

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



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A RURAL SCHOOL IN TENNESSEE

On August 21, 1917, after spending two months at Madison, Tenn., Mrs. Allen and I came to this part of Tennessee bringing in a truck all our belongings. We had previously secured a tract of seventy-eight acres of land on which there were no buildings and very little cleared land and few fences. There was, however, an old orchard which has been a great help since.

While building a small four-room cottage, we rented a room in the neighborhood for about six weeks. Before we moved into our place on October first, we started a Sunday school in the public school house, two miles distant. This was the first Sunday school in this community for fifteen or twenty years. This school was kept up constantly for two years and only closed when prejudice was aroused by preaching of the doctrinal points of our faith.

The first spring and summer we were here, we taught a night school three nights each week for five months. This was also held in the public school building. In the fall of 1918, we erected, with money furnished by the Rural School fund, a neat school building, 26 by 34 feet, bungalow style. Two living rooms were cut off at the back of this building which have helped us to care for our family and the numerous visitors and boarders who have been with us. We have this year erected an addition to our house, so these rooms will soon be vacated and will be available for school or treatment rooms.

Mrs. Allen is teaching this winter, a third term in the new school building. The first winter we were late in getting started and were hindered by the influenza so our term was only five months long. Last winter the school ran seven months and we plan for seven months this term, making nineteen months of school.

For two years we have maintained a community club, organized in harmony with the extension work of the Tennessee Agricultural College. In this we have had the constant assist-

ance of the county home and farm demonstration agents. For a year or more, we held weekly meetings. These have now been discontinued and we have them now with us at our monthly meetings. These workers seem to appreciate very much the work done here and we hear reports which they have made as they go about the country.

On October 20, 1919, we held our first community fair when twenty-four families brought exhibits. Professor Bralliar and R. B. King of Madison were with us at that time and spoke to a good crowd. The 11th day of October, 1920, we held our second community fair, having with us on that day, the county farm and home demonstrators. Both were well pleased and gave valuable help and at their solicitation we put on a community exhibit at the county fair the same week. As this was the first time anything of the kind had been attempted in this part of the county, our exhibit attracted a good deal of attention. Ten dollars was given by the county to all communities making a creditable exhibit. With this we repaired our blackboards and purchased new song-books for our community services.

A few months after we located here, my brother, Elder A. N. Allen, purchased a place and moved his family here from South Carolina. From February, 1918, until June, 1920, he did more or less labor in this community. We also had other ministerial help from Nashville and the Tennessee River Conference. Elders Elliott, McComas, and Robinson were out at different times. During the winter and spring of 1919 and 1920, my brother with other workers conducted meetings in the village of Hillsboro, three miles from us. The testing truths were all presented early in our work here, especially by my brother. As a result about a score were baptized and united with the church organization. Six or eight of these have since apostatized. Only one woman united with the church as a result of the Hillsboro effort. There were a number of interested persons and we feel that the work there has

Whether the interest could be again awakened is a question. There are calls for preaching services in different directions within a radius of several miles. During the time my brother was here, several all day meetings were held at the school-house and people came from many miles and heard the message. I might say that we have felt that the testing truths were presented too soon for the good of the permanent community work which we had hoped to do. It brought the people to the point of decision for or against the third angel's message before our school was thoroughly established, or before the confidence of the people was thoroughly gained. We came here during the war and we were looked upon with a good deal of suspicion for a time. Our work was regarded as enemy propaganda.

In addition to the help received from my brother and his family, Mrs. F. C. Bee has rendered valuable help in our Sabbath school and also in the community work and especially in caring for the sick. We were here during the influenza epidemic and our people, with the exception of myself, spent a great deal of time in caring for the sick and no doubt saved some lives. I contracted the influenza early in the epidemic and was not able to take a very active part in caring for others.

At the present time, Brother and Sister Lind are located close to us, having purchased a small place a year ago. Brother Lind is now deacon of our church and Sister Lind teaches sewing in the school.

Last fall Brother Henry Ainsworth came here and with our help erected a mill and blacksmith shop. He is, however, not making a success of the work and desires to get away. Our need at the present time is means to take this shop over and run it in connection with the school. Brother and Sister Lind are seeing close times in getting started on their little farm. Their needs should be considered by those who are interested in this work, as they are good people and their help is valuable.

E. R. ALLEN.

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IOWA STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND

At \$7.80 per member for three months
 ending March 31, 1921

Name of Church	Member-ship	Received	Short
Albia Co.	26	\$27.73	
Algona	26	53.32	\$149.48
Atalissa	11	17.66	68.14
Atlantic	30	70.25	163.75
Audubon	9	15.61	54.59
Beaman Co.			
Birmingham	34	62.85	202.35
Boone	19	68.91	79.29
Bonaparte Co.	14	16.00	
Braddyville			109.20
Burlington	58	123.02	329.38
Carroll	23	20.75	158.65
Castana	9	11.65	58.55
Cedar Falls	19	110.38	37.92
Cedar Rapids	81	227.36	404.44
Centerville Co.	9	34.19	
Charles City	35	285.87	
Cherokee Co.		31.72	
Clinton	16	45.27	79.53
Coon Rapids	2	24.33	
Council Bluffs	81	294.53	337.27
Cresco	23	25.31	154.09
Creston	36	87.82	192.98
Croton	9	3.81	66.39
Darbyville	25		195.00
Davenport	73	242.93	326.47
Davis City	22	25.45	146.15
Decorah	10	86.20	
Denison	20	39.41	116.59
Des Moines	161	637.23	618.57
Des Moines, Swed.	32	64.46	185.14
Dubuque	34	177.10	88.10
East Exira	54	54.98	366.22
Edyville	22	92.25	79.35
Elk Horn	36	30.00	250.80
Exira	77		600.60
Exline	23	11.83	167.51
Fairfield	20	299.94	
Farmington	9	30.33	39.87
Fontanelle	24	2.00	185.20
Forest City	18	143.88	
Fort Dodge	32	74.59	175.01
Fort Madison	24	141.56	45.64
Glenwood	25	95.70	99.30
Grinnell	23	94.69	84.71
Hampton	17		132.60
Harlan	14	32.33	76.87
Hawarden	8	1.10	61.30
Hawkeye	38	137.01	159.39
Horton Co.		17.35	
Humboldt	21	89.41	74.39
Iowa City	3	23.85	
Jacksonville	27		210.60
Keokuk	35	75.41	197.59
Knoxville	37	49.39	239.21
Ladoga	6		46.80
Lake City	26	44.85	157.95
Lansing	15		117.00
Liberty Center	24	13.00	174.20
Libertyville	11	15.30	70.50
Marshalltown	51	403.00	
Mason City	35	271.29	1.71
Missouri Valley Co.		51.64	
Modale	6		46.80
Monroe	8		62.40
Mt. Etna	28	1.00	217.40
Mt. Pleasant	55	42.73	386.27
Muscataine	51	178.97	218.83
Nevada	195	1,286.92	229.08
Newell	19	42.94	105.26
Oakland	13	3.00	98.40
Olin Co.		9.75	
Onawa	19	26.56	121.64
Osceola	46	163.51	195.79
Oskaloosa	14	52.12	57.08
Oxford Mills	4	10.00	21.20

Ottumwa	50	249.40	140.60
Parkersburg	12	46.87	46.73
Pilot Mound	5	21.30	17.70
Red Oak	13	31.93	69.47
Riceville	20	50.76	105.24
Ringsted Co.		9.47	
Russell	19		148.20
Ruthven	76	208.60	384.20
Sandyville	12		93.60
Sharpsburg	22	30.16	141.44
Shellsburg	13	1.81	99.59
Sidney	17	19.98	112.62
Sigourney	14	49.49	59.71
Sioux City	120	455.81	480.19
Sioux Rapids	28	25.96	192.44
Smithland	35	228.14	44.86
Spencer	30		234.00
Spirit Lake	17	23.83	108.77
Stuart	18	12.05	128.35
Terril	15		117.00
Urbana	12	34.94	58.66
Ute	65		507.00
Village Creek	15	23.45	93.55
Wallingford	9	12.70	57.50
Waterloo	36	34.34	246.46
Waukon	29	51.39	174.81
West Grove	3		23.40
West Union	26	171.87	30.93
Wilton	4	9.45	21.75
Winterset	23	47.78	131.62
Woodburn	19		148.20
Yale Co.	4	19.02	12.18
Conference Ch.	165	180.48	1,106.52
Isolated Believers		753.28	

Total receipts from Jan.

1st to March 31, 1921, \$9,849.56

Quota to March 31, 1921 24,702.60

Short March 31, 1921..... \$14,853.04

THE IOWA STATEMENT

The above report of mission funds for the first quarter of the year would have been considerably better had not quite a number of church treasurers' remittances been received too late to be included. It is very unusual for the Iowa Conference to be so far behind and I felt quite sure we would receive a full month's quota for the month of March, but even by holding the books open several days longer than I was supposed to, the mission funds received only amounted to \$4,802.69, just a little more than half of the month's quota. Our share of the Mission Board appropriations for the first quarter of 1921, was \$24,702.60, but we only made up \$9,849.56, or a little less than 40 per cent of it. We have sent our self-sacrificing missionaries into all the world to help finish the work quickly and are we not solemnly obliged to furnish them with the necessities of life? I can almost hear you say that we certainly are. What will the workers do in the foreign fields if they can not even have half as much as their needs demand? But the situation is very similar regarding the tithe, for during the first quarter last year it was \$30,927.24 and only \$18,872.88 for the first three months of this year; a shortage in that time as compared with last year, of \$12,054.36.

We are facing a grave crisis in our work and the Lord expects every one of his believing children to do their duty. No doubt the most of our people are faithful to the Lord in the payment of tithe and doing their very best in the giving of offerings, but the sad fact that many are not faithful to the Lord in these matters is evidenced by the church treasurer's records in a large number of our churches, and while this condition exists we cannot expect the blessing of the Lord to attend our efforts as it should,

if the following quotations from the Testimonies are true, and of course we know they are.

"With humiliation and searching of heart, let each seek to discover the hidden sins that shut out God's presence. * * * Achan's sins brought disaster upon the whole nation. For one man's sin, the displeasure of God will rest upon his church till the transgression is searched out and put away." Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 497.

"Sin and sinners in the church must be promptly dealt with, that others may not be contaminated. Truth and purity require that we make more thorough work to cleanse the camp from Achans. Let those in responsible positions not suffer sin in a brother. Show him that he must either put away his sins or be separated from the church." Vol. 5, p. 147.

"The plain, straight testimony must live in the church, or the curse of God will rest upon his people as surely as it did upon ancient Israel because of their sins. God holds his people, as a body, responsible for the sins existing in individuals among them. If the leaders of the church neglect to diligently search out the sins which bring the displeasure of God upon the body, they become responsible for these sins. * * * Should a case like Achan's be among us, there are many who would accuse those who might act the part of Joshua in searching out the wrong, of having a wicked, faultfinding spirit. God is not to be trifled with, and his warnings disregarded with impunity by a perverse people." Vol. 3, pp. 269, 270.

"Let the church appoint pastors and elders who are devoted to the Lord Jesus, and let these men see that officers are chosen who will attend faithfully to the work of gathering in the tithe. If the pastors show that they are not fitted for their charge, if they fail to set before the church the importance of returning to God his own, if they do not see to it that the officers under them are faithful, and that the tithes are brought in, they are in peril. They are neglecting a matter which involves a blessing or a curse to the church. They should be relieved of their responsibility, and other men should be tested and tried. The Lord's messengers should see that his requirements are faithfully discharged by the members of the church." Supplement to the "Review and Herald" of December 1, 1886.

"Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your words, but a plain thus saith the Lord. Elders of churches, do your duty. Labor from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse. * * * Every man who bears the message of truth to our church must do his duty by warning, educating, rebuking. Any neglect of duty which is a robbery toward God, means a curse upon the delinquent." Special Testimonies to Ministers.

"If all who profess the truth will come up to the claims of God in giving the tenth, which God says is his, the treasury will be abundantly supplied with means to carry forward the great work for the salvation of man." Vol. 3, p. 395.

A. R. SMOUSE,
Treasurer.

MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

We came to this city November 7, 1920, and found an excellent lot of working members and good spirit of co-operation, especially among the young people. Brother Counsell not only left a good impression here, but some good material, the young people brought into the truth by him.

We are working with the **Present Truth**, and are finding hungry souls. In January a missionary institute was held here by Brother Woods, our conference missionary secretary, and Elder Grundset. Plans for pushing this line of work were discussed. During this meeting sufficient money was raised by the church to purchase 5,000 copies of the special Sabbath **Signs**. One of these was placed in every home in the city by the church members, the young people shouldering a large share of the work. Brother Clint Smith took six of us in his car to Albion, Clemens, and State Center, and we placed a copy in each home. Quite a number of the **Signs** monthly also were sold in the business section by two of the missionary volunteers who were part of our company that day.

A few weeks later Sister Eva Bowles took four of us to Tama in her car and 615 copies of the Sabbath **Signs** were placed in the homes there while our magazine girls disposed of 45 **Signs** monthly. On our return we stopped at Montour where we distributed 75 **Signs** but as it started raining and it was late in the afternoon we had to hasten home, tired, but thankful to God for what He had accomplished that day through his weak, but willing instruments.

The church has given money for the purchase of 400 copies of the Anti-Tobacco **Instructor**, of which 100 were taken to the Y. M. C. A. secretary who had volunteered to help sell them as he thought it was a good paper. The other 300 will be given to the boys of the Marshalltown High School. The assistant superintendent of the high school said he would be glad to distribute them among the pupils. We also praise God that we have a part, not only in the work here, but in the mission fields abroad, by the giving of our means in the Sabbath school. The members here have responded generously, making up our full mission quota of \$397.80 and a surplus of \$5.20 which amounts to \$403.00 for missions for this quarter. Our thirteenth Sabbath offering was \$158.75, over \$3.00 per member. Watch for a "star" for Marshalltown! We could only say as did David, "But who am I and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so

willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee."

May God help his people in this state to recognize that the property we all have is his and when He has need of his own and calls for it, why do we not give it to Him?

We expect to start visiting the churches assigned to us, next week and we ask God's people to seek Him earnestly that we may be able to give to others the needed spiritual help in the meetings planned. We only pray God in our own hearts that we may be so humble and surrender to Him that He can use us to this end. We want with God's help to impart the good things that we heard at the Ministerial Institute in Minneapolis. It is time for all to prize the victory over besetting sins and to agonize and plead with God for it, that in the "time of trouble" they may have a shelter. Now is the time of preparation; now is the time to buy faith and love by clearing the rubbish out of our hearts, knowing nothing against ourselves nor being short in our accounts with God. We want the Word translated in our lives.

The first Sabbath in each month we visit the Grinnell church. They are of good courage and a spirit of unity and love is finding its way into every heart. We beg the **Reaper** family to pray for the work in these places.

F. M. and I. M. CORBALEY.

IOWA NEWS ITEMS.

Elder Clark went to Hutchinson, Minnesota, Wednesday night of last week to attend a committee meeting.

Brother Ernest Lloyd, of the Pacific Press, was at Nevada on Wednesday, of last week, in the interest of the publishing and home missionary work. He also spoke to the students at the Academy at the chapel hour.

Sister Dorcas spent Sabbath and Sunday, April 9 and 10, with the believers at Guthrie Center, in the interest of missionary work in general, and the Sabbath school in particular. While there she assisted in the distribution of quite a large number of **Present Truth**.

If anyone knows regarding the whereabouts of Cyrus Sanford, Walter and Salem McCully, will kindly communicate at once, with the Iowa Seventh-day Adventist Conference, Nevada, Iowa, as we wish to convey some important information to these parties if they can be located.

We have just heard the sad news of the death of Sister J. N. Carr, who died very suddenly here at Nevada, April 14. Sister Carr, who had been in poor health for several years, had made a seemingly excellent recovery from an operation for gallstones, and appeared to be getting along very nicely, when she suddenly took very ill again and passed away within a few hours.

The ladies' solid gold, 15 jeweled, Elgin watch, which was recently given for missions by one of our faithful sisters, has not yet been sold. She says it cost about \$65.00 when new, and as it is in excellent condition it should bring at least \$25.00. Is there not someone who is in need of a good ladies' watch that will purchase this one and help the cause along at the same time? The watch is small in size and has a very pretty case. If you are interested or know of anyone who is please write to Brother A. R. Smouse.

The sad word has just been received of the death of Sister H. M. Reed, at National City, California. Sister Reed is the mother of Eldridge Smith, of the senior class at the Academy. The last report was that she seemed to be making good recovery from a serious operation. Her son Eldridge was called to her bedside when her condition seemed very critical, but as she seemed to be making good improvement he returned to his school work at the Academy. Miss Belva Smith, the daughter, and Brother H. M. Reed, the husband, are also well known in this conference and their many friends extend heartfelt sympathy to them in this time of bereavement. The funeral services and interment were held at the old home near Massena, Iowa.

IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES.

Dr. Barbour spent Wednesday at the Sanitarium in professional work.

Dr. Warner spent two days at Iowa City, last week attending an X-ray convention.

Judge W. A. Spurrier, of Des Moines, spent a few days at the Sanitarium last week.

Elmer Bliss, of Minneapolis, spent a few days at the Sanitarium visiting his sister, Bertha.

Brother Horatio Brown, of Deep River, Minn., came to the Sanitarium for treatment last Sunday.

IOWA CHURCH SCHOOLS.

Some well written Civics papers have come to the office. Those of Misses Ruth and Alpha Rahn, of Council Bluffs, are worthy of special mention.

The number of pupils enrolled in our thirteen church schools is 208. Of these there are 33 in eighth grade whom we hope to see enrolled in Oak Park Academy next September.

To date there have come to the office 31 Church School Fund reports. While this plan of getting financial support for our church schools has been in operation scarcely a year, it is showing a stability that leads us to think that our church schools may some day be of as vital concern to us as is the sending of the gospel to the heathen.

Miss Zelma Garrett was compelled, because of illness, to give up her school work at Carroll. Brother Willis Lyon, of Cedar Rapids, succeeds her. There is room for others of our young men to get the training of the school room, which is invaluable for the prospective minister and missionary. If the financial stress of the times places you out of your chosen work for a season, why not get in touch with the educational department?

OAK PARK ITEMS.

Mr. Cecil Nichols spent Sabbath at Des Moines.

Elder V. W. Robb and wife were in Marshalltown last week.

Mr. Elmer Pingeno spent the weekend at his home in Mason City.

We were pleased to have Elder Anol Grundset with us Friday morning at chapel period.

Miss Lucille Carnahan, of the conference office, went to Des Moines on Friday, to spend Sabbath with an old friend, Mrs. Dorothy Archer.

Misses Letha Kepler and Leola Porter went to Marshalltown, Thursday, to visit friends. Miss Porter instructs a class of young nurses at the Deaconess hospital in that city.

Our Bible teacher for next year, Elder T. H. Jeys, spent the Sabbath at Nevada. He gave several interesting chapel talks while here and also gave a good sermon at the Sabbath morning church service.

The general appearance in and around Oak Park Academy has been greatly improved as the result of a "clean-up campaign," staged Sunday afternoon, April 10. Students assisted in this and an unusually fine supper was served to all.

HOME MISSIONARY NOTES.

Does your Bible need to be sewed, repaired, or rebound? We have learned that this work is done by R. H. Howland, 156 5th Ave., New York City. Write for information and quotation of cost before sending your Bible.

Our Charles City church can use fifty clean copies of the **Signs, Present Truth**, tracts, etc., each week. We wish all having extra papers would send them on to the Charles City church for their reading racks and personal work. Address Mrs. W. H. Haugh, 208 15th Ave., Charles City, Iowa.

The monthly reporting system adopted the first of this year is proving very successful. The number of church reports have increased about 25 per cent, and we expect soon to reach our ultimate goal of 100 per cent of churches reporting. The co-operation of all our people in promptly handing in a report to the church secretary will help to accomplish this.

Elder Anol Grundset, and Brother R. F. Woods held a home missionary institute with the Nevada church and the institutions, April 15-17. A very profitable time was spent over Sabbath and Sunday. While the Nevada church has ever been aggressive in missionary activities, yet the impressions received will tend to greater zealotness. Brethren Grundset and Woods will spend the rest of April in the southeastern part of the state working with the churches there.

There are still some districts in Iowa that ought to be covered with our literature dealing with the Sunday legislation. The **Signs** weekly is an excellent medium in proclaiming the Sabbath truth. The special number on this subject has had a good circulation but a greater work can be done. We hope all those churches that still have territory to cover will order the papers and circulate them while the agitation is at its height.

Plan to take part in the "Big Week" campaign, in behalf of mission publishing plants. Every believer is expected to sell approximately three dollars worth of literature and send in all the proceeds to apply on this worthy fund. If you use the "Big Week" **Signs** you will only need to sell twenty, at ten cents each, to reach your net quota of \$1.50, as the papers are sold to you at the low price of two and one half cents each, or fifty cents for the twenty copies. It is expected that many will use this paper for this effort May 8-14, so we urge that you place your order now to insure the prompt delivery of your papers to you.

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CHURCH CONVENTION AT LITCHFIELD

Friday, April 8, according to appointment, Elder Hayes and the writer left Minneapolis for Litchfield, arriving about midday, and spent the afternoon at the hospitable home of Brother and Sister H. L. Halverson. The first service of the series appointed for the Litchfield church was held at 8:00 p. m. that day. Elder Hayes spoke to a small though appreciative audience.

Sabbath morning at 10 o'clock we again came to the house of worship, and enjoyed a study of our good Sabbath school lessons with the school,

which is composed of 12 members. Brother Halverson is the superintendent and Brother Douglas Marsh is secretary. From the minutes of the previous meeting we learned that the same generous spirit characterizes the Litchfield Sabbath school that has always been shown by the liberal offerings of the church, and the conduct of the school indicates the interest taken in the work of the message.

After the Sabbath school I spoke for a short time on the "Covenant of Sacrifice," after which Elder Hayes conducted the quarterly services—celebration of the ordinances.

Brother and Sister Krussow and several young people who live about eight miles from Litchfield, but who usually attend services at Hutchinson, were present on the Sabbath day and again in the evening, which added materially to the attendance and interest in the meetings.

Owing to the necessity of Elder Hayes being in Minneapolis for the Sunday night meeting he left early Sunday morning, and I conducted services in the church on Sunday afternoon, and we left the little company in good courage and greatly desirous of having assistance in a longer series of meetings at a more favorable time. A good building is owned by the church here and we hope for the time when the church may be encouraged by many additions of such as shall be saved.

S. D. HARTWELL.

A LETTER.

DEAR EDITOR: A number of persons from your zone have written me that they have been looking through the REAPER hoping to see something from Sister Mead's pen.

I cannot write so many personal letters.

We are both in so much better health than we were a year ago at this time that it is almost a miracle. To the loving Heavenly Father who takes cognizance of all His children be all the praise. We are not in a land yet, where "the inhabitants can say, I am not sick," but on the border, where we can see by faith that we are very near the Mecca and our hearts swell with gratitude and praise, and we exclaim with the sweet singer of Israel, "Bless the Lord, oh my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name, who forgiveth all our iniquities, who healeth all our diseases."

Mr. Mead is quite well, and works most of the time in the garden or on the lawn, but has had to quit preaching on account of the strain on his nerves. I am still longing for my native state and brothers and sisters of Minnesota. I would gladly jump abroad one of Nahum's chariots and return to my old sweet home, if it were possible. My friends tell me that there must be a screw loose in my head somewhere, to even think of going back to that frozen country. But, brethren, I have no doubt but my head may be affected somewhat, but they

have hit the wrong place. It is my heart instead of my head that aches. In spite of myself I cannot get rid of this feeling. It clings as tight to me as the hay fever does. California can boast, as far as climate and beauty is concerned, beyond Minnesota, but "blest be the tie that binds." It is a stronger magnet than climate and flowers.

California is now putting on her best garb, and is looking like a royal queen, but has no more loyal hearts than the Northern Union. The great arch deceiver is working here as elsewhere, and his trail is seen on every hand. Pride and arrogance stalk broadcast in all this land as in others and mar the loveliness and beauty of even climate and sunshine.

I had occasion to go over in the hub of the city not long ago and, while waiting for our friends, I watched the passing throng, and if Sodom even half came up to it in pride and vanity, as displayed in dress, in short skirts, high heel shoes, and low neck dresses, no wonder she lies in ashes today. I was almost ashamed that I was a woman, and started to a store and bought me a gingham dress of modest plaid, went home and made it up neat and plain, and wore it to church yesterday. My dear Sisters of the REAPER family, how are you dressing? Like the Sodomites, or according to I Peter 3:3, 4? We don't always need to wear percale or gingham dresses, but if we wear good cloth, let us make it up in a modest and becoming manner, rightly representing our faith.

Thank the Lord we have many in our denomination that are taking heed to the Word of God and dressing in a neat and modest way. May the dear Savior keep us from the love of the world and its fashions and finally present us faultless before his throne, clothed in the spotless robe of Christ's righteousness in my prayer.

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MINNESOTA ITEMS.

Elder Haysmer spent Sabbath and Sunday with his church at Hewitt.

A board meeting was held at Hutchinson Seminary, Thursday, which Elder Haysmer attended.

Brother Nenno, of Mankato, called at the office Monday for a short time, while he was in the city on business.

Miss Hopkins left the cities Friday for Gilchrist, where she visited the Sabbath school and believers at that place.

A Sabbath-School convention is being planned for the Duluth Scandinavian church, Sabbath and Sunday, April 23 and 24.

Brother Engen visited with the believers at Akeley a few days last week. He spent Sabbath, April 16, with the company at Park Rapids.

Brother C. H. Jones, manager of Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal., called at the conference office, Thursday, on his return from Washington.

We have at least four M. V. societies in this conference who had a 100 per cent reporting membership the past quarter. Are you preventing your society from reaching this goal by not reporting?

Miss Auda Boorum, who did faithful work in Duluth two years ago with "Our Day," has begun work in Detroit with "Bible Readings." She reports \$59 worth of sales in 14 hours. This is a splendid record.

Brother Morrison, who has been working in Cottonwood county the past winter, has returned to Minneapolis to visit his family. We appreciate very much the work Brother Morrison has done and trust he will be able to continue his work.

How many missionary letters have you written the past quarter? From one of our reports of a M. V. society, with a membership of 11, we gather that some of our young people are active in this work as they reported 621 letters written.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Geo. Towler, formerly Miss Petra Stuart, of Sebeka, one of our conference church members. Burial took place at Villard, her girlhood home. Sister Towler was a few years ago connected with the work in California.

By a look at our stock we judge that some have over-looked ordering memory verse cards for the children. The Tract Society is anxious to fill your orders. This is a splendid opportunity for the little folks to supply their friends with these beautiful cards which carry a message.

Karl Evanson, of Virginia, sends in a report of 143 copies of the book "Freedom" sold last week. This is a splendid seller and should be sold by all throughout the state of Minnesota. Let each church note the lateness of the hour and send in a large order for this book and give it a large circulation at this time.

Christian help-work has often helped in breaking down prejudice. Many of our M. V. societies are doing a great deal of this work. Three societies, with memberships of 16, 54, and 68, reported work done as 37 hours, 95 hours, and 255 hours, respectively. Let us seize the opportunities we have of helping some one who is in need.

During two evenings after school six juniors of Minneapolis sold 35 copies of the Anti-tobacco Instructor. They had no trouble in disposing of their papers and many of the people expressed themselves as wanting just this class of reading for their boys and girls. Let all our young people take an active part in this good work.

A number are responding to the call made by Sister S. E. Jackson, Philippine Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists, Box 813, Manila, P. I., for used copies of the Instructor to be sent regularly for use in their Sabbath school. Ten used Picture Rolls were received at the office last week, to be forwarded to foreign fields, and several Sabbath schools are sending theirs regularly direct to mission stations. This indicates a real interest and is being enjoyed by those doing the good work.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We wish to thank those of our brethren and sisters who have so kindly responded to the appeal for homes, etc., for our colporteurs the coming season. We trust that as the result of the combined efforts of our brethren much good will be accomplished in the various vicinities in which these colporteurs will work this year. Let us pray that God will water the seed sown and it will be our privilege to see many precious souls saved in the kingdom of Heaven.

H. A. RENTFRO.

South Dakota

Office address—Corner Broadway and 3rd Ave., N. E., Drawer 586, Watertown. President—S. A. Ruskjer.

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Educational Sec'y—

HOME MISSIONARY BIG WEEK.

As is already well known to most of the readers of the **Reaper**, May 8-14, has been set aside as Home Missionary Big Week. We are depending upon our South Dakota constituency to do their part faithfully in making this Big Week a success. During the week, each and every member is asked to sell \$2.50 worth of our small books, magazines, or periodicals, and after paying the Tract Society for the same, each individual is asked to turn the profit to the credit of the Foreign Missionary publishing fund.

This money is used in helping to build up the publishing interest, establishing new publishing houses, etc., in our foreign fields. This is a move in the right direction and one that should have the co-operation of every one of our members. As conference workers, we promise to do our share in this campaign.

As a result of the distribution of this literature and helping to produce literature for foreign fields, may we not expect a large number to take hold of the truth? Let us do our duty.

S. A. RUSKJER.

The Book Work

WEEK ENDING, April 9, 1921

MINNESOTA		* Two weeks				
AGENTS	Book	Hour	Orders	Helps	Total	Delivery
Theo. Mueller	D. R.	27	1	8.50	14.00	
Bessie Nordstrom	O. D.	22	6	2.10	20.10	14.80
Karl A. Evenson	D. R.	32	1	51.55	57.05	
Auda Boorum	B. R.	14	9		53.00	
Agents 4		95	17	62.15	144.15	14.80

SOUTH DAKOTA						
AGENTS	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total	Delivery
Roy Engeberg	O. D.	4	4		13.50	
Mrs. Roy Engeberg	O. D.	3	1		3.00	
*B. F. Blank	O. D.	11	10	.70	30.70	
Agents 3		18	15	.70	47.20	

NORTH DAKOTA						
AGENTS	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total	Delivery
Lillian Funk	O. D.	10	13		46.50	
Emanuel Roth	CVS	80			50.50	
Agents 2		90	13		97.00	

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE REDFIELD SABBATH SCHOOL

Before the highest ideals are ever fully realized in life, every individual will here and there reach heights that mark definite progress. With this degree of attainment, comes a feeling of satisfaction; but more keen and compelling is the desire to move onward and upward to the greater heights beyond.

What is true of a successful life, is equally true of a successful Sabbath school. Plans carried out and goals reached bring a thrill of joy and satisfaction; but along with the successful issue comes also the challenge of the future. Our Sabbath school work has steadily progressed during the past quarter under the rich blessing of God, and the earnest efforts of the superintendent and his assistants. Its experiences are to us a benediction for the past and an urgent incentive for the future.

Our average has been ninety-one, and a large number received the blue and red seals as rewards for their faithfulness in the daily study of their lessons and regular attendance.

The goal for missions, set at two hundred dollars, was passed by ninety-one dollars and fifty-four cents. This called forth real sacrifice for some. Several of the young men are known to have given their mite, and then borrowed from friends, that the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering might be increased.

Of greatest importance was the spiritual help derived from the study of the lessons. Not a few have been heard to remark "that it was the very thing they needed in their own personal experience."

Sacred history is helpful; doctrine profitable; but it is the precious name

of our Master that lifts us up and saves.

GORDEN OSS.

SOUTH DAKOTA ITEMS.

Now is the time to place your orders with the Tract Society for "Big Week" literature.

The Sabbath schools at Aberdeen, Alexandria, Canistota, Chamberlain, Clear Lake, Glenham, Hudson, Kyle, Madison, Montrose, Pierre, Redfield, Sioux Falls, South Shore, Watertown, and Yankton have reached the goal of thirty cents a week per church member.

Brother Harvey Jenson, our Field Missionary secretary, returned Thursday from Wessington Springs, where he spent the first part of the week packing, crating, and shipping his household goods to Watertown. Sister Jenson and family will soon be located in Watertown.

Anyone who is planning to do colporteur work this summer and who has not had the privilege of special institute instruction, would do well to attend the institute to be held at the Plainview Academy, Redfield, April 21-28. If interested, please write to Brother Harvey Jenson.

Between 350 and 400 people, mostly men, seemed very much interested in listening to Elder Ruskjer's lecture at the Colonial Theatre, last Sunday morning, on "Sunday Blue Laws, Are they Christian? Are they Constitutional?" On Sunday evening he spoke to a packed house on "United States in Prophecy." The interest in the effort here seems to be a healthy one. A great deal of visiting is now being done in the homes of the people by

our workers, and we hope that many of those who are still hanging in the balances will take hold of the truth.

Elders Ruskjer and Oswald drove to Summit last Thursday, to visit the Underhill family (25 miles from Watertown). Brother and sister Underhill and their family have decided to take hold of the truth, keeping last Sabbath. When the roads are good they are able to attend church at Watertown.

We are glad to report that Elder C. M. Babcock has responded favorably to the invitation extended him by the conference to connect with the Plainview Academy, as Bible teacher for the next school year. We are certain that this move on his part will greatly please our people throughout the state.

Colman Sabbath school, with a membership of thirty-one, has twenty-five members who have studied their Sabbath-school lesson every day during the past quarter. Two of these are 100 per cent members. Sioux Falls, with a membership of eighty-five, received twenty-seven record cards of Honor, some having both seals, some just the blue and others just the red. We are hoping all can have both seals next quarter. Montrose, with a membership of nine, received nine Perfect Record Honor cards. Madison, with a membership of forty-seven, had eleven 100 per cent members, two perfect in attendance and two perfect in daily study. Redfield had six 100 per cent members, nine perfect in daily study and twenty-two perfect in attendance.

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COLPORTEUR NOTES

The prospects in the canvassing work in North Dakota were never better. From every quarter comes the call for territory, with requests something like this: "I have at last decided to go into the canvassing work and am happy"; "John D. Rockefeller could not buy the experiences I had these few days that I have canvassed"; "I have decided to spend my remaining days on earth in the canvassing work"; "I know that the present conditions are not encouraging, but our God is not bound by conditions"; "The up look is always better than the out look; I use the up look in taking orders"; "I am so glad that I can go out into the canvassing work this summer. I know that the present conditions are

going to try every worker and that is just what I need; I need strength and this is just where I will get it"; "By God's help I am going to stay in the canvassing field regardless of orders"; "I am of good courage because the Captain who never lost a battle is my leader. I am going to canvass for souls and not money"; "I have had a hard time to decide whether to go canvassing this year or not. I have decided to canvass and am happy."

Institutes have been held with the following churches: New Home, Taylor, and Roosevelt. As a result a band of twenty-six bright young people, and older ones as well, have placed themselves on record for service in the furrow of the world's need, —canvassing.

I have read nothing in the Bible or Testimonies to the effect that the work is going to lag or end in hopeless failure because of outward conditions. These conditions send the work forward with "increasing success."

We solicit the prayers of every child of God in the interest of the canvassing work in North Dakota this year. Please remember us. We need your prayers.

ROY R. SAUNDERS,
Field Secretary.

GET A GREATER BLESSING

Many times since I became an Adventist I have had the experience of being present in a Sabbath school or a young people's meeting when we came to one of the most thrilling parts of our meeting. This was on the day when we wanted to go over the top with our goal. I have heard the appeal by the leader and I have made appeals myself and many a time I have felt, if I could only put in more. If I only had a dollar to put that over the top. I have almost felt at times that I was unfortunate and I would have dreams of being rich and then I could put in as much as I wanted. I can now see my folly. I would miss the joy of sacrifice and the privilege of earning my share and thereby getting a greater blessing.

As a people we know that our literature is to be scattered as the leaves of autumn. This is a tremendous responsibility which cannot be borne by the ministry alone, the laymen are to have their part, the ladies as well as the men.

What I am trying to bring before you is our splendid monthly magazines, the **Signs** and the **Watchman**. I know that you are all acquainted with their articles on current literature in connection with Bible prophecy, a line of literature in which most thinking men and women are interested. How easy it is to attract a man's attention to a live magazine. I just picked up a folder of the **Watchman** and was impressed with the simplicity of a canvass. Here it is:

"Pardon me just a moment. I want to leave with you the latest copy of (whatever magazine you are

selling). This particular issue contains—(mention one or two leading articles and tell about the public interest in such articles).

Close with:

"The price is only 25 cents." (Pass magazine to person.) "You will notice there is no commercial advertising and no continued articles. I know you will greatly enjoy this magazine as it is so different from other reading matter. Thank you."

Now, anyone can learn that, don't you think so? I have known girls who have sold as high as forty to eighty a day. I know one sister in particular, who helped to raise money for the goals in her church and they were always leaders in their state.

Besides bringing our message in contact with many souls there is opportunity of reaping a profit to help in our donations to missions. Can you not see how we can raise money to swell our offerings? Did you ever try it? Why not start at once? Order some of the new May numbers of the **Signs** or **Watchman**. They cost eleven cents in lots of five to fifty, and ten cents in larger quantities.

If you order at once you will have time to practice up before the Big Week and just think of how you can help to swell the Missions Publishing Fund, which goes to help print more literature in different parts of the world.

Oh what a thrill when we can look upon the souls who were brought into the kingdom through our humble efforts.

If you care for further information write to me personally and I will be pleased to help you in any way that I can.

B. A. SCHERR,
Home Missionary Secretary.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

Brother Roy R. Saunders made a flying trip to Bismarck in the interest of the canvassing work.

Sister Clara M. Yaeger returned Sunday from Driscoll where she met with the believers of that place.

Word has come from Grand Forks that the believers are planning to erect a new church building this spring.

Elder P. G. Stanley reports four new members being added to the Valley City church as a result of the institute held there.

Elder Valentine Leer passed through Jamestown last Tuesday, stopping off at the office between trains while on his way to Harvey.

Prof. A. B. Tetzlaff spent Sabbath with the Fargo church, addressing the members in the forenoon and speaking to the young people in the afternoon. He reports that the brethren are of good courage and that the young people are hard at work studying for the Standard of Attainment and reading the Bible through, as well as taking the Reading Course.

Brother C. G. Ortner, who is conducting the Standard of Attainment class of the Jamestown (German) M. V. Society reports a good interest in the study.

Brother B. A. Scherr visited the people at Lucca. He reports that Brother Adolph Kurtz ordered 500 **Signs** for distribution among his friends and neighbors.

It is hoped that the Missionary Volunteers of North Dakota, will take an active part in the Big Week campaign. The money thus raised will be counted on their mission goal.

Brother F. B. Pogue is a very busy man these days, making arrangements and getting material out for the Big Week. Orders are filled promptly and there is an atmosphere of real activity pervading the stock-room.

Brother Sam Riley, who conducted a series of meetings at Robinson, reports that the brethren are all of good courage, and that the work is progressing nicely and that the believers are happy in the truth.

The special Week of Prayer for North Dakota commences April 23, and we hope that the Lord will draw near unto his children and give us a blessing so that the Sabbath following we can claim definite victories.

The Big Week, May 8-14, will soon be here. Have you got your books ordered? Have you ordered your **Signs** and **Watchman** magazines, or any other books to do your part in the raising of the mission fund of \$100,000? If not, why not order at once?

The prospects for the canvassing field are bright. Four young people of the Jamestown church have enlisted as the latest recruits for the canvassing work. They are studying their prospectuses and aim to be out winning a scholarship as soon as they get out of school.

Elder H. H. Humann spent Sabbath with the church at Bowdon, where they celebrated the Lord's ordinances. He later visited Heaton and from there he went to Harvey where he gave a very stirring and interesting talk to the students at the chapel hour on Monday morning.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Wanted.—A S. D. A. partner in broom-making business by a blind brother. A blind person need not respond to this ad. Address Thomas Davidson, Broom Shop, Ada, Minn. It

Wanted.—Position as janitor with public school, college or sanitarium, commencing with the next school term. Will take position in any state if wages are right. J. D. Bristor, Magner, S. D., care of Walter Cate, Box 3. 2t

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UNION NOTES.

CAMP-MEETINGS DURING 1921.

Minnesota—St. Cloud, June 2-12.

South Dakota—Huron, June 9-19.

North Dakota—Mandan, June 16-26.

Brother I. G. Ortner has been audit-
ing the books at the Minnesota Con-
ference office.

Brother E. M. Oberg left last Thurs-
day for Chicago to attend the colpor-
teur institute at the Swedish Semi-
nary.

Elder A. Grundset went to Nevada
Wednesday. He will join Brother
Woods there in a joint Home Mis-
sionary institute of the Nevada
church, Oak Park Academy, and the
Iowa Sanitarium.

REMEMBER

In your Big Week sales remember
the foreign neighbors in your terri-
tory. Write your tract societies for
magazines and booklets in the need-
ed languages and let us make this a
Big Week to our foreign neighbors
as well as to the Americans by ac-
quainting them with the saving mes-
sage for our time.

Do not lay this thought aside, or-
der some literature today and take the
message to those long neglected. For-
eigners are glad to get literature in
their own language.

Let all act their part in making
Big Week, May 8-14 big by bringing
the message to many homes of all
nationalities and at the same time col-

lect and send on to your conference
office a liberal return in money to be
applied to the very needy Home Mis-
sions Publishing Fund.

ANOL GRUNDSET.

CAMPMEETING HELP WANTED

Several strong young men needed
to help pitch and take down the camp.
For further information write imme-
diately to A. H. Rulkoetter, 679 Holly
Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

NOTICE

Since Professor A. F. Schmidt is
now in California, we wish to an-
nounce that all mail pertaining to the
Educational and Young People's De-
partment should be addressed to Edu-
cational and Young People's Secre-
tary, 2718 Third Ave. So., Minneapolis,
Minn. Such mail will be opened
promptly at the office and will receive
our best attention.

I. G. ORTNER.

SEMINARY NOTES

There are many evidences that the
school year is rapidly drawing to a
close. The senior college class espe-
cially feels the strain. Each member
is busily improving his spare moments
preparing a class-day program which
will be given Sunday evening, May 8.

The Ministerial and Bible Workers'
Band had charge of the Missionary
Volunteer meeting, Sabbath after-
noon. Their theme was the "Im-
portance of the Spoken Word" which
three members discussed as they
viewed it from three sources: The
Old Testament, the New Testament,
and the Spirit of Prophecy. This was
followed by biographical sketches of
famous evangelists: Whitefield,
Spurgeon, Moody, and Matteson.

Vaccination has been a special fea-
ture during the past week. Several
cases of smallpox became evident in
the neighborhood and at once the us-
ual precaution was taken. All the
students responded cheerfully and
willingly. There is a marked ten-
dency to protect the left arm the last
few days. No serious results have
followed, and on the whole the effects
are good, although some have been
inconvenienced and have been forced
to take an unpleasant rest.

Again the Seminary chorus is prac-
ticing! What does it mean? It is
preparing a concert to be given at
Litchfield, Monday evening, April 25.
If one may judge by its success when
it appeared before the Hutchinson au-
dience, we may be confident that this
will be another event which will add
popularity to the school. Several new
selections are being added to the pro-
gram which all are entering into with
enthusiasm and vigor.

60c a week per member for mis-
sions is our goal for the year 1921.

"Buy a Book a Week."

MINNESOTA

MAPLEWOOD ITEMS

We are glad to say that Sister Le-
land is continually improving in
health.

We all enjoyed the short visit of
Miss Auda Boorum, who spent a few
days with her sister last week.

Miss Opal Kinney, of Mound, spent
the week-end with Miss Kristine Ode-
gaard. Miss Opal expects to attend
Maplewood next year.

Tuesday the botany class made its
first raid in the woods for specimens
of lichens, mosses and ferns. Blos-
soms of the blood root were found a
few days ago, which tell us that spring
has come to stay.

The class in first-aid, under the di-
rection of Miss Ulvick, is making rap-
id progress. It has finished practice
work with the four-tailed and tri-
angular bandages and at present is
practicing the roller bandage, apply-
ing them in the circular, the reverse
and figure of eight styles.

Those who motored out last Sunday
were: Mr. and Mrs. Herman Yaeger
and son, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Stuart
and son, Mr. and Mrs. Goddard and
daughter, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brown
and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. Now that
the spring days have come we ex-
pect many visitors. We assure you
all a welcome.

The canvassers' institute is now in
the past. Brethren Oberg and Rent-
fro worked earnestly with the to-be-
canvassers of the coming summer.
How soon the message of a risen and
soon coming Savior would be herald-
ed to all the world if every one took
upon himself the duty of scattering
some form of the printed page.

MYRTLE PETERSON.

OBITUARY

Martha M. Compton was born in
Cincinnati, Ohio, January 15, 1842, and
died in Dallas, S. D., March 10, 1921,
at the age of 78 years, one month and
twenty-five days.

She was first married to Ezra Rob-
ertson, to which union several chil-
dren were born, two of whom survive
her. They are Earl C., of Dallas, S. D.,
and Frank, of Sparks, Nev.

After the death of Mr. Robertson,
some years later, she was united in
marriage to Henry Compton who died
several years ago.

Over twenty years ago Mrs. Comp-
ton embraced the Seventh-day Advent-
ist faith and remained a faithful ad-
herent until death called her. She died
in the blessed hope of a resurrection
when the dead in Christ shall be raised
to meet their Lord.

The funeral service was conducted
by the writer at Parker, S. D., and the
remains were laid to rest in the family
lot in the beautiful cemetery there.

W. A. MCKIBBEN.