do know that the last generation has been reached; and that when the gospel has gone to all the world, and all have made their decisions for eternity, then the end will come. There is danger especially now, of putting off the coming of the Lord, and thus being

unprepared when he does come. On the other hand, we must be careful as to the positions we take which may involve us in perplexity and subject us to criticism. We should have a plain "thus saith the Lord" for all our teachings, and then only shall we be safe. There is absolutely no question that the end is very near, but it will not do to set a time for it to come. We would not say that the end will be here in a given number of years, whether few or many, for where has God told us the year of his coming?

It is our privilege to know that the end is near, for the prophecies have not left us in darkness. But when we make deductions that are too specific, when we draw conclusions that God's word does not warrant, we may then be in danger of misleading and discouraging others besides ourselves. "Wherefore, be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

W. A. GOSMER, in Outlook.

Home Miss. Dept.

S. A. Ruskjer, Secretary

NORTHERN UNION LEADS

There are two items in which the Home Missionary Department is much interested and wherein the Northern Union leads the field. It seems to me that we are not doing nearly as much as we should in both of these lines.

The first item is the *Review* circulation. The latest report on this, which is for the month ending March 31, 1917, indicates that the Northern Union is ten per cent above any other Union in the field. But even with that good showing we are still 171 subscriptions short of reaching our goal. 1,798 copies of the good *Review* are coming into

our Union each week, but we should take 171 copies more, or a total of 1,969, in order to reach the goal. Our shortage is distributed as follows: Iowa, 106; Minnesota, 7; North Dakota, 25; South Dakota, 33. Let us make one great effort to reach the goal, and continue it till we DO succeed. The influence of the *Review* upon the home in our conferences will more than repay us for the effort it costs.

The other item is regarding the circulation of tracts in our Union for the first three months of the present year. During those three months our Union ordered \$933.65 worth of our good, truth-filled, soul-winning tracts. Each state ordered as follows: Iowa, \$390.10; Minnesota, \$329.85; North Dakota, \$112.95; South Dakota, \$100.75. While we had nearly one-third of the total number ordered in the Pacific Press territory for those three months, we did not do nearly as much as we could have done. In view of the striking events occurring almost daily which lead many to inquire what these things mean, can we not greatly increase our activity in tract distribution as well as along many other lines of home missionary efforts?

S. A. RUSKJER.

HUTCHINSON SEMINARY LEADS IN NUMBER OF SIGNS SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was my pleasure recently to meet with the Hutchinson churches. On Sabbath forenoon I was with the English church in that place. The interest shown in their Sabbath school classes, numbering five, conducted in two languages, was very marked. Though they are but a small company some thirty subscriptions to our periodicals were taken.

In the afternoon I met with the students and friends of the Seminary. Though the larger number of the students in the school are there for the sole purpose of fitting for active service in God's closing work, all have not given their hearts to God, so the place is a field for home missionary work for teachers, fellow students, and visitors.

When the *Signs* campaign was presented there, the principal of the school led out with ten subscriptions. Many students followed with five each, and over one hundred yearly subscriptions were added to their already existing club, and also some subscriptions for Scandinavian papers were received. I think this was a worthy example of sacrifice shown by a student body with meager means, and ought to spur those

who have means at their command to greater activities, and if students with their taxing studies and constant expenses will sacrifice to send the *Signs* to five addresses, there surely should be hundreds of brethren and sisters in Minnesota that ought to do the same, and more. Though this was a Norwegian-Danish company I was glad for the spirit of co-operation manifested, and hope our American believers will bear in mind the splendid example when called upon to assist some other nationality. The world is all one, and we are striving through the different languages and facilities to the one end and aim—the salvation of souls.

ANOL GRUNDSET, Sec.

THE SIGNS DOES BRING PEOPLE INTO THE TRUTH!

In a letter received this week from Brother Chas. Keeny he informs us that a lady living near them has recently accepted the truth from reading the *Signs*, and he adds, "Brother and Sister Long are one family to whom we have been sending the *Signs* Weekly. They think it is a great paper." Is not this an experience worth striving for? Every soul saved in the kingdom of God will be represented by a gem in somebody's crown. The *Signs* Weekly is helping wonderfully in this great work. Are you sending it to some soul hungering for that which only the message can give? The Wheelock church, only a small company, sent in recently a list of 85 names with the cash to cover a year's subscription to each for the *Signs* Weekly. When 5 or more are ordered to go to separate addresses the price is only 85 cents per year each, 5 or more to one address, 80 cents each. This places it within the reach of most of us, and will give the truth to your friends in a strong and attractive manner each week for one year. We are receiving many orders, but there should be more. Send yours in now!

ANDREW ROEDEL.

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

VISITING CHURCH SCHOOLS AND M. V. SOCIETIES

Wednesday, April 11, I had the privilege of visiting the church and family schools at Redfield. Miss Chilson, who is teaching the church school, is doing good work. The patrons and pupils

would like to have her teach again next year, but she expects to continue her education.

Mrs. Jeys, who is an experienced instructor, is teaching a family school. Her daughter, who was only a beginner last fall, is now in the second grade. She has had the advantage of her mother's training; this is a fine idea, that the child can take its first few years under the tutorship of its mother.

Both of these schools expect to furnish some church school exhibits for the campmeeting. They intend to have a church school at Redfield again next year, and Mrs. Jeys also plans to continue teaching her daughter.

While at Redfield I held a meeting with the prospective graduates and some of them plan on teaching church schools the coming year.

The Colporteurs' Institute, conducted by Brethren Oberg and Rentfro, was in session and I appreciated very much having the opportunity of attending one of their meetings.

From Redfield I went to Mitchell. At Wolsey, T. L. Oswald entered the train and we had a pleasant visit. Sister Owen, the Bible worker at Mitchell, was at the depot to meet Bro. Oswald, as he is to assist her in giving Bible readings for a time. While there I made use of the opportunity to talk church school for the coming year. I was asked by Brother Watson and his family to partake of a delicious dinner. He said he saw no reason why a good church school could not be conducted at Mitchell the coming year.

From Mitchell I went to Chamberlain, arriving Thursday evening. Brother C. M. Babcock met me at the station. On Friday I visited the family school conducted by Sister Babcock. She is another experienced teacher and has done good work. What interested me especially were the exhibits they have prepared for the campmeeting. Russell Babcock is a fine artist; he seems to be especially talented in that line. Friday evening after our prayer meeting, I was invited to the "Upper Room Meeting." This meeting has been held for several years and was a great inspiration to me. Here is where they have special prayers for special individuals, and it was inspiring to listen to the testimonies which conclusively showed that the Lord does answer prayer. Sabbath morning it was my pleasure to speak to an attentive audience and the Lord richly blessed us. Sabbath afternoon a joint session of the Junior and Senior Missionary Volunteer societies was held,

and a most interesting program was rendered.

Elder Babcock asked us to prepare some music for the Sunday evening lecture, which he gives regularly. It was a pleasure to direct the company of young people, who sing as well as they did, and especially since we had a good pianist at all the meetings. I was favorably impressed with the spiritual atmosphere of the Chamberlain church and Missionary Volunteer Society.

Every church school in the conference has promised to either bring or send some campmeeting exhibits. As a whole, the church schools have done satisfactory work.

It is an inspiration to me to find that the prospects are good to have several new church schools next year. Two have already been planned for.

The Lord has richly blessed us and I have enjoyed my work very much. My prayer is that the Lord may bless especially those who have so faithfully co-operated with me in the Missionary Volunteer and Church School work.

JOHN J. KOEHN.

PLAINVIEW CORRESPONDENCE BAND.

It is indeed a privilege which we should enjoy of working for the Master. The command which comes to every one of God's children is "Go ye also and work in my vineyard." How much we can accomplish depends upon our faith in the promises of God. It should be our purpose to so faithfully work that we may be worthy of our hire at the final reckoning day.

We are a small band here, yet we are confident that the Lord is using our feeble efforts to help those with whom we are corresponding to understand their duty toward God. We are sending out our good papers by mail, as they contain so much interesting matter upon our points of faith.

We as members of our band are of good courage, and are determined to live in such a way daily that we may have sheaves to bring with us to the kingdom when the Lord shall come for His people.

M. V. TUCKER.

"Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."

"How sweet and gracious, even in common speech, is that fine sense which men call Courtesy!"

From the Field

IOWA

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RAISE A GARDEN!

So much is being said in the public press today relative to the importance of the conservation of our resources, especially in the matter of making the land as productive as possible, that I thought perhaps a word might not be out of place to our people to encourage all to plant gardens and thus raise as much as possible of their own food supply. This is being urged by government officials as a mighty asset in the world war.

Now that we are in war, and it seems that an army of thousands of men will be raised and the government's dependence for food supplies will be increased, also by sending large amounts of supplies to the Allies of Europe, it should behoove every loyal hearted and industrious American to contribute his mite in producing as large a food supply as possible. This should appeal to our people as a matter of economy as well as for the physical benefit derived from working in the soil. Much is said in the Testimonies relative to the blessings to be derived from working the land, and now of all times in the world's history this counsel will be especially timely and applicable, so I would urge that every Seventh-day Adventist family, so far as possible, develop all of the available resources in the production of a garden for their own use as well as to help in the great world's need, as there will be a large demand for produce of all kinds.

Why would it not be a splendid thing for each one to set apart a certain portion of his ground to be planted for missionary purposes? Children as well as the older ones should interest themselves in this, and thus hundreds, if not thousands of dollars could be raised for the crying needs of our world-wide missionary endeavor. I would, therefore, encourage every farmer to set aside from one to five acres of some produce to be dedicated to the cause of missions. Let all our people in the towns and villages secure plots of ground as large as possible and dedicate a certain portion of it to the missionary cause. Many can to advantage raise poultry,

or dedicate some other interest to the missionary work.

A. R. OGDEN.

IOWA NOTES

C. E. Dreher, of Nevada, is taking treatment at the sanitarium.

C. E. Johnson will begin canvassing in O'Brien county this week.

All are glad to see Elder Oberg at his desk, and he will soon be out in the field again in active service.

Brother Fay E. Dunn of Jefferson, is at the Sanitarium for treatment, made necessary by an accident which befell him several weeks ago.

Brother and Sister R. J. Sype are in Nevada. Mrs. Sype is visiting her parents while R. J. is taking some needed treatments at the Sanitarium.

A letter to the Tract Society received the other day says: "As I was visiting not long ago I came across one of your books entitled 'Bible Readings for the Home Circle.' Please let me know the price and what a half dozen of them would cost." People are certainly becoming aroused by the wonderful truths found in our books and other literature. Now is the time to circulate them.

MINNESOTA.

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WELLS-SHERBURN

I enjoyed very much my visit with the brethren at Wells, recently. I remained there over the Sabbath, April 14. We had a good meeting and I think all present were encouraged and refreshed. As we studied the message and our relation to God in these perilous times, our hearts were melted to tenderness, and we were made to feel our great need of divine help. There was a free expression on the part of all present to draw nearer to God.

I had not planned to remain longer, but the brethren urged that we have a meeting that night, and also Sunday. To this I agreed, so all showed an interest in telling their friends and neighbors, and that evening after the Sabbath we had a very respectable number, and Sunday night the house was well filled with a class of interested hearers.

It surely is a satisfaction to one's soul in these troublous times to be

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FRAZEE

able to give to the public spiritual food, and enlighten their minds with reference to the startling events taking place in the earth just now. I thank God for the blessed message of truth. It helps to steady our nerves in a time like this, and even though all things earthly may be uncertain, we may be calm and trustful.

From Wells I went to Sherburn and spent a few hours in council with Elder Benton. At this place the work seems to be reviving. As a result of the good work being done by Elder Benton, several have taken their stand for the truth. He told me of their plans to raise our church building there, and place a foundation under it, and make some other improvements as well. He says they have the money in hand to do this work.

While this repairing is being done they have the Baptist church rented for their meetings and there seems to be a good interest in the town. He has hopes of others uniting with us.

G. W. WELLS.

COLPORTEUR WORK ON IRON RANGE

It was the pleasure of the writer to visit our old faithful colporteur brother, O. R. Osman, who has spent the past three months in the canvassing work on the Iron Range. His sales during this time were about \$800.00 worth of our health books.

The Lord has surely blessed this brother, not only in sales, but in bringing people into the truth. Two fine ladies are now keeping the Sabbath, four are deeply interested, and two others have visited our sanitarium for treatment, all as a result of his work in Virginia, Minn.

This is surely a self-supporting missionary work of the highest order. That which our colporteurs are doing proves to a certainty that one does not have to get on the conference pay roll in order to be a worker in this cause.

More of these self-supporting evangelistic canvassers are needed here in Minnesota. God has promised all who will come into His Vineyard, "Whatsoever is right I will give you." What more do we want?

The writer would be pleased to hear from any who may be interested in this line of missionary work. Remember the colporteurs' institute that will be held May 4 to 14 at Hutchinson.

GEORGE A. CAMPBELL,
Anoka, Minn.

Since my last report to the REAPER I have closed up my effort out in the country west of Frazee. As the result of the work there a nice company are keeping the Sabbath, and are rejoicing in the truth, for which we feel to praise the Lord.

At the close of this effort I had expected to continue my work in the village of Frazee, but found when I got back, there was no hall or building to be had in which to hold meetings, so we have been working in a more private way by holding Bible readings and visiting the interested ones.

There are some here who have taken their stand for the truth. We expect to have baptism here as soon as the weather is favorable. Last Sabbath I met with our people at Akeley to hold quarterly meetings. The company there is not large, but they are of good courage in the Lord, and are pressing on in the good way.

While there we had a business meeting in which both church and Sabbath school officers were elected for the ensuing year. On my way to this place I stopped off at Park Rapids and held a couple of meetings with the little company there, which were much appreciated.

I also visited some of our people at Wadena between trains, and found them of good courage. Surely the time is here when we should be lifting up our heads and rejoicing for we know our redemption draweth nigh.

I desire the prayers of God's people.

GEO. L. BUDD.

LIBERTY RALLY

INTERESTING AND PLEASANT PROGRAM
GIVEN AT ADVENTIST CHURCH.

Among the interesting numbers on the Liberty Rally program at the Adventist church Tuesday night was a dialogue staged by the little folks; Miss Liberty was represented as calling upon Uncle Sam, having left her former abode, and asked if she might safely dwell in this new land of promise.

Upon being assured of her safety under our constitution, she was introduced to the first president of the U. S., who was represented as res assuring her of safety by repeating a portion of his letter to the Hannover Presbytery in which he championed the cause of Liberty and conscience.

She was likewise introduced to Presidents Jefferson and Grant who in like

manner assured her of safety and welcome.

The program was well rendered to a large and appreciative audience.

A symposium of papers prepared on Religious Liberty topics were read, by local talent.

Mr. Chas. Rosenthal read an impressive article on the historical phase of Religious Legislation, showing the baleful effects of union of church and state.

Mr. Chas. Ashton, whose brothers have recently been arrested for conscience sake in Tennessee, read a brief report of the trial of Sabbatarians arrested for doing necessary work on Sunday after having kept as sacred the day before.

This report showed that the prosecutions grew out of religious prejudice, rather than on the grounds of the offender being a "public nuisance."

Evangelist R. L. Benton of Albert Lea, Religious Liberty Secretary in the Minnesota Conference, made a brief address in which he set forth the attitude of the denomination on religious legislation.

"We believe in government," said he, "and that it is ordained of God to protect individuals in their rights."

"Liberty is the unmolested enjoyment of every right with which men are born."

"Government cannot create rights, its mission is to protect them. Congress must refrain from legislating on matters of conscience and religion."

"The individual who clamors for Congress to enact laws imposing religious rites, is striking at a fundamental principle of the constitution. He who opposes such legislation is loyal to the constitution and a patriot of true government."

The building was neatly decorated for the occasion, and the stars and stripes were much in evidence.

A well trained chorus rendered several interesting pieces, and two quartets helped to make variety and interest.

The singing was especially enjoyed and the whole congregation joined in singing "America" to close the meeting. —Austin (Minn.) Daily Herald.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Elder Wells went to Maplewood Wednesday the 18th.

Elder Anol Grundset passed through the cities Friday morning and stopped at the office.

Prof. M. L. Andreasen of the Danish-Norwegian Seminary was a pleasant caller at the office Friday morning.

Last call for the big Sabbath school convention at Mankato. The dates are April 27 to 29, and everyone who can should attend.

Oh, yes! the *Signs* Weekly. Have you sent in your five names yet? To five different names \$4.25; five copies to one address are only \$4.00.

Mrs. Eljena Henrickson and little son of Pine City were pleasant callers at the home of her brother, B. L. Grundset, over last Sabbath. They were on their way to Chicago.

Brother W. L. Manfull, field secretary for the Western Canadian Union at Calgary, was a visitor at the office and at the home of Brother Grundset last Wednesday evening. While here he attended and assisted in the mid-week meeting of the St. Paul English church. He left Thursday morning for Maplewood Academy.

At the last service of the special series held recently in Ada, by Elders Grundset and Bye, a young man and his wife who had attended the last five meetings, took their stand for the message, and met last Sabbath with the believers there, observing their first Sabbath with the people of God. Others are interested.

Blanks have been sent to the church clerks upon which to enter the names of the delegates and alternates to the annual conference. It is requested that all clerks will at once forward this information to Miss Hopkins. In selecting delegates, it is well to bear in mind that each church is entitled to one delegate for the church and one additional delegate for each fifteen members.

Brother Robert Rowe, at one time connected with the office in St. Paul, who has until recently been with the home office of the Pacific Press at Mountain View, Cal., was a pleasant caller in St. Paul Wednesday. He made a visit at Hutchinson before leaving for his new position with the International Branch at Brookfield, Ill. The office force was very glad indeed to recall old acquaintances with Brother Rowe, and to wish him success in his new duties.

WANTED—A PLACE TO STAY

The St. Paul English Church is desirous of finding a quiet, home-like place where one of its aged brethren may find comfort and care. It is desired that those of our people who could furnish such accommodation please write to Elder S. D. Hartwell, 679 Holly Ave., St. Paul, Minn., giving references, together with such information as to terms, etc., as is necessary.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY NOTES

Canvassers' Institute this week.

Spring has come. The tulip beds show a vigorous population.

There are one hundred and thirteen students attending the Academy.

Mrs. Olson and Oscar Olson of Mankato spent Sabbath, April 21, with Leon Olson.

Misses Sand, Anna Christensen and Catherine Christensen of Hutchinson visited with friends at the Academy over the week end.

Recent acquisitions: 2,000 pounds of flour, to eat this spring; 1,500 pounds of sugar, to preserve some of the good strawberries we expect to gather this summer; 75 tons of coal to keep us warm next fall.

We have long hoped for electricity. We have dreamed about it, and finally we have planned for it. The buildings are wired. By the time you read this we expect to have the current turned on.

Bennie Vixie left for his home at Viking, April 16.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

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Missionary Volunteer and Educational Secretary—John J. Koehn.

Home Missionary Secretary—W. B. Payne.

Sabbath School Secretary—Miss Olga Albertworth.

All office address.

PARKER

We have fifteen members enrolled in our Young People's Society. A band of our number ought to accomplish something. We have had some interesting results in our prayer bands. Let us all pray without ceasing for the lost sheep!

We are all interested in the *Signs of the Times* campaign. Our members have been planning on putting this periodical into every home in Parker and Monroe, that is, where they will accept it. Pray for us that we may reap a rich harvest. It stands us all in hand to work hard now while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. The longer we delay the matter, the more sure Satan is of the victory he longs for.

We hold our meetings every Sunday evening at the writer's home. Most of us are planning to attend campmeeting again this year. Let's all go!

ARCHIE W. BOVEE.

THE COLPORTEUR WORK

As we travel from place to place in book work, we meet a hearty response

search of men to join our ranks in the on the part of our dear people to help in any way possible for the advancement of the work.

At Conde Brother and Sister Warner are doing all they can to aid the work. Others are studying. Also Sister Thompson at Northville is a live worker for the cause, as well as Sister Stelmiller at Nunda. While there, making a few calls, I came across one family who had ordered a "Great Controversy" and for some cause it was still undelivered, and they wanted it. So I sent the book to them.

Madison has a live little company filled with an earnest desire to aid in every line in spreading the Third Angel's Message. Brother and Sister Thrall handed us their check in payment for ten subscriptions to the *Signs* weekly. Brother Weatherly at Parker is also doing good work. A. L. Watson of that place plans to enter the book work, for which we are thankful. While stopping between trains at Canton, I sold a "Bible Readings" to a Methodist lady who already has "Heralds of the Morning" and is getting the *Signs* Weekly.

At Sioux Falls we spoke in the church Sabbath afternoon on the importance of the times, earnestly inviting our people to consider the book work and join our ranks.

May the dear Lord so fill each individual with his Holy Spirit that we may see the great need of a perishing world about us and cast aside every fear and sin and weight that doeth so easily beset us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith!

The work that should have been done in times of peace must be done now. Let us heed the call of the hour, brethren, and finish the work so that we all may go home to live with Jesus.

H. A. RENTFRO, Field Sec'y.

FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL HELD IN LONG SCHOOLHOUSE, DISTRICT 39, GREGORY CO., S. D.

We now have our school fairly well started and as the weather and roads have improved our attendance has increased. We had blizzards on two Sundays, and the snow was so deep on another Sunday that we had no meeting.

Our membership is twenty-one (it was a little larger but some moved away), our average attendance has been about fifteen, and the collections have amounted to \$6.47. This is being used for supplies. We use a club of five

The Book Work

Colporteurs' Report for Week Ending April 14, 1917

Agent.	Hours.	Book.	Orders.	Helps.	Value.
MINNESOTA CONFERENCE, WEEK ENDING APRIL 14, 1917.					
Theo. Mueller, Plainview	43	D. R.	16	\$0.90	\$42.65
L. L. Otis, Mora	38	D. R.	9	.....	30.30
Anna Hanson, Minneapolis	42	B. R.	5	4.30	26.30
John Borresen, Detroit, Minn.	15	M. H.	15	5.90	28.40
O. R. Osman, Virginia	21	P. G.	9	13.20	47.70
W. S. Syphore, Montrose	25	B. R.	6	3.75	24.75
Totals, 6 Agents	184		60	\$28.05	\$200.30

IOWA CONFERENCE, WEEK ENDING APRIL 14, 1917.					
Agent.	Hours.	Book.	Orders.	Helps.	Value.
W. A. Larson	8	B. R.	2	.....	\$7.00
Elmer Ely	34	Her.	7	.....	18.50
Bessie Ely	6	Her.	1	.....	2.50
Elva Wilcox	46	G. C.	5	\$0.25	19.50
Totals, 4 Agents	94		15	\$0.25	\$47.50

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE ONE WEEK ENDING APRIL 14, 1917.					
Agent.	Hours.	Book.	Orders.	Helps.	Value.
Frank Christy	38	P. G.	13	.....	\$55.00
Jacob Jutzy	27	G. C.	11	\$8.00	60.00
David Dirksen	22	P. G.	12	.....	56.00
Three Agents	87		36	\$8.00	\$171.50

TOTAL VALUE FOR THE NORTHERN UNION					
Agents.	Hours.	Orders.	Helps.	Total Value.	
13	365	111	\$36.30	\$419.30	

Little Friends, have a memory verse card for each family having children attending, and ordered one dozen Sabbath school quarterlies for the second quarter. We used ten the first quarter. One dozen "Songs of Zion" have been added to those we had.

A. G. Youngberg rendered valuable assistance in organizing and instructing until he left for another field of labor. There has been a shortage of teachers, especially so since the teacher of the children's class had to leave for a hospital. She is recovering nicely after a serious operation, and we hope she will be able to attend soon. At present the superintendent teaches the whole school in one class. Last Sunday the memory verse roll, and map of Paul's Missionary journeys, belonging to the Burke church, were used to good advantage in conducting the quarterly review.

G. D. Williams has given some excellent talks on Health, speaking of what it is, and viewing it from a religious angle as well as a national and economic asset. C. A. Scriven has addressed us three times, using these topics as a basis for his discourses: "Forward," "Bombarding God's Kingdom" and "Second Coming of Christ." C. W. Rubendall is to speak to us next Sunday (Easter).

One of the seniors is making good progress in reading her Bible through though she began late, and three juniors have received the Bible Year leaflets requested.

When you pray for other missionary work we trust you will also remember this Sunday school on the Rosebud.

BERTHA OSS, Superintendent.

LETA WILLIAMS, Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Frank Nesmith of Florence was a pleasant caller at the office Thursday.

Brother A. G. Youngerg writes that their interest still continues at South Shore.

Brother and Sister Rentfro returned to Watertown Friday from the Redfield Institute.

Elder Russell returned to the office last week from visiting his family in Nebraska for several weeks.

Mrs. Frank Harris of Ortonville, Minn., is visiting Brother and Sister Koehn at Watertown this week.

Prof. Ortner while in attendance at the Colporteurs' Institute at Redfield took orders for about 30 "Alone with God" and "Soul Winning."

"The man who cannot be won by love is not worth winning."

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NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder Reiswig spent last Sabbath with the McClusky church.

Elder Jackson spends next Sabbath with the company at Eckman. He will visit the Rock Lake church before returning.

Brother Karl Heinrich of Gackle called at the office last week and purchased a good supply of truth-filled literature.

Brother G. J. Unterseher of Bowden paid the office a nice visit while on his way home from a trip to South Dakota where he expects to move his family in the near future.

Our first colporteurs' report for 1917 appears in this issue of the REAPER. Look it up. We think it a good report for the time put in. It is expected that about 50 colporteurs will be in the field this year in our conference.

AN INTERESTING COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCE

I had an interesting experience while canvassing a lady in Howard a few weeks ago. The wind was blowing rather strong and directly into the door. She held the door ajar a very little, but I felt as though I had a work to do there, so I began to slip in front of the storm door and crowd the inner door until finally she told me to come in. I showed her the book, but she not being interested, we talked about the poor people in New York. I led the conversation to the Bible and soon she discovered that I was a Seventh-day Adventist. She said, "You people keep your Sunday on Saturday." I said, "No, but we keep Sabbath on that day." "Why," she said, "Sabbath is the seventh day." I said, "Yes, and so is Saturday." "Well," she said, "Isn't Sunday the Seventh day?" I said, "No." She said, "If Saturday is the Sabbath that God rested on when he made the world, I will keep it if I have to keep two days to do it." I at once suggested a study on that subject, but she would not consent. She gave as an excuse that her house



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was too cold, for she could get no
hard coal in the town. I told her
when it came, I would come over and
give her a study.

Sabbath afternoon I called her over
the phone; still she would not study.
I had sold her Christ Object Les-
sons, so she called soon afterwards
and asked if I had another like it.
After sundown I took my books, Bible
and the study, and went to see her.
She still would not study. She asked
if it would take very long; I assured
her that I would make it short, so she
finally consented. This was about 7
p. m. and at 10 p. m. I had to leave
almost by force to get away from her.

Last Thursday I went to see her
and she was the happiest woman in
that city. She has sold her home and
is going to where there is an Advent-
ist church, probably to Madison. She
told me that this was the kind of re-
ligion she was looking for, and with
such a foundation I am safe to say
that she will be an Adventist if she is
not now keeping the Sabbath.

I ask all to remember that lady in
your prayers. There are several
others interested in that city.

B. F. BLANK.

OBITUARY.

MARIAN LARSEN—Was born in Norway in
1868. She was, at her death, forty-eight
years old. December 23, 1916, she met with
a severe accident. While hurrying to board
a street car she slipped on the ice and one
arm and one leg were broken, also one hip
thrown out of joint.

For over two months Sister Larsen was
subject to intense suffering, but she looked
forward to her recovery until a few days
before her death, when she learned that her
bones were not healing. Then with suffer-
ing increasing she longed for death to relieve
her, and she fell asleep February 26.

For about eight years Sister Larsen has
been a member of the Scandinavian Seventh-
day Adventist church in Minneapolis. So
far as we know, she leaves a mother and two
sisters in Norway to mourn. The Word of
God was spoken to a large assembly at El-
liott's undertaking parlor, and we laid her
to rest at Layman Cemetery.

CARL SWENSON.

HAMILTON—Wm. C. Hamilton was born in
Ireland and died in Duluth, Minn., March 25,
1917, aged 58 years, 9 months, 22 days. For
many years he was a member of the Episco-
pal church. A few months ago, although con-
fined to his bed by slow eating cancer, he
eagerly read "Steps to Christ," "Great Con-
troversy," and other similar books, which with
personal Bible study caused him to fully yield
to the Spirit of God. Unable to leave his
home, at his urgent request I baptized him
in a bathtub, with the kindly assistance of his
most dutiful son, whose wife (formerly Cath-
olic), is also rejoicing in this precious truth.
The widowed companion is also firm in the
blessed hope, and expects soon to be baptized.
Mr. Hamilton was one of the most patient
men that I have ever known. He manifested
a firm trust in Jesus, and day after day as I

visited him he quietly, peacefully would say,
"I am just waiting, just waiting." "Blessed
are the dead which die in the Lord."
STEMPLE WHITE.

NELSON—Mary Nelson was born Jan. 3, 1845,
in Oldrop, Denmark, and died in Albert Lea,
Minn., March 24, 1917. She was married to
Soren Nelson in 1865 and they came to Amer-
ica in 1869. They have lived many years in
Minnesota and have been long years in the
Advent movement. In the death of Sister Nel-
son we lose a devoted Christian and one who
has been loyal to this denomination from the
time she accepted present truth.

She suffered much the last year of her life,
but at all times appeared to place her trust in
God.

She leaves to mourn, her husband and two
sons and many friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the
writer in the Danish Lutheran church at Alden,
Minn., assisted by the Danish Lutheran Pastor.
We mourn, but not as those who have no hope,
but look forward to a happy meeting when
Jesus comes.

ROY L. BENTON.

DINEHEART—Caroline Cathleen Hamblin was
born in Fulton County, New York, October 2,
1852. She was married to Jonah Dineheart in
the village of Altman, New York, December 2,
1870. In 1876 they moved to Minnesota, tak-
ing a homestead where the little village of
Luce now is. She died of pernicious anemia
April 6 at 7 a. m., being 64 years, 6 months
and 4 days old.

She leaves to mourn her loss a husband, six
sons, four daughters, sixteen grand children,
three brothers and two children. She was a
faithful wife, loving mother and a kind and
thoughtful neighbor.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer
to a large congregation of people assembled in
the Baptist church, using as a text Job 14:14.

GEO. L. BUDD.

OBITUARY

FLINT—Hirma A. Flint, the first-elder of the
St. Paul English Church, passed to his rest
April 18, 1917. Brother Flint was born in
Bethel, Vermont, February 10, 1830, and at
the time of his death had reached the age of
87 years, 2 months and 8 days. He was mar-
ried in Bethel, at the age of 19 years, to
Marian H. Turner, who passed away five years
ago last October. To this union were born
four children, three of whom survive him, one
son dying at the age of two years. The chil-
dren who are left to mourn the departure of
their father are: Mrs. A. S. Stewart and Art.
H. Flint of St. Paul and Franklin W. Flint of
Minneapolis.

Brother Flint was one of the charter mem-
bers of the St. Paul church, and has been faith-
ful to the message through a long period of use-
fulness. He was in failing health during the
last six months, and the end, though not en-
tirely unexpected, is a distinct loss to the
members of the family and a large circle of
friends. We join with others in expressing
our sympathy to the family, and in assuring
them that the hope of resurrection is theirs.

Funeral services were conducted from the
St. Paul church on Sabbath afternoon, April
21, Elder S. D. Hartwell being the minister.
Elder E. Hilliard, a lifelong friend of the de-
ceased, assisted. A large company gathered to
pay tribute to the memory of Brother Flint,
and to express the high esteem in which he was
held.

G. L. GULBRANDSON.

"What I must do is all that con-
cerns me, not what the people think."

"You may keep your feet from slip-
ping,

And your hands from evil deeds,
But to guard your tongue from trip-
ping,

What unceasing care it needs!

Be you old or be you young,
Oh, beware,

Take good care,
Of the tittle-tattle, telltale tongue!"

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COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTES

Maplewood Academy, April 23-May 3.
Danish-Norwegian Seminary, May 4-
14.

Sheyenne River Academy, May 16-26.
E. M. OBERG.

W. H. Edwards met with the Lake
City, Iowa, church last Sabbath.

Prof. M. B. VanKirk and wife at-
tended service at the Stevens avenue
church, Minneapolis, Sabbath, the 21st
inst.

Elder Chas. Thompson returned to
Minneapolis from the North American
Division Council, last Sunday, and be-
gan a two-weeks' series of meetings in
the new Minneapolis church, corner of
27th street and Stevens avenue the same
night.

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The present goal set for the circula-
tion of Present Truth is 250,000 copies
per week. The year 1916 closed with
a weekly average circulation of 110,000
copies. The month of March this year
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SEMINARY NOTES

Elder Andreasen was in Chicago on
business week before last.

The last thirteenth Sabbath donation
of the Seminary Sabbath School was
\$25.37.

Miss Della Thompson from Maple-
wood Academy is visiting at her home
for a few days.

The program for the next school year
is now being made out, and each student
is given an opportunity to arrange for
his studies.

Henry Frishman has gone home for
a brief period. He is planning to take
the nurses' course at Hinsdale, Illinois,
in the near future.

James Hanson and Rosser Thompson,
who were injured by the explosion of
gasoline in the science room some time
ago, are now carrying on their regular
school work.

Guy and Howard Frederickson were
pleasantly surprised last Monday by a
visit from their mother. She has just
returned from California where she has
spent the greater part of the winter.

The Library Fund Association has be-
gun active work. Two thousand dol-
lars were pledged, and a large number
of the students are already at work
raising their shares. They are meeting
with encouraging results.

Sabbath, April 7, was a good day at
the Seminary. The following students
were baptized: Walter Jensen, Nikulas
Bjornson, Fred Nelsen, Carl Nelsen,
Clarence Nelson, George Sather, Char-
ley Dammen, G. O. Pedersen, Viola
Brown, and Margaret Thordarson.—
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