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

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## EVERY CHRISTIAN'S WORK

"Watchman, what of the night?" Are the watchmen to whom comes this cry able to give the trumpet a certain sound? Are the shepherds faithfully caring for the flock as those who must give an account? Are the ministers of God watching for souls, realizing that those under their care are the purchase of the blood of Christ? A great work is to be done in the world; and what efforts are we putting forth that it may be accomplished? The people have listened to too much sermonizing; but have they been instructed as to how to labor for those for whom Christ died? Has there been a line of work devised and laid out before the people in such a way that each one saw the necessity of taking part in the work? Have men and women been educated so that they are efficient in home and foreign missionary fields? It is evident that all the sermons that have been preached have not brought up this kind of labor, and the churches are withering up because they have failed to use their talents in diffusing the light of truth to others. Careful instruction should be given that will be as lessons from the Master that all may put their light to practical use in benefiting others. Those who have the oversight of the churches should select members who have ability, and should place them under responsibilities, at the same time giving them instruction as to how they may best serve and bless others.

There are youths in our churches who could be educated to do a work for the Master in visiting the sick, in running errands of mercy. This work is not done because no attention has been given to the matter. Sometimes men and women have been selected to do certain work, and be-

cause they have made mistakes, the work has been dropped. This is not as it should be. Let those who are just gaining an experience be invited to meet with more experienced workers, and as did the disciples after their first missionary effort, let them tell what they have done and what have been their failures or successes. In this way opportunity is given to reprove or encourage, as the case may demand, and teach them how to work in the best manner.

What can we expect but deterioration in religious life, when the people listen to sermon after sermon, and do not put into practice the instruction given? The ability God has given, if not exercised, will degenerate, and men and women unemployed will become as tools that rust from inaction. Let the missionary meeting be turned to account in teaching the people how to do missionary work. Put work into their hands, and let not the youth be ignored, but let them come in to share in the labor and responsibility. Let them feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others. Even the children should be taught to do some little errands of love and mercy for those less fortunate than themselves.

But let those who are sent to instruct others, see to it that they do it in a manner similar to that in which Christ taught his disciples. Jesus did not say to his followers, do this and do that, but he said, "Follow me." He led the way, and took his disciples with him on his journeys through country and city that they might see how he taught the people. He linked their interest with his, and they united with him in the work. Many have been educated to think that they must live upon sermons from week to week; but they know not how to practice what they hear. The very sim-

plest methods of work should be devised and set in operation among the churches. If the members will co-operate with such a plan and will perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich reward; for their experience will grow brighter, their ability will increase through exercise, and souls will be saved through their efforts.

But if, on the other hand, the churches are left to their inactivity, Satan will see that they are employed. He will pre-occupy the field and give the members lines of work to do that will engage their energies, kill spirituality, and make them fall as dead weights upon the church. When the church is in a low condition and in need of help, it is not best to devote all the time to sermonizing. It is better to form classes to seek for spiritual wisdom, and call into exercise the talents of the young and the old by setting brethren and sisters to work for those who need help most in the church. In seeking to benefit their brethren in the church, they will gain an experience that will qualify them for labor among those who do not understand our faith or even the first elements of religion. While sermons may point out the way, the best results will not be seen until the members of the church go forth to practice what has been presented from the desk.

There are scores who have real ability, who are rusting from inaction, and yet many of these do not know how to set themselves at work for the Master. But let some one who has ability to devise ways whereby this talent may be utilized, lay out before these inactive ones the line of work that they could do, and let them understand that this is expected from them. Many who are now unemployed will then become true laborers.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.



**NOTES ON THE CONFERENCE**

The editor's connection with this work has not been so very long—about twenty-five years—yet some things have, by way of comparison, been forcefully brought to his mind in this General Conference which is now meeting in San Francisco.

The delegation and the attending members look different from what they did twenty-five years ago. Then there was a large sprinkling of the "old men before the house" among us. Now very few of the patriarchal brethren are seen. Instead you see a clean-looking, smooth-shaven, business-like delegation. Most of the men appear to be young or middle-aged, keen, alert, determined. You have a feeling that they are here for business and that they mean to attend to it.

And yet one cannot help wishing that there were more of the old men among us. Long beards may be out of style now, yet they stood for something which there is danger that we may now be losing. Is there a possibility as we become more business-like and efficient in some respects that we are in danger of conforming to the world in other things?

Seventh-day Adventists have surely reached a crisis. A new generation have come upon the stage of action since this movement was first inaugurated. The old men who had an experience in the former messages and who helped to give form and substance to the truth as we know it today, who have been burden-bearers and counsellors these many years, are no more. The voice of the living prophet is not heard. A new generation have sprung up and are now bearing the burdens and making the decisions that should be as "the voice of God." Will they prove true to their solemn responsibility? Will they stand by the old landmarks?

God is leading this work. The same God who led the pioneers in this movement is leading now. And this cause will triumph. Leaders may change, men may die, but God and his truth in the same. This work was not started by men, but by God, and he that began the good work will finish it. We need not be discouraged. God is at the helm and if we remain with the ship and keep the faith steadfast to the end we will be safe.

M. L. ANDREASEN.

Severest adversity is often the surest pathway to real happiness.

**HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.**

S. A. Ruskjer, Secretary

**PERSONAL BLESSINGS IN HOME MISSIONARY WORK**

God's blessings are, in a way, all personal. The connection between earth and heaven is along individual lines. When churches are revived or great reformatations take place it is because some individual has wrestled with God and prevailed.

What is known among us as Home Missionary work opens up a veritable harvest field to the individual worker, and the definite plans set forth are so many plain paths through which all those hearts God has touched may enter this garden of blessing and glean where they will.

Propagation for the perpetuation of life is an organic law in all the realms of living creatures, in nature and in grace. By scattering, the seed is increased. By giving, new blessings are received. These are a multitude of "reflex promises" and whoever fulfills the conditions therein will not only receive showers of blessings, but will have the consciousness that he is in harmony with God's plan and is a true subject of his kingdom.

Not only is "working with God" an evidence of loyalty to him, but it is the only condition of life in him. As truly as the life blood in the natural body would lose its vitality if it never flowed to the extremities, so truly would the vital powers of God's love die out of a self-bound life. Religion is like the manna—it spoils by keeping.

The Sunday School Times gives this incident: "In the year 1812, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions asked the Massachusetts legislature for a charter, and it was refused. The main objection was that this organization was designed to afford means of exporting religion, whereas there was none too much of that article to spare from among ourselves. To this the

petitioners made the unanswerable reply that religion was an article of which the more we expected, the more we had. Finally their request was heeded, to the eternal benefit of the home field as well as the foreign."

The missionary worker is also blessed in knowing that He who gives the work gives also the power to perform it. There can be no true missionary work where there is no living faith and spiritual life. Missionary life is the throbbing heart of missionary work. It is the driving wheel that keeps all other wheels in motion. No natural force can take the place of this vital, spiritual energy. Here the word applies, "Whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

This apt comparison has been made: "Trying to do God's work without his power is like shooting with a bow—all the force of the arrow depends on the strength of the muscle; but working with him is like shooting with a rifle where the power is in the force of the powder behind the ball, and it only requires the touch of a finger to liberate it."

The missionary worker must be blessed also with a steadfast spirit if he would see results from his work. May it not be that the missionary efforts of many are fitful and haphazard, because their knowledge of the connection between the Bible and missionary work is fragmentary and imperfect?

One writer says: "There seems to be quite a prevalent idea that live missionary interest is a beautiful, but unessential ornament of Christianity." Nothing will help to overcome a place which missionary this pernicious notion as a thorough study of the central vital thought, enterprise and principle hold in the Bible. No man can from the heart pray, 'Thy kingdom come,' and be a loafer in Christian work. If it becomes the real cry of his soul, it will give him steady employment for life. It will put fire in his bones and iron in his blood. It will haunt his dreams and fill his waking moments, and put a power in his prayers that will



be felt, "for we are laborers together with God." God's forces never tire. From springing grass to sweeping planet and circling universe, the resistless energy of divine power carries the conceptions of divine thought.

God has set his mighty hand to the redemption of the human race. Through the mysterious union in Christ of the human and the heavenly, he has exalted us to be coworkers with him through the working of his power in us. It is our privilege to be endowed with the calm strength which proclaims our divine parentage; with the holy zeal which by inheritance we share with our elder brother. Can it be that, like the people who "began to make excuses" we are indifferent to the honor bestowed upon us? That now, when the forces of the world, natural, social and political, are stirred to unwonted activity, and spiritual Samsons are needed everywhere, faithlessness and love of the world and love of ease have shorn our lives of power?

Whatever experiences we may have in our home missionary work that make us more patient and kind are surely blessings in whatever disguise they may come. It is not always the most joyful experiences that sink deepest into our hearts and change our character for the better. It is not always the visible result of our work that really helps us most, but the patient waiting for God when everything seems fruitless. Especially in the use of our missionary periodicals, we need to remember God's way of counting time lest we be discouraged. But if the seed is sown in faith, here and there, as the years go by, the fruit will appear. Only last year the knowledge came to me that a mother and her six daughters were in the faith as the result of God's blessing on the use of the Signs and the pen many years ago.

Many of us know the blessing of these experiences, but this is not the only kind of home missionary work. The

patient training of the children in the home and in the school, the kindly word spoken to one who needs it, the faithful doing of the endless, petty things that try our souls, these are not forgotten of God.

In the year 1611, the well known John Evelyn visited Amsterdam and went up into the tower of St. Nicholas to note the playing of the marvelous chimes. He found a man away below the bells, with a sort of a wooden gloves on his hands, pounding away on a keyboard. The nearness of the bells, the clanging of the keys when struck by the wooden gloves, the clatter of the wires, made it impossible to hear the music, but many men paused in their work and listened to the chimes and were glad. And it may be that in your watch towers when you are wearily pouring the music out of your lives into the empty lives of others, that the rattling of the keys, and the heavy hammers, and the twanging of the wires, the very nearness of the work may all conspire to prevent your catching the music. But far out over the populous city, full of weary souls, and far out on the eternal sea, the rare melody of your work blends with the songs of the angels, and rings through the corridors of the skies.

"Thine is the seed-time. God alone

Beholds the end of what is sown.

Beyond our vision, weak and dim,

The harvest time is hid with Him."

"A Worker."

### FRAZEE

I spent Sabbath, March 9, with believers in this place. Although the day was a stormy one, a company gathered. The members here live so widely scattered that they hold two Sabbath schools and meet together only on special occasions.

This church shares in the work of promulgating the truth. The records show that the apportioned quota in the

Harvest Ingathering campaign was more than doubled. Brother and Sister Reitters have led out, and with others have untiringly labored. The efforts of the brethren here have already borne fruits, for some are rejoicing in the present truth.

Clubs of Signs, Present Truth and Liberties are received here. One sister plans to use 50 Signs monthly. Are there not others who could take a club of 25 or 50 Signs, Watchman or Life and Health to dispose of in their community? You may have been planning to do so and have often thought of doing so, but have just put it off. Again God's Holy Spirit may be calling on you to cooperate in placing these messengers of salvation in the homes of the people. Heed its invitation. Be cheerful in service, patient in trials and in faith view the great reward to be ours when the sheaves are brought to the heavenly garner.

ANOL GRUNDSET.

### NORTH DAKOTA.

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### DIESEM, NORTH DAKOTA

I came here February 6 and opened meetings in the school-house. The attendance was fair to begin with, but it has increased and the interest has spread to the other towns near by. The entire surrounding country is stirred.

It is probable that the call for Bibles and other religious books has exceeded the call from any other town of this size in America. I have never seen such a demand for Bibles.

Ten families are keeping the Sabbath and others are just about ready to accept the truth. People come from Infidelity, Catholicism and Protestantism.

This interest was started by one of our faithful colporteurs. Let all of our canvassers take courage. This great work is almost finished. I see evidences that the time of the latter rain



is here and that God is cutting the work short in righteousness. When I see these people stay up nearly all night to study their Bible, I am reminded of Revelation 18, where we read that the earth is lightened with the glory of this message.

R. T. NASH.

#### VALLEY CITY

Brother Martin Olson, while passing through Jamestown the other day, stopped at the office and told us that the outlook at Valley City is encouraging. Several families, also a trained nurse, have taken their stand. Just before he left a lady with her son came down from Bismarck, where he visited some time ago, and requested baptism. She stated that there were several more who desired to know more of this truth. Is not this a fulfillment of the Lord's promise that "My words shall not return unto me void?" Brother Olson was on his way to Edgeley where he intends to visit among the farmers and drop the seeds of truth into their hearts even while they are seeding their ground for the harvest.

#### TURTLE LAKE

Brother John A. Schmidt made a visit to the office last Thursday. He was on his way back to Turtle Lake, where he has been laboring for the past month. For a time he labored alone, but Brother Seibel later assisted, as did also Brother Wentlund.

Brother Schmidt feels encouraged about the work in that place. He succeeded in getting the assistance of the Baptist minister to help him with some meetings, but after the minister realized that we had a message that would take some of his flock, he refused to help any more. Many of his members are now interested and four have accepted the truth.

Before leaving Brother Schmidt attended a service at which the Baptist minister preached on the Sunday question. When he saw our minister in the congregation he had no freedom and did not finish his sermon. He announced at the close of the meeting that he would have to leave them for about six weeks. One brother asked who would take care of the flock while he was gone. The minister merely replied that he would come back again in six weeks. But the man persisted. Then seeing Brother Schmidt in the audience he asked him if he would come and

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preach to them on Sundays while their minister was away. Brother Schmidt was glad for this opportunity to speak to the people on the Sunday question and will return and preach to them in their own church, then invite them to an evening meeting in our church, where he will give our reasons for keeping the seventh day of the week.

May our prayers go with Brother Schmidt as he returns to this field that he may lead many more to take their stand for this great truth.

#### NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother C. E. Langberg called at the office last week to talk over plans.

We are glad to report that Brother C. E. Langberg and also Brother Andrew Roedel are again out in the field.

Martha Schramm of Jamestown is out selling the current event books and *Heralds of the Morning*. She will soon go to her country territory.

Other callers were Raymond Hilde from Minnesota, Max Lay, who was on his way to visit Harvey, and Brother Carlson, who is on his way to Edgeley.

The office just received a large shipment of Bibles, German as well as English. We are prepared to fill your orders for Bibles promptly. We have a large variety from which to make selections. Order your Bibles now.

Brother William Hanicker, another one of the new canvassers, is having the same good success with these little books. Brother Budd, who is out with them also, has had to telephone for supplies. They find that the books sell in sets very easily.

Brother Frank Christy, one of our faithful canvassers, is again out in the field. He called at the office last week to stock up again. He thought he had enough books to last him several days at least, but he had to return in a day for more supplies. He is having very good success with our current events books.

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of the Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX., page 221.

"The greatest and sublimest power is often simple patience."

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

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#### A REPORT

Brother Dunham has been having some very interesting experiences. A few Sundays ago the pastor of the Methodist church spoke on the Sabbath question. Brother Dunham took his congregation and went over in a body to the lecture.

The following night Brother Dunham answered him, presenting phases of the Sabbath question to the largest crowd he has ever had. The attendance has greatly increased ever since. Six have taken their stand for the truth. The Sabbath question is being discussed all over the city, and it appears that a strong work may be accomplished.

(From a letter to Brother Russell.)

#### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Mrs. E. P. Chilson left Watertown Friday morning for Madison where she goes to visit her parents.

Brother H. A. Rentfro left the office Monday morning for the southern part of the state to assist his workers there.

Brother Alfred Youngberg is holding meetings near Doland. He reports a fair attendance. He is expected back at the office next Monday morning.

Brother Frank Swanson left Watertown Friday for Harvey, N. D. He goes to bring back with him his family. They will make their home in Watertown soon.

The following from South Dakota are in attendance at the General Conference: E. T. Russell, T. G. Ortner, Brother and Sister Bert Rhoads, Brother Koehn and wife, and Brother J. P. Glembin.

Word comes from the Plainview Academy at Redfield that there have been several cases of measles. The affected ones have been isolated, and great care is being taken to keep the epidemic from spreading.

WANTED—Four more of our brethren who will furnish a horse and buggy for some of our lady colporteurs this summer; thus sharing in this manner in the great search for



SOULS in the high-ways and by-ways of South Dakota.

Brothers Hawley and Youngberg who are holding an effort at Alexandria report a good attendance and interest. The Methodist minister will expose their teachings Sunday evening. We have confidence that this exposition will cause the truth to shine more brightly. Let us all remember these workers in prayer that they may indeed be able to meet every foe they have to encounter.

Sabbath and Sunday, March 16-17, Elder E. T. Russell was in Huron. March 18 he visited Plainview Academy. The next day he returned to Huron and spoke to an anti-Catholic society on the subject, "Will Rome's hope regarding this present war be realized?" The following day he left for California to attend the General Conference. On the way he spent Sabbath at Boulder, Colorado, and spoke on "The return of the Jews."

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### MOOSE LAKE

By invitation of the church at Moose Lake, I met with them on March 30, and spoke to them from Psalms 50:5, dwelling on the sacrifice made in man's behalf and the importance of entering into covenant relations with the Lord, so that we may be among those who will be gathered when the Lord "shall descend from Heaven with a shout and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall arise first and we which are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet them in the air."

Several of the brethren from Matawa were present. After a good social service we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. All seemed to be of good courage.

Brother L. Ulvic, who has served as deacon of the church for a number of years, will leave for California, where he intends to make his home, after a short visit with relatives in Duluth.

On Sunday morning, together with Brother and Sister Bloomgren, I went to Sturgeon Lake, and held a

meeting in the town hall, at the request of friends favorable to the truth. The discourse was from 2 Cor. 2:2, "For I am determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

S. D. HARTWELL.

### SWANVILLE

Brother E. L. Sheldon writes as follows regarding the work at Swanville:

"I have now been here for weeks. The interest has been good all along and a number of people are regular in attendance. One has already decided for the truth and we trust that others will come.

"Yesterday afternoon the Free Methodist minister from Burtrum came out and preached a sermon against the Sabbath. I answered him as best I could. I do not know what the results will be, but from the expressions I have heard I do not believe any harm has been done to the truth. We shall continue here at least this week."

### THE WORK IS ONWARD

As our brethren are always pleased to learn of the achievements and advancements made, we take this occasion to tell you of the increase that the Lord has granted for the first quarter of this year from the standpoint of the Tract Society.

We will confine ourselves to just three figures so that the statistics will not be confusing. During the first quarter of the year 1916 the total sales were \$2913.87; during the same period of 1917 the sales were \$4149.74, which we thought was a splendid gain. But a new record has now been reached; during the first quarter of 1918 the total sales were \$5303.46.

Does not this record show us that the work of the Lord is onward? It will be seen from a comparison of the figures that the sales for the first quarter of this present year are nearly double those of two years ago. We feel impressed to express our gratitude to the Lord for his leading, and to our people for the splendid manner in which they have taken hold. We see in this a sign of the near approach of the time when the gospel message will have gone to "every nation, kindred, tongue and people."

We are not satisfied, however, merely to have made this achievement. We desire to press forward

and attain to still greater results during the coming quarter and the rest of the year. We invite the hearty and active assistance of all to this end.

G. L. GULBRANDSON.

### MINNESOTA NOTES

Brother F. M. Hanson, who is a student at the Seminary, called at the office Monday.

Brother H. L. Halverson of Litchfield looked over the new office location Wednesday of last week and expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the added advantages of the same.

All our people are invited to make it a point to stop off at the office when passing through the cities. It is now located half way between Minneapolis and St. Paul and can be reached very conveniently from either station with only 5c fare. It will give us pleasure to show the new items that are constantly being added to the stock and you will be well repaid for the visit, we are sure.

Elder Hartwell left Friday morning for Pipestone where he expected to hold Quarterly meeting unless contingencies arise that will necessitate a change in his plans, he will visit a number of churches in the near future.

Word has been received from the Minnesota delegation to the General Conference stating that they enjoyed the trip to the coast. They left Denver in a special train of eleven coaches on which every soul was a Seventh-day Adventist with the exception, perhaps, of the train crew. This special train was composed of delegations from the Northern and Lake Union conferences and other points, and was known as the Seventh-day Advent Special. The addresses of the presidents of the General and the North American Division conferences and Foreign Mission Board are contained in this week's issue of the Review and Herald. Any of our people who are not receiving the Review and Herald are invited to send in their subscription at once to begin with the first number in April so that they will have a complete report of this important World conference.

"It is a rare attainment to be able to refrain from speaking of the faults of others, although keenly alive to the fact that they exist."



# The Book Work

WEEK ENDING MARCH 30, 1918

	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Delivered
<b>Minnesota</b>						
F. E. Barkley	B. R.	38	18		85.00	18.00
L. L. Otis	B. R.	20	7		31.50	
Frances Schreckel	H. W.	10	16		6.50	
Twin City Sales	O. D.	7	1		2.00	
Theo. Mueller	D&R	41	17	8.75	63.75	
O. R. Osman	P. G.	38	22	2.25	102.25	
Agents 6		154	81	11.00	294.00	18.00
<b>South Dakota</b>						
Argo Tucker	O. D.	41	29	10.25	88.75	
Dewey Hodson	O. D.	29	30	4.00	77.00	
D. A. Brown		8			18.00	
Agents 3		78	59	14.25	183.75	
<b>Iowa*</b>						
Elmer Cox	D&R	74	32	12.00	137.50	
Mrs. Elsie Peckham	C.E.S.			11.25	11.25	
W. L. Whorton	B. R.	112	12		240.50	
Agents 3		186	84	23.25	398.25	
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE</b>						
Agents		Hours	Orders	Helps	Value	Delivered
12		418	224	48.50	876.00	18.00
*Two weeks					\$Four weeks	

## THE BOOK DEPARTMENT

E. M. Oberg, Field Miss. Sec.

### BOOK EVANGELISTS

"Good morning! This is Mrs. —, I believe. My name is —. I am engaged in a line of Christian work in this vicinity, Mrs. —, and I have called to speak with you for a few moments." He is asked to step in.

"Now, Mrs. —, etc." And before he knows it, Mrs. — has purchased a large copy of —.

He does not do that well in every home, perhaps, but we find on the average he makes a sale out of every four exhibitions.

Ministers of the printed page are these colporteurs who go from house to house leaving a stirring message in the homes in which they place a book. Is not this evangelistic work? These books contain a message and with the aid of the Holy Spirit speak to the heart right in the home.

There may be just such evangelistic meetings going on right now. Some souls may be taking their stand for Christ and the truth. We know of more than a score of people here in Minnesota who were converted

through the influence of these silent messengers of truth during the last three years.

One of our colporteurs in his report a week ago, in speaking of letters received from people he had sold books to, say, "I am getting so many letters like the enclosed one many even better that I don't see how I can keep up a correspondence with all these people."

Following is the letter referred to in part: "We enjoy Daniel and Revelation. I am interested in the Signs of the Times and the connection with prophecy. I am a Bible student and read a good share of my spare time. I am a far better man than I was in 1916, but feel that I am far from being perfect. I believe that we will have more and more trouble, and only Christ's coming will stop it. I believe that Saturday is the Sabbath, and that the beast or image have substituted Sunday for the Sabbath. I will keep Saturday."

This one copy of Daniel and Revelation was successful in leading this man to Christ and this truth. This is only one of many letters received by one canvasser. What must the result be when we think of the number of

canvassers we have year after year selling thousands and thousands of these messages of truth?

As usual a large number of canvassers will go out in the field this year. We shall have a large number of girls going out through the country. Is there not more of our people in Minnesota who would like to assist these colporteurs by providing homes and buggies, if not for the whole season, for a time, at least? We shall be pleased to hear from all such at their earliest convenience.

There is one thing, however, we all can do to help these workers, and that is to remember them each day at the throne of grace.

GEO. A. CAMPBELL.

### A CALL FOR WOMEN

"Who knoweth but thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" "These words of Mordecai to Esther are very applicable to Seventh-day Adventist women today," writes one of our leading field missionary secretaries.

He continues: "In the crisis we are facing, the interests of God's kingdom must shortly be borne by the queenly girls and mothers of this denomination. One after another as the classification cards come in from the military boards, we see our promising young men set apart as soldiers for our nation. Their places in the work of God must be filled. The banner of Prince Immanuel must not be left to trail in the dust."

In concluding his message, the secretary who wrote the above makes an earnest appeal for our sisters to rally to the standard of the colporteur army and fill up the gaps made vacant by the conscription of our young men for national service. The book work needs women and so does the magazine work.

Many of our sisters, recognizing the fact that the magazine field presents unusual opportunities for reaching the influential classes, are enlisting in this line of service. But our constant need is for an ever-increasing army of women—earnest and consecrated—to go among all classes, with our timely and attractive magazine literature.

The Signs Magazine has come to be a great factor in the extension of our work and many of the sisters selling it are not only doing well financially but are being used of God to place the magazine in the hands of men and





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## OBITUARY

**NELSON**—Mrs. August, was born in Beistaden, Norway, February 10, 1862, and died in the Iowa Sanitarium, Nevada, Iowa, March 18, 1918, aged 56 years, 1 month and 8 days.

Sister Nelson came to this country at the age of twenty and was married the same year. Two years later she accepted the truth. Her husband and eight of their ten children are left to mourn, one of whom is Elder N. R. Nelson, formerly of the Minnesota conference.

Funeral services were held at the home in Chokio and in the church at Antichoke on March 28. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

S. D. HARTWELL.

women who are looking for truth. We hope the following very interesting message from a Signs Magazine worker will encourage more than one sister who reads it to take up this fruitful line of work.

"While canvassing with the Signs Magazine I had finished one side of the main street and some cross streets, and had sold all but five copies. I was in a small building across the street from the postoffice, and just as I started my canvass, a gentleman walked in and heard me give the canvass and saw the man purchase the magazine. He went out ahead of me and when I reached the entrance he was standing out in front of the doorway. I had just pulled out a magazine to give him a canvass when he said, 'I have been waiting to get that magazine. What is the subscription price?' I replied that it was a dollar a year. He said, 'Come to my office this afternoon and I will take it. Call for the manager,' and gave his address. I went and was shown in. He said, 'I am very glad to get that magazine. In 1914 when I was in Philadelphia I saw that magazine in a business office. I picked it up and read it and was impressed with the prophecy on the Eastern Question. I have not seen one since and did not know where to get it. Now I want a year's subscription to it.' I called his attention to two books advertised in it, 'The World's Crisis' and 'Armageddon' and he took particular note of them.

"To show how wonderfully the Lord brings the message to souls, I will tell how He brought it to this man. His office was on the opposite side of the street from where I was canvassing and I did not have enough Signs left to canvass that side of the street. So the Lord sent that man to that building just in time to get in touch with this last great message again, the first opportunity he has had in several years. I have been told that none of our magazines have been sold there in six years. This man, by the way, is the president of the Bell Telephone Company of that city and a man of prominence and wealth."

It does seem too bad that six years should have gone by without any one having a burden to place our truth-filled magazines in the hands of the people in that city. Do not such experiences stir your heart with a desire to help in this work? The call of the hour is for the widest possible circulation of our literature, and the magazines have an important place in it.

Sister, the magazine work calls for recruits. Will you respond?

## UNION COLLEGE NEWS

Walter Anderson, who was hurt by a car striking him a week ago, is improving rapidly.

The Union College students from Minnesota were happily surprised Friday, March 22, by a visit from May and Vesta Jensen.

Prof. Morrison is now attending the General Conference. We expect he will have interesting news to report upon his return.

As quite a number of the students were ill because of the vaccinations, last Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26, were given them as a time in which to recuperate.

Friday evening, March 22, the Young Men's Seminar was favored with a talk by Elder Washburn. By request he told us how he would present "United States in Prophecy" at the present time.

Monday, April 1, the Messenger board presented the school with about one hundred thirty names, new subscribers and extensions of subscriptions to the Educational Messenger. "Boost for Union's College paper."

## TO THOSE HAVING FRIENDS IN THE BRITISH ISLES

A biweekly, 16 page missionary paper, entitled "Present Truth," is published by our people in England. During the coming twelve months this journal will run a series of special articles in each issue bearing on the leading points of our faith, and the believers in the British Isles are working hard to increase its circulation among those not of our faith. It was felt that many of our people in the United States and Canada who have friends and relatives in the British Isles would be glad to take advantage of the opportunity thus offered of getting the truth before these people by having the paper sent to their friends from the English office of publication. A year's subscription is \$1.04, half year 52c. Send postal order to M. N. Campbell, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, and it will be sent on to England. Do it now!

M. N. CAMPBELL.

President British Union Conference.

"If you go part way with the devil, you will go all the way unless you quickly and fully repent."

"Four things come not back,—the spoken word, the spent arrow, the past life, or the neglected opportunity."



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## SEMINARY NOTES

Carl Gregersen left school March 25 to take a government position in Washington, D. C.

Weak eyes seemed to incapacitate Melvin Oss for continuing his school work. He left for his home in South Dakota.

Miss Dagmar Christiansen, our preceptress and English teacher, is suffering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Dr. Peterson is very busy these days. Not only does he perform the work of the president, but he is also teaching all of Miss Christiansen's English classes.

The Seminary seems to be the center of attraction. Another family has moved to Hutchinson, namely, J. P. Frederickson from Ruthven, Iowa. Bernard Frederickson is not sorry, for now he has the privilege of living at home.

In view of the election held Tuesday, April 2, to decide whether the city of Hutchinson should have a saloon or not, the Forum gave a temperance program at the Seminary. We are glad that the temperance cause in our city won with an overwhelming majority in the election.

The new library is now completed, and is surely a pleasant room. The walls are beautifully decorated in soft shades of tan. The shelves are painted a pretty gray, while the old red radiators have been covered with gilt. The 4000 volumes are within easy access to all, but there are still a few empty shelves awaiting books.

## A BIRTHDAY

Last Monday was the fiftieth birthday of Elder Thompson, president of the Northern Union conference. The delegates in attendance at the General Conference from the Northern Union felt that the passing of the half century mark is an event of no common importance in a man's life. They therefore decided to express to Elder Thompson the high esteem in which they hold him and their appreciation of his faithful labor and valuable counsel by presenting him with a small gift. A neat portfolio was presented to him.

It is needless to say that it was highly appreciated, not necessarily for the value of the gift but for the kind thoughts and hearty appreciation of which it was emblematic. May our highly esteemed president of the Northern Union conference long be spared to us and the work!

M. L. ANDREASEN.

## THE "JUST-A-LITTLE-LATE" CLUB

"Never be on time," said Mark Twain, "you waste too much time waiting for the other fellow." He had in mind the enormous membership of the Just a Little Late Club.

I was, lunching the other day in a hotel with a man who has much more money than I have. And a man passed us who has much more than both of us together.

He is a captain of other people's industry, as well as his own. He began work twenty years ago as an office-boy and today heads one of the great manufacturing concerns of his city.

"A wonderful fellow," said my friend, pointing to him. "Last year I had a long series of negotiations with him about the formation of a new company. It was necessary for us to meet practically every day for nearly three months. In all that time he was never late but twice, and then only for a few minutes. And each time he sent word to me from his office telling me that he would be late."

J. P. Morgan figured that every hour of his time was worth \$1,000, and he had no patience with men who were late for appointments, or who, when they came to see him did not give him his money's worth in exchange for the time they took.

"It is not necessary for me to live," said Pompey, "but it is necessary that I be at a certain point at a certain time."

I hold up the record of these famous men, in the faint hope that it may do some good.

And yet, the hope is very faint. The habit of unpromptness is so very tenacious, so difficult to break.

If I am fortunate enough to be inside when the pearly gates are closed on the judgment-day I shall know what to expect.

Five minutes later there will be terrific battering on the gate. St. Peter may be surprised, but I shall not be.

When the gates swing open again, there they will be—some of the most lovable and exasperating people who ever lived—the members of the Just a Little Late Club—panting, apologetic, explanatory to the last.

Bruce Barton

I used to sympathize with them at first, supposing them to be unfortunate who had missed a car or lost their watches. But after almost two years of watching I know different.

The membership of the Just a Little Late Club does not change appreciably day to day. Night after night it is the very same crowd of men who have to run the last few blocks for the train.

Membership in the Just a Little Late Club is not a misfortune: it is a habit.

And one of the most exasperating habits in the world.

Napoleon said: "I beat the Austrians, because they did not know the value of five minutes."

He beat the Austrians, but he did not exterminate them. Thousands of their descendants and relatives still live—still with no appreciation of the value of time; still a nuisance in the business world.

Selected

## SHE WAS COMFORTED

He was but a mere boy—17, with about 1000 others he went down on the ill-fated "Invincible" and was lost. His mother is one of those countless grief-burdened souls who daily "jam" English theaters and halls where spiritualistic seances are being held. In breathless silence she heard her boy described. "My boy," she cried. "He wishes to communicate with his mother," the medium said.

The complete story is told in a May Signs Magazine article by Prof. G. W. Rine. And there are other equally interesting stories in this most illuminating article. Look for them under the title, "Voices from the Great Beyond." We recommend this fine May number for missionary use.