



### EIGHTH SESSION OF THE NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

No doubt the most interesting and best conference session of the Northern Union ever held, was the eighth session which was recently held in Minneapolis.

The deep yet simple Bible studies given by Prof. W. W. Prescott two hours each day, during the meeting, were very highly appreciated and treasured by all present. Many of the workers expressed themselves at the close of the meeting that this was the best and most interesting conference they had ever attended. And so it was! Not only because of the excellent spiritual food and help given by the general brethren; but also because of the unity that existed and prevailed in all the work of the conference. Many important and far-reaching resolutions were passed, but not one speaker during the entire session uttered a word of opposition to any of the recommendations brought before the delegates. This, we believe, expresses the unanimity of purpose of the workers of the Northern Union Conference.

We hope to report through the **Northern Union Reaper** all the resolutions passed by this conference, but cannot do this all at one time.

The election resulted in the following report:

President—C. F. McVagh.  
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I. G. Ortner.  
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Field Missionary Secretary—E. M. Oberg.  
Home Missionary Secretary—S. A. Ruskjer.

Religious Liberty Secretary—C. F. McVagh.

Medical Secretary—to be referred to the N. U. Conf. Committee.

Transportation Agent—I. G. Ortner.

Delegates present were as follows:  
**General Conference Representatives.**

W. W. Prescott, R. D. Quinn, G. B. Thompson, L. A. Hanson, M. E. Kern, P. E. Brodersen, H. K. Christman, J. F. Simon.

#### Union Executive Committee

Chas. Thompson, I. G. Ortner, E. T. Russell, S. A. Ruskjer, A. R. Ogden, W. H. Clark, A. F. Schmidt, E. M. Oberg, N. P. Neilsen, E. L. Stewart.

#### Regular Delegates.

##### Iowa

G. E. Leffler, Wm. Ostrander, L. A. Hoopes, J. C. Clemens, D. F. Weatherly, F. M. Corbaley, J. W. Beams, A. L. Miller, G. W. White, C. J. Metzger, W. K. Smith, A. F. Prieger, J. J. Mair, Edna Kilcher, J. W. Dorcas, Mrs. Flora V. Dorcas, L. L. Grand Pre, R. F. Woods, Mrs. Minnie Sype, W. A. McKibben, W. C. Foreman.

##### Minnesota

S. D. Hartwell, R. L. Benton, J. H. Hoffman, C. Edwardsen, L. R. Anderson, A. H. Rulkoetter, Mary D. Hopkins, G. A. Campbell, H. M. Hiatt, C. V. Anderson, A. Grundset, Stemple White, S. F. Svenson, A. W. Kuehl, V. D. Hawley.

##### North Dakota

J. H. Roth, P. G. Stanley, Carl Leer, A. G. Goude, J. J. Jutzy, Artha Jutzy, C. C. Jensen, Anna Anderson, M. V. Tucker, F. B. Pogue, C. G. Ortner.

##### South Dakota

Alfred Jensen, H. J. Sheldon, E. G. Hayes, J. H. Nies, E. H. Oswald, Alfred Youngberg, Bert Rhoads.

The following were granted Conference recognition:

#### Ministerial Credentials

C. F. McVagh, N. P. Neilsen, S. A. Ruskjer, A. F. Schmidt.

#### Honorary Credentials

E. Hilliard, O. Madsen, H. Steen, Valentine Leer.

#### Ministerial License

I. G. Ortner, E. M. Oberg, S. J. Abegg.

#### Medical Missionary License

H. W. Barbour.

It was thought wise to have the workers and delegates attending the Union session in a Sabbath school by themselves on November 29. Sister Flora V. Dorcas of Iowa was in charge of the school, and a very interesting study of the lesson was conducted in the various classes. The offering was taken up by conferences and aggregated approximately \$450. The attendance was about 125. All were highly pleased to see that the Sabbath school did so well in offerings. Many interesting things concerning the meeting might be said, but space will not permit. In later issues of the **Reaper** we hope to give you the resolutions passed by the conference.

I. G. Ortner,  
Secretary.

### UNION COLLEGE

Elder B. L. Anderson, of Hong-Kong, China, spoke in the Union College chapel Thursday, Nov. 20, on the Qualifications of workers for Foreign Fields. Elder Anderson, a graduate of Union College, has spent twelve years in China, and is able to speak from experience.

He advised that every person con-



templating work in a foreign field should finish, at least, the College course, and take a year or two of post graduate work, if possible.

Men of superior training are needed in the mission field. "Mere piety and enthusiasm are not enough to make a missionary."

If the missionary does not have the proper training, the natives themselves will soon detect it. There are schools and colleges in China that are turning out men and women who have completed sixteen grades of work, and they take their place in the ministry and evangelistic work. It is a common thing for the natives to inquire what school the missionary is from, and the standing of the school.

"The missionary should be a man of perseverance, steadfastness, common sense, wise judgment, and he should be economical in the expenditure of money."

Above all, Elder Anderson places as the most essential requisite, a Christian character. The mission work in all its forms is a spiritual work, and it is harder to be a Christian in China than in the United States.

He told of the joys and fascinations of mission life. One of the greatest joys is to see young men and women come and take hold of the work, determined to do their part.

Walter Anderson.

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Educational Secretary—H. M. Hiatt, Anoka.

Y. P. M. V. Secretary—C. V. Anderson, 815 Metzroth Place, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Home Missionary Secretary—Anol Grundset, 1716 Fifth Ave., So. Minneapolis.

## HIDING IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

In 2 Kings 11:3 and 2 Chr. 22:12 we read of a man who was hid in the house of God for six years in order to save his life. In these Laodicean times, many who are hiding in the "house of God" will lose their souls unless they come out from such hiding and do faithful service for the Lord. Jesus will never say "Well done, good and faithful servant" to him who has not done well, but has been faithless. What do I mean by

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'hiding in the house of God?' Listen!

Pick up the clerk's book. Here are the names of Brother and Sister So-and-so, but their faces are seldom if ever seen at church services. They are within walking distance of the church, too, and are often seen down in the busy marts, shopping,—but 'Sabbath sickness' (?) or some other good (?) reason keeps them away from divine services and from association with those of like precious faith. Take Brother Dash and Sister Blank! Their names appear on the clerk's book, but are not to be found in the treasurer's book. A careful search in the missionary secretary's book reveals the fact that no subscription is there recorded for the *Review, Signs, Watchman, Instructor, Little Friend, Gazette, Worker, Lesson Quarterly*, nor *Present Truth*. Brother Dash and Sister Blank never report their missionary work, because they everlastingly protest that their right hand should not know what the left hand does. Such folks could not expect to do much missionary work without some missionary ammunition.

Let us go early to Sabbath school for a careful search for those in hiding. There is Brother Faithful, Sister On-Time, Brother Pleasant, Sister Hospitable, and other regular teachers and minute laymen. All others are in their places with cheerful faces, but Brother Dash and Sister Blank are absent as usual. Don't count on these folks to burst your Sabbath school thermometer in going "over the top" in financial goals, or in boosting the Thirteenth Sabbath offering.

In vain do we look for Brother Dash and Sister Blank either at the prayer meeting, young people's meeting, business sessions, quarterly meetings, or annual week-of-prayer services. They sometimes attend movies, and are very active in worldly lines of work, but though their names are on the clerk's book, they are **hiding in the house of God**. If every member of the church were just like them, what would happen to the world-wide work? Brother Rogers at Washington would never need to get out another statistical report. But thank God, in spite of slackers and quitters, the good work goes on in its ever increasing magnitude. Elders the world over, keep your eye on the membership list and keep the records correct. There is a vast dif-

ference between a city directory and a church clerk's book. But may there be resurrections rather than funerals!

The church is not to support the members, but the members are to support the church. We are in the church for **service**, not to be served. We are to give the Bread of Life to the poor lost world. We are not to join the church for loaves and fishes. We enlist for **action**. Brother, Sister, would you maintain a healthy, happy Christian growth? In the name of the Master, take the truth to others,—win souls. The more we help others, the more we help ourselves. The Lord blesses us **only** that we may be a blessing to others. The more we feed on His Word, and commune with Him in prayer, and discipline ourselves by the Word, the more anxious will we be to save others. Jesus could not be hid. Let **your** light shine! Never hide in the house of God!

Be a member of the church in the town or city in which you live, or the nearest church which you can attend. If you are isolated, by all means join the conference church. That is the very purpose of the conference church. You should **not** join the conference church, though, if you have access to one of our churches. The conference is the easiest church to hide in. It is unavoidably so. Remit tithe and offerings to the treasurer of the church of which you are a member. Follow the regular channels. It is when streams overflow their channels that troubles ensue. Have some little part at least in all the goals to be reached. If, through sickness, you can not be present at the regular quarterly services, report in time to the clerk by letter. Those who unnecessarily absent themselves from the Lord's table, soon become weak and sickly. A well lamb will follow only its master's voice, but a sick sheep will follow anyone. It is important to assemble at the house of God, and "so much the more as ye see the day approaching." It keeps many a foot from slipping. Be a worker, not a shirker! Launch out into the deep and let down **your** net for a drive. Then **report** the catch to the missionary secretary.

Every member of the church is supposed to regularly attend the Sabbath school, and to be there on time. Always **take your Bible along**, and go into the class where the Superintendent asks you. Be willing to take



what part you may be assigned. If you move to another city or state, be sure to transfer your membership as soon as possible,—having the clerk write the clerk of the church where you used to reside, for your letter. Be loyal in all things, and tactfully pass on our good literature to your neighbors. Prayerfully, humbly, cheerfully live the truth, and later on you will hear the Master say "Well Done." Those who 'hide in the house of God' in this world, will also be absent from the assembly of the saints in the new earth, when from Sabbath to Sabbath "all flesh" worship before the Lord. May the Lord help us all to be faithful. Stemple White.

#### NEW YORK MILLS AND WADENA

Since reporting last I have visited New York Mills and Wadena in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering work. On account of the bad weather in October the work has been delayed somewhat. I have now visited all of the companies in my territory, and have found a ready response on the part of nearly all to do their share in the work. Since closing the tent at Henning I have been conducting an effort six miles west of Henning in the country. I was in the midst of the testing truths when I left for the Conference at Minneapolis. After the Week of Prayer I expect to resume my work west of Henning. I desire to be remembered in prayer.

Geo. L. Budd.

#### MINNESOTA NOTES

Elder Benton of Duluth occupied the pulpit of the Minneapolis church last Sabbath.

Elder Clark conducted Week of Prayer services at Maplewood Friday and Sabbath.

Brother Rentfro spent some time last week in Fergus Falls, and reports a profitable season with the church at that place. While there, he assisted Mrs. Dennis, one of the faithful sisters, in beginning her canvassing work with the Current Event series.

S. A. Abegg, manager of the Pacific Press Branch was called to Bowman, Montana, December 8, on account of the serious illness of his wife. If her condition is sufficiently improved, she will return with him, and go to the Sanitarium in Nevada, Iowa, for treatment.

Brother H. A. Rentfro, former Field Secretary of South Dakota, who has been assistant in this state for some time, has been asked to take Brother Campbell's place. His long experience in this line of work makes him competent to carry it, and we welcome him to our corps of Minnesota workers, bespeaking for him the co-operation and good wishes of all.

Mrs. Anna Melin, one of our successful canvassers, left for Exira, Iowa, Saturday evening; she will remain some time there to take a needed rest before she enters the canvassing field again. We are glad to report new names on the colporteur list as follows: Sylvester Moore, of Detroit; R. E. Hendricks, of Mapleton, and Mrs. Mertie Mills, of Osakis. When conditions make it necessary for some of our colporteurs to leave the field, we are happy to see others step into the ranks. Thus the work advances.

Among the welcome visitors at the churches and homes in Minnesota the past five years has been Brother George Campbell, Field Secretary. There has always been a warm welcome for him, and he will be missed from our conference when he leaves for his new field, the Western Canadian Union. Success has attended Brother Campbell's work here, and we feel sure that he will manifest the same faithful interest wherever he is. We have enjoyed pleasant associations with Brother and Sister Campbell, and our prayers will go with them.

Our workers, in visiting the various churches through the state, find many of them actively engaged in home missionary work. Sabbath, December 6, the Alexandria church, with a membership of fifty, obtained approximately eighty subscriptions to the *Signs of the Times*. They also ordered twelve hundred copies of *Present Truth* which will be used in a campaign to reach every home in the city. Surely there never was a more opportune time to work, nor a public more favorable to the substantial truths of the Bible. Shall we not all be more active in forwarding the message while we have the opportunity?

The short meeting of the Minnesota workers at the close of the Union Conference for the purpose of saying

farewell and God-speed to two of our faithful workers and their families, was both sad and pleasant. Brother George Campbell and family have been called to the Western Canadian Union to take charge of the book work, and Brother Ben Le Duc and wife are to leave the last of the year for China. It is always with a feeling of sadness that we part with fellow workers, but we are glad to know that these members of our conference force have been called to take up work in other needy fields; and they will have the prayers of the members in our state for their welfare, and that they may accomplish much good in carrying on the Lord's work in their new fields. A small token of appreciation was presented to these workers by their fellow laborers of Minnesota.

#### MAPLEWOOD NOTES

Roy Christensen is the latest arrival at Maplewood.

Miss Enney is enjoying a visit from her brother from Aneta, North Dakota.

A carload of coke is now being hauled to the Academy. It came in a very opportune time.

Elder Roth paid the school a pleasant visit on his return from the conference to his work as Bible teacher at Sheyenne River Academy.

We enjoyed a very profitable Week of Prayer. Elders Hartwell, White, and Benton visited us during the week, and their timely instruction has been much appreciated.

We are glad to welcome back four of our old students who came just recently. They are Wilbert Larson, Albert and Alton Wolcott, and Miss Esther Nelson.

The students enjoyed some rich experience while soliciting funds for missions recently. As a result of our Harvest Ingathering campaign nearly \$150 was collected.

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## NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Roy Saunders has a good interest at Fort Yates where he has organized several Bible classes.

Brother M. Leatherman is now well settled at Beach where he is taking up the work left by Brother A. A. Rupert.

The effort conducted by Brother Schuster at Taylor Falls recently has resulted in several families taking hold of the truth.

Orders for our new book **Astronomy and the Bible**, are being received daily. Have we received yours? Price postpaid \$1.50.

The conference workers returning from the recent Union conference session unanimously testified that it was good to be there and are resuming their labors with a new resolve and inspiration.

Miss Draeger owing to a nervous breakdown has been compelled to lay down her work at the conference office and is now at her old home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her place is being filled by Miss Ella Lawler.

Elder Valentine Leer was a pleasant caller at the office Friday. While here he secured a few copies of our new book **Epidemics**, to distribute among the brethren of the Cleveland church, where he is conducting the Week of Prayer meetings. Let's keep the good work going.

We are glad to welcome brethren C. G. Ortner and Chas. Dammen and families to our conference working force at Jamestown. Brother Dammen will assist in the Tract Society while Brother Ortner comes to fill the vacancy in the Conference Treasurer's office caused by the resignation of Brother Roedel who is compelled to change his occupation owing to failing health.

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Brother Andrew Roedel was recently called upon to visit one of our isolated sisters. Before he left she handed him a check to the amount of \$5,000 to be used in giving the Third Angel's Message in South Africa. This is perhaps the largest Harvest Ingathering gift ever received, and is the largest single contribution ever received in our state. This is another evidence that the Lord is moving upon His people to arise and finish the work.

Was Jesus of Nazareth the Son of God? Was His claim to be the promised Messiah true or false? Do you believe He is the Son of God? If son, what evidence can you give as proof? These are some of the questions answered in our new book **What Think Ye of Christ?** by Elder G. B. Thompson. A little booklet prepared and sent forth with the hope that it may be the means of strengthening faith and confidence in the heart of the reader that Jesus is indeed the Son of God, the Redeemer of a lost race, the Saviour of all who come to Him in faith. A splendid gift book, beautifully illustrated; bound in cloth, sixty-three pages. Price postpaid 50 cents.

One brother who is faithfully distributing our truth filled literature, writes: "Last winter I gave a neighbor a few of our books to read. After reading them his wife insisted on paying for them, and sent them to her folks. At the time that these were received, an aunt of this lady was visiting this family and read the books, trying as she said to find in them some mistake, but instead she wrote a letter to this neighbor stating that the books she had received from that Seventh-day Adventist neighbor were the best she had ever read." Another experience of this brother is as follows: "About this same time I slipped a copy of **The Marked Bible** in a lunch box belonging to a young man going to Washington with an ice crew. Of course when he found it, he knew where it came from and told me that about twenty different persons had read it, and the last he saw of it, was on the way back when the foreman came and got it from one of the boys. Are we all having such experiences as these. If not, why not?"

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## SHEYENNE RIVER ACADEMY

Mr. G. W. Knodel has left the school and is now in Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Michalenko and family visited one of their relatives here last week.

The Harvey hospital nurses attended the meetings regularly during the Week of Prayer.

Miss Livesy Murphy arrived at the S. R. A. Friday and will take up some school work.

M. V. Tucker visited the school while on his way to Stanley for the Week of Prayer.

Mr. M. M. Panasuk of the village left for Killdeer last Thursday where he expects to stay all winter.

Mr. E. Thachenko, while on his way home to Kief visited his nephew, Nick Thachenko.

It has been extremely cold this past week. The thermometer registering from 30 to 35 below zero.

Mrs. C. D. Hein had the misfortune of dislocating her left arm when the sleigh in which she was riding tipped.

Professor Goude who has been attending the Union conference at Minneapolis arrived home Sunday the 8th.

Elder Roth and Professor Michalenko have just returned from Minneapolis where they have attended the Northern Union Conference.

Roy Saunders, who has been laboring for the Indians at Fort Yates, came home last Wednesday for a short visit with his family.

The Academy has felt the sugar shortage very seriously this year. A sack of one hundred pounds was received last Monday, the first in four weeks.

Mr. Herald Nash, one of our seniors who has been ill for some time, left Tuesday, December 2, for his home in South Dakota to regain his health.

Prof. G. J. Lang, the History teacher and preceptor, has inflammatory rheumatism in his left arm and has not been able to meet his classes for a few days.



Miss Anna Avananenko was here for a brief visit with her brother Peter, while on her way to Chicago to resume her work as a Bible worker among the Russian people.

Professor J. H. Simon the Educational Secretary of the German young people of the General Conference, was here at the Academy during the Week of Prayer.

The school was greatly blessed during the Week of Prayer. We all enjoyed Professor Simons' good talks in the mornings and also the good readings rendered in the evenings.

Some of the students helped with the meetings in various churches during the Week of Prayer. Mr. Kirichenko and Mr. Evananenko went to Dogden and Kief and Mr. Foster and Mrs. Haas went to Carrington.

The boys rooming in South Hall were rather unfortunate the first part of the week because the furnace sprung a leak. The result was that they had to vacate the building and crowd together with the boys in the main building and into the vacant rooms of the teachers' dormitory.

Thanksgiving was spent very pleasantly here at school. The students went to the river to skate in the morning. At noon a four course dinner was served, which was heartily enjoyed by all. The afternoon was spent in playing games and skating. In the evening we were all invited to a well planned program in the dining room, which was decorated with pumpkins and "fodder in the shock."

Ninth Grade English Class.

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Missionary Volunteer and Home Missionary Secretary—A. G. Youngberg.

### SOUTH DAKOTA ITEMS

Elder A. G. Youngberg left the office for an extended trip through the northeastern part of the state in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work.

A check for \$2,000 was received from Brother A. E. Mourer, formerly of South Dakota, who has recently

moved to Loma Linda, California, for the support of the cause of God.

Mrs. F. J. Nesmith of Florence, South Dakota, was a caller at the office Monday, Dec. 8.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nies are the happy parents of a baby daughter born December 4. The little lady will be known as Virginia Ruth.

The new book *Epidemics* is on our shelves. We are ready to fill your orders at once. We are sure you want a part in this work in distributing these books among your neighbors.

Mrs. H. H. Shoals who has been engaged in the Bible work at Pierre the past summer writes the following: "We are holding our week of Prayer meeting to the best of our ability. I have to go to East Pierre in the morning, to Ft. Pierre in the afternoon and we meet in Pierre in the evenings. We cannot all meet together because the members are so scattered and some of them are unable to walk so far. It does me much good and rejoices my heart when I hear the testimonies of those who have just accepted the message. They are but few to be sure, but they are just as precious as though there were many, and I have every reason to hope for at least one more in the very near future."

Conference Office.

### MISSIONARY AND EDUCATIONAL DEPT. A. F. Schmidt, Secretary.

### COMPLETE THE TRAINING COURSE

Those who have been taking the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course are now ready for the closing exercises of the year's work. How satisfying it is to exert one's powers to accomplish something, to see it through to the end, and to win evidence of having accomplished it! Only growing teachers are live teachers. Each year must find the true teacher with keener enthusiasms, renewed purposes, and deeper devotion to this most sacred of all trusts.

Those who have read the textbooks are now asked to write a few paragraphs based upon the subjects studied. This is not a rigid examination, but a proof of your having studied the year's course. On page 2 of the

December number of the Sabbath School Worker, ten questions are offered, five on each book, which will furnish topics for your paper. These questions are given so that there may be uniformity of subjects. It is always preferable to use pen and ink. Write on one side of the paper, taking care to make your writing as legible as possible. No restrictions regarding the use of the textbooks in preparing your paper are made so long as quotation marks are used when the words of the text are copied verbatim.

Mail your paper to your conference Sabbath school secretary, who will examine the paper and send to you a certificate issued by the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, showing that you have completed the Sabbath School Workers' Training Course for the current year.  
General Conference Sabbath School Department.

### YOU CAN. WILL YOU?

"Yes, I have the Morning Watch Calendar, and I am very proud of it. If there is any one line that I have struggled hard to get my Missionary Volunteers started on, it is the Morning Watch. They are doing better now than ever before. In fact they are more alive on all lines than they have ever been, for which I am thankful."

The above paragraph is taken from a letter that came to my desk this morning. I am passing it on to you, for to me the last two sentences reveal the real purpose of our Morning Watch campaign. I read in them once again a well known truth. It is this: The Morning Watch will revolutionize the lives of the young people who observe it faithfully. It has been so in the past. It is so today.

### The Morning Watch Draws One

from Self  
OUT— to God  
to Others

In this way it has enriched thousands and thousands of lives. How many lives will it enrich next year because of your faithful effort to get others to observe it? "Your Adventist friends are observing it," did you say? Well, then look around among friends who are not Adventists. Distribute copies of the calendar among them. One young Methodist saw a calendar. After examining it she felt so strongly her need of one to



guide her in her personal devotions that she wrote an Adventist friend: "Please send one if it does not cost more than fifty cents."

Suppose you should give twenty calendars away this year; and suppose five of the persons receiving calendars should form the Morning Watch habit. Would it be worth while? Suppose you knew that you have the chance to appeal to these friends in this way another year, what would you do? Well do it. Pass the calendar on to others and pray earnestly that it may help them to form the Morning Watch habit. Will you?

Matilda Erickson.

### SOCIAL PLANS FOR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

That is the name of another new book just put out by the Missionary Volunteer Department. "O, we have needed something just like this for so long. I surely am thankful for my copy." This is one of the first messages of welcome received in its behalf. The book contains 144 pages and the chapter titles run as follows:

1. "Social to Save."
2. Social Gatherings and How to Conduct Them.
3. Practical Plans for Social Gatherings.
4. Games That Are Good Mixers.
5. Thought Stimulators.
6. Stunts and Races.
7. Paper-and-Pencil Games.
8. Bible and Mission Games.

"Social Plans for Missionary Volunteers" was born of a deep, growing desire to help our young people make their social gatherings profitable; and as it goes forth on its mission, it is accompanied by the earnest prayers of many young people's workers that it fail not in helping our young people always and everywhere to be "social to save."

### HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

S. A. Raskjer, Secretary

### REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE

For Years 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918

It is a real pleasure to report the progress of the work so faithfully carried forward by the church members of the various conferences composing our Union during the past four

# The Book Work

WEEK ENDING Dec. 5, 1919

AGENTS	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total	Delivery
<b>MINNESOTA</b>						
Vilona Cummings	B.R.	10	6	8.45	32.45	83.00
*Mrs. F. Kipp	O.D.	27	6	7.45	22.45	38.00
*W. Harbolt	G.C.	34	19	2.55	91.55	47.85
W. Mangel	G.C.	30	19		84.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4 AGENTS</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>18.45</b>	<b>230.45</b>	<b>168.85</b>

\* Two weeks report.

years. While we are not satisfied with what has been accomplished, still we do feel very grateful to God for the wonderful way in which He has blessed the humble efforts put forth by our dear people. We want to express our deep appreciation of the hearty co-operation given to this Department by practically all the workers throughout the field. We are especially grateful for the loyal support of the Union and local conference presidents. We also greatly appreciate the kind, and systematic, spirit of co-operation which has been manifested by the secretaries of the other departments of the work in our field. Last, but not least, we want to pay tribute to the unselfish, wholehearted and enthusiastic co-operation of the local conference Home Missionary secretaries. It is very largely through the efforts of these faith-

ful secretaries that this report is made possible. We do not want to fail to mention the encouraging and cheerful assistance given by the secretaries of the General Department.

We are sorry to acknowledge the fact that our report, no matter how splendid it may be, represents the work actually done by only about thirty-five percent of the constituency of the Union. Had the other sixty-five per cent been faithful in working and reporting their work, think how much better this report would be! We are very glad, however, to know that the reporting, working members are constantly increasing in number and we hail with delight the dawning of a day of far greater activity among the church members as a whole. That God does bless the laity in their work for Him is indicated by the following:

### ITEMS

	Iowa	Minn.	N. Dak.	S. Dak.	Union
H. I. Papers Used	324,317	87,865	34,336	40,257	446,085
H. I. Returns	\$32,547.74	\$13,885.18	\$4,539.48	\$12,351.04	\$63,323.44
T. Instruct's Used	16,243	31,339	8,554	6,220	62,356
Magazines Sold	176,675	197,064	42,764	59,821	476,324
Letters Written	18,851	17,799	4,786	8,158	44,594
Letters Received	6,229	8,106	1,033	3,227	18,595
Missionary Visits	25,073	45,596	2,027	11,417	84,113
Bible Readings	9,404	15,203	1,968	2,859	29,434
Subscriptions Taken	8,405	6,656	1,021	3,685	19,767
Periodicals Sold	121,834	93,803	17,369	13,447	246,453
Periodicals Given	286,467	633,144	54,322	101,230	1,075,163
Books Sold	17,342	14,514	2,918	4,587	39,361
Books Given Away	13,976	15,203	1,451	3,586	34,213
Tracts Distributed	209,076	106,020	72,752	60,467	1,348,715
Hours of Christ. Help Work	52,841	36,348	1,805	14,397	105,391
Articles Clothing Given Away	22,413	14,385	1,001	6,075	43,874
Treatments Given	3,824	1,554	731	2,496	8,605
Offerings to Home Miss.	\$4,031.21	\$6,031.70	\$2,678.53	\$1,343.30	\$14,384.74
No. Conversions (3 Yrs)	294	210	87	67	658

Each succeeding year has marked a goodly increase over the preceding one. In fact, the reports which are already in for the year 1919 total nearly as much as the two first years covered in this report.

### Reading Racks

The Northern Union has led out in a strong way in the production and use of public reading racks. At the present time there are about 300 reading racks being operated in depots, hotel lobbies, post office lobbies,

public libraries, country creameries, and other public places. Already we have seen results greatly exceeding our fondest expectations. In fact, we could at this time name more than a score of people who have been brought into the Truth during the past few months, wholly as a result of taking literature from our reading racks. We believe that in the matter of using reading racks, the children of God should be wiser than the children of the world. We ought to put up the neatest and most practical



reading rack to be found anywhere, and we ought to take better care of than any other body of people are now doing. We trust that every conference laborer will encourage all the churches he visits, to secure an up-to-date, rightly labeled, reading rack and to operate the same in keeping with the importance of the message which we are giving to the world. Examples of our reading rack have been ordered by thirteen different conferences which are now making and using one similar to ours.

### Conventions and Field Days

Perhaps the most enjoyable phase of our departmental work has been our many successful conventions and field day experiences. We have endeavored to have a field day in connection with each convention throughout the field. It is a real pleasure to train the members of a church for service, and to organize them into working bands, and then go out into the field with them. In these campaigns, some sell magazines and small books, while others solicit for Missions (during the Harvest Ingathering season) and others give away literature or place the same in automobiles and other vehicles, while still others look up the foreigners and supply them with literature in their own tongue. An experience meeting held in the church following each field day can truly be said to be the best meeting that such a church could possibly conduct. Those who do not go out in the field day campaign the first time, catch an inspiration from those who have gone out and are thus prepared for the next one. These field days should become a weekly event with the local churches.

### Harvest Ingathering

We are glad to report that at no time since the Harvest Ingathering campaign was launched, has the Northern Union failed to bring in more than her full quota of the goal set by the General Conference committee. The campaign this year has been more interesting than any other we have ever enjoyed in the past, and we deeply regret the fact that right in the middle of it our supply of papers was cut off. However, we are trying to do the best we can under the circumstances. We have endeavored to emphasize the spiritual side of the Harvest Ingathering work, making the Home Mis-

sionary feature of it as prominent as possible, and we find by actual experience that this tends to increase the financial returns rather than to decrease them as some have feared. We must not take time to enlarge upon the fact that we have circulated hundreds and thousands of copies of **Present Truth, Signs** weekly, small books, tracts, and other literature. All of these are doing an excellent work of soul-saving year by year. We earnestly solicit the continued co-operation of all the workers in behalf of this important department, and all the more so as we enter the day of the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit in which God's people will arise as one man to quickly finish the work.  
S. A. Ruskjer.

### CHANGES IN PRICES OF FOREIGN PERIODICALS

Continual increase in the cost of manufacturing makes it necessary to announce the following new subscription prices on foreign papers beginning January 1, 1920:

#### Christlicher Hausfreund

	U. S.	For.
Single subscription, per year, each	\$1.50	\$1.75
Single subscription, six months, each	.90	1.05
Single subscription with Truth in Christ, premium, per year, each	2.00	2.25
Clubs of 5 or more to one address for one year, per copy	1.15	1.25
Lists of 5 or more to separate addresses for one year, per copy	1.25	1.50

#### Deutscher Arbeiter

Single subscription, per year, each	\$1.75	\$2.00
Single subscription, six months, each	1.05	1.20

#### Combination Rate

Arbeiter and Hausfreund to same address	3.00	3.50
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There is only a short time in which to send in renewals of present subscriptions and clubs, and we cordially invite all to avail themselves of the opportunity of renewing at the present prices before December 30, 1919.

#### Evangelists Sendebud

	U. S.	For.
Single subscription, per year, each	\$2.25	\$2.50

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### ADVERTISEMENTS

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**Wanted**—Steady position on farm by young couple with one child. References furnished. L. D. Peterson, Oakdale, Nebr. 1t

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Sunset Friday, December 19, at 4:12

## UNION NOTES

A letter received from Elder C. F. McVagh stated that Sister McVagh was very weak when he arrived home but that she is now gaining strength.

Last Monday Brother Ortner and family moved into the downstairs of the Conference Building. Their house address is the same as the office address, 2718 Third Avenue South.

A letter written by a sister living at Blackberry, Minn., came to the office a few days ago, and we are passing a part of its contents on to the **Reaper** readers, thinking it may appeal to someone and be just what they are looking for. This sister with others, is very anxious to have her children in church school, but at present they do not have enough children for such a school, and are not able to carry it financially. They see no other way to realize their wishes than to have several families with children locate at that place. These certainly are noble desires and anyone wishing to have part in such an arrangement will be given any details relative to the value of land, and drawbacks and disadvantages that may exist there, if they will write Mrs. Fred Jenson, Blackberry, Minn.

W. H. Clark.

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Single subscription, six months, each ----- 1.25 1.50  
Clubs of 5 or more to one address for one year, per copy ----- 1.75 2.00  
Lists of 5 or more to separate addresses for one year, per copy -- 1.90 2.15  
The combination rate on Evangelists Sendebud and Missionaeren will be discontinued December 31, 1919.  
Feeling that our subscribers and church societies should have the privilege of renewing present clubs, and

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sending in new ones, at a lower rate, it has been decided to make the following offer, effective between January 7, and April 1, 1920:

In U. S.

Clubs of 5 or more to one address for one year, per copy—\$1.65  
Clubs of 5 or more to different addresses for one year, per copy ----- 1.80

Please remember that these low rates expire April 1, 1920, and that now is the time to send in renewals of present clubs and to plan for new ones. Send all orders to your Tract Society,

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## DECEMBER FOREIGN MAGAZINES NOW READY

New issues of the foreign language magazines will be published during the month of December in the following languages: Swedish, German, Yiddish, Italian, Bohemian, Hungarian. The Swedish, German and Yiddish magazines are now being mailed, and the Italian will be ready for mailing December 10. The Bohemian and Hungarian will follow shortly.

The cover designs are very attractive; the very foreign magazines having a beautiful boat design, together with special articles on general conditions and their meaning in the light of Bible prophecy. The Swedish and German magazines have attractive cover designs in colors; the table of contents showing subjects, as follows: Investigative Judgment; Restlessness of the World; King Albert of Belgium; The Celebration of Christmas, and many other articles of particular interest just at this time. Our people, generally, will appreciate this privilege of laboring for their neighbors and friends who speak these languages, and will appreciate these new, up-to-date, De-

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Have you noticed the Missionary volunteer Society topics for the first quarter? Some of them are:

Not Our Bit but Our Best.

Making Jesus Christ Real.

A Blackslider.

How to Meet Temptation.

The Man Who Made the Supreme Decision.

Every young person should get the benefit of these excellent topics, and should help make the meetings of the society profitable. The more you give in your society meetings, the more you will get out of them. Try and see!

Clean copies of **Signs** weekly, **Signs** monthly, **Watchman**, and **Life and Health** are wanted by Mrs. C. Adamson, Kenmare, North Dakota for reading rack use.

## STATEMENT OF TWENTY-FIVE CENT A WEEK FUND FOR JANUARY TO NOVEMBER 30, 1919.

Conference	Members	Quota	Received	Over	Short
Iowa -----	2945	\$35094.62	\$47478.74	\$12384.12	
Minnesota ---	2150	25520.87	35856.81	10235.94	
North Dakota--	1637	19507.62	26248.39	6740.77	
South Dakota--	1193	14216.62	27312.96	13096.34	
	7925	94439.73	136896.90	42457.17	

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