



## AN APPEAL TO OUR LAITY

On page 111 of the book, "Acts of the Apostles" we find the following statement: "Long has God waited for the spirit of service to take possession of the whole church, so that every one shall be working for Him according to his ability. When the members of the church of God do their appointed work in the needy fields at home and abroad, in fulfilment of the gospel commission, the whole world will soon be warned, and the Lord Jesus will return to this earth with power and great glory. 'This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.'"

We are again reminded from this paragraph that every church member has a duty of divine appointment; this is to bring the truth of God to the attention of those who know it not.

We are now entering upon the long evenings of autumn and winter, more time will be given to reading by the people now than during the summer months, therefore our gospel filled literature should be placed in the hands of the people and circulated in their homes. The words of our Master are: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

I have received information from the International Branch of the Pacific Press, located at Brookfield, Ill., that the House is issuing five of our foreign language magazines monthly, where in the past they have been from quarterly to semi-occasionally. The languages referred to are Hungarian,

Italian, Polish, Russian, and Slovakian. There are hundreds and thousands of these nationals scattered throughout the territory of the Northern Union Conference. We have no living voice except in the Russian to proclaim the gospel to these peoples. But now we have an eight-page monthly magazine, in their own language and how anxious they are for something to read in their own tongue.

The magazines will be ready by January 1 and the price has been placed at \$1.20 per year; in clubs of five or more \$1.00. I am sure subscriptions could be taken and the magazine go direct to the person. But what better missionary work could our churches do than to search out all these nationalities in the radius of the church, and make a list of their names and addresses. If they cannot be visited in person, the church should have a club of these magazines properly fitted to the list you have made, and mail out month by month to your foreign neighbors. I appeal to you, my brethren and sisters, not to neglect the stranger that is within thy gates. Quoting again from the book, "Acts of the Apostles" it says, "Hundreds, yea, thousands who have heard the message of salvation, are still idlers in the market place, when they might be engaged in some line of active service. To these Christ is saying, 'Why stand ye here all the day idle?' and He adds, 'Go ye also into the vineyard.' Why is it that many more do not respond to the call? Is it because they think themselves excused in that they do not stand in the pulpit? Let them understand that there is a large work to be done outside of the pulpit, by thousands of consecrated lay members." Pages 110-11.

I trust God will inspire the entire membership of the Northern Union Conference to active Home Missionary work, and great will be the results in fruit for the kingdom.

Charles Thompson.

## South Dakota

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## DEDICATION OF THE LEOLA CHURCH

Our hearts are greatly encouraged as we think about the progress of God's work throughout the world-wide field. Surely the hand of Providence is leading out in this great movement. Jesus speaking about the progress of His kingdom in the earth said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come." We rejoice in the message as we view its rapid growth not only in the foreign fields but also in the homeland.

The work at Leola had a very small beginning. Thirty-four years ago Elder Valentine Leer visited the vicinity in the interest of the three-fold message; after two years of strenuous labor and untiring efforts, a small church of fifteen members was organized. The brethren were very poor, so they held their services in their houses, but as time went on, the Lord added to their number those who desired to follow Him and make a covenant with Him by sacrifice. The early workers in charge of this field were deprived of all the conveniences which



we enjoy, but the spirit of sacrifice and faithfulness characterized the work of these brethren and they feared neither heat nor cold, poverty nor hardships, but struggled for the salvation of the interested ones.

With the increase of membership there came also a demand for a church building, and since the brethren were all poor, they erected a building made of adobes. This, of course, was not as comfortable as the frame building which they erected a few years later, but they rejoiced in the message and labored unceasingly for their neighbors. At times the effort seemed to be of none effect, but as the years passed by, the Lord blessed the efforts of his people and one family after another were added to the church. A year ago, they put an addition of 14 by 18 feet to the old frame building, thinking it would accommodate them, but when Elder F. F. Schwindt conducted a series of meetings there the latter part of last winter, twenty-one souls were added to the church, and so the brethren decided to put up a new building 26 by 54 feet. Early in June the writer was called on for counsel and by the help of the Lord, plans were laid to proceed with the building. Little did I realize at that time that in a few months hence there would be an established monument for the truth in that vicinity. The building is located on a high elevation so that it can be seen for miles from all directions. We trust that it will serve as a beacon light to illuminate the benighted souls and lead them to the true light, our Savior.

The cost of the building material and pews amounted to \$4,300.00. The work donated by the brethren amounted to \$1,500.00, making a total of \$5,800.00. That is what it would have cost the brethren if they had been obliged to hire carpenters to do the work, but since they did all the work themselves outside of the painting, they saved at least \$1,500.00.

Sabbath, October 24, was the day appointed for the dedication of the church. Elders J. T. Boettcher, F. F. Schwindt, and the writer were present for the occasion. Truly, the Lord was in our midst and greatly blessed the message presented by His servants. The dedicational sermon delivered by Elder Boettcher was based upon

Psalms 84:6,7. It was a timely message that refreshed and inspired the large audience. The Sabbath school donations amounted to \$40.78. The general donation in behalf of the indebtedness amounted to \$415.00. We are indeed very glad for the noble work of the brethren which made it possible to dedicate the building practically free from debt. We trust that God will abundantly bless the efforts of His people in behalf of lost souls.

E. H. Oswald.

#### THE SABBATH SCHOOL ORPHAN

It was a happy day in many of the Sabbath-schools in South Dakota, a jubilee, as it were, when on October 17 the Sabbath school orphan (more properly speaking, the Sabbath School Investment Fund), turned in its first earnings in for the support of the family.

In the Watertown Sabbath-school a short talk was given on the history of the Investment Plan. This was followed by a little program provided by the children. Then every one was given opportunity to tell how the Investment money was earned. One had invested ducks, one spoke of the blessing of the Lord on the tomato plants. A visitor from another Sabbath-school told how a five-cent package of cucumber seeds brought the good sum of \$10.00 into the Lord's treasury. Perhaps one of the most interesting experiences was told by a sister who is living the truth under great difficulties, as the family is opposed to the truth. This sister was given two baskets of tomatoes by a neighbor. She put them all into a larger basket and carried them home. Soon she had opportunity to sell some of the tomatoes. She sold three baskets full, besides ten cents worth of green ones and canned three pints for her own use. The sister says the Lord surely multiplied her tomatoes as He did the widow's meal. Needless to say this money for the Investment Fund was a real thank offering.

A little poem has just been received from the Chamberlain Sabbath-school. This poem was written for the occasion by Sister F. A. Powers and recited by Elmer John Powers at the Sabbath School Investment service, October 17, at Chamberlain:

#### The Flower Investment

Mother planted flower-seed and hoed and watered, too,  
Daddy dug the trenches and plowed the furrows through,  
And I raked and weeded and, altogether, we,  
With God's rain and sunshine, lovely flowers did see.

We gave them to our neighbors, we gave to many a friend,  
And the sick were cheered and comforted while they watched their colors blend.

In Harvest Ingathering work, they helped me, I am sure,  
As they touched the hearts of givers with their fragrance sweet and pure.

Then one day came some strangers and wanted such a lot,  
And insisted they should pay for all the flowers they got.

Mother thanked them kindly, told of the Investment Plan,  
And said she would accept it for her own, dear little man.

Now, I will hand it on to you,  
Fifty cents and a dollar too,  
And may God bless it, and you, and me,  
And the little ones across the sea.

Now, we know many other Sabbath-schools have enjoyed a number of good experiences in connection with the Investment Plan. Write them up and send them to us. We are interested in what your school is doing in this important work.

Seed time and sowing is over for this year, so we must be thinking of some other plans for our Investment money during the winter months. Let us keep the orphan growing, for it certainly has a good start now. Children must be cared for in the winter as in the summer, you know. Put your nimble wits to work for plans for winter investments. Let us hear about them too. It may encourage the rest of us. Who will be co-workers with the Lord?  
Grace Stewart.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

The Denominational History questions will be ready in December. Do not fail to order yours.

Elder E. H. Oswald left the office Thursday morning for Tuthill, South Dakota, where he will assist Brother Carl D. Christensen in a series of meetings.



Remember those interested folks you met out in the Harvest Ingathering with the Present Truth or the Signs. Now is the time to begin.

Brethren Oss and Reiner are holding joint institutes during the month of November. They will be with Rapid City church, November 6-8.

Sister Grace Stewart, our Sabbath school secretary, is visiting the isolated believers around Wessington, Miller, and Highmore. She spent Sabbath, October 21, with the company at Miller.

In two more months the year 1925 will be history. How are you coming with your Bible year? Remember that everyone reading the Bible through in 1925 will receive a little reward at the close of the year.

We received a letter from Elder P. G. Stanley the other day stating that the cold weather has somewhat hindered them in getting the second coat of paint on their church. Elder Stanley plans on holding a series of meetings there a little later on.

We were greatly pleased to have Elders P. E. Brodersen, Vice-president of the South American Division of the General Conference, and Elder J. T. Boettcher of the Bureau of Home Missions, call at the office, Tuesday evening, October 27. They left the following morning for Minneapolis.

This is the time to sell our Home Workers' books. The week, November 8-14, will be known throughout the United States as Children's Book Week. Why not take advantage of this opportunity and acquaint our neighbors and friends with the excellent books that we have.

The Home Workers' Prospectus contains samples of twelve books especially selected for both young and old and particularly for this time of the year when people are beginning to plan for Holiday gifts. A prospectus will be sent postpaid for only \$1.00.

Brother and Sister Reiner will make their headquarters at the academy at Redfield for the rest of the school year, as Sister Reiner will teach the church school there. Kindly address personal mail to Brother Reiner at his new address, but all correspondence

relating to orders, etc., should be sent to the Book and Bible House.

Elder P. G. Stanley of the Madison district, will begin a series of revival meetings with the Ash Grove church, November first. It has been over fifteen years since a meeting of this kind has been held with this church, and there seems to be a desire on the part of the public for an effort at this time. The united prayers of the Reaper family are asked in behalf of this effort.

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### IOWA NEWS NOTES

The sanitarium continues to be filled with patients, and we hear nothing but good of the institution. This is the best kind of advertising and no doubt accounts for the satisfactory patronage. We rejoice in the prosperity that is attending and are sure those who come to be relieved of physical difficulties will receive the best of care and a real blessing in other ways as well.

Mrs. Sarah Davis, the mother of Sister C. V. Starr, of Nevada, at whose home she has been tenderly cared for during the many months of illness, fell peacefully asleep the morning of October 29. Her sons, Brother J. W. Davis, of Sharpsburg, and Marion Davis of Morrill, Neb., were also with her. A funeral service was held at the Starr home Thursday afternoon and she was taken that evening to Pleasanton, the old home, for burial. An obituary will be published later.

Word received from Brother Lewis Willson of Montebello, Calif., in earlier years well known in our own state, tells of the death of his wife, Oct. 11. She was buried on their sixth wedding anniversary. His first wife having died a number of years ago, he was united in marriage with his brother's wife, she being left alone by the death of both daughter and husband after having spent many years in mission fields. Brother Willson also wrote of Brother

J. M. Whitney, also of Montebello, having suffered a paralytic stroke, being found one morning in his bed the morning of Oct. 8, with one side wholly paralyzed, so he was helpless and unable to speak. Brother Whitney was a charter member of the Nevada church and it was largely through his instrumentality that the sanitarium was located at Nevada.

Elders Hicks and Dorcas went by automobile to Ft. Dodge and were there for the Sabbath morning service, Oct. 24. In the afternoon they were with the Newell church in the quarterly service, and Elder Dorcas remained for an evening meeting with them, while Elder Hicks went to Lake City to meet the friends. The following day they drove to Spencer, where Elder Dorcas remained over night with his brother, J. F. Dorcas, and Elder Hicks went to Terril and held a Sunday night meeting with the church there. Elders Scriven and Nixon, who were at Sioux Rapids, accompanied them to Spencer on Sunday, to consider the sale of the church building there, the members all having moved away with the exception of those who are physically unable to attend. It was thought best to dispose of the property, and on Monday the sale was effected. They were very pleasantly entertained at dinner both going and coming, at the A. R. Scott home. From Sioux Rapids, Elder Nixon returned with them to Nevada, while Elder Scriven remained in that part of the state for further Ingathering effort.

### IOWA BIBLE HOUSE ITEMS

We have a few copies of Signs color number and Watchman magazine that are out of date, and will send fifty to any person upon receipt of \$1.00.

"The Food Question" has been revised and is again a regular "member" of the current event series. We have a supply in stock.

"Surety of the Bible" by Elder M. C. Wilcox is a timely book in these days of skepticism and doubt, and orders can be filled from the Bible House at this time. The price is \$1.25.

We have a package of Signs Extras which contains 100 Signs on eight current event topics, making 800 copies



in all. This is a regular \$6.00 package, but we will send it postpaid for \$3.50. Excellent missionary material.

Do you forget that we give 10% discount on any Bible ordered from us, and we will be glad to send on approval. Do you have our Bible catalog?

We still have a few copies of the Fiftieth Anniversary Review, and if anyone desire copies, we will be glad to send them upon receipt of postage—about two cents a copy.

"Home and School" is one of the best publications we are printing. You are missing something worth while if you do not get a copy every month. The present subscription rate is \$1.50.

"Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing", "Desire of Ages", and "Christ's Object Lessons" will be referred to many times during this quarter's Sabbath school lessons. These books are obtainable through the Bible House.

The 1926 Morning Watch Calendars have been received and orders can be filled promptly from this office. You may remember that the edition for 1925 was sold out early in the spring, so it would be well to place your order now.

"The Predicament of Evolution" is a new book in the current event series. It would be an appropriate gift to your friends of modernist tendencies. Those who were disappointed in not getting a copy of the Evolution Debate book will find this one a good substitute. The price is 25 cents, ten copies for \$1.35 postpaid.

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## WELLS

October 18th a public series of meetings started in the Wells Seventh-day Adventist church. Meetings have been held each evening except Saturday night. The attendance has been

good in spite of the unfavorable weather. There is a growing interest manifested on the part of a large number of people.

The believers are few and scattered, but they are assisting as they are able. The Wells church has had a large membership in former years and has sent out from its midst many workers who are now filling their places in the cause of truth, both in the homeland and in foreign fields. The few remaining believers are earnest and active for the truth, and we are glad to join with them in this effort for their neighbors and friends. Brother Ben Francis, so well known and loved by many believers in Minnesota is the local elder of the church, and assists in these meetings. God is blessing in this effort. By the time this reaches the reader, we will be finishing the third week.

The brethren from Austin have motored over the first two Sunday nights to furnish special music for the meetings. This help from Austin has been much appreciated.

We ask that our brethren and sisters remember this effort at the throne of grace. N. J. and Mrs. Aalborg.

## DISTRICT NUMBER THIRTEEN

Many have been the blessings enjoyed by one and all of those who have been out in the Harvest Ingathering work this year. We have nothing big to report, still the Lord has blessed in a remarkable way. Most of the churches in the district have already gone beyond last year's receipts, and we are still going.

Pipestone has already gone over the top. Elder Grundset's help there was very much appreciated.

Sherburn is bent on breaking their thermometer; watch them do it.

Eagle Lake, Good Thunder, and Wells do not have the opportunities some other churches have of reaching their goal, but they will make a good showing before the year closes.

Morgan has nearly reached its goal. The writer spent more than two weeks there, holding meetings each evening, with a growing attendance. Most of the time during the day was spent in calling on business men in the interest of missions. The brethren and sisters that took part enjoyed it, and so did

the writer and the men upon whom we called. Calling on people during the day, furnishes good material for preaching in the evening.

Mankato is working hard, and the offerings are coming in. A number will yet take part in the Harvest Ingathering this year, I am sure. We all want to be faithful stewards. Do your part now, it will make you happy and the mission fields and those upon whom you call, will be helped.

Our church home at Mankato has now been redecorated. It is now a good place to spend the Sabbath devotional hours. More than a hundred people enjoy meeting here each Sabbath. The Lord is always present with us.

Our church school under the able leadership of Sister Searle is doing good work. About thirty of our boys and girls are receiving instruction five days each week, and we hope this will help them to know, love, and serve God and humanity.

Elder Aalborg is conducting a public effort at Wells at the present time. The writer hopes to join him soon.

Of district number thirteen it can truly be said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." And then as you hear Him calling you, brother, sister, answer "Here am I; send me." That will help each church to reach its Harvest Ingathering goal before the year is up. It can be done.

Brother Yost's help was greatly appreciated and resulted in bringing in a goodly offering for missions.

A. A. Dirksen.

## HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT OF MINNESOTA CHURCH TREASURERS

For Week Ending October 24, 1925

Note: The first, second, and third columns give respectively: Members working, receipts for the week, and total to date:—

M'p'l's. Eng.	225	\$107.21	\$2091.33
Mankato	35	91.77	534.02
M'p'l's. Nor.-Dan.	79	72.78	774.60
St. Paul Eng.	99	55.49	798.61
Eagle Lake	4	29.50	85.69
Brainerd	32	25.05	319.02
*Gilchrist	11	24.83	223.58
*Duluth Scand.	30	23.26	391.56
Faribault-Warsaw			
Morristown S. S.	5	11.15	87.65
Sherburne	9	10.25	125.25
Staples	12	7.60	107.50
Montevideo Co.	1	5.00	5.00



Anoka	11	4.50	119.45
Richville	6	4.35	93.97
Total reported, including Oct. 24			\$13,179.11
Total cash received to date			\$11,048.33
Amount reported for week of Oct. 24			\$ 472.74
Number reporting			958

All will rejoice, I am sure, in noting that with this week's report we have passed the total amount received for 1924. This is encouraging, but it should be an incentive for further efforts to increase our Harvest Ingathering receipts for missions. It shows what we can do when we try. Let us keep on trying.

We are glad to welcome the Gilchrist and Duluth Scandinavian churches into our family of goal-reaching churches, making 13 in all. These brethren reached their goal last year, and we knew they would work hard again in 1925. They did and have succeeded.

We are wondering who is going to be next to reach the goal. Morgan, Sherburne, International Falls are so close that we hope to list them as banner churches in the next report.

According to reports, less than 1000 members have gathered \$13,000.00 this year. Just think—an average of \$13.00 each. If all were trying to do something this year, what a wonderful offering to missions Minnesota would have. Brother, sister, if you are among those not yet reported as working members, will you not go now and do your share? God will bless every consecrated effort.

Remember, the Harvest Ingathering campaign is not over. We are still \$10,000.00 short of our goal. With this shortage, Minnesotas' campaign can not end until the year has closed upon our efforts. Let us all work while we can.

Frank H. Yost.

### MINNESOTA ITEMS

Brother Yost met with the Maplewood church last Sabbath in the interest of the home missionary work.

Next Sabbath, November 7, is Home Missionary Sabbath, so the offering is to be used for home missionary work in the local churches.

Brethren Smouse and Ortner were at the Maplewood Academy on Monday and Tuesday of last week working on the office records in connection with the auditing.

Professor Hiatt was at the office

last Friday looking after correspondence connected with his department, and on Sabbath he met with the church at Stillwater.

Brother Otto Christensen began a series of meetings in the Scandia Co-operative Hall at Brainerd on Sunday night, October 25. He reports a fairly good attendance at the first meeting and hopes for a larger attendance and interest as the meetings progress.

We were sorry indeed to receive word on Wednesday of last week regarding the death of Miss Mabel Engen, a daughter of Elder B. O. Engen. She had been quite ill for some time previous to her decease. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Brother and Sister Engen and the other members of the family in this bereavement. Arrangements were made for the funeral services to be conducted by Elder Andreasen at Bemidji on Friday.

Sister Aalborg has also been assisting Elder Aalborg with the music in the series of meetings held in the church at Wells. Some of the brethren and sisters from the Austin church have driven over on Sunday evening and assisted with special music, which has been greatly appreciated. Elder Aalborg reports that in spite of the inclement weather the attendance and interest has been very good.

Faithfulness to the Lord in the payment of the tithe is sure to bring a blessing. Did you know that Queen Victoria paid tithe on her income? The Lord's plan of systematic benevolence applies to all alike and is absolutely fair to all whether rich or poor. Thousands have proved by experience that it pays well to be honest and liberal with the Lord. We will mention some of them and their experiences from time to time as we have opportunity.

In a letter received last week from Sister Obert of Pine River she said she had almost solicited \$50 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and was putting forth a special effort to reach that amount. She met with a very unfortunate and painful accident while out working one day the previous week, breaking both bones of the forearm just above her right wrist as the result of a fall. In spite of the accident she said she determined to reach her

goal. We sincerely sympathize with her in this misfortune and greatly appreciate such faithful efforts in the Harvest Ingathering work.

The latest report from the meetings being conducted in Duluth by Elder F. W. Johnston and his collaborators, is quite encouraging. The attendance on Tuesday evening of last week was larger than ever, necessitating the rental of 150 extra chairs instead of the 100 extra which had previously been sufficient. On the previous Sunday the attendance was largest yet, fully a thousand being present, in spite of the fact that the city electric light plant had burned that morning and there were no electric lights. Let us especially pray for the success of this important effort as well as for the Lord's special blessing upon the efforts being conducted in other places.

### MAPLEWOOD NEWS

Elder Rukoetter met with the Stillwater church on Sabbath, October 24.

Mrs. Smouse spent Monday and Tuesday with her daughter, Velvah.

Doris and Marvin Burghart spent the week end at their home in Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

Myrtle Keacher, because of recent illness, was taken to the Bethesda Hospital in St. Paul.

Professor Mair enjoyed a visit from his father during the middle of the week.

Sabbath, October 24, Charles Merickle, a former farm manager, spent a few hours with the academy family.

Brother A. R. Smouse and Brother I. G. Ortner were at the school Monday and Tuesday on business.

Mrs. J. F. Allen spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Pearl Haag.

Clinton and Lillian Russell of Brainerd were recently enrolled at the academy.

Professor M. E. Kern gave an interesting stereopticon lecture on his travels in the foreign fields, Thursday, Oct. 22.

Elder Weatherly paid his daughter,



Lola, a short visit Monday. He brought with him a new student, Ceylon Hewins, of St. Paul.

### CHILDREN RAISE MONEY

The church schools are an efficient auxiliary for raising mission funds; even while our boys and girls are training for future service, they can do a great work. Notice, please, that the four schools which have reported their Harvest Ingathering work last week, brought in \$161.55. One little Minneapolis school girl raised \$25.00, a small first grade boy of Wells gathered \$6.50. We hope later to give a full report of each school.

H. M. Hiatt.

### STATEMENT OF TITHE AND SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUNDS

January to September, 1925

Note: In the following table the first column of figures represents the membership; second, tithe; third, missions receipts; fourth, missions goal.

District No. 1				
Gatzke	19	\$154.89	\$70.26	\$444.60
Hazel	13	340.36	67.71	304.20
Middle River	16	136.02	139.84	374.40
Roseau	9	124.23	92.06	210.60
Orleans Co.	7	164.28	69.91	163.80
Warroad Co.	6	58.39	34.89	140.40
Isolated	36	647.70	225.20	842.40
	106	1625.87	699.87	2480.40
District No. 2				
Bemidji	18	\$559.95	\$224.99	\$421.20
Blackduck	15	96.71	59.36	351.00
Williams	24	173.06	32.59	561.60
Isolated	29	385.70	232.38	678.60
	86	1215.42	548.62	2012.40
District No. 3				
Blackberry	16	\$279.92	\$259.33	\$374.40
*Hibbing	12	643.07	61.65	280.80
*Virginia	39	752.57	96.40	912.60
Warba Co.	11	108.99	161.32	257.40
*Chisholm Co.	10	894.27	321.12	234.00
*Deer River	2	146.22	68.93	46.80
Isolated	11	588.74	23.12	257.40
	101	3413.78	2412.87	2863.40
District No. 4				
Barnesville	17	\$341.66	\$228.49	\$397.80
Detroit	46	909.95	349.21	1076.40
Eagle Bend	25	415.71	192.90	585.00
Fergus Falls	32	429.14	403.56	748.80
Hewitt	32	456.87	251.85	748.80
Lake Eunice	34	424.31	200.83	795.60
N. Y. Mills	28	488.80	183.10	655.20
Richville	26	266.44	199.98	608.40
Senjen	8	111.60	11.75	187.20
Staples	50	534.43	313.20	1170.00
Wing River	13	98.84	108.32	304.20
Isolated	69	1061.83	267.42	1614.60
	880	5539.58	2710.61	8892.00
District No. 5				
Brainerd	56	\$1322.36	\$527.42	\$1310.40
Pine River	7	195.32	72.09	163.80
Remer	24	249.16	111.79	561.60
P'k Rapids Co.	7	91.69	111.44	163.80
Pillager	10	27.30	51.53	234.00
Isolated	28	618.36	299.00	655.20
	132	2504.19	1173.27	3088.80
District No. 6				
Duluth First	76	2179.55	1577.02	1778.40
Duluth West	18	288.88	291.46	421.20
Mahtowa	9	94.81	90.33	210.60
Moose Lake	20	507.34	225.59	468.00
Wright	8	107.41	77.32	187.20
Isolated	45	468.14	186.13	1053.00
	176	3645.43	2447.85	4118.40
District No. 7				
Bruno	11	93.63	91.02	257.40

Duluth Seand	38	1169.93	797.66	889.20
Mineral Cntr.	12	102.31	46.83	280.80
Rock Creek	13	34.00	111.51	304.20
Sunny Brook	28	279.30	122.97	655.20
*Two Harbors	8	244.65	191.46	187.20
Isolated	17	284.63	144.80	397.80
	127	2208.48	1506.25	2971.80

District No. 8				
Alexandria	35	635.37	198.67	819.00
Artichoke	49	1158.05	839.41	1146.60
Gilchrist	20	838.80	395.79	468.00
Hancock	18	343.53	65.51	421.20
Montevideo Co.	6	312.18	98.63	140.40
Isolated	19	384.53	191.45	444.60
	147	3672.46	1789.46	3439.80

District No. 9				
Hutchinson E.	48	2474.82	786.11	1123.30
Hutchinson S.	85	1933.79	762.49	1989.00
*Litchfield	13	564.65	456.97	304.20
Sauk Center	17	272.10	96.23	397.80
*St. Cloud	21	640.96	699.57	491.40
Brooken Co.	5	8.57	21.17	117.00
*Isolated	8	680.75	596.82	187.20
	197	6575.64	3419.36	4609.80

District No. 10				
Anoka	45	811.35	505.73	1053.00
Grandy	17	301.81	248.19	397.80
Isanti	20	204.38	68.52	468.00
*Mpls. Swed	75	2754.80	1826.31	1755.00
St. Paul Sc.	40	756.86	363.67	936.00
Isolated	14	138.30	48.55	327.60
	211	4967.50	3060.97	4937.40

District No. 11				
Maplewood	58	972.54	272.83	1357.20
M'p'l's. Eng.	449	1316.98	6849.12	10506.60
Isolated	27	688.07	311.73	631.80
	534	14829.59	7433.68	12495.60

District No. 12				
Stillwater	44	1143.53	981.95	1029.60
St. Paul E.	188	5666.70	2554.66	4399.20
Isolated	5	79.79	15.10	117.00
	237	6890.02	3551.71	5545.80

District No. 13				
Eagle Lake	16	546.85	173.58	374.40
Good Thunder	22	327.40	177.27	514.80
Kasota	14	97.75	34.86	327.60
Mankato	104	3226.35	1343.24	2433.60
Morgan	18	542.75	309.10	421.30
*Pipestone	6	181.50	225.38	140.40
*Sherburne	15	1049.50	398.19	351.00
Wells	26	389.36	153.12	608.40
Isolated	46	758.67	410.76	1076.40
	267	7120.13	3225.50	6247.80

District No. 14				
Bath	10	130.67	61.87	234.00
M'p'l's. N.-D.	134	3699.80	2160.98	3135.60
Owatonna	26	571.44	256.49	608.40
Isolated	25	637.99	368.35	585.00
	195	5039.90	2847.19	4563.00

District No. 15				
Austin	64	1561.01	1439.09	1497.60
Dodge Center	58	1036.00	597.16	1357.20
Pine Island	13	534.16	77.37	304.20
Rushford	10	115.21	63.79	234.00
Stewartville	12	309.49	177.45	280.80
Winona	30	758.45	491.83	702.00
Isolated	14	280.27	250.15	327.60
	201	4594.59	3096.84	4708.40
Members out of State	16	1105.65	319.28	374.40
Campmeeting			359.04	

Totals 3299 \$74948.23 \$40603.07 \$77196.60

How we stood as a conference, on our tithe and mission funds for the first three quarters of the year, has been previously mentioned in the Reaper, but the above report shows the standing of each church in the conference for that period, also by districts, including the conference church members in each district. We trust this information will prove helpful to both the churches and the district leaders. It might be well to explain that the church quotas are based on the lowest reported membership

during the period covered by the report, as it would be obviously unfair to compute them otherwise.

By referring to our similar report of a year ago I note that during the first three quarters of last year only three churches made up their full quota of mission goal funds, while the above report shows that there are ten churches and companies in addition to the isolated members in District 9 that have done it this year. Beginning the Harvest Ingathering campaign earlier has been quite a help in this no doubt, but we trust the gain made thus far will continue until the end of the year, and grow month by month on through 1926, for the Lord's work must go forward, not backward. It is good to note that District No. 3 has more than reached the missions goal for its members. We greatly appreciate the faithful efforts of all who have endeavored to help improve our record on mission funds this year.

While the above mentioned items are encouraging, still the gain is hardly as large as it should be, viewing it from the per capita basis, as a year ago the report showed that we had contributed an average of 29.4 cents a week per member and this year it is 31.5, an increase of just 2.1 cents a week per member or an average increase of 82 cents for the nine months period, and that is much more than made up by the increase in Harvest Ingathering funds due to starting the campaign earlier this year. Let us not substitute the gifts of others for our own but continue to give a little more liberally ourselves to the cause of God as we welcome others to do likewise in the Harvest Ingathering. Then we may confidently expect the Lord's blessing to rest upon us both in spiritual and temporal things.

A. R. Smouse, Treasurer.

## North Dakota

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### THE WORK IS ONWARD

The dedication of the Denhoff church took place on October 4. Meetings began on Friday evening, October 2, and they were well attended. A number of churches came. The choir of the



church rendered excellent music. When the dedicatory service took place it could also be stated that the church is paid for. We certainly hope that this church will prosper and add many more to its membership within the near future.

The dedication of the church at Burt took place on the 18th of October. Meetings were also held on Friday evening and on the Sabbath, and a very large number were present at all meetings. This church is now one of the largest in North Dakota, and is well located. There is an excellent opportunity of doing good work in the vicinity. The members of the church have certainly done nobly in a financial way, for the church building is completely paid for, and a collection which was taken up on the day of the dedication, amounting to \$80.00, can be used for further improvements such as fencing, and a number of other things.

We are glad that new church buildings are being added from time to time. They certainly give stability to the work, and we trust that the brethren will hold together and build up the cause of God in those neighborhoods.

The general meeting at Dogden was held from October 22 to 25. A very good number of the brethren from surrounding places were present at the opening meeting. All the meetings were well attended and a Christian spirit was manifested. A special plan for carrying on aggressive home missionary work was presented, and the various churches promised to take hold and do what is within their power. We are glad to see our churches rallying to the work, and hope that all will show a decided endurance, because this is the time when we must not get weary in well doing, for soon will come the time when we shall also reap without ceasing. **H. Meyer.**

## DUTIES OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY

(Continued from last week)

"The Home Missionary Secretary should secure supplies from the Book and Bible House for the Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer Department and also literature for the individual members which they desire for their personal use and for missionary work. He should obtain orders from

the members for tracts, periodicals, magazines, and books for missionary work and for their own use. He should always canvass the members for new books for their own libraries and should always be alert in the sale of literature for the church. Orders for literature for personal use by members should always be accompanied by cash. Periodicals and magazines ordered by clubs, may be paid for by the week or month. When members endeavor to sell small books it may be necessary to allow them to make remittance after the books have been sold. But cash with orders should be the rule, tactfully but firmly enforced. **The extending of credit should be the rare exception.**

"The Home Missionary secretary should not be satisfied with simply taking orders the members may give for literature. Many of our church members have very few of our denominational papers and books. Some do not even possess the Testimonies or other volumes of Sister White's writings. The Review is missing in many homes. To be really intelligent concerning the message, our people should read and study for themselves. An active Home Missionary Secretary can accomplish great work by acquainting the church members with the various books which are published from time to time, and should study and employ the most tactful methods of presenting the literature, so as to create a strong desire to read and to have in their possession the literature described.

"The Home Missionary Secretary should receive all missionary collections taken at all home missionary meetings, including the home missionary collection taken on each first Sabbath in the month. The money thus received should be used to provide literature for missionary work, for postage, and other necessary expenses. If these collections do not bring in sufficient funds for the needs of the Home Missionary work of the church, an effort should be made to get the members to pledge a certain amount each week to the literature fund. Members may be encouraged to give a portion of the proceeds from the sale of magazines and books for this fund. A report of all receipts for the literature fund and payments from it should be made. At least once every quarter, a report should be made of the

receipts and expenditures of the literature fund.

**"Pay Bills to Conference Book and Bible House.** All statements for literature are sent direct from the Book and Bible House to the Home Missionary Secretary of the church, who should endeavor to make prompt payment for the same. The plan which we should constantly seek to follow is that of forwarding the necessary funds with all orders for literature to the Book and Bible House. This is the only wise policy to follow, and one which will enable the church to avoid the discouragement which follows the accumulation of debts to the Conference. **The account with the Book and Bible House should be paid by the church missionary secretary at the close of each month.** If there are not sufficient funds on hand, the missionary secretary should counsel with the church committee of the church, and proper provision should be made to avoid unnecessary accumulation of accounts with the Book and Bible House. **B. A. Scherr.**

## S. R. A. NEWS NOTES

Mr. W. I. Montanye, secretary of the Book and Bible House, was here last Thursday attending to business matters.

Florence Engeberg and Elvin Rasmussen of Kenmare arrived at the academy Sunday morning to take up school work.

Professor Thiel of Union College was with us last Friday and Sabbath. We appreciated his talks very much.

Professor H. J. Sheldon and Brother Harry Wentland spent the week-end with us. Professor Sheldon had charge of our Friday evening service.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnstone, former students of S. R. A., came last week to spend another school year with us.

Elder Jackson, President of the Philippine Union Mission, was a visitor at the academy this week. He gave a very interesting stereopticon lecture on our work in the Philippine Islands. On Thursday morning he spoke to the students during the chapel hour. We enjoyed his visit and talks very much. Elder Jackson was formerly president of the North Dakota Conference.



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## SUNSET TABLE

Sunset, Friday, November 6, 1925

MINNESOTA	Time
Austin .....	4:57
Minneapolis .....	4:55
Virginia .....	4:46
NORTH DAKOTA	
Jamestown .....	5:12
Minot .....	5:19
SOUTH DAKOTA	
Sioux Falls .....	5:12
Aberdeen .....	5:15
IOWA	
Osceola .....	5:06
Nevada .....	5:03
Spirit Lake .....	5:06

## Correction—

For every 12 miles west of the churches  
listed add one minute; for every 12 miles east  
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## UNION NOTE

Elder A. Grundset met with the be-  
lievers at Devils Lake, North Dakota,  
over the week-end. On his way up  
there he visited isolated Sabbath-keep-  
ers and intended to start the Harvest  
Ingathering work at Pembina before  
going back to Minneapolis.

The Pacific Press has sent out an  
announcement stating that the third  
edition of the Debates on Evolution  
has been sold, and that orders for this  
book cannot now be filled.

## HOME MISSIONARY DEPT.

Anol Grundset, Secretary.

## AN EARNEST APPEAL

The so-called National reformers  
have in a recent issue of the "Christ-  
ian Statesmen" launched a new cam-  
paign not only for the Bible in the  
Public schools but for what they term  
"The National Religion." In their ar-  
ticle is a clause which says that Sun-  
day is to be the Christian rest day en-  
forced by law.

We have been told that the powers  
of darkness are consolidating for the  
final struggle and how minutely we  
see its fulfilment. This ought to stir  
us to a most earnest endeavor to warn  
the reading public everywhere against  
being deceived and destroyed by such  
a legal religion labelled Christianity.  
It is only an human invention devoid  
of the Bible backing, the spirit, and  
example of Christ or the love and pow-  
er of the living God, whose love im-  
planted in the human heart will will-  
ingly and cheerfully serve its God  
without the aid of civil law.

"The people of our land need to be  
aroused to resist the advances of this  
most dangerous foe to civil and reli-  
gious liberty."

We have with us that precious ma-  
gazine Liberty, so ably edited by men  
of long experience in this particular  
phase of our great message. Dear  
reader, give it a wide circulation just  
now; church elders and leaders of  
companies see to it that every officer  
of the land, all county and city offi-  
cials (state officials and members of  
the House of Representatives are pro-  
vided for by State conferences), school  
superintendents, teachers, and lawyers  
in your communities are provided for  
and as many more as possible. The  
quarterly magazine in clubs of five or  
more sent to one address is only 25  
cents per year.

Earnestness should take hold of  
every church and company of believ-  
ers and isolated representatives to im-  
prove present opportunities to voice  
the great cause of religious liberty  
and give the Liberty magazine a wide  
circulation.

"The time is fast approaching when  
those who choose God rather than  
man, will be made to feel the hand of

oppression. While the Protestant  
world is by its attitude making con-  
cession to Rome, let us arouse to com-  
prehend the situation, and view the  
contest before us in its true bearings.  
Let the watchmen now lift up their  
voice and give the message which is  
present truth for this time."

Let us improve our days of precious  
liberty.  
Anol Grundset.

## HUTCHINSON SEMINARY NOTES

Sister Hopkins had the Juniors at  
her home Saturday evening October  
31st. Those present report that they  
were pleasantly entertained.

Brother J. S. Marshall, principal and  
business manager of the River Plate  
Academy, Argentina, South America,  
was a visitor at the school Sabbath  
and Sunday. We enjoyed his talks on  
the Sabbath very much, and were  
greatly interested in the pictures of  
the Argentinian school, its students,  
and its activities.

It is needless to say that we enjoyed  
Elder P. E. Brodersen's visit to our  
school. He has for many years been  
an active supporter of the Hutchinson  
Seminary, and although he as Vice-  
president of the South American  
Union is far away from us, he still  
remembers us and looks to this place  
for workers. May God grant that we  
can furnish the needed help when the  
calls come.

Professor Ledington, the Director  
of the Music Department meets with  
the Norwegian-Danish church in Min-  
neapolis every Thursday evening to  
instruct those who are interested, in  
learning how to sing. We hear that  
the instruction is enjoyed by all who  
take a part.

The students of the Seminary were  
pleasantly entertained Saturday even-  
ing, Oct. 10, by a stereopticon lecture  
given by Elder M. S. Reppe. Lantern  
slides of many very beautiful and pic-  
turesque scenes of the "land of the  
midnight sun" were shown. We were  
all being charmed by the beautiful  
scenes of Norway. Then we were sud-  
denly confronted by various scenes of  
our own institution here at home,  
when pictures of the Normal building,  
the school barn, etc., were thrown up-  
on the screen. Miss Rose Gislason  
sang a solo, and Mr. Pettis played a  
selection on the violin to vary the pro-  
gram.