



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

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COLLECTION

Sabbath, Feb. 23, is the day set apart by the Executive Committee of the North American Division conference for the consideration of the needs of our "Religious Liberty Department."

This department is doing a great work in the interest of Christian liberty, and personal rights, in holding in abeyance the passage of such laws as would interfere with individual conscience regarding duty to God. It is also is very active in behalf of prohibition and Christian temperance.

Once each year all our people are given the privilege of contributing of their means to the work of this department. This year that occasion comes on Sabbath, February 23. The work of the department was never more strenuous than now nor the expenses greater or more demanding than at present. Consequently the offering should be the largest ever received, upon such an occasion. We trust each church pastor, elder, or company leader, will see that this question is forcibly presented to their respective congregations, and an offering taken. Remember "That God loveth a cheerful giver," also remember the date Sabbath, February 23.

CHAS. THOMPSON.

THINGS WORTH KNOWING

Do you know that there are three drastic Sunday bills pending before Congress now?

Do you know that you ought to write a letter to your senators and representatives in Congress, protesting against the passage of these bills?

Do you know that the representatives of sixteen denominations waited upon President Wilson February 1 and urged him to use his influence

to get these bills passed by Congress?

Do you know that the President told these churchmen that his sympathies were with their efforts in behalf of Sunday legislation?

Do you know that the President issued a military order concerning Sunday observance in the army camps?

Do you know that the current issue of *The Liberty Magazine* deals fully and clearly with these great questions before Congress and the whole country, and ought to be placed in the hands of the public at the present time?

Do you know that you can get a bundle of 50 copies, postage prepaid, for \$2.00?

Do you know that Religious Liberty Day comes on Sabbath, February 23, and that you ought to give a liberal offering for the religious liberty work in the year to come?

Let each church order a club of 50 copies of *The Liberty Magazine* for each quarter at \$2.00 a quarter. Now is the time to work to defend the rights of conscience and the blessings of liberty.

C. S. LONGACRE,
Rel. Lib. Sec. of North America.

SENDING LITERATURE TO THE SOLDIER BOYS

The January issue of the United States Official Postal Guide has the following to say regarding magazines for soldiers and sailors:

"Magazines for soldiers should be current and clean. It has come to attention that many of the unwrapped, unaddressed magazines mailed by the public at the one-cent postage rate for soldiers and sailors are useless for the purpose intended, some being so old as no longer to be of any interest, some are torn and soiled and unfit for further use, while others are of such character as to be wholly un-

suited for reading matter for soldiers and sailors.

"Postmasters are requested to give this matter publicity and impress upon their patrons that the publications mailed under the arrangement referred to should consist of clean copies of current or comparatively recent issues of magazines devoted to literature or containing matter of general interest."

We find it a good plan to send literature to the boys either through special workers assigned to camp service, or direct to the names of soldiers. Recently one order came to the Signs office directing that 97 copies of the Weekly be sent regularly to as many young men. Their names and camp addresses accompanied the order, and there is no doubt about their receiving the papers promptly and in good shape. When our boys leave their present location, to be transferred, or sent "over there," those knowing about the change should inform the office promptly, that the papers may reach the boys as quickly as possible. The Signs office desire to co-operate in every way that will facilitate rapid transit of their periodicals.

East of the Mississippi and South we have brethren giving considerable time to our boys in Camps Lee, Devens, Custer, Grant, Harrison, and others. In the middle West, workers are in touch with Camps Funston and Dodge, and other training centers. On the Pacific Coast, certain brethren are appointed to similar work at Camps Lewis, Fremont and Kearney. From nearly all of these centers we have had urgent calls for extra supplies of the Signs of the Times, both Weekly and Magazine. And we are very glad to send them out to the workers to help in their splendid service among the soldier boys.

The February Signs magazine—the Soldier number—contains some gripping articles that our soldier boys need **just now**. At this writing orders for the February Signs magazine—that Soldier number—are coming from all sections of the country. We ought to get at least 25,000 copies into the hand of the soldier lads before the month closes. What will you do to help accomplish it? Any donations to the Signs Soldiers' Literature fund may be sent through your conference treasurer.

ERNEST LLOYD.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATIONAL DEPT.

M. B. Van Kirk, Secretary

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Northern Union Conference, Third Period.

Half of the school year is in the past. The third period reports have all been recorded and the summary below reveals some interesting progress. The enrollment in all of the Academies and the Seminary has increased materially. The spirit in all the schools is good. We are sorry that Miss Tyndall was obliged to give up her school in Minneapolis on account of ill health, but are glad that recent word from her, written from Boulder, Colo., where she is now, gives assurance of a speedy recovery. We are glad that the matter was taken in hand in time.

Conference Schools Enroll T'hrs Gain				
Iowa	15	224	17	
Minnesota	22	276	23	11
South Dakota	17	144	17	
North Dakota	7	172	8	15
Total	61	816	65	26

Secondary Schools

Dan. Nor. Sem.	144	14	5
Maplewood Ac.	100	10	2
Oak Park Ac.	121	9	18
Plainview	119	8	17
Shenoyenne River	113	9	2
Totals	596	50	44

There are conducted in the Northern Union aside from the regular church schools four family schools. These schools are taught by consecrated mothers, and the results are very gratifying. The fourth period will soon be past and then comes the home stretch. We hope that every one will plan definitely to remain in

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school throughout the school year. It is gratifying to know that all our schools are keeping up so well financially as they are in face of the tremendous increase in the cost of foods.

Now is the time for the elementary school boards to make definite plans for the school for the next year. Every chairman should get his board together and go over the ways and means for financing the school for the coming year and arrange with the superintendent for the teacher they need unless they can arrange with the teacher now employed to remain.

This will help the superintendent in making his plans for summer school attendance. Every teacher unless excused by the superintendent should plan to attend summer school. The place is College View; the time is June 11 to August 5.

M. B. VAN KIRK.

CHURCH SCHOOL AT DALLAS SOUTH DAKOTA

At present we are reading the last book of our Junior Reading Course. Outside of our R. C. books we have two other very interesting and helpful books. We have committed to memory these five beautiful Psalms, 1, 91, 46, 23 and 34.

The first three months of our term a class in woodwork was carried on; later we took up sewing, and now we have knitting in the place of sewing for the older members. We take great interest in knitting for our soldier boys at the front. We have made two sweaters, and a third is well on the way. Some are knitting wristlets and blocks for the Hospital blankets. We are all Red Cross members.

As to our studies, we are pleased with the advancement we have made in them, and only hope our great Master is as well pleased. We owe all to God who is the giver of all good things.

It might be of interest to all to take a trip through our drawing books and handmade penmanship books as well.

Our little prayer band meets every Wednesday and has proved a blessing to us all. How wonderful it is to be able to talk with our Saviour! The little ones have learned to pray, and it is a joy to hear them.

Our Morning calendar has been a ray of sunshine to us all. We learn the verses every morning in worship. We feel we need a closer connection with our Saviour. Our aim is to do our best each day.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

S. A. Ruskjer, Secretary

READING RACKS—SIGNS WEEKLY

I suppose that others will report our excellent Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary conventions recently held in Sioux Falls and Madison, South Dakota, through the columns of the Reaper. However, there are two items that I would like to emphasize for the encouragement of others. At Madison 17 of the members went out in a field-day campaign. We distributed 450 papers. One young lady, while distributing the Signs weekly, handed a copy to one of the city policemen. He accepted the paper and when he saw it was the Signs he exclaimed his joy at having the privilege of getting the good Signs again. He asked the lady what had become of the reading racks which the church formerly had in the depots. She informed him that it had been taken down temporarily, but would be replaced soon with a larger and more beautiful rack. The policeman then told her that for several months he had made a trip to the reading rack regularly to secure a copy of the Signs weekly, being careful not to miss a single copy. He told her that he greatly appreciated the interesting manner in which the Signs tells the truth and nothing but the truth. He further stated that he hoped that he would be able to again receive the Signs through the reading rack.

This is another instance that calls our attention to two facts; first, it pays to use a reading rack; it pays to place the Signs weekly in the reading rack. No one is able to tell how much good is being accomplished by the use of the reading racks. That silent servant hanging on the wall does its work early and late, day and night. There are many individuals who will not accept a paper if handed to them, but who will go to a reading rack and help themselves to our literature. We hope that in the very near future we shall be able to supply all of our churches with one or more of the reading racks which have become so popular throughout our territory. More will be said about this in the near future.

Another item which I wanted to mention is the following: One of the brethren attending the Madison insti-

tute told of how he had visited the bankers and other business men showing them a copy of the Signs and asking them to subscribe for it. He said that without any exceptions they willingly paid for the Signs weekly for one year and some of them have taken the trouble to tell him how greatly they appreciate the truth contained in the Signs. One business man induced a traveling salesman to get the Signs also. This brother then went out into the country and got a number of farmers to subscribe for the Signs and tells of their interest in the truth as a result of the weekly visit of that splendid paper. What this brother has done others can do. Let us continue to faithfully circulate the printed page and in due time "we shall reap if we faint not."

S. A. RUSKJER.

A JOINT REQUEST

Pro-Germans, pacifists and slackers are the distinguished enemies of our government now. There is another enemy that has been such so long that many have overlooked him entirely, and there is danger that he will go unpunished unless somebody takes drastic measures right soon. We refer to the Licensed Liquor Traffic. Do you not think it a patriotic duty to bring him to trial? Seventh-day Adventists have the best Temperance literature published for general distribution, and it teaches principles that go hand in hand with the government food rulings. It teaches economy, conservation and health principles. It is printed to be read; it ought to be read; and it will be read if we do our part in distributing it.

As the Temperance work comes under the Religious Liberty department and the distribution of our literature among our neighbors comes under the Home Missionary department, we are making this joint appeal to every church and isolated company and member to join the Temperance army before it is too late to enlist. We can not work with Temperance literature after the nation goes dry. So let us work NOW.

According to plans, Minnesota is to vote on State Wide Prohibition this fall. Let us do our "Bit"terest against the Liquor Traffic now.

We hope to see no less than 10,000 copies of the Temperance Instructor for 1918 ordered and distributed among the people.

Let this be an appeal to the

church elders and Missionary secretaries to lay the matter before the churches, and begin at once to plan for raising a goodly sum of money and order just as many Temperance Instructors as possible. And then make thorough plans for wise distribution and carry them out.

The secretary of the Religious Liberty department is prepared to send you a suggestive program outline if you will hold a Temperance rally in your church. These could be held also in school houses and other public places. If interested in holding a Temperance Rally please write Elder R. L. Benton, Wells, Minn. There should be a goodly number of these Rallies held throughout the conference this year.

The price of the Temperance Instructor will be four cents in hundred lots and can be obtained from the Tract Society.

R. L. Benton, Secretary Religious Liberty Department.

Anol Grundset, Secretary Home Missionary Department.

MADISON INSTITUTE

The Lord's presence was manifested among his people by a splendid spirit of cooperation and interest as they met together during the joint Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Institute at this place February 8-11.

The local members proved themselves to be real minutemen, for topics which were assigned but a few days in advance were well developed and presented in an inspiring manner. These were followed by informal discussions which brought out many practical ways of actively engaging in missionary work.

The brethren decided to put some of the good ideas into the Book of Acts at once. Saturday evening magazines and papers were brought to the church. The sixteen who assembled to distribute literature were divided into three bands. The stores were visited with the printed page, people on the streets were given periodicals containing the glad news of salvation, and silent messengers of truth found their way into automobiles, carriages and wagons. Those who took part in this work had many blessed experiences.

A fund of \$35 was raised to increase the Signs circulation in the vicinity. Those who were present expressed their intention of ordering

nine sets of the Testimonies within the next month. Many members of the four churches which were represented at this meeting enrolled for more aggressive missionary work and decided to report more faithfully what they do.

Sunday evening Elder Ruskjer spoke to an overcrowded house on the subject of "Spiritualism in its 1918 Garb as a Factor in the World's War."

I greatly appreciate the hearty co-operation of Elder Ruskjer and Brother Rhoads at this meeting.

ALFRED G. YOUNGBERG.

BRAINERD

It was my privilege to visit this place last Sabbath. The service on Sabbath was well attended, though it was a very cold day. Some came several miles from the country.

Their present church elder, who is highly esteemed by the membership, is considering selling his comfortable country home that he may devote more time to missionary work.

At the close of the Sabbath service some 75 subscriptions to Present Truth were taken. A club of 10 Liberty magazines for one year was taken by one member. Several took 20—50 copies of "A World in Perplexity." Sister Broderson, who teaches church school here, though she is located in the country, seeks to improve opportunities to enlist the younger members in missionary lines.

A public service was held Sunday forenoon, at which several not of our faith were present.

Dear reader, take an interest in your neighbors and discharge faithfully your responsibility to them. "We are answerable to God for the souls of those with whom we are brought into contact, and the closer the connections with our fellow men, the greater our responsibility. . . . As children of God none of us are excused from taking a part in the great work of Christ in the salvation of our fellow men."

ANOL GRUNDSET.

Church elders should take the matter of the General Conference Bulletin up in the church at the first opportunity. All our people should have the Bulletin. There is no time to delay. Send in your order immediately. Fifty cents will pay for the Bulletin for the time of the session. Do it now.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT

E. M. Oberg, Field Miss. Sec.

UNION COLLEGE INSTITUTE

In harmony with the instruction given us to "educate, educate, educate young men and women to sell the books which the Lord by his Holy Spirit has stirred his servants to write" the field missionary secretaries of the Central and Northern Union conferences in the latter part of January conducted one of the most enthusiastic colporteur institutes ever held in Union College.

President Morrison kindly gave us the chapel hour each day during which the urgent needs of the different conferences were told by the different field secretaries.

In spite of the fact that some of the young men are classified for the draft, a band of 105 was organized to study the various books.

It has been said that "the splendid women of America never stand back in a crisis," so in this crisis today our loyal college girls as well as the young men have volunteered to carry the message in book form.

It is indeed a privilege to become acquainted with so many earnest and consecrated young people. We gladly welcome all who plan to return in the spring to their home conference in this union, that many souls will accept of present truth through their consecrated efforts.

E. M. OBERG.

"FROM THE FIERY FURNACE"

We might follow up the article appearing in last weeks' *Reaper* regarding the colporteur work, with an experience that appeared in the daily papers of St. Paul some time ago.

One of our agents sold a book to a family living near the city, and one evening the family was reading the book around the fireside. The next morning, after the husband had left for his work, the house, in some mysterious way, caught fire and was burned to the ground. The mother and children perished in the flames.

While the firemen were fighting the blaze, attempting to find the bodies, they were about to give up the task owing to the intense heat. In some way the book "Story of Daniel the Prophet" had been seized by a gust of wind and blown away from the burning house and lodged against a tree near by. The book was opened

to the page containing the picture of the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, showing the king looking into the furnace and with the caption underneath "He looked intensely into the fiery furnace."

This incident seemed to inspire the firemen with new hope and courage and they returned to fight the fire and succeeded in recovering the bodies of the mother and the children. The Sabbath after it was the pleasure of the St. Paul church to welcome the husband and father to the church services and undoubtedly this remarkable occurrence will have a marked effect upon his future life.

The name of the agent who sold the book is not known. However, this has been the occasion of interesting many of the neighbors and friends in this splendid book and may be the means in the providence of God to bring the message to additional honest hearts.

Do not forget the colporteur's Institute at Maplewood academy, beginning February 28.

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FARIBAULT, MORRISTOWN AND WARSAW

Following the splendid workers' meeting at St. Paul, it was thought best for me to visit the above named places to encourage the interested ones in whatever way possible. Accordingly I arrived in Faribault Friday, January 25. Brother R. F. Wolcott met me at the train and I was entertained in his hospitable home much of the time while in that vicinity. One young man living not far from them is interested, and some time ago told his parents he had decided to keep the Sabbath. His mother at once became bitter and at times almost feigned insanity. His father asked him to wait two weeks that he might investigate the merits of the case. One or two ministers were interviewed in the hope of finding a way to quiet the young man's mind, but the ministers themselves were un-

able to keep a quiet demeanor under the cross examination. Now the father asks for more time until the mother regains her normal mind. It was my privilege to have a number of visits with this young man and he tells us he means to go forward at any cost. Brother Wolcott is giving him good and safe counsel.

At Warsaw we had two Sabbath meetings at the home of Sister Randall who accepted the Sabbath truth from reading "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation" purchased from Brother Theo. Mueller. Since buying the book and reading it through fourteen times, she has been the means of leading her mother, two brothers and two sisters to accept the Sabbath with her. And last, but not least, her husband has now expressed himself that he "desires to live a Christian life" and has been keeping the Sabbath with her for several weeks.

The mother, brothers and sisters live at Morristown. It was my privilege to be the first Seventh-day Adventist minister to enter their home. These people all expressed real pleasure at having the opportunity of Bible study and the privilege to ask questions. The husband and brother were both raising hogs, but since accepting the truth they have decided to discontinue this practice and have sold their hogs—and paid tithe on the money.

Owing to sickness in the homes we were not able to meet as much as desirable, but a little later when the weather is more favorable to travel I hope to visit them again. There should be a number ready for baptism there before spring.

While the glory is God's I feel that the true hearted colporteur should have due credit.

ROY L. BENTON.

MINNEAPOLIS

Our district cottage Bible studies now being held each week in seven different parts of this city, are growing in interest and attendance. The total number attending last week were one hundred and ninety. Eighty of this number were people not of our faith. The various leaders of these district meetings are very much encouraged in their work, and are being greatly blessed of the Lord as they study the truths for this time with the people.

The church is taking hold nobly in this missionary campaign, and we are

very hopeful that the united effort put forth will win a number of precious souls for the cause of truth and add souls to the church that will be saved in the kingdom. We are trying to make our Sabbath meetings a strong service for our own people and the goodly number of outsiders that are always present. Last Sabbath was a blessed day for the church as eight precious souls were baptized.

The interest and attendance at our Sunday night services are most encouraging. We are advertising these special services by card and press. Last Sunday night our church was well filled by an intelligent audience who listened to an inspiring discourse by Elder Wells upon the subject, "What Follows Europe's War."

February 18 the church paid off the fourth and last note of \$1050 of their church indebtedness; less than \$600 still remains of wiping out their entire obligation. This amount advanced to us by the conference is cared for in pledges and will vanish away week by week as our faithful people attack it from their pledge list. In a few more weeks the Minneapolis church will be out of the trenches of debt, and will be seen by the Reaper readers going over the top singing the song of deliverance.

So sure are we of this that arrangements are now being entered into with Elder Daniels, the President of the General Conference, to dedicate our house of worship for us March 8 or 9. In a later issue of this paper definite announcement will be made so that all who desire may join us in this blessed occasion.

P. G. Stanley.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN MINNESOTA

207 state legislators, 76 district and supreme judges, and 206 editors are receiving the Liberty magazine free as the compliments of the Minnesota conference, through the Religious Liberty department.

The department is enabled to do this because the members of the churches (who are all members of this department) make a special contribution once each year for Religious Liberty work. This year we ran a little short of means and the tract society gave us a lift from its funds which you have helped to earn by paying your accounts promptly and in full.

The fourth Sabbath in February has been set apart for Religious Lib-

erty offering this year. It is almost here, Sabbath February 23. May we count on you again? I feel sure we can. Let the elders encourage all the people to give something to the cause of Liberty.

The isolated may send their donation to the conference office with the proper label and it will help to swell the fund.

ROY L. BENTON,
Sec. R. L. Dep't Minn. Conf.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Elder Toppenberg from Africa is spending some days in the state. He visited the Seminary Tuesday and Wednesday.

Elder S. A. Ruskjer made a pleasant visit at the office Tuesday.

Elder S. D. Hartwell left the office Friday to spend Sabbath and Sunday with the believers in Owatonna.

Brother Westburg of Minneapolis visited at the office Tuesday for a short time selecting books and tracts.

J. A. Rhinehart of Des Moines, Iowa, and his brother residing in St. Paul, called at the tract society office Monday. Brother Rhinehart contemplates moving to Georgetown, Minnesota and will be welcomed to this state by our people, we are sure.

SEMINARY NOTES

Elder Ruskjer visited the seminary over Sunday.

Last Sabbath eight persons were baptized at the seminary. It was a very solemn occasion.

Elder Reppe was called away last Thursday to Benson to conduct the funeral services of an aged sister.

We are now using less than one third the amount of sugar that we did last year. A committee of students were appointed to suggest means of saving, and this is the result. We all believe in the "gospel of the clean plate."

The work of Mr. and Mrs. Link in musical lines is very much appreciated. Their time is taken up early and late in giving lessons, vocal and instrumental. They also conduct a chorus of eighty voices, and are also doing special work with duets, trios, quartets and band.

The new addition to the seminary is now completed. Our people throughout the union have given liberally toward this enterprise, and it will be a source of encouragement for them to know that the work contemplated is finished and that no debt

has been contracted in so doing. The third story is not finished inside, but will be as soon as it is needed and the money is at hand. To all the good brethren who have helped we say, Thanks.

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A NEW REASON FOR SUNDAY KEEPING

It was the privilege of the writer to visit the Gredstone church over last week-end. It was a real privilege to meet with these earnest Russian brethren.

The brethren of the Gredstone church are strong and well grounded in the truth. We were interested in listening to a rehearsal of sermons recently delivered by a minister of another denomination, a preacher from Canada. We all remember that when the Apostle Paul went to a certain place he said, "I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." This brother's theme, however, seemed to be Seventh-day Adventists. Among other Scriptures he referred to Jeremiah, the sixteenth chapter and the fourteenth to the sixteenth verses. The fourteenth verse says, "Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be said the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt." And, again, the fifteenth verse, "But, the Lord liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the North, and from all the lands whither he had driven them; and I will bring them again into their land which I gave unto their fathers." The man went on to say that the fourteenth verse meant one God, and the fifteenth another God. The God of the fourteenth verse seemed to observe the seventh day, but the God of the fifteenth verse admonished them to observe Sunday. Proof: the latter half of the sixteenth verse, "and after that will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

This is the work this brother is doing at the present time, and the first-

The Book Work

WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 9, 1918

	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Delivered
Minnesota						
L. L. Otis	B. R.	28	11	3.10	52.10	
W. S. Sphera	B. R.	22	7	1.50	31.00	
Anna Hanson	B. R.	2	2		10.00	
Theo. Mueller	D&R	34	9	2.20	14.00	
B. O. Engen	O. D.	25	4	3.95	14.95	
O. R. Osman	P. G.	25	12		52.00	
F. E. Barkley	B. R.	17	3	1.50	14.50	
Agents 7		153	48	12.25	188.55	

Iowa						
Bertha Benson	C. E. S.	23		50.00	50.00	
Louis E. Neirmeyer	B. R.	16	7	1.25	32.50	
Elmer Cox	D&R	16	2	2.50	11.50	
Agents 3		55	9	53.75	94.00	

GRAND TOTAL FOR THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

Agents	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Delivered
10	208	57	66.00	282.55	

day Sabbath is the message he is presenting and this was his proof for observing it. "The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat, saith the Lord." Jer. 23:28. S. E. JACKSON.

NEWS NOTES

Brethren Nash and Roedel report a growing interest at Diesem where they are holding meetings.

Brother John A. Schmidt is again in the field. He is laboring in the vicinity of Turtle Lake.

Brother Hein was called to Windsor last week where there are several individuals who are interested in the truth as a result of the Home Missionary work.

Where are we going to get straw with which to fill our bed ticks this coming camp meeting? This is the question which confronts the camp-meeting committee. Who can help us solve the problem? Suggestions solicited.

Arrangements have been completed with the Commercial Club at Harvey which locates our annual camp meeting again in that little city. The club is granting about the same concessions as last year. Let us begin to pray that the Lord will make this annual gathering the spiritual feast that it should be, and to temper the elements to our needs.

The sad news of the death of Sister Lottie Stewart Smith will come as a sad surprise to many of the Reaper readers. She died in Portland, Oregon, January 6, 1918, after an illness of nine weeks and two days. She was born in Moscow, July 21, 1890. She was married to Clarence Lee Smith on December 26, 1916. She united with the church at Kent, Washington, and was always faithful. She died in hope.

For some three years Sister Stewart continued in the North Dakota conference as Bible workers and several individuals are rejoicing in the truth as a result of her efforts. We confidently expect that when Sister Stewart comes up in the first resurrection she will wear stars in her crown.

We want to assure the family that they have the deepest sympathy and prayers of the Reaper family in this their hour of sorrow. But remember the comforting Scripture which says, "Blessed are the dead that died in the Lord from henceforth, yea, saith the spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." We know that the loved ones need not sorrow as those "who have no hope." Who would exchange a belief in God and this blessed truth for all the riches in the world at a time like this? S. E. JACKSON.

Order the General Conference Bulletin. You need it.

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Home Missionary Secretary—A. G. Youngberg, Watertown.

PLAINVIEW ACADEMY

Mrs. E. G. Hayes, our preceptress, has been taking a few days of much needed and well earned rest for the last few days at College View, Neb., visiting at the home of her parents at that place. She returned to Plainview Friday, February 8.

Brethren Oberg and Rentfro are at this time conducting a very enthusiastic colporteur's institute at the Plainview academy. A goodly number of our boys and girls will go out in the summer vacation to scatter the literature containing the light of truth for the times. To the teachers in the school it seems good to see our students thus planning to go forth to give to others what they have been receiving through the year.

Elder E. T. Russell made us a flying call and in his usual breezy interesting style talked to the students, counseling them to be diligent, and to search carefully their own hearts.

Brother I. G. Ortner is in attendance at the institute a few days to give instruction in dealing with the office. Thus the prospective canvassers are taught, not only how to sell but also the proper manner of buying. T. H. JEYS.

COLOME

Colome is a place of about 600 inhabitants. We leased the Opera house for six weeks and began an effort on January 27. All things considered the attendance has been very gratifying and a deep general interest in manifested. Homes are opening up to us so we can talk the truth at the fireside.

We were very glad to have Elder Russell with us the second night of the meetings. In counsel with him it was decided that as I had no other help that Mrs. Rubendall should come to assist in the music and Bible work. A much interested lady is playing the piano for us. The collections are good, the first one being \$6.53.

At this writing, February 12, we are just entering the testing truths. The Sabbath question will be present-



IOWA SANITARIUM, NEVADA, IOWA
Delightful Health Resort, with attentive
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FOR SALE—Seven-room house, four lots,
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ventist Church and Church School. One
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cluded. Address Mrs. Lillie Smith,
Chamberlain, S. D.

WANTED—A man to work on the farm
by the month during the coming season.
Prefer a man experienced in farm work.
Must be a Sabbath keeper. For particu-
lars address D. H. Madsen, R. F. D. No. 7,
Beresford, S. Dak. 2t

STUDY AT HOME—If you can not attend
one of our training schools, why not form
the habit of studying at home? The Fire-
side Correspondence School will teach you
how. Elder A. G. Daniells, president of
the General conference, says, "I believe
your school is conferring an unspeakable
benefit upon our people." Let us tell
you about the matter. Address C. C.
Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

NOTICE!

The Nashville Sanitarium Food Factory
is being moved to the Madison School and
Sanitarium, and we have on hand a small
stock of Vegetable Cheese and Vegetable
Roast which we offer at the following low
prices while it lasts. These prices are Net.
Case Veg. Cheese 24 2 lb 4 oz. cans \$8.10
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These foods are nice and fresh, and
it will be three or four months before the
factory will be running again, so send in
your order at once.

Nashville Health Food Co., Madison,
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WANTED—Competent Adventist woman
or girl for general housework on a farm.
Good wages; steady employment; church
privileges. Address Mrs. Esther E. So-
per, Box 60, R. 2, Sherburn, Minn. 3t

WANTED—Work on farm by experienced
farmer, member of Seventh-day Advent-
ist church. Would like to locate with
good Adventist farmer, where I could
have house with some furniture. Age
23, married, no children. Good refer-
ences. State wages in letter. M. H.
Birdseye, Nickerson, Kansas. 1t

OBITUARY

MAXIM—Olive Leonna Stearns
was born in Becker County, Minneso-
ta, December 18, 1893, and died at
the hospital in Minneapolis, February
7, 1918, being 24 years, 1 month and
19 days old. She leaves to mourn a
husband, two sons, a father and

mother, one sister and three broth-
ers. Sister Maxim, when only a lit-
tle girl eleven years old, gave her
heart to the Lord and was baptized
with her mother. She died with the
blessed hope of coming forth in the
morning of the first resurrection.
Words of comfort were spoken by the
writer to a large congregation of rela-
tives and friends gathered at the
church. GEO. L. BUDD.

ed this week, and while you are read-
ing this some souls will be deciding
for or against the "Seal of God" and
for or against the "Mark of the
Beast." Brethren and sisters, you have
paid your tithe that the seed might
be sown in this goodly soil. Now,
pray, PRAY, that God will water the
seed and give the increase.

How dear and sweet the message is
becoming day by day to us who know
it, and how much, O how much, this
world needs it! The sound of the
trumpet and the alarm of war is
ringing throughout the earth. The
prelude to Armageddon is being play-
ed, and the earth trembles under the
vibration of its discordant notes.
Now while the "four angels" are
holding the weird music in check,
someone is to "Blow the trumpet in
Zion and sound an alarm in my holy
mountain." Who can stand idle all
day and say, "No man hath hired
me?"

May our arms be nerved to great-
er endeavors.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder E. G. Hayes has recently be-
gun a series of meetings at Webster.

Elder Russell left the office Tuesday
evening for Mitchell, Chamberlain
and Murdo. He will visit Brother
Anderson at the latter place.

Miss Irene Seeley who has been at-
tending Plainview academy was re-
cently called to her home in Beech
N. L.

Brother J. N. Follen of Kansas
City spent a few days at the Colpor-
tore's Institute held at Redfield Feb-
ruary 4-13. He stopped at the of-
fice on his way home.

The Home Missionary and Mission-
ary Volunteer institutes will be held
at Bowdle March 1-4, and at the Long
Lake church March 8-11, instead of
on the dates formerly given in the
Reaper. Brethren Russell, Ruskjer,
Rhoads, Van Kirk and Youngberg ex-
pect to be present at these meetings.

Brother I. G. Ortner will also be there.
The brethren of nearby churches are
earnestly requested to be present.

Elder Russell returned to the office
a week ago Sunday from College
View, Colome and Yankton. He re-
ports that Elder Ruberidall began a
series of meetings January 27 with
an attendance of 65 the first night
and 85 the second, with the interest
on the increase. From the Bonesteel
country he went to Yankton to visit
Brethren Barcus and Dunham who
are laboring there. They report a
good attendance at first, but because
of an inadequate heating system it
finally was reduced to a very small
company. The heating plant was
abandoned and a stove was put up so
that those in attendance could be
comfortable.

Evelyn Calkins returned to the of-
fice Monday from the Bowdle church.
She reports that the Sabbath school
convention held Feb. 8-10 was well
attended and proved to be a great
success. Elders Thompson and Rus-
sell were in attendance, and ably as-
sisted in the services. Elder Thomp-
son spoke three times on Sabbath to
a house full of very attentive listen-
ers, and Elder Russell spoke Sunday
on "How Peace Will Undoubtedly
Come to the Warring Nations, and
the World's Court of Peace." Fred
Trautmann assisted in the translating.
Every teacher in the Bowdle Sabbath
school that can read English has en-
rolled for the Teachers' Reading
Course for 1918. The German peo-
ple are to be commended for their
hearty response and their kind co-
operation.

Miss Etta Jaqua who is doing Bible
work in Aberdeen has several inter-
ested readers. She is studying with
one who is a First-day Adventist and
who has expressed a desire to know
more about the truths of the Bible.
Epidemics of children's ailments have
hindered her in her work, but never-
theless it is going steadily forward.

The 1918 teachers' and parents'
Reading Course has just begun. You
ought to take this course. It is put
out for your benefit. The books
"Thoroughly Furnished" and "Talks
With the Training Class" and the
Sabbath School Worker for one year
all come for only \$1.10. Order from
the tract society.

It is not too early to order the Gen-
eral Conference Bulletin. Send fifty
cents to the tract society.

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NEW EFFINGTON SOUTH DAKOTA

During the cold winter months, when it is hard to get people to attend any public services, our work in New Effington has been kept up by Bible studies, which have been conducted in our own home.

There has been a growing interest in these studies. Both our own people and outsiders have manifested a great interest in them, and many puzzling questions have been answered.

Our principal object has been to establish our new converts in the truth and make them rooted and grounded in the message. For this reason the Bible studies have been on the fundamental doctrines.

The Holy Spirit has been present in our meetings, and we have felt its sanctifying influence.

We sincerely ask to be remembered by the Reaper family before the throne of Grace.

EMANUEL LOVOLD.

THE RETURN OF THE JEWS

Present Truth No. 26 takes up briefly, yet forcibly and conclusively, "The Return of the Jews," under the title of "The Gathering of Israel," showing that the restoration of Israel as taught in the Bible is the gathering of spiritual Israel into the kingdom of Christ, and not the gathering of the Jews to literal Palestine.

"Failure is only for those who think failure."

NORTHERN UNION REAPER GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN

The next General Conference will be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, March 29 to April 14, 1918. A daily Bulletin of the proceedings will be issued as has been the custom for many years. The Bulletin will be published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

It is now less than two months until the conference convenes, hence none too early to place orders for the Bulletin. This will be the most important General Conference ever held, and surely every Seventh-day Adventist will want to read the Bulletin. The price has been placed exceedingly low, only 50c. Send orders to your tract society office.

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THE RETURN OF JESUS

A recent letter from one of our leading brethren in the North American Division conference, contains the following reference to Elder Haynes' book entitled, "The Return of Jesus."

"I have enjoyed reading it very much, and I believe we shall see many souls gathered in as a result of the publication of this book in various languages. One thing that has especially impressed me about 'The Return of Jesus' is that personal touch with the soul which I think is so essential no matter what doctrine we present in our books. In reading this book I have felt that it has that touch."

According to the reports received, this little book is proving to be a real soul winner. The publishers inform us that but very little advertising has been given this book, and yet its circulation is steadily increasing. Considerably over a hundred thousand were sold last year. It is perhaps one of the best books we have to break down prejudice, and is devoted to a subject in which practically the whole world is interested. The retail prices are 50 cents in the cloth binding and 25 cents for paper covers, postpaid, with 50 per cent discount in lots of ten or more, transportation extra. Send all orders to your conference tract society.

Look only on the bright side of life; talk only of good qualities of others; and think of those things that are lofty and true.

AFTER THE WAR—WHAT?

"It this terrible conflict the prelude to general amity and lasting peace? Will the nations of men learn from their terrible baptism of blood the futility of fratricidal strife? What does the future hold? What conditions will exist after this great war has been brought to a conclusion? What will be the end of the present conflict? Will it be the last war?" In the light of prophecy and the general teaching of the Bible, what is to follow this great war?

There are the great prevailing questions of the present day. The intelligent, thinking people everywhere are not only asking these questions in words, but in every life expression, and are anxious to consider any seriously attempted answer, especially so if such answers can claim any reasonable support of Divine authority. The times, therefore, have marvelously opened the way for the proclamation of the advent message.

Present Truth No. 26, written by the editor of the Review, not only answers these burning questions in a most logical, convincing way, but presents the coming of Christ and the end of the world as the great events of which the present world war is an ominous sign. This number gives the message of the second coming of Christ in a setting of present-day events that makes it an irresistible part of the great world issue. It is an inspired issue, with a clear, convincing message of the coming of the Lord, and will be the channel through which millions will be warned, and many honest souls reached.

"We shall know each other there," is a line in a hymn which is a favorite with many good people. Some people are more anxious about heavenly recognition than about knowing each other here. There is many a weary, discouraged pilgrim not far from each one of us, who would be greatly cheered if we would cultivate his or her acquaintance here. They need us now more than they will after a little. Make it your business to know the Christian people around you here and now, and then they will be gladder to know you up there.

This will be the most important General Conference that has ever been held. You need the Bulletin of the Conference. It costs only fifty cents.