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### A FINE RECORD

I know that the faithful members of the South Dakota Conference will greatly appreciate the following report of how the work has prospered in our conference during the year 1922, considered from the viewpoint of finances. As all are aware, this has been a very trying year, and undoubtedly most of our dear people have expected the conference to show quite a loss in its operations during the year which has now drawn to a close. It is needless to say that we have spent many anxious moments in an endeavor to carry forward so careful a financial program, that our income would be able to take care of our expenses.

Right up to the month of December, we hardly knew whether we had faith enough to believe that we were going to be able to close the year's work without showing a loss or not, but if you could have stepped into the office during the first days of the new year, while Brother Nies was closing up his books, you would have been able to tell by a look at his face, that our highest hopes and greatest expectations have been more than met.

Instead of showing a loss in our operating funds for the year when the books are closed, we will show an actual gain of about \$3000.00. The following figures will be read with

great interest: During 1922 our loyal believers in the State contributed \$30,999.98 to missions. This amount is equivalent to 78.9% of the sixty-cents-a-week quota. The tithe receipts for the year amounted to \$32,031.56; hence during the year an amount equivalent to \$24.64 was given by each church member in our conference to missions and an amount of \$25.46 was given in the form of tithe by each church member. The Harvest Ingathering returns for 1922 total \$12,538.22 or a per capita amount of \$9.967 as compared with a per capita of \$9.719 during the year 1921, thus showing a slight gain for the year 1922. We are glad to report that all of our obligations on the conference headquarter building and home at Watertown have been paid in full. As a conference, we have no institutional indebtedness whatsoever.

All of our local funds are in splendid shape. Our Tent Fund showing a credit of \$952.21, our reserve come-back showing a credit of \$712.03, the Miscellaneous Fund showing a credit of \$3,163.51; Plainview Academy Improvement Fund shows a credit of \$360.00, while the Poor Fund shows a credit of \$235.00. After making our full remittance of the Northern Union Conference for the year, when our books closed, we have \$7,317.20 in the bank, \$1,481.51 in the till. We have \$5,007.15 in certificates of deposit. We have \$2,013.33 in saving certificates, making a total of \$15,819.19. Our total liabilities, in the form of borrowed money amount to \$12,750.00. From this statement, it will be seen that if we chose to do so, we could return all the money we have borrowed and still have a good balance on hand.

We certainly thank God for the spirit of unity, confidence, co-operation, and sacrifice which He has given to His people throughout the conference and which makes this excellent showing possible in a year when the odds and ends have been against us as considered from the human point of view. We praise God for his many blessings, and for His hand of mercy and favor that has been over our conference, and which has prospered us so wonderfully while we have passed through three years of very critical financial conditions.

We take this opportunity of thanking our dear brethren throughout South Dakota for their loyal support and assure you that we shall continue to operate on a very careful and safe financial program, and we solicit your continued prayers and efforts of sacrifice that the work in the Sunshine State may continue to prosper and that we as a conference may do our full share in behalf of regions beyond so that when the work is finished, we may all go home and equally share the reward of the faithful.

S. A. Ruskjer.

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### OBSERVATIONS ON A SCHOOL VISIT

The Redfield church school with Miss Idah Larsen as teacher, was recently visited by your superintendent and the following items observed.

Seats have been re-arranged so the light comes over the left shoulder and rear. This also gives more room so that now an organ is installed, which is of great help to the teacher in her work. The teacher was teaching very efficiently a class in phonetics. The walls and windows are appropriately decorated with children's



work, including paper chains. On the walls were several devices used by the teacher to emphasize the importance of efficiency in lesson preparation. There is a spelling chart with gold stars for 100% spelling lessons, and red stars for certain grades. I noticed many gold stars. Another chart testified to the diligence of teacher and pupils with the Morning Watch. Gold stars were given pupils for correct memorizing of Morning Watch texts. A large star is given for five smaller ones. It is fitting that gold stars should be thus given for the storing of the real gold of God's word in the mind. Many pupils have a long string of gold stars, and nearly all at least five.

Another chart is the Health and Cleanliness Chart which consists of pictures illustrating health and cleanliness habits, cut out by pupils and pasted on the chart suitably labeled.

Later the writer had the privilege of being present at a program rendered by the pupils; practically all of the parents were present. I was glad to note the interest of all in the school and the plans to lift up the rating of the school as shown on the efficiency card. Elder Babcock of the school board and president of the Parent-Teacher's Association made appropriate remarks and expressed a wish that things necessary be done to make the school rating still higher. This is now a class B school, but they wish to make it a class A. Elder Babcock called a meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association to meet in a few days.

I am sure you all would have enjoyed visiting, with me, the Redfield school. How about visiting your school? I am sure you will find it as interesting as I did this one.

Harvey N. Jenson.

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#### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Teachers should arrange for Teacher's Reading Course now.

Elders S. A. Ruskjer and H. J. Sheldon spent January 13 with the Plainview Academy.

We have received the advance prospectus of the new medical book. This will be something special for our colporteurs to use in 1923.

Sister Ella E. Merickel, our Sabbath school secretary, is greatly appreciating a visit from her old-time

friends, Sister Dorothy LaDuk, of Mankato, Minn.

Elder E. G. Olson spent last Sabbath with the Swan Lake church. He has held several meetings in the vicinity of Marion recently which have been greatly appreciated.

Are you a boy or girl who would like to sell "Life and Health," "Liberty," or the Watchman Magazine? Fifteen cents per copy. Write the tract society for rates to agents.

Brother Harvey N. Jenson left our conference on January 3 en route to the Bookmen's convention at Mountain View, Calif. He plans to visit relatives and friends while on the trip.

Are you a teacher? Are you a parent? Do you subscribe for "Home and School?" Order of tract society. Are you taking the Parents' Reading Course? Order from tract society.

The members of the South Dakota Conference Executive Committee, Plainview Academy school board, and Board of Auditors, are called to meet at the Plainview Academy, Redfield, South Dakota, at 1:30 p. m., January 14.

Elder S. A. Ruskjer spent last Sabbath with the Huron church. From there he went on to College View for the Union College Board meeting. He will perhaps not return to the office until after the board meeting at Redfield, which closes on the 15th.

We hope those who had an experience in the sale of our good books during the Christmas season, will continue the good work with these or other books. How about an order for ten of the "Marked Bible" to sell, or ten copies of "What is Coming?"

Yes, you may be sure that we are greatly rejoicing over the good support given us by each church in the conference which made it possible for us to close the books for 1922 without showing any loss in operating funds for the year. Look for the report.

We rejoice greatly over the spirit of co-operation and sacrifice which made it possible for our conference to make such a splendid record during the year 1922. A brief report of the splendid showing made by the conference, giving facts and figures, will ap-

pear in this week's issue of the "Reaper."

According to present plans our colporteur institute will be held at Plainview Academy, February 13-22. We hope that any who were unable to attend the Mitchell institute, or others, who are interested, will plan to attend this institute. While this is primarily for the Academy, we are glad to welcome others there. Write to Harvey N. Jenson.

We are glad to report at this writing that the South Dakota Conference brought even a greater Harvest Ingathering per capita amount during 1922 than we did during 1921. This is surely remarkable when the financial conditions in South Dakota are taken into consideration. To God be the glory, and to our dear people be the thanks.

Once more Brother A. C. Whitbeck, the president of the Whitbeck National Bank, has gone over the top in the Harvest Ingathering campaign during the 1922 campaign. Brother Whitbeck was successful in raising \$2007.15. A large amount of this money was gathered in small sums. Brother Whitbeck came in contact with scores and scores of men in his spiritualized campaign, and we are sure that eternity alone will reveal the results of the kind of work done by Brother Whitbeck. We congratulate him upon his success.

About a week ago five large cases of good clothing were shipped from our Watertown office to Russia. The clothes were gone over carefully and pressed with a paper baler before being packed in the large cases which were strongly reinforced with iron bands, so as to withstand trans-Atlantic shipment. About one ton of clothing is thus on its way from the South Dakota churches to our needy brethren in far away Russia. We greatly appreciate the prompt response made by our brethren to this call, and we are glad that the difficulties with custom house officers have been overcome so that the clothing can be shipped to Russia. To all of our people who helped so nobly in this campaign, we say a hearty, Thank you.

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A new year with its blessings and opportunities is before us. We can lay hold on them all, if we will. Then, let us will to serve the Lord.



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### POINTERS TO EFFICIENCY

In I Cor. 14:40 we read: "Let all things be done decently and in order." Very often we receive letters from the field, telling us that a conference letter has been mislaid or lost, that the report blank has been soiled or lost, and asking about different items of the letter. Many times when a letter, Harvest Ingathering solicitors cards, or a report blank is wanted, an extended search is necessary to locate the missing article, and the hunt is begun by going through an overloaded writing-desk, over-stuffed table or buffet and drawers and finally the kitchen cupboard. After going over the house in general from cellar to attic, the articles are either found or considered lost.

I believe it would be very wise and profitable, save worry and increase efficiency, to establish in every home a simple filing system. We could not begin to do our work here at the office if we did not have order and system in our work. Hundreds of letters would be mislaid and lost and important affairs would not receive needed attention. Let me suggest that some definite place be set apart in which to keep all letters received from the conference. Perhaps, it may be some certain pigeon-hole in the writing desk, a certain drawer in some piece of furniture, or any other definite place of security. Then when you receive a letter from the conference, be sure to place it there immediately after reading it. It may mean an extra step or two now, but it will save a great many steps later, besides dispensing with worry and inefficiency. Perhaps some could buy a cheap letter file for the home.

Then when you need something you have received from headquarters, you know right where to find it. As you take out each letter and give attention to its contents, have a blue or red lead pencil with which to write across the first page "answered," when you have answered the letter, or "recorded," if

you have given attention to the items mentioned in it. If you cannot answer or attend to a particular letter at that time, place it back in the file, but when you have answered or attended to a letter and have marked it properly, place it in your second filing place, for answered mail. If you do not have a separate filing place, you could keep them in the same file, but keep them bunched together with a rubber binder or in a large envelope. Then from time to time, when you are sure you will no longer need to refer to the answered letters, go over your file and destroy those which are of no further value.

I hope these suggestions will be helpful to many of our local church officers and members and bring into our church and conference a greater degree of efficiency. **Lee R. Marsh.**

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### OAK PARK NOTES

Miss Lillian Bushnell has arrived for an extended visit with her sister, our matron.

We were glad to have Alfred Stoeltz back into the school family after an extended stay at home. He came at the close of the holidays.

The Christmas holidays closed January 1, and the prompt, enthusiastic return of all the young people spoke well for their progress in 1923. Evidently resolutions have been made aiming at greater earnestness and greater efficiency in work for the coming year.

The Iowa Church School Teachers' Convention is being held at the Academy with Professors Sheldon and Cady representing the Union and General Conference educational departments. We extend a sincere welcome to these visitors and pray with them that a great day may be dawning for God's schools in our great state.

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### IOWA ITEMS

Sister Carlsen of Albia, accompanied by her daughter, Blenda, to Nevada after the Academy vacation.

Sister F. T. Culver of Yale, spent a few days with her daughter, Clara, at Oak Park Academy last week.

Elder Clark has been called to attend the funeral services at several different places recently and obituaries will appear in next week's paper.

Elder V. W. Robb, of Sioux City, stopped at Nevada on New Year's day, when on his way home from an appointment with the Cedar Rapids church. Old friends were glad to greet him.

Sister C. V. Starr returned from Sharpsburg last week, where she had been visiting her brother, W. J. Davis, of the Sharpsburg church. Her mother returned with her and will remain through the winter.

Habits are easily formed. Get into the habit of studying some part of your Sabbath school lesson each day, even though you have to set the alarm clock to remind you of it at some certain hour. Soon you will be able to remember it without mechanical aid.

Be sure that the officers and teachers of your Sabbath school are supplied with the "Sabbath School Worker," that all young people and children have the "Youth's Instructor" and the "Little Friend," and you should have extras for the stranger within your gates.

Elder Clark spent Sabbath and Sunday at Osceola, conducting the quarterly meeting service on Sabbath, and presiding at a very enjoyable business meeting later. Meetings were also held Saturday and Sunday evenings and there was a good attendance of those not of our faith.

See that your Sabbath school does not get behind in its Sabbath school quota. If it is kept up from week to week, it is much more satisfactory. Why not start some plan for making the money needed to do this, sell books or magazines, make and sell aprons, clothes-pin bags or any really practical articles? Why not do something like this for every school and make it possible to reach these goals and furnish the needed missionary funds? "There are minds among us that can invent." Why not definitely plan to accomplish this good work?

The church school teachers of our conference enjoyed an interesting and helpful institute last week at Nevada. Professors Cady, Sheldon, and Rhoads were the instructors. All of our teachers were in attendance: Brother and Sister Willis Lyons, of Carroll; Ruth Adams, of Muscatine; Edna Wickham, of Mason City; Nellie Butler, of Oakland; Bessie Bailey, of Ft. Dodge; Dorothy Foreman, of Council Bluffs;



Elsie Hanson and Edna Knudson, of Exira; Dolphy Jensen, of Sioux City; Genevieve Robeson, of Osceola; C. V. Starr, of Nevada; Deloris Vaughn, of Ottumwa; Gertrude Venn, of Exira town school. Entertainment was provided for them at the Academy, where the meetings were held. The evening meetings were well attended by students and others from the Nevada church.

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#### THE SECOND SEMESTER AT OAK PARK ACADEMY OPENS JAN. 16

Now is the time. Don't decide to wait till next year to continue that unfinished and unsatisfactory education. You lose while you wait. If you wish success in life, and what young person does not? you must have the two essentials, a new heart and a mind trained in a Christian institution under teachers who have consecrated their lives to the service of God and His young people. These are yours at Oak Park Academy. Enroll January 16.

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#### IOWA LABORERS, PLEASE NOTICE

"The annual board and committee meetings of the Iowa Conference and institutions will be held January 23, 24, and 25, at Nevada, Iowa. Immediately following this a workers' meeting will be conducted. The dates of this meeting are January 26, 27, and 28. All the workers are being asked to attend the workers' meeting. One of the principal items of this meeting will be to consider and plan for the Object Lesson Campaign with a view to making it a grand success."

W. H. Clark.

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#### WEEK OF PRAYER AT ISANTI, GRANDY, ROCK CREEK, AND BRAHAM

It was my privilege together with my family to spend the Week of Prayer with the churches in the territory where we have labored during

the past year. The first Sabbath and Sunday we spent at Isanti. The greater number of the brethren and sisters there are fast approaching the evening of life, and their testimonies gave evidence of the work of grace in the heart and of success in the Christian life.

Sunday night we took the train to Grandy where I was asked to speak to the Baptist Young People's Society. I spoke about 20 minutes on the subject of "Fellowship with Christ", laying special stress on the point that Christ does not have anything on shares with Satan and that if we wish to enjoy fellowship with Christ we must sever every connection with the world. On Monday we had a good meeting with the believers in the church, but on Tuesday it was so cold that but few could meet in the church, and we met in Brother Oman's home.

It was my purpose to spend two days at Rock Creek, also, but inasmuch as it was too cold to get any of the brethren to take us to this place, I was unable to meet my appointment the first day when the believers were gathered, and on the second when I was there they could not come together, so I could only meet with one family. We had a good meeting just the same. Friday and Sabbath we spent at Brahm. On Sabbath the Lord came very near, and after the reading of that splendid reading on the consecration of ourselves and our means to God, we had a season of prayer in which the burden was for power to live a holy life for God.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. N. E. Nelson, mother of Hedvig Nelson, a former Broadview student, took her stand for the truth. She is the fifth one that has taken that noble stand as a result of the efforts God has given us power to put forth up there. Sister Nelson was a member of the M. E. church. She has known the truth for fifteen years. At different times God has moved upon her heart to accept the message, but, like a great many others, she has withstood. We are glad that we have a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God.

I met at other times with Brother McKibbins family for the readings, inasmuch as they do not understand the Swedish. These dear people are also new in the truth. We feel reluctant to leave this field and these dear people in the Lord whom we have

learned to love so much. We rejoice that they have come to a knowledge of the truth, and I hope they, as well as those who have been longer in the way, will continually look to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, and thus be enabled to go onward and upward towards the Christian goal—Perfection. Matt. 5:48.

When the Week of Prayer was over, we spent a few days with the believers in Wyonette to encourage them. We held three meetings while there, but it was so cold that very few strangers came.

We will leave for our new field, Missoula, Montana, about January 7th, but we will not forget our dear people in Minnesota, whom we have learned to love.

A. W. Wennerberg.

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#### WEEK OF PRAYER IN THE NORTH

In spite of snowstorms and 20 to 30 degrees below zero, we enjoyed some good spiritual meetings at the following places. At Lochart two days were spent. Not all of our number could come out on account of the long distance and the severe weather. I spent one day in Crookston. A well attended meeting was held in the Norwegian tongue. A large number of outsiders were present. While at Erskine the storm was at its height, so we were unable to have any meetings there as our people are very much scattered at this place. The remaining days were divided between Thief River Falls and Middle River. It was a pleasure to meet with these dear believers and to find them of good courage in the Lord. I sincerely hope that more work can be done in this part of the state, it would be an encouragement to our own people, who, on account of the distance, are more or less cut off from the rest of our constituency. I trust the Lord will give us a Danish or Norwegian worker in that part of the state before very long.

N. R. Nelson.

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#### MINNESOTA NEWS

Elder Sheldon expected to spend last Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Staples.

Elders Russell and Haysmer spent December 29 to January 1 at Mankato and report very profitable meetings.

Brother Geo. Parr, one of our St. Paul members, made the office a visit last week to get some literature for



missionary work. Brother Parr reports that some have accepted the truth as a result of his faithful efforts in home missionary work.

Brother W. R. Thompson, treasurer of the Hutchinson English church, was a caller at the office last Friday while in the cities.

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Hawkins, of Montrose, expected to leave the first of the year to spend a few weeks in Miami, Florida.

Elder Haysmer spent last Sabbath with the Pipestone church, leaving in the evening for College View, Nebraska, to attend the Union College Board meeting.

Brother G. C. Hoskin, manager of the Brookfield Branch of the Pacific Press, called at the office last week while passing through the cities on his way to the bookmen's convention at Mountain View.

Brethren H. A. Rentfro and L. H. Olson started evening after the Sabbath on their trip to Mountain View, California, to attend the bookmen's convention held there for the tract society and field men in the Pacific Press territory.

Reports from Brother Wood, who is working up on the Iron Range, are very encouraging. He is now holding a series of meetings at Gilbert and sends a very urgent request for some help to be sent as soon as possible, as there is more work than one person can attend to.

A sister living in Minnesota, owns an 80 acre farm in Pine county. She says it is mortgaged for about two-thirds of its real value and she is unable to pay off the mortgage, hence may lose it by foreclosure. She would like to find a buyer for it that would assume the mortgage and live on the farm, and if that can be done, she offers to give the cause all that is received in payment for the farm, above the mortgage, interest, and taxes. If any of our readers are interested in the purchase of this farm, will they kindly communicate with the conference office for further particulars.

Brother Gadbois, the treasurer of the First Duluth church, reports a total of \$468.00 Harvest Ingathering received to December 30, with \$11.25 the receipts for the preceding week. Brother Reynolds, treasurer of the

New York Mills church, also sent in a report for the last week in the year, showing a total of \$54.35 received to that date. We hope to be able to publish soon in the Reaper a complete report by churches, comparing the Harvest Ingathering receipts for the years of 1921 and 1922. We are very hopeful that the receipts for December will be considerably larger than they were a year ago.

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#### CAN'T MAKE THEM STOP

One of them is eighty years old, but the dear old patriarch's report of a recent three-weeks' effort showed book sales to the value of \$434.00. In Kansas, another brother, past seventy,

working during June and most of July with 'Great Controversy,' ran up his sales to \$613.00. This reminds us of a spry little man, also well over seventy, who only a day or two ago, came into the office to tell us of his intention to sell his property so he could be free to go anywhere in the canvassing work.

A brother in Nebraska works under a handicap that would make most of us feel that we were good for nothing. This loyal light bearer, who is deprived of his eyesight, sold \$972.00 worth of books in 531 hours.

Are these handicapped soldiers of the cross doing the work of other younger, abler persons?

#### TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT OF MINNEAPOLIS S. D. A. ENGLISH CHURCH FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1922.

The treasurer's report of the Minneapolis English church for the past year revealed that the members of this church contributed \$25,843.93 for the various lines of activities during the year. Acting upon a suggestion of a conference officer that our sister churches in the conference might be interested in this report, we are submitting the same, herewith, in condensed form. The tithe receipts show an increase of \$3,607.68 over the previous year. Mission offerings show a small decrease; while local funds are almost doubled, due to the heavy repairs and interior decorating of the church.

	On Hand Jan. 1/22	Received	Pd. Out	On Hand Dec. 31/22
Sabbath School Offering .....		3228.67	3228.67	
Harvest Ingathering .....		1162.29	1162.29	
Foreign Missions .....		437.17	437.17	
Annual Offering .....		295.22	295.22	
Miscellaneous Offerings .....		71.44	71.44	
Total 60-Cent-per-Week Fund .....		5194.79	5194.79	
Tithe .....		13806.35	13806.35	
Specific Funds to Conference .....		399.64	399.64	
Sab. School Expense Fund .....	90.05	302.24	324.35	67.94
Home Missions .....	34.46	62.84	69.80	27.50
Needy Poor .....	71.17	23.89	95.00	.06
Flower Fund .....	.89			.89
Choir Fund .....	4.00			4.00
Tent Effort Fund .....		59.18	59.18	
Christ in Song Fund .....	25.74		25.74	
Text Book Fund (Ch. School) .....		166.32	166.32	
Ruth Cantata Fund .....		40.97	32.60	
Church Expense overdrawn beginning of year .....			191.70	8.37
From General Pledges .....		3778.64		
From Bal. of Pew Fd. on hand .....	86.95			
From Sunday Evening Collections .....		510.00		
From Decorating Fund Pledges .....		1499.07		
Paid Out for Local Expenses .....			5168.29	
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1922 .....				514.67
Total Local Church Funds .....	313.26	6443.15	6132.98	623.43
<b>Summary</b>				
To 60 Cent-per-Week Fund .....		5194.79	5194.79	
Tithe .....		13806.35	13806.35	
Specific Funds to Conference .....		399.64	399.64	
Local Church Funds .....	313.26	6443.15	6132.98	623.43
Grand Totals of All Funds .....	313.26	25843.93	25533.76	623.43

We do not feel like boasting with the results obtained, we only wish that it might be more, especially the offerings to foreign missions. We do feel thankful to our Heavenly Father for His blessings and the efforts of the faithful church members which has made this report possible; and re-dedicate ourselves, and our time and means to the speedy finishing of the work.

Mrs. I. G. Ortner, Treasurer.



### MAPLEWOOD NEWS ITEMS

Cletus Miller, an outside student, is now staying in the boys' dormitory.

On account of illness Mr. Gordon McKim is unable to return to school.

Professor and Mrs. Palmer made a trip to the cities on Tuesday, December 26.

Miss Volga Jacobsen and Miss Medisse Kieth went to Minneapolis on Friday, December 29.

Misses Sarah Keacher and Esther Kraushaar and Mr. Asher Craig have enrolled for the second semester's work.

Misses Margaret Hayes, Opal Kenny and Cecelia Peck, and Mr. Emmet Van de Vere, Maplewood graduates, were visitors here during the Christmas vacation.

The Christmas vacation was greatly enjoyed by all. Most of the students spent the holidays at their homes or with friends or relatives. Those that remained also reported a joyous vacation.

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### TO LEADERS AND PARENTS

We read in the "Testimonies," volume four, pages 435, 436, the following: "Let the overseers of the church devise plans whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their intrusted talents." "Let ministers put to use all their ingenuity in devising plans whereby the younger members of the church may be led to co-operate with them in missionary work. But do not imagine that you can arouse their interest merely by preaching a long sermon at the missionary meeting. Plan ways whereby a live interest may be kindled. Let all have a part to act."

I would like to ask the leaders of our churches as you are about to take your places for the coming year of 1923, a few questions: "Have you a young people's society in your church or company? If not, do you think that your company is doing all that

it should? Do you take the "Church Officer's Gazette" so that you can keep posted on what the young people's organization stands for? Have you ever read the book, "Missionary Volunteers and Their Work?" Will you not as shepherds of the flock give the younger members of your company a chance by taking a personal interest in all their plans and co-operate with the young people's leader in carrying out his program?

Then I would like to ask the missionary volunteer leader if he thinks he can successfully carry on the young people's work without following the outlined plan as given in the "Church Officer's Gazette?" Do you realize that besides the program work there is a daily program that we should carry on for these young people such as "Morning Watch," "Bible Year," "Standard of Attainment" and "Reading Courses." Set your goals and try to reach them this new year.

Parents, I would like to ask you what you are doing to help your young people along all of these lines? Have your children a "Morning Watch Calendar?" Do they have access to any of the Reading Course books for this year? Are you encouraging them to read their Bible through this year? Are they studying Bible Doctrines and Denominational History with the object of passing an examination in Standard of Attainment? If you have not already started any of these important endeavors in your home, now is the time to fall in line whether you are isolated or not. Write for information.

B. A. Scherr, Secretary.

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### NORTH DAKOTA NEWS NOTES

Elder Dirksen is now visiting with the Burt church.

Brother L. R. Overlees and Mr. Nast, of Deisem, were welcome visitors at the office last week.

Any one wishing to correspond with Brother A. B. Tetzlaff will reach him by addressing the mail to East Rochester, Ohio, Route 1

Elder Meyer spent Sabbath with the English and German Churches, occupying the pulpit in both places at this time. He left Monday for Cathay.

Mrs. Wm. J. Swart, Jr., and her sister called at the office while visiting in Jamestown. She is planning on

starting a family Sabbath school in her community. This is a plan that should be adopted by all of our isolated believers.

Brother Fred Bietz, of Bowdon, while visiting in the city, called at the office and reported that his son thinks that Clinton Seminary is a very good place.

Our supply of home missionary calendars is sold out the second time, and we are now working on the third lot. If you have not supplied yourself with one of these good calendars for the new year, do it now. Price 25 cents.

In order to help the new young people's leaders to get a start in their work for the coming year, we are offering the following special prices on the reading courses.

Senior Reading Course, \$4.00.

Without Patriarchs and Prophets, \$2.60.

Junior Reading Course, \$2.85.

Take advantage of these prices and get your order in at once.

Are you supplied with the Morning Watch calendar for 1923? If not, they are now ready. Price only five cents. Bound, fifteen cents.

We are having a large sale of the following books, "Straightening Out Mrs. Perkins," 15 cents and "The Lighted Way," 85 cents.

A new book in German is just off the press, entitled "Ella Simpson." This book is translated from the English book of the same title. Price: 10 for \$1.50.

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### S. R. A. NEWS

Ruby Fowler is being favored by a visit from her brother Ray.

A sumptuous supper was enjoyed by the students New Year's Eve.

The teachers enjoyed a bountiful Christmas dinner with the students.

The students have returned after their Christmas vacation and are busy again with their studies.

The Missionary Volunteer officers for the first quarter of 1923 are as follows:

Leader, E. E. Bietz.

Assistant Leader, Ruth Long.

Secretary, Lillian Funk.



Assistant Sec., Florence Engeberg.  
Pianist, Olivia Harder.  
Chorister, G. Dave Hagstotz.  
Faculty Advisor, Prof. H. E. Hein.

Mrs. Hiebert, of Jamestown, and Mrs. Unruh, of Carrington, paid a short visit to their daughters.

Martha Hoffman, who is taking the nurses course at Bismarck, stopped off here on her return trip to visit her brother Adam.

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### PASS IT ALONG

Nothing encourages or stimulates more to action than a good report from others. Therefore the following from a colporteur who has been selling 'Bible Readings' with success. He tells of a lady who, in a letter, said, 'I enjoy the book as far as I have read it. May I ask, where do you have your meetings, and why is it that the Sabbath, or Sunday, is changed? Kindly answer if it does not take too much of your time. My husband is very much interested. It takes a good book to interest him.'

Encourager number two is the result of work done by one of our sisters who sold 'Our Day' to a machinist early in the year. This man and his wife are now rejoicing in the message.

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### HOW CAN YOU PROSPER?

In the preface of the new book "Officer's of the Church" we read: "Our church officers come from all walks of life. They are men and women heavily burdened with business and responsibilities. As church leaders they hold the keys to the success of our work." "There can be no better expenditure of time, labor, and money than to give our church officers a thorough training for the proper discharge of their duties." I am sure we are all aware of the fact that there are many things to learn in attempting to carry out the great program of carrying this gospel to the whole world. I am deeply impressed that every officer who goes into office for the new year of 1923 should sense the responsibility that rests upon him with reference to the performance of his duties in a proper way. In the past year I have found that many home missionary secretaries and church elders have been perplexed to know just how to carry on the missionary

programs. Elders have wondered how they could best help every department, young people's leaders have been searching for the kind of a program to present that could build up the young people, and church leaders in every department have tried to devise some way in which they could co-operate with one another. I am sure that if every one of these officer's would read the "Church Officer's Gazette," a large number of their perplexities would vanish and a spirit of unity would come in where perhaps a misunderstanding of duties or programs may cause confusion. This magazine is edited for the purpose of getting our church to work in unity for a certain goal every month. The price is only ninety cents a year and it comes every month. If you are a church officer order this excellent magazine and keep posted on your duties.

B. A. Scherr.

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### HUTCHINSON SEMINARY

The Second Semester Begins Jan. 25

Many young people will no doubt be thinking about the advisability of entering one of our schools at the beginning at the last half of the present school year. To all such we would say, Come, by all means: it will be time profitably spent,—a time in which you may push ahead in finishing the course of study that you have already begun or intend to pursue. Opportunity is given you at the Hutchinson Seminary for doing full school work during the second semester. Please consider the following list of new subjects that will be given during the second half of the school year.

High School Methods.  
School Efficiency and Hygiene.  
School Music (8 weeks).  
American Literature.  
American Government.  
Denominational History.  
The Book of Revelation.  
Testimonies.  
College History.  
Agriculture.  
College Algebra.  
Psychology.  
Business English.  
Commercial Geography.

There may be young people who, because of previous work in a course, may at the beginning of the second semester enter a class started at the beginning of the school year. At any

rate there will be no trouble, it would seem, for students to arrange for full school work during the second semester with the above varied number of subjects to choose from. Why not come and finish a half year's school work the coming semester, which begins January 25, 1923.

Martin S. Reppe.

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### ONE MAN DID IT

He sold 6,000 copies of 'Great Controversy,' 8,000 'Marvel of Nations,' thousands of 'Heralds,' 'Daniel and Revelation,' 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Christ's Object Lessons,' 'Ministry of Healing,' and 'Practical Guide to Health.' Besides this, Brother Walter Harper, the man who did it, has secured hundreds of subscriptions for our periodicals. For forty-one years this devoted worker for God has kept steadily at this "one thing" in the western states, where his sales amounted to something like \$75,000 00. May his faithfulness and success be an inspiration to many others.

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## AN INTERESTING INSTITUTE

There were three special features in connection with the colporteur institute held in St. Paul English church, Nov. 15-22, that are interesting. First, the work of the institute proper. The attendance was not large, but regular. There were eight prospective workers for the larger subscription books, including some regulars, who had never attended an institute; two magazine workers, and a number of persons who expect to sell our holiday books in the twin cities.

The "methods" of Jesus were outlined on the board as the basis for all true ministry, and the Devine "pattern" given as our example in reaching the people. The instruction given was based on the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy. Practical demonstrations and drill work was given each day, thus putting into practice the instruction given.

The second feature, was that of conducting regular preaching services in connection with the institute. The following ministers kindly assisted in the evening meetings: Elders Haysmer, Weatherly, Seltzer, Christensen, Edwardsen, and the writer. These services were attended not only by those of our faith, but many strangers were there each night, due to the loyal co-operation of our members. Eternity

alone will reveal the good accomplished by these meetings.

The third feature of the institute, was the beautiful display of books arranged by Brother Olson, of the tract society, and Brother Bowles, of the Pacific Press. The two tables near the rostrum were heavily laden with gospel fruit which caught the attention of many strangers and others. The interest was aroused and the desire created by the preaching of the word, and at the conclusion of the service a number resolved to buy this attractive literature. As a result many dollars worth of books were sold, which we hope will bear fruit in the kingdom.

We appreciate the loyal co-operation of the church board in granting us the use of the church; the assistance of the pastor; the visiting ministers; and for the loyal members of the St. Paul church, and others who so faithfully assisted in attending the meetings. May God bless and prosper those who took the training, that the influence of the books and magazines sold will result in the salvation of many precious souls.

E. M. Oberg.

H. A. Rentfro.

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## FINAL WORD ON THE CLOTHING CAMPAIGN FOR RUSSIA

Since the last issue of the "Reaper", word has come through the General Conference from Europe asking that the clothing be shipped according to original instructions. This word will bring real joy to our brethren in Europe as well as to those who have so nobly made the effort here.

The Northern Union Conference will ship its full quota of twenty-five large boxes. North Dakota was asked to ship five boxes, South Dakota five, Minnesota seven, and Iowa eight. The Dakotas have already shipped their boxes, and the remaining fifteen boxes will be on the way by the time this note is read.

H. J. Sheldon.

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## SEMINARY NEWS NOTES

Mr. Lloyd Sather, of Benson, Minn., has recently matriculated at the Seminary.

The Seminary Music Department has been invited by the Hutchinson Library Entertainment Committee to supply one number for the Lyceum Course next season.

A skating rink has been made on the boys' play ground. It is kept in good condition by occasional sprinkling.

An excellent program was carried out last New Year's evening by the young men, for the entertainment of the young women.

The Seminary Chorus is working on Gounod's Gallia, which with a number of other selections, will be performed in the near future.

Dr. J. M. Peterson recently gave us a very instructive and forceful talk on accuracy in speech, and that the use of correct words in speaking is something worthy of our serious attention.

Brother George Axelsen was in Wisconsin last week, to assist in buying twenty cows and a sire for one of our neighbors. This was the sixth lot of dairy cattle our farmer has helped to buy.

President H. M. Johnson is to teach the class in agriculture that will be organized at the beginning of the second semester, January 25. Professor Johnson has studied the science of agriculture; and as he also is a practical farmer, we believe that he can give the class a thorough knowledge in the field of agriculture. The class should, therefore, be a large one.

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## WHAT SHALL WE DO WITHOUT MEAT

Health reform is not a negative message, but a positive one. With many, however, the negative side has received the most emphasis. It will be the policy of the "Evangelist" for 1923 to teach the positive side of this broad question. The big thing in the January issue is an answer to the above caption.

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