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### IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

In passing down the street of any town or city, one is confronted on every side with advertisements, or something of this nature. If it is a clothier or tailor, the goods are advertised; if a grocer, his goods are advertised; if a Ford garage, the goods are advertised; if a paint shop, the goods are advertised. Any firm or business in the commercial world that amounts to anything, believes in their goods and the old saying, "It pays to advertise."

The third angel's message is one of the greatest messages ever heralded around the earth. Many ways are being used for its advancement. One of the most effective methods is the establishment and maintenance of churches and church buildings through the length and breadth of the land. In this three fold message, much is included, but there are two important features that stand out in clear and no uncertain tones, viz: the restoration of God's holy Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, and the second coming of Christ. While visiting a city or community where this

message is taught one is often very much disappointed when looking around for the Seventh-day Adventist church or chapel. In some localities one may be near the building but there is no means whereby we may know that there is such a building. How would something like this appear, if painted in a nice way on the front of the building, where it could be easily read from a passing conveyance, **Seventh-day Adventist Church (or Chapel)**, as the case may be, something that will advertise the fact that such a message is being taught in the community? The very fact that the building with its advertisement stands there will ever serve as a witness for the truth, whether one ever attends a service or not. Think it over brethren, and hang out your sign, for "It Pays to Advertise."

### YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Recently, in a community where one of our advanced schools is located, a brother from a needy field made an earnest appeal for old shoes and clothing. The plea was a strong one, so strong that it at once set people to ransacking trunks and boxes, cellars and attics in an endeavor to help meet the need. As a result **four hundred pairs of shoes and seven good-sized boxes of clothing** were collected—really a remarkable response.

Stowed away in garret and cellar in many homes are discarded and outgrown garments which should be in use. There never was a time when there were more needy people in the world than there are today, and we have a responsibility in helping to supply their needs.

Is it right, do you think, to keep cast-off clothing in our homes, doing

no one any good, when many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters are actually suffering for the need of it? Will not the Master say in that day to those who fail to hear the cry of the poor, "I was naked and ye clothed me not. . . depart?"

The Southeastern Negro Union Mission will gladly accept second-hand clothing. If you wish to give to a really worthy cause here is an opportunity. Address your gifts to Miss Anna Knight, 209 Greensferry Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Knight is in charge of the Missionary Volunteer work in this field, and has expressed her willingness to see that the supplies are sorted and sent where they will do the most good.

Christian help work of this kind is greatly appreciated. Some time ago a half worn coat was sent to a young woman who was badly in need of it. A friend of the girl wrote in acknowledgment:

"I am very glad to say that the coat came duly to hand and I have sent it on to the girl in school, and have had word from her that she received it, and she is delighted with it. She sends thanks to you and so do I. Really, I cannot tell you how very thankful I am to you for this kind help you have given us. I did not know just what I was going to do, for she needed a coat so badly and my poor little purse could not bear the strain on it. But the Lord always has just the right help we are needing and at the right time He makes a way for us."

Ella Iden.

### POWER OF THE PRESS

Now mark: The very first work for which the art of printing was used



after its discovery, crude though the machinery, was the printing of the Word of God. Prior to that time (the 15th century) the comparatively few believers in God's Work worked for months writing out by hand portions of the scriptures. These they faithfully passed on to whomsoever would receive and read them. Luther, you will remember, while confined in the Wartburg Castle, wrote tracts and pamphlets which the believers circulated throughout Germany so thoroughly that in every village and out of the way place the Bible truths were taught. History records that Reuchlin, a noted reformed and writer, so appreciated the power of the press that on a mission to Rome he purchased all the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts he could find. This he did with a view to employing them as so many torches to increase in his own country the light already beginning to appear. Ulrich while taking refuge in the castle of Edenburg "composed those works intended to be read and understood by the people which inspired all the German states with a horror for Rome and with a love of liberty." Such was the influence in those times of the printed pages of truth.

Our publishing work is now carried on with the same purpose as was theirs. The Lord today assures us, through his servant, that "Our books and periodicals are God's appointed means of keeping His message continually before the people." The increase in the effectiveness of this agency during the past few years may well stimulate the courage of every believer of this Message. We have a publishing organization which is yearly putting into circulation over two million dollars' worth of books, periodicals and tracts teaching the Third Angel's Message.

We might give many other experiences to show that those engaged in the sale of our splendid magazines are enjoying the choicest blessings God deals out to His workers. We want you to consider the work from this missionary standpoint and to keep these great possibilities before you, and you are assured by the Lord through the spirit of prophecy that "Those who go forth in the name of the Lord are His Messengers to give to the multitude who are in darkness and error the glad tidings of salvation through Christ in obeying the law of God."

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## AT THE OLD SOLDIERS' HOME

On the evening after the Sabbath, March 15, a very pleasant and profitable time was spent at the Old Soldiers' Home in Minneapolis. Mrs. White and the writer were pleased to meet Dr. W. A. Ruble, of Washington, D. C., Secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference, who spent the Sabbath at the Home with his parents, while on his way to the coast. At 7:30 the regular weekly service was held in the chapel, Dr. Ruble assisting. I spoke to the soldiers on the subject, "Jonah and the Whale," drawing some spiritual lessons from the manner in which God warned the inhabitants of Ninevah, the "Fish-City," by Jonah the "run-a-way prophet. I especially emphasized that all the Bible can be depended upon, as the spade of the archaeologist confirms the Book of Jonah in this incident.

Previous to the chapel service, we visited and sang to the aged soldiers and their wives in the Woman's building. Dr. Ruble gave a very impressive and much appreciated talk to those who could not go over to the chapel, and he concluded with an earnest word of prayer.

The hospitable commandant and his wife attended the chapel service, and the chaplain and his wife ably assisted in these services. Hereafter, I shall speak to the soldiers in the chapel on Wednesday afternoons, at two o'clock, instead of Saturday evening, at 7:30. This will give us more time to visit and sing to the confined inmates in the other buildings and at the hospital. Friends from St. Paul have attended each service. Remember these dear old folks at the Home in your prayers.

Stemple White.

## CAMBRIDGE, MINNESOTA

During part of February and March, the writer has held a series of

meetings five miles southeast of Cambridge. The interest to hear the word spoken has been very good. Two men have begun to keep the Sabbath, and their wives are also studying the truth, others are doing the same.

Brother and Sister Norling have lived faithful Christian lives in this neighborhood, for more than thirty years. They have been doing a good work with papers and tracts. This has prepared the way for the interest here.

We hope that several more in this vicinity will take their stand for the truth in the near future.

Carl Swenson.

## REJOICE IN THE LORD

"Be glad and rejoice, all ye that hope in the Lord." I am glad in my soul this morning to have God's blessings of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" bestowed upon me to show us His loving kindness and tender mercy in all that His loving hand has wrought. I sometimes fear we fail to appreciate their great value. Are our hearts glad each day, that we live, that we have another day of grace, another day to better live for God? Are we glad that we have another day to correct the mistakes of yesterday, to conquer and to win that we may have a clear record for the day to come? Should not each day be a joyful one to the children of God, who are struggling and straining every nerve to carry the message of salvation to earth's remotest nations? Jesus will surely come. How welcome a day it will be to those who have stood the stress and strain of the world's mad strife, to hear the welcome applause, "Come ye faithful of my Father," "Enter in to my joy and sit down on my throne!"

When men's hearts are "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth," how precious to our souls is the Word of God. My whole heart and soul responds to this merciful message. It is all life and no death because it is of God, and men may love or hate it, but it will triumph. I have no doubt. Once I must have had some, but soon a little stanza came to me, and it ran thus:

"If doubt assail my troubled mind,  
Or fear or sorrow rise,  
I'll cast my longing eyes to Him  
Who dwells in Paradise."

Oh, my beloved people, let not



your hearts be troubled; but let us be firm and steady, rooted and grounded in this blessed truth, never wavering. It is founded on the Rock of Ages, Jesus our blessed Saviour, and our God, our everlasting Father. I am glad I can look up and call Him Father. May this peace be in all our hearts, both now and forever.

Mrs. C. M. Russell.

### MINNESOTA NOTES

Miss Hopkins spent last Sabbath with the believers at Mankato.

Elder Stemple White left Friday morning for Owatonna, to visit believers at that place.

Miss Maude Carr spent Sabbath in St. Peter with Brother and Sister Hartwell, on her way home to Milton Junction, Wis.

Elder E. L. Sheldon has been conducting a very instructive and much appreciated Young People's Institute in the Twin Cities the past week.

Mrs. S. D. Hartwell was called to Madison, Wis., Monday evening, on account of the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Carr, who underwent an operation in the Sanitarium at that place.

Brother and Sister V. R. Hellman, who are laboring in Hudson, Wis., came to Minneapolis last Sunday with two new believers, who were baptized in the Scandinavian church by Elder Edwardsen.

Brother Ferren, of Kansas City, visited the office Tuesday of last week. Wednesday evening he gave a stereopticon lecture on the publishing work to a very interested audience at the St. Paul English church.

At the invitation of Professor Schmidt, our new Union Secretary, the Educational and Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the Northern Union, met in council in Minneapolis, March 22 and 23. Prof. Van Kirk, who was recently called to the presidency of the Oklahoma Conference, was also present, and his help was much appreciated. The occasion was a very profitable one.

Conference Office.

"You cannot behold the Christ and pass by his cross. There is no way around the cross; you must face him there first."

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### SOUTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Elder E. E. Dunham has commenced a series of meetings in Sioux Falls.

Miss Etta Jaqua arrived in Watertown, Thursday evening, March 20, to engage in the Bible work.

Brother George Taylor, of Clear Lake, has returned to his home. He is successfully recovering from a recent operation.

After having spent a week or two nursing in Watertown, Sister Joe Sanders returned to her home at Toronto the latter part of last week.

Brother Raymond Bresee began a series of meetings at Troy, South Dakota, Sunday evening, March 23. He will be assisted by Brother John Oss for a time.

The Home Missionary convention held at the Swan Lake church March 22-23, was attended by Elder S. A. Ruskjer, and Brethren J. H. Nies and A. G. Youngberg.

Elder E. T. Russell is spending a week or two at New Effington. He will conduct a series of meetings, and will assist in the dedication of the neat little chapel at that place.

Brother I. G. Ortner, auditor of the Northern Union, accompanied by Elder E. T. Russell and Brother J. H. Nies attended the Plainview Academy Board meeting at Redfield, March 18. He returned to Minneapolis Wednesday evening.

Brother H. A. Rentfro and family left Watertown Thursday morning, March 20, for their new home at Alexandria, Minnesota. Brother Rentfro is now acting as assistant Field Missionary secretary of the Minnesota Conference. They were pleasantly surprised Sunday evening before their departure. The members of the Watertown church and friends, gathered at their home for an enjoyable social evening. We wish

Brother and Sister Rentfro the rich blessing of the Lord in their new field of labor.

Conference Office.

### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

AND

### EDUCATIONAL DEPT.

A. F. Schmidt, Secretary

### NOTICE

The educational secretaries of the four conferences of our Union are called to meet in Minneapolis March 22 and 23 for counsel relative to the standardizing of our church schools. We are glad that Prof. Van Kirk can be with us at this time to assist in the work.

We are informed that Elder Sheldon, the Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the Minnesota Conference, will conduct a Missionary Volunteer institute for the societies of the St. Paul and Minneapolis churches on the above dates in the Minneapolis English church. If possible, the secretaries should arrive in Minneapolis on Friday, March 21, so that they can attend the meetings of the institute on the Sabbath.

The first meeting of the secretaries will be in the Union Conference office on the evening after the Sabbath, March 22.

A. F. Schmidt.

Ed. Sec. N. U. C.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES

As it has been some time since I sent a report to the **Reaper**, it may be justifiable to give a brief account of the past six weeks.

In response to an earnest appeal from Stony Brook, the first few days of February were spent with the few believers remaining at that place. The removal of several families during the past few months had greatly lessened the number of the company, and we greatly missed the three Dybdahl families, the Albertsons, the Johnsons, and Sister Parker, but it was a pleasure to find the few faithfully meeting together from week to week even though the removals had taken away all their officers. We elected leaders and other officers, and the assistance and encouragement given seemed to be greatly appreciated.

Sisters Elizabeth and Ethel Gott, who are taking the nurse's training at Hinsdale Sanitarium, had just been at home on a vacation and returned to their duties there. Sister Anna



Christofferson is also a student at Hinsdale.

On my way to Swanville, I stopped at Brainerd and Crow Wing enjoying a brief visit with the brethren at these places. The young people have a well organized society and the members are doing systematic and aggressive work, especially in the systematic use of literature from house to house. A goodly number are taking the Reading Courses and an enthusiastic Standard of Attainment class meets once a week. A live junior society is conducted in connection with the church school.

February 7-16 was spent with the little company at Lake Beauty, near Swanville. Here we held a series of meetings about a year ago. I found the company smaller because of removals, but it was a pleasure to meet with a "faithful few," and also to find a very friendly spirit and a serious interest on the part of those who had heard the message, but had not taken a stand. We have hopes that others will yet walk in the light.

On the way home, I spent two days at Grey Eagle. Though there is no organization at this place, Sister O. A. Johnson has been doing faithful work in a personal way and with literature, and she has the joy of seeing a neighbor rejoicing with her in the truth. She also conducts a little Sabbath school, gathering in the children of the neighborhood. This is exerting a positive influence for good. One little boy has learned the books of the Bible and the ten commandments.

After spending one day at home, I departed for Duluth. It was indeed a pleasure to renew associations with the old friends here as well as to become acquainted with new ones. The church has outgrown its house of worship, and a branch has been started in West Duluth which meets in the Odd Fellows Hall. Elder Benton and his Bible workers are kept busy looking after the increasing interest.

Sabbath and Sunday, March 1 and 2, were spent at Blackberry. While at one time there was a large Missionary Volunteer Society at this place, very few are now left. It is indeed gratifying to know that with perhaps one exception, all the young people of Blackberry church are faithful to the truth, and a goodly number are actually engaged in the work of the third angel's message or are getting a preparation therefor. While the

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older young people are gone, there are still a number of younger people who have an enthusiastic junior society under the leadership of Sister Francis Anderson.

After stopping during the week at Floodwood, and Bemidji, the next Sabbath and Sunday were spent at Blackduck. This small church has experienced trials and difficulties, but notwithstanding opposition and prejudice the few are faithfully holding up the light of truth.

While we cannot but realize that the dragon is indeed wroth with the remnant people, and is working by every conceivable means to overthrow them, there is abundant reason to be of good courage. We are evidently living in the "shaking time" and the church may be rent by discord and apostasy, but still this work is of God and nothing can overthrow it. Soon the faithful will sing the song of victory upon the sea of glass.

E. L. Sheldon.

## CHOSEN

What? The Reading Courses for 1919-1920. We are not prepared to announce the new courses just now, but we only want to assure you that you have something to anticipate which will not be disappointing.

The new courses may not be ready for about two months yet, but I want to emphasize this: Now is the time to finish the course you have begun whether it be the current course or one of the past courses. Have you read, "Making Good?" It is an ambition stimulator. Have you followed "The Makers of South America?" It is an education in the political and missionary history of our sister continent. Have you felt the heart appeal of "The Days of June?" Is it not an inspiration? Have you associated with "Prophets and Kings?" It is an inspired commentary and a revelation.

Then there are those excellent junior books, "White Queen of Okoyong," "Land of the Golden Man," "Outdoors, Indoors and Up the Chimney" and "Early Writings."

You have two months in which to finish the course you are reading. If you are reading the junior books, be sure to apply for the review questions. If you are taking the senior course, just ask for the Reading Course report cards. If we reach the goal, you will need to get a Reading

Course Certificate. Do it now.  
E. L. Sheldon

## SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY NEWS

Work has been begun on a new well for the Academy.

Mrs. Michalenko paid a visit to her four children who are at the academy.

Mr. Baybarz of Williston, N. D., installed our new millet huller machine this week.

Albert Foster conducted the Sabbath services at Minot, N. Dak., last week.

The illness of Miss Ida Anderson, our matron, has developed into erysipelas.

Martha Buller was called home Tuesday morning because of the sickness of her mother.

Albert Leiske, who has been absent on account of illness, has returned to continue his school work.

Emma Kurtz, who went home after having an operation for appendicitis, is back again to take up her work.

Sunday at four o'clock the students of the Russian IV class had a practical debate on the Sabbath question.

Royal Stewart, who has recently returned from France, came Wednesday to visit some of his friends at the academy.

Vivian and Trivian Gayton, after a long stay at home on account of the illness of their father, have returned to school.

John Leer and Leo Oswald, former students of S. R. A. who have been in service in the Field Hospital work in France, returned home last week.

The young ladies of the academy gave a reception for the boys last Saturday evening. An interesting program was given and all enjoyed a good time.

The Home Missionary Band gave a program in the Chapel Wednesday, on the proper diet for the sick. The importance of making the tray for the sick room appetizing was forcefully illustrated.

A message has just been received



# The Book Work

telling of the death of Mary Anderson of the Swedish Seminary. Miss Anderson was formerly a student of our Academy and is a sister of Miss Ida Anderson.

Last Tuesday, Mrs. Goertzen gave a dinner party at her home to a number of students and friends in honor of the birthday of her son, Leo Oswald. The time was pleasantly spent with music, games, and stories from France.

10th Grade English Class.

## SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY

Our offering for the European relief fund amounted to \$70.70.

Elder L. H. Christian stopped off between trains last week and spoke to us in the evening.

Elder John Roth made a short business call at the office Sunday, March 9.

Mr. and Mrs. August Leer made a short visit at the Leer home this week.

Mrs. T. N. Songberg is acting as matron during Miss Anderson's absence.

Elder Stewart paid us a short visit, and occupied the chapel hour Wednesday, March 12.

The total amount collected by the students in the Harvest Ingathering campaign was \$146.

A meeting of the German members of our church was held Sabbath afternoon in the interest of the Clinton Theological Seminary.

Last Friday evening two of our students, Mr. Songberg and Mr. Foster, conducted the prayer and social meeting at the Harvey hospital.

Miss Ida Anderson, our matron, underwent an operation at the Harvey hospital, Monday, March 10. We hope she may have a speedy recovery.

We welcome two new students into our midst, Miss Ruth Bergstrom, of Minneapolis, who is also acting as Professor Schmidt's stenographer, and Sam Demchuk, of Brookfield, Illinois.

An oratory contest was given Saturday evening at eight o'clock. Each of the English classes was represent-

WEEK ENDING March 15, 1919						
AGENTS	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total	Delivery
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
Mrs. V. B. Cummings	O.D.	27	16	4.95	44.45	
Theo. Mueller	D&R	12	1	10.75	11.75	
Mrs. F. Kipp	O.D.	14	5	3.60	12.50	
Erick Schuleman	B. R.	27	7	1.00	35.00	
John K. Schuleman	B. R.	31	28		135.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 AGENTS</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>20.30</b>	<b>238.70</b>	

ed by two of its best orators. The first honors were awarded to the ninth and tenth grade classes.

Father Leer gave a very interesting and helpful talk in English last Sabbath. After his talk a collection was taken for the purpose of paying the expenses of the students that have gone out with the Harvest Ingathering papers.

Tenth Grade English Class.

## MAPLEWOOD NOTES

The library tables are being refinished and improved in appearance.

Mrs. Pogue and her children spent March 21-24 at her mother's home, at Dassel, Minnesota.

The matron has been confined to her room for several days by an attack of bronchitis.

Oscar Bengstrom spent a day recently with his sisters, the Misses Esther and Alma.

Elder Leland and family were entertained at dinner, March 21, by Prof. and Mrs. Anderson.

Elder Hiatt spent March 21-24 at Anoka and Minneapolis. Mr. Holm acted as preceptor in his absence.

Lambert Pearson, Roy Blumenstein, Selmer Skadsheim, and Lawrence Christensen were week-end visitors in Minneapolis.

Brother Jepson, of Owatonna, called at the Academy, March 19, and took his daughter, Evalyn, home because of the illness of her mother.

Mrs. L. N. Holm and little son, Donald, are spending two weeks with Mr. Holm's parents at South Haven. The students have enjoyed having Mr. Holm at their tables in the dining room during her absence.

## THE BOOK DEPARTMENT

E. M. Oberg, Field Miss. Sec.

## MINNESOTA COLPORTEUR NEWS

### NOTES

Brother Mangel of Fairfax, sent in for a "Bible Readings" prospectus, and says he plans to go out in the canvassing work soon.

Yes, our goal for 1919 is \$50,000 subscription book sales. Is the Lord impressing you to take up this splendid self-supporting missionary work? If so, write to me at the office.

The Schuleman boys who are now canvassing in Redwood County, sent in a very interesting letter to the Missionary Volunteer Society of Minneapolis. It was read at their last meeting with interest. John sent in a report of \$135 for "Bible Readings" sold for week ending March 15.

Brother Rentfro, who is to look after the colporteur work in the northwestern part of the State, will make his headquarters at Alexandria. Mr. and Mrs. Rentfro and their son stopped off at Minneapolis on their way from their past field of labor in South Dakota, to Alexandria, their new home. Brother Rentfro will immediately make arrangements to hold a colporteur's institute somewhere in the northwest.

Brother Mueller who has been canvassing the city of Winona the past winter, writes, "God has already watered the seed and blessed my efforts, as there are, or will be, new Sabbath keepers here before I leave this city. My work is about done here in Winona, and I am leaving here with an interest ready for our ministers to hold a tent effort this summer. Thank God that I have a part in His great work, and praise His Holy Name."

G. A. Campbell.



**HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.**

S. A. Ruskjer, Secretary

**BROWNS VALLEY**

Some fifteen years ago a series of meetings were held at Browns Valley, and for several years scattered believers remained here and in the vicinity, but these have since all moved away, and new settlers have moved in.

Recently a brother and his family moved here. This brother's zeal in scattering the printed page and in conversing with the people has awakened even the preachers, who try to counteract the influence of the truth.

Several in this neighborhood are interested. One man remarked, "I can get more Bible in fifteen minutes at the Adventist shoe shop than I have heard in church for some time." Another person when visited by a solicitor for membership to "A Million Tithe Payers" remarked, "Our minister has told us we need not keep the seventh day Sabbath. He says that the law is done away, and now to get tithe payers he quotes statements from the Old Testament to prove his points." Here, as elsewhere, we feel confident that honest souls will be guided by God's Word, and His Holy Spirit into all truth.

Anol Grundset.

**TO OUR CHURCHES**

I am thinking of what it means to be a member of the body of Christ. Christ is the head, and we are his members, and he will direct us as seemeth best. He tells us the kingdom of Heaven is as a man traveling in a far country who called his servants and delivered unto them his goods, to every man according to his ability—to every man his work. We also read that there is earnest work for every one, and that as surely as God has prepared a place for us in Heaven, so surely has He a definite place for us in His work. He has given every man at least one talent and it behooves us to improve that talent.

It is not enough to consent to good and right, but we must be doers of the word. We must be good, get rid of our sins and overcome them, but it is not enough to simply be good, we must be good for something, and not good for nothing. Now, as the church is a business firm, and we are members of that firm and the work is to

save souls, each member must be profitable to the prosperity of this business and this will make them soul winners. We must work and bring every talent into use God has given us for He will hold us responsible for the sin of omission. The twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew tells us the fate of the one-talented man who failed to improve his talent. He was not faithful in doing, and as a result he was cast out.

Now if this is the great plan it seems to me we ought to try to reach our home missionary goal for 1919: Every member a working member and every member a reporting member.

You know the Home Missionary Department represents the activities of the church; it is the church at work. Now a worldly firm that neglects its activities will go into bankruptcy, and so will the church of the living God if we neglect to discharge our God-given duty.

We ought not to fail to do something for Jesus each week, something that will bring some soul nearer to Him. It may be only to hand out a tract or paper, or to speak a comforting word, or write a letter, or to loan a book, or to care for some suffering one; but if we sow we shall surely reap, and great will be the reward. Jesus says, "Inasmuch as ye have done it to the least of these ye have done it unto me."

Dear workers, we have about reached the close of another quarter and we hope every member of the body of Christ will send in a report of their work. Let it be ever so small, but when we have received the reports from all, it will not seem so small.

Mrs. Minnie Sype.

**SIGNS KEPT HER TRUSTING**

One of our believers in visiting a neighbor in the interest of Bible truths, met another lady, whose eagerness to hear and study was noticeable. Her visit with this lady was very brief, but she left her some fresh copies of the *Signs* to read on her return trip to Texas. She has since sent her some more copies and has written to her. She has now received the following interesting letter:

"Since winter came and the boys have been in school and Mr. — is gone nearly all the time, it has been very lonely for me. So the *Signs of the Times* came as an inspiration to

me to keep trusting. For no matter what this life is, the 'blessed hope' that Christ will come again and take us to live with Him will keep one encouraged. Yes, I think I am a good deal of an Adventist. I think that believing in His second coming is as essential as believing in Him and His first mission.

"Sometime I wish you would tell me about Mrs. White and what she prophesies. I read the article in the last *Signs* but it did not tell what her prophesies were.

"I surely would like to visit with you. Sometime we may meet again. Again I want to tell you how I have enjoyed the papers and read them all carefully. I think I shall subscribe for it some time before long.

"Yes, I surely think the prophesies are being fulfilled very rapidly. I think we should watch and pray as He commanded. Thanking you very much and hoping I may hear from you again sometime."

Let us send more *Signs* on their mission. Thousands need the inspiration its pages give and will be led to more fully trust in God. Today use your opportunities for winning souls.

Anol Grundset.

**A NEW MAGAZINE READY**

For some time there has been a great demand in the field for a magazine in the Slovakian language. We are pleased to announce that this magazine is now ready for distribution, and orders can be filled immediately.

In general appearance and size, it resembles our other foreign magazines, having twenty-four pages with a beautiful three-color cover. This is the first Slovakian periodical ever published by Seventh-day Adventists as far as we are able to learn, and this marks a new era in our foreign publishing work.

According to Government statistics there are more than 800,000 Slovaks in this country. They are at times called Slavs, and, of course, are a branch of the Slavish people in general; but the language they speak is a distinct tongue called Slovakian.

Another magazine which we have been issuing for several years is the Bohemian, which is being read by the other branch of the Czecho-Slovaks, as they are often called now since the establishment of their new republic.



The Slovaks are scattered all over the country and there are thousands of them, especially in our larger cities and mining centers, who are anxious to hear and ready to accept the gospel message. They are an intellectual, religiously-inclined, and liberty-loving race. We believe that this beautiful and interesting magazine will appeal to them.

From the contents we quote the following articles: "Inspiration of the Bible," "Truth Unchangeable," "The King's Dream," "The Plan of Redemption," "The Scriptures Better than Tradition," "Personal Religion," "World Conditions Foretold in Bible," "Christ's Love for Children."

The magazine, which is called "Signs of the Times," contains seventeen beautiful illustrations. The price is the same as our other magazines, five to forty copies eight cents each, fifty copies or more, seven cents each, single copy fifteen cents.

We invite your co-operation in the circulation of this latest product of our press, and trust that many thousand copies may be scattered among the Slovakian people who surely will have their representatives in the great "League of Nations" in the kingdom to come.

Pacific Press Publishing Assn.  
Per Steen Rasmussen.

### GOOD TIDINGS

Recently several very interesting letters have come from our workers in different parts of the world telling of the ever widening influence of our grand old missionary paper, the **Signs of the Times**. We quote:

"Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 20, 1919.

"You will be interested to know that a well educated Japanese lady, wife of a mine official, who has been reading the **English Signs of the Times**, and some of our books, had just requested to be allowed to join our church. She first heard the truth at a lecture by Elder Daniells in Hiroshima.

Alfonso N. Anderson."

"Vigan, Iloca Sur, Philippine Islands,  
"January 21, 1919.

"The past two years kind brethren in the States have been sending me a club of thirty **Signs of the Times**. These I have remailed to students, teachers and officials. Several have taken hold of the truth as a result, while there was a number who are

interested. We could use a regular club of fifty **Signs** to good advantage. They are read and re-read, and there is really a wonderful opportunity for missionary work with them. I hope our supply will keep coming.

Roy E. Hay."

The **Signs Weekly** has also been used in large quantities in India for over two years, and as a result a considerable number have accepted the truth.

The following is a paragraph from a letter written by one of our Union Home Missionary secretaries who has been assisting in several institutes recently:

"One of the topics we discussed at each institute was 'The **Signs Weekly** as a Soul Winner.' In the discussion of this topic we gave all an opportunity relative to their view of the influence of the **Signs**. It would be encouraging to you, I know, to meet with the people in such institutes and to have one-third to one-half tell you, that it was wholly or largely through the influence of the **Signs Weekly** that they are in the truth."

These multiplied evidences continually coming, showing the **Signs** to be such a mighty agency in bringing people to a knowledge of the truth, should certainly encourage our people to redouble their efforts, especially as we are just now engaged in a campaign in behalf of the paper. There is something about the **weekly** visits of the journal and the **variety** of subjects that does have effect. Our goal is fixed at 100,000 this year, but really it ought to have a much larger circulation than that. When we think of a sixteen-page weekly for \$1.00 in clubs, or \$1.15 when mailed to individual lists, coupled with the results, can it be said our enthusiasm is running too high? Have you ever thought that a bound volume of the **Signs** makes a much larger book than "Great Controversy?" In fact, if it were bound it would make a volume of 800 pages. Ernest Lloyd.

It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.

"Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow."

He who has most of the fear of God, will be the least afraid of his fellow men.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

Approved advertisements will be inserted in the **Reaper** at the rate of fifty cents for the first thirty-five words or less, and two cents a word for each additional word. Three insertions, one dollar, and twenty-five cents for each additional insertion. Payable in advance. Right reserved to reject any or all advertisements.

### STUDY AT HOME

If you can not go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can devote to study. The certificates of credit of the Fireside Correspondence School are recognized by all Seventh-day Adventist schools and probably by other schools. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. The President of the General Conference says, "I believe your school is conferring an inestimable benefit upon our people." Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition. Address, C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

**Farm Help Wanted**—Two men experienced in farm work; man capable of operating small farm tractor. Girl or middle-aged woman to do general housework. State wages expected. Geo. I. Cummings, Petrel, N. D. 3t

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Sunset Friday, March 28, at 6:22

### EDITORIAL

Raymond Hilde, one of our students, found it necessary to leave school last week on account of farm work.

Brother Peter Larson, of Ute, Iowa, spent Sunday and Monday, March 23 and 24, at our school visiting his daughter, Miss Rose Larson, who is attending our school.

Elders P. E. Brodersen and G. E. Nord visited our school one day this week. We were glad to have them with us. Elder Brodersen met with our local board, and matters pertaining to the interest of the school were considered.

Brother Henry Hansen, who is suffering with blood-poisoning, is still very ill and the family have but little hope of his recovery. Let us continue to pray for him. His father from Iowa has come to be with him. They have a nurse, Axel Holmes, from the Nevada Sanitarium to assist in caring for him.

### CHANGED TO A FOUNTAIN

It has been stated that during the Crimean war a certain shell was fired into a fort, plowing the ground and marring the beauty of the place, but that from the ugly chasm thus formed there burst forth a spring of water, which flowed on thereafter a living fountain.

Thus sorrow may come unwelcomed and unbidden, causing us to feel that all the happiness and joy in our lives are swept away by the harsh, unrelenting stroke of death, but "our Father knows," and if the lessons of trust and submission are rightly learned the cruel stroke will open fountains of usefulness in our lives from which blessing will flow to gladden other hearts, and springs of comfort will burst forth to cheer the drooping soul. The ugly chasm may not be hid nor the wound be healed,

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but the soul will be more tender and sympathetic for others who are in sorrow. N. P. Neilsen.



### UNION CONFERENCE NOTES

Elder M. B. Van Kirk, President of the Oklahoma Conference, is spending a short time in Minneapolis in making preparations to move his family to their new field of labor.

Elders S. A. Ruskjer, together with the South Dakota Home Missionary Secretary, Brother A. G. Youngberg, is spending a few days in conducting a Home Missionary Institute at Viborg, South Dakota.

Sunday, March 23, Professor A. F. Schmidt had a council meeting with the local Educational Superintendents and Young People's Secretaries, at the S. D. A. church in Minneapolis. Elder Van Kirk, the former Educational Secretary of the Union, was also present.

Conference Office.

### NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

Many of our subscribers are sending in three cent postage stamps for the price of their subscription. We have no objections to receiving the stamps but ask you to send in one cent or if need be two cent stamps instead. Do not send THREE cent stamps. 4t

### THE WATERMELON

The outside of a watermelon is a thick, hard, green rind. Within that is a layer of white, then a core of red, dotted throughout its center with black seeds. Who can tell how that melon drew through its tiny stem so much moisture? Where did it get its coloring matter and delicious flavor? We do not attempt to explain, but we do continue to eat and relish the watermelon.

So with prayer. It may be mystifying, but this we know,—it sweetens life, mollifies temper, beautifies character, and works wonders.—Selected.

### INTERESTING MISSIONARY EXPERIENCES

We are sure many of our readers will be interested to know that a book written by Brother and Sister Wood, of Kalyan Dispensary in India, is just being printed by the Pa-

cific Press at Mountain View. It is a most interesting document on Missionary experiences. In the introduction, which Elder Wood writes, we find this paragraph:

"I had read books on India, seen pictures of Indian life, heard missionaries lecture about Hindustan; but the awful reality of idol worship had never fully gripped me till I stood dazed, under that burning Indian sun, in the streets of Bombay."

Elder Wood has been on the ground and has endeavored to give his impressions as he feels them, and he has succeeded remarkably well. The book will be bound in cloth and will retail for one dollar.

J. M. Rouse.

### THERE IS A BREAK

"The electricity cannot make the carbon filament glow with light and fire until that filament is insulated from everything else, and is yielded up to the electricity alone. Nor can we glow with the light and fire of Christ until we have let Him cut us off from everything else, insulate us into yielded and complete conductors of Himself and the current of His love and power. When the light ceases in the electric lamp, you know there is a break somewhere; either the insulation or the connection is not complete. It may take considerable search to find the break; but you know it is there. So of our interruptions of fellowship with God in Christ. Connection with Him, and disconnection with all else—both of these must be complete, or He cannot do for us what He would."—Selected.

### LIKE A DIVER

"The Christian is like a diver. Every day, he plunges into conditions that tend to crush out his spiritual life. His safety depends upon his connection with heaven. Every day, before going forth, the Christian should test this connection, and make sure that he can safely drop into the day's work, with its problems and perplexities."—Selected.

### HOME MISSIONARY INSTITUTE

On Sabbath and Sunday, March 29 and 30, a Home Missionary institute will be held at the Maplewood Academy, Maple Plain. Let all nearby believers plan to attend the day sessions. We have the promise of Elder S. A. Ruskjer to be with us during this institute. Anol Grundset.