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I Don't See —



LAST YEAR'S RECORDS

In the 1926 Harvest Ingathering effort we find that South Dakota lead the Union with a 7.32 per cent. per capita. Iowa held second place with a 5.71 per cent. per capita. Minnesota comes next with 5.55, and North Dakota follows with 4.81.

The total sum of \$52,320.68 was raised last year in our Union, and this helped to speed on the everlasting gospel.

We feel grateful for this sum, when we realize how many toiled perseveringly in sections of crop failures and amid other hindrances, and while some failed us in acting any part.

With brighter prospects for this year let ALL act a faithful part, sound a note of courage, doing your best.

WHAT WILL 1927 RECORDS BE? YOUR HELP OR FAILURE TO HELP WILL GIVE THE ANSWER

A WORTHY EXAMPLE

Before me is the photograph and records of a 13 year-old Alain Burkeman of the Minneapolis Swedish church (now living in New Mexico) who in the 1924 Harvest Ingathering effort at the age of 11 years gathered \$23.00 for missions. In the 1925 effort at the age of only 12 years she secured \$100.00, and in last years' 1926 endeavor, at the age of 13 years, brought in to the mission treasury \$150.00. Her earnestness and zeal inspired old and young and that church went considerably over its full goal of an average of \$10.00 for every member of the church, both present and absent, and her experience emphasizes the fact that where there is a will there can be made a way.

GO AND DO LIKEWISE.

Anol Grundset.
Union Home Missionary Sec'y.

OUR 1927 HARVEST INGATHERING

"The church of Christ on earth was organized for missionary purposes, and the Lord desires to see the entire church devising ways and means whereby high and low, rich and poor may hear the message of truth. Not all are called to personal labor in foreign fields, but all can do something." "There is something for everyone to do. Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place saying, 'Here am I, Send me!'" Vol. 6, pages 29, 49.

These familiar statements from the servant of the Lord come to my mind as we approach the beginning of another Harvest Ingathering effort, through which the missionary endeavor of the church is to find an avenue of activity.

There is no lasting revival in the church, that does not find corresponding activity in missionary endeavor among and for the people who need salvation. "The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ, they are under obligation to work for Him; and let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God. If set to work, the respondent will soon forget their despondency; the weak will become strong, the ignorant intelligent, and all will be prepared to present the truth as it is in Jesus." Vol. 6, page 49.

The reader will do well to analyze this remarkable paragraph. Note: The receivers of grace are "under obligation to work for Him." One cannot think intelligently concerning "obligation to work" and conclude himself honest in do-nothingness. No, all who have received the grace of Christ are under obligation; no exception to this rule. "All are to be taught how to work." Dear reader, are you a teacher? If so, are you teaching missionary activity and leading those whom you are teaching into fruitful fields of labor? "Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God." During our camp-meeting series, we listened to stirring messages, and our hearts have been cheered by the reports of those who have come into the faith the past year. Have we who have been instrumental in leading them to an acceptance of the truth, taught them their sacred obligations to work for Him?

And are we ready in this Harvest Ingathering opportunity to lead them forth into the activity this occasion provides?

We are instructed that "the very essence of all right faith is to do the right thing at the right time." Vol. 6, page 24. September 3 to October 15 is the time appointed for Harvest Ingathering. The "whole church" should so plan that during this time, this work would receive the full measure of effort expected of each one. Begin at the beginning; and ere the time expires, be finished, look upon a completed task, and be ready to enter whole-heartedly into the next endeavor; and thus go from effort to effort, gathering fruit for the Kingdom. For, spake Jesus, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." John 15:8.

May God inspire His church and lead her forth as a united body in the coming Harvest Ingathering effort for the support and extension of world-wide missions, is my earnest prayer.

Charles Thompson.

SUGGESTIONS

Before going out in the Harvest Ingathering effort, take time to pray for God's guidance and divine help.

Read the ingathering paper over carefully, acquainting yourself with its contents, so you will be able to refer to items desired when needed.

Study the 1927 instruction Leaflet. It contains much valuable help and information, also suggestive canvasses for those who desire such.

For convenience and success, carry your papers rolled or wrapped, overlapping each other about four inches, and taking next copy from center of roll.

As becoming a representative of Jesus Christ, let all solicitors be neat, though plainly dressed. In deportment and conversation sincere and helpful; in spirit earnest and hopeful. Your influence and words live on after you have gone.

Work in harmony with the organization of your conference and church. Do not enter others territory without permission from those in charge.

Meet the people with Christian courtesy, and even under adverse circumstances be cheerful and kind, becoming a representative of Him "who when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not, but submitted Himself to Him that judgeth righteously."

Approach business men with courage, confidence, and with faith in God.

We are reminded "According to your faith, be it unto you."

Better not interrupt a business man when he has a customer, for he may thereby lose a sale and you a donation.

Let your visits be short and pointed, not consuming much of the time of the one solicited; nor delay you in your work. If questions are asked never enter into arguments, but with a smile tell them you will be pleased to mail them a tract on the very subject, and at once request their name and address.

The importance of our endeavor and the magnitude of our work should inspire us to suggest at least a dollar donation from the common people and sums of \$5, \$10, and larger from business and professional people.

That every foreigner be given an ingathering paper in his desired tongue. If you have not the language at hand, secure his contribution, name and address and order the paper sent to him by mail later, but in such a case do not forget your promise.

Bring in to your church treasurers each Sabbath what money you have received during the week, whether large or small amounts. Your treasurer is requested to send each week a report of the whole church to his conference office. Leave behind you everywhere cheer and a friendly feeling. Always be liberal with a smile and a thank you.

Pray for the conversion of souls and plan to revisit homes that have shown special interest.

Anol Grundset.

AN APPEAL FROM IOWA

Last year 19 churches in Iowa made their full goal of \$10.00 per member for Harvest Ingathering. We hope to see this number doubled this year. The united efforts of ministers, church officers, and lay members can accomplish this.

Beginning with the 18th of September, we will have an Iowa home missionary bulletin or circular sent each week for seven weeks to the home missionary secretary. This should keep each church in touch with the progress made. This bulletin will give the amount raised each week and also the total to date. We are going to bend every energy this year to make \$20,000 in Harvest Ingathering for Iowa. By organization, coöperation, and the guidance of God, we can make our goal. If each one does his best, the task will be an easy one. Surely, when we look at it from the standpoint of 34 cents a day for six days a week for five weeks, it does

not seem to be a very large task. Many in Iowa have already made their individual goals. Let us go forward as one army organized to cover every part of Iowa and bring in the means for the finishing of the work of God. Arise and let us be working. Our brethren are already in the field. We appeal to every member in Iowa to help us finish the task allotted us.

V. G. Anderson.

A CALL TO VOLUNTEERS

When Abraham Lincoln issued a call for volunteers at the beginning of the Civil War the response was greatly in excess of the 75,000 that had been asked for. Thousands of young men sprang to arms and offered their lives in defense of the principles upon which the country had been founded.

We believe that there are hundreds of volunteers in South Dakota who stand ready to give their lives in service for their heavenly country.

The time is here when we should enlist in the special Harvest Ingathering campaign which is about to open. No doubt many of you have engaged in this splendid work each year and are only waiting for the time to come when you can begin again. Perhaps some of you have never tried it before. We hope to have every volunteer definitely enlisted in the campaign this year. Twenty thousand dollars is South Dakota's volunteer goal for missions and the most of this must be raised through the Harvest Ingathering. The individual goal for our senior members is ten dollars each. We are confident that all our missionary volunteers will spring into action when the call is sounded and do your part to help in this great world-wide undertaking.

We want to have reports from our societies frequently so that we can know what progress is being made. We hope our conference society members will also send us frequent reports. Let us encourage one another and "provoke one another to good works," by reporting often. The General Conference Department is counting you and they are asking for weekly reports.

I am sure that the South Dakota volunteers are going to storm the strongholds of the enemy and wrest from his grasp the "wealth of the gentiles" which individuals whose hearts are made willing by the spirit of God will contribute to this cause. "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in the pulling

down of strongholds." "Christ our mighty Captain leads against the foe." Come on volunteers, "let's go".

C. M. Babcock.

HARVEST INGATHERING

Our workers are taking hold with a will in the Harvest Ingathering work and it looks as though much more will be done this year than last. Our city churches are already in the midst of their campaign and not a few of our country churches are actively engaged. Some indeed have almost reached their goal. We trust and pray that all our workers and people will take hold and try to finish the work as soon as possible. We must leave no stone unturned to reach our goal this year.

M. L. Andreasen.

Harvest Ingathering Objectives for 1927

WORLD GOAL

\$1,250,000.00

INDIVIDUAL GOAL

Objective:

Souls won to Christ.

Service:

Ten hours, at least, of actual solicitation.

Financial:

Ten dollars, at least, for our world work.

Union H. M. Dept.

OUR FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HARVEST INGATHERING

In our morning worship at the office we are just now reading a few pages each morning from that wonderful little book "Steps to Christ", and the other day the following paragraphs from pages 85 and 86 deeply impressed me as applying very definitely to the Harvest Ingathering work in which we are so much interested at the present time and for the success of which we as a band of workers at the office unite in earnest prayer as we gather together for a few minutes each morning.

"The only way to grow in grace is to be disinterestedly doing the very work which Christ has enjoined upon us,—to engage, to the extent of our ability, in helping and blessing those who need the help we can give them. Strength comes by exercise; activity is the very condition of life. Those who endeavor to maintain Christian life by passively accepting the blessings that come through the means of grace, and doing nothing for Christ, are simply trying to live by eating without working. And in the spiritual as in the natural world, this always results in degeneration and decay. A man who would refuse to exercise his limbs would soon lose all power to use them. Thus the Christian who will not exercise his God-given powers, not only fails to grow up into Christ, but he loses the strength that he already had.

"The church of Christ is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. Its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. And the obligation rests upon all Christians. Everyone to the extent of his talent and opportunity, is to fulfill the Savior's commission. The love of Christ, revealed to us, makes us debtors to all who know Him not. God has given us light, not for ourselves alone, but to shed upon them.

"If the followers of Christ were awake to duty, there would be thousands where there is one today, proclaiming the gospel in heathen lands. And all who could not personally engage in the work, would yet sustain it with their means, their sympathy, and their prayers. And there would be far more earnest labor for souls in Christian countries.

"We need not go to heathen lands, or even leave the narrow circle of the home, if it is there that our duty lies, in order to work for Christ. We can do this in the home circle, in the church, among those with whom we associate, and with whom we do business."

The connection between this admonition and our Harvest Ingathering efforts is quite clear, is it not? And I have italicized a few words for additional emphasis. You will note that no exception is made for those who have no talents, because it is recognized that EVERY ONE has at least something in the way of a talent, and to the extent of that talent "is to fulfill the Savior's commission". If all will do their best with the Lord's help, even though their talents may be very limited, both their success as individuals and that of the campaign as a whole will be assured, for we cannot fail when Christ is our partner in

faithful service. As is generally known the individual goal is at least ten hours service and ten dollars or more raised for missions. Of course, some are so situated that they cannot conveniently do as much as that, but the great majority can if they will, and many can do more so as to bring up the average to that figure. The need for funds is greater than usual this year, so we must ALL coöperate to raise a larger amount for missions than ever before.

Sometimes people feel that we say too much about money for the support of the cause, but when the lack of it in the treasury becomes an important factor in the conditions which are delaying the work of God, then the leaders in that work would be remiss in their duty if they did not keep our people informed regarding it and put forth every reasonable effort to remedy the situation. It takes money to educate our young people for service in God's cause, but it is a "gilt-edged" investment rather than an expense; it takes money, too, for the transportation and support of our workers and missionaries, but by so investing it is the only way we can carry out the great commission given us by the Savior and hasten His coming, for "How shall they hear without a preacher And how shall they preach except they be sent?"

The facts and figures regarding the decrease in mission funds and tithe so far this year are presented elsewhere in this issue of the "Reaper". As the shortage and needs are made known, may the Lord impress each one of us with a true sense of our individual responsibility in the matter, and help us to be both diligent in our service and faithful in our stewardship for Him.

A. R. Smouse.

1927 HARVEST INGATHERING SPECIAL

The 1927 Harvest Ingathering Special may be had this year in twenty-two foreign languages as follows:

Bohemian, Dutch, German, Hungarian Polish, Rumanian, Serbian, Swedish, Yiddish, Chinese, French, Danish-Norwegian, Finnish, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Slovakian, Yiddish-English, Ukrainian (Ruthenian), Japanese, and Spanish.

This will make it possible for you to reach every foreigner in your community, speaking to them through this issue—to every man in his own tongue.

The beautiful ingathering special is laden with precious truth and stirring

experiences and examples of the saving power of God to lift the sincere and longing soul amid every nation from a state of sin and wrong doing to victory and fellowship with Jesus.

Give a paper to all who especially desire a copy, though they are not able to contribute, asking them to remember our cause next year. The papers will acquaint them with our world work and prepare them for a part in next year's endeavor.

Pray that these messengers of hope and salvation left with the people may bring conviction, forgiveness and peace to some burdened lost soul.

Remember the foreigners in your neighborhood. Anol Grundset.

HARVEST INGATHERING

The time for the Harvest Ingathering campaign is rapidly approaching. Our Home Missionary secretary has been extremely busy in promoting the campaign in various ways. We realize that it is utterly impossible for Brother Oss or anyone else to make the campaign a success. It requires the united efforts of the entire constituency of the South Dakota Conference. Every member ought to get under the burden and shoulder the responsibilities connected with the work. The Lord has given talents to everyone of His servants and He desires that they make use of them. The cause needs your coöperation and efforts. The good Lord is counting on you, Brethren and Sisters scattered throughout the conference, to do your part. Do not depend upon a minister to come and do the work for you. If you do, you will lose the blessing that you might have if you ventured out alone to solicit your neighbors and friends in behalf of God's great work.

We are very anxious to make our financial goal this year. The Lord has abundantly blessed us with good crops. Let us therefore be zealous for the Master and show our faith by our activities for the finishing of God's work in the earth. We have passed through trying circumstances the past year. Money was scarce, but since the Lord opened the windows of heaven and poured us out a blessing, let us change the song of "hard times." We have crossed the Red sea, as it were, and may now sing the song of victory. Many pocket books have been affected because of the song of "hard times", and unless we unite our voices and hearts with the liberal givers, our pocket books cannot be healed of the dreadful disease. Let us honor the Lord with our substance

and with the first fruits of all our increase.

There is only one Harvest Ingathering financial goal, and that is the individual goal of \$10 per member. Trust that as members of the church and body of Christ, we will give careful study to this matter individually and be determined to raise at least \$10. There are those that will raise as much as \$100 or \$500, but we trust that every member of the South Dakota Conference will be greatly concerned to raise at least \$10. May we not depend upon you, Brethren and Sisters, to do that? Do not leave it to the church elder nor to any of the other church officers but shoulder the responsibility and pledge yourself to raise that amount, and I am sure the Lord will add His blessing to your efforts and will give you favor in the eyes of those with whom you labor. If it is not possible for you to raise the ten dollars in one day, surely the six-week period ought to give you time enough to raise that amount. It requires only \$1.67 each week or 24 cents every day, 12 cents in the morning and 12 cents in the afternoon. Who among our membership cannot do that? Ought it not be easy for any member to raise that amount. If we determine by the grace of God and pledge ourselves unreservedly to this work we may expect that the Lord will add His blessing and give us the very things that we are laboring for. May God bless you all in your endeavor for Him.

E. H. Oswald.

HERE ARE THE FACTS

It takes money to run missions.

Elder Shaw reports a falling off from last year; something must be done.

The remedy is within our grasp.

The Harvest Ingathering date is September 3 to October 15.

The campaign challenges 1374 members in South Dakota.

The goal for each is an average of ten dollars. That is but \$1.67 a week for six weeks. It has been and can be done in South Dakota.

The crop conditions are better than a year ago.

People are in better spirits. Many are more able to give.

Very careful plans of organization are being laid.

We have been promised the Union and General Conference assistance.

The Conference goal is \$13,740,000. We absolutely plan to reach it.

The King's business merits first place.

The enemy will try to weaken our determination, but the sincere prayer of the weakest saint will drive him away.

We will have to stick when the going is hard. Lindbergh did.

Reaching the goal means that you take this campaign serious.

We are counting on every man and woman, boy and girl to do his or her duty.

The missionary volunteers are going to give us a big lift.

The campaign depends on you.

Your dependence is on the Lord.

Euthusiasm is catchy. Your efforts will encourage others.

Work and let us know the results at the Watertown office without delay. Brothers and Sisters, suppose that the missionaries and their work depended entirely on you. Could you rest until you had done your very best? Could anyone possibly ignore these calls? You know we could not, we must not, we will not. Let there be a mighty effort all along the line this year.

Only about 50 per cent. worked last year. Let us make first things first and begin the program with "every one win one." In other words, encourage and actually help those who have not been out until they are added with the rest of us. 100 per cent. at work means an over-flowing goal. There is no question about that. Let us talk courage, pray and work. Order your supplies at once. Remember, that we will be glad to hear from you as to your success. **Gordon Oss.**

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THE CAMPAIGN FOR S. R. A. DORMITORY FUND

The work on the two dormitories is moving on as well as could be expected and as it is the policy to put up these buildings on a cash policy, therefore the campaign for raising the necessary funds must not linger. I have visited a number of churches since the last report was sent to the Reaper and feel very much encouraged by the way our people respond. It certainly is as large if not the largest enterprise this conference ever undertook, but as long as we stand unit-

ed and all rally to the work, it can be done successfully and without too much sacrifice for anyone. Following is another list of cash donations and pledges from two churches to this worthy cause:

KULM CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. John Brost	\$ 175.00
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller, Jr.	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Knopp	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Mattheis	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. David Gross	75.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Schlenker	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Patzer	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Mueller	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schimke	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Henneberg	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Miller	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Roehl	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Irion, Jr.	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Steinwand	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reinke	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kuest	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Biglau	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. John P. Anderst	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Emil A. Miller	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Roehl	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bossert	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Schweigert	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Hasz	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Schweitz	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. David Schimke	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. August Hilscher	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Maier	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Steinmetz	10.00
Mrs. Rosina Knopp	5.00
Mr. H. Heil	5.00
Mr. H. Hilscher	5.00
Mr. Reinhold Quast	5.00
Mr. Gottfried Quast	5.00
Mr. Sam. J. Helfenstein	3.00
Mr. David Tauffest	2.00
Total:	1240.00

DENHOFF CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vietz, Sr.	\$ 30.00
Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Gillig	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gesele	30.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Miller	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Adam Heitzmann	20.00
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Schindler	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gillig	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Vietz	15.00
Mr. and Mrs. John Koch	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Heitzmann	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wacker	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vietz, Jr.	10.00
Mr. Benjamin Vietz	10.00
Mr. Otto Benke	10.00
Mr. Fred Vietz	5.00
Emma Heitzmann	5.00
H. F. Heitzmann	5.00
Simon Koch	5.00
Jacob Wentz	5.00
Fred Gillig	5.00
Fred Schindler	5.00
Joseph Schmitke	5.00
Gust Reinke	5.00
Bertha Wacker	5.00
Michael Hins	5.00
Martha Gesele	3.00
Total:	\$313.00
Also one sheep.	

We are certainly glad for this hearty response. Other lists will follow as soon as possible. May the Lord bless all the donors and help those who pledged certain amounts to meet them when due. Every member in the North Dakota Conference will be called upon to have a part in this good work to provide suitable homes for the young people who attend S. R. A.

H. Meyer.

ASSIGNMENT FOR THE 1927 HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

We submit herewith an outline of the Harvest Ingathering territory for the North Dakota Conference for the coming campaign. Churches in the cities should start as early as possible. The last part of August or the first of September is the best time. This will put you ahead of the other drives. The papers and material for the campaign are already in the churches. If you have been overlooked in any way please write to the office. We want to ask the Home Missionary secretaries and leaders to keep this Reaper for reference. We will write more in detail later. We are also planning on sending a worker to help the churches throughout the state. Do not canvass any business portions until you write to the office for information. The territory for the workers will be sent to them direct.

We trust that every Adventist will do his part this year. Do not be a shirker, but a worker.

Beach, L., E. D. Heaton, T., all of Golden Valley County.

Bismarck, L., Elder F. F. Schwindt, asst's, Samuel Reile and Rankin Wentland; T., cities of Bismarck, Mandan, and suburbs.

Bowdon, L., Daniel Bietz, asst. L., A. L. Buchmiller, T., Buffalo, Antelope, Haaland, Speedwell, Sykeston, Bilodeaux, Eureka, Silver Lake, Lincoln, Grant, Johnson, and Nawksnes townships in Wells County; all of Foster County except city of Carrington.

Bowdon Village,—To co-operate with Bowdon in working suburbs of Bowdon.

Bowesmont, L., Christ Juhl; T., Pembina County.

Braddock Company, L., Mrs. R. J. Elliott; T., Braddock and Steele and territory between.

Burt, L., Henry Leno; asst., Jacob Mehrer; T., anywhere in the eastern half of Hettinger County except the city of Mott and in Grant County except the cities of Heart, Lark, and Carl.

Cathay, L., Andrew Dietz; T., Cathay and suburbs.

Cleveland, L., Fred Reile, L.; T., City of Cleveland and suburbs.

Crosby Company, L., C. E. Rentfro; asst., Gustav Engevik; T., Crosby and suburbs.

Dale Company, L., Mrs. G. L. Acheson; T., From Pollock to Dale.

Deisem, L., Mrs. Thom; T., LaMoure County all but two townships in S. W. corner.

Denhoff, L., Jacob Vietz; asst., Mrs. Sam Vietz, Jr.; T., S. W. part of Sheridan County, south of the N. P. R. R.

Devils Lake, L., Dr. H. G. Romig; Asst., Mrs. H. L. Sorenson; T., Devils Lake and suburbs.

Dickenson, L., Samuel Reile; T., Dickenson and suburbs.

Dogden, L., S. A. Jockoshen; T., Dogden and suburbs.

Dogden Butte, L., J. C. Michalenko; T., around Bolfour and Bergen.

Driscoll, —L., Mrs. J. E. Sharp; T., between towns of Wing and Driscoll.

Dunn Center, —L., W. O. Johnson; asst., Hannah Christensen; T., all of Dunn County except Halliday, Killdeer and Dodge.

Fargo, —L., A. A. Carscallen; asst., Mrs. B. Bunnell; T., Fargo and suburbs.

Gackle, —L., Gottlieb Lang; asst., L. John Heinrich; T., N. E. half of Logan County.

Golden Valley, —L., Adam Seidel; T., all of Mercer County with cities of Halliday and Dodge.

Goodrich, —L., P. J. Schmidt; asst., Dan C. Leer and J. Hartman; T., S. E. Half of Sheridan County and Hardsfield.

Grand Forks, —L., Mrs. B. Bunnell; T., Grand Forks and suburbs.

Great Stone, —L., John C. Michalenko; T., to be decided on by J. C. Michalenko and the church.

Harvey, —L., Ludwig Kafton; asst., Mrs. Hugo Eberlain; T., Harvey and suburbs.

Hazleton, —L., Simon Opp Jr.; T., No. Half of Emmons County.

Heart, —L., Wilbur Rupert; T., around towns of Almont, Lark and Carl.

Jamestown English, —L., B. A. Scherr; asst., W. I. Montanye; T., To co-operate with the Jamestown German church in working city of Jamestown, and suburbs.

Jamestown German, —L., Jacob Krein; asst., Rudolph Fox; T., to co-operate with Jamestown English church in working city of Jamestown and suburbs.

Kenmare, —L., Carl Adamson; T., City of Kenmare and suburbs and between Bowbells and Kenmare.

Kief, —L., John C. Michalenko; T., around the town of Kief.

Killdeer, —L., Nick Tkachenko; T., So. part of McKenzie County and territory as far and including Killdeer.

Kulm, —L., Michael Miller; asst., Jacob Schimke and J. Schweigert; T., all of Dickey county and two townships in S. W. corner of La Moure County.

Lehr, —L., Valentine Zimmerman; T., all of McIntosh County.

Leonard, —L., Mrs. Minnie Olson; T., around Leonard.

Lincoln Valley, —L., Jacob Miller; asst., C. C. Baumbach; T., N. E. half of Sheridan County.

Lucca, —L., Herman Kurtz; T., around towns of Fingal, Lucca and Nome.

Makoti, —L., John G. Michalenko.

McClusky, —L., John Schmidt; asst., Jacob Axt; T., N. W. half of Sheridan County N. of the N. P. R. R.

Manfred, —L., Jacob Wagner; asst., Wm. H. Miller; T., Wells County between the Turtle Lake Branch and the Soo Line. Not around Cathay.

Medina, —L., Gottlieb Schelske; asst., Jacob Reile; T., S. W. part of Stutsman County, but not the town of Cleveland and suburbs. As far north as the Pingree branch. Also towns along the N. P. R. R. from Medina to Steele.

Minot, —L., Mrs. Strand; asst., a conference worker; T., city of Minot and vicinity.

Mohall, —L., J. A. Larson; T., Mohall and vicinity.

Mott, —L., Otto Christensen; T., of Mott and Wautrous and vicinity.

Napoleon, —L., Christian Flemmer; asst., John K. Flemmer; T., Western half of Logan County.

Neewhome, —L., Mrs. William Voth; asst., Henry Wedel; T., Northern half of Stutsman County and city of Carrington. Nothing below Pingree Wilton Branch.

Palermo-Stanley Co., —L., G. W. Fowler; T., N. part of Mountrail County.

Pettibone, —L., Wm. Hinger; T., N. E. Corner of Kidder County.

Pleasant Valley, —L., Wm. Billoff; asst., Adolph Huff; T., to co-operate with the Newhome church in working their territory.

Robinson, —L., John Schumacher; T., N. W. corner of Kidder County.

Rock Lake, —L., Mrs. Florence Leas; asst., Charles Keeney; T., anywhere in Cavalier County.

Sheyenne, —L., C. H. Reiswig; asst., Wm. Schild; T., eight townships in northern part of Sheridan County and four townships in the S. E. part of McHenry County.

S. R. Academy, —L., Professor Newman; asst., Professor Berthelson; T., all of McHenry county north of the Soo Line, all of Pierce County, and all of Benson County.

Streeter, —L., John B. Miller; asst., Carl Leno and Christian Kaiser; T., all of Kidder County and Stutsman County, below main line of N. P. R. R.

Taylor, —L., R. C. Hettenbaugh; asst., Mrs. Ben Fischer; T., Starck County around Taylor.

Turtle Lake, —L., John Walcker; T., part of McLean, all but Wilton.

Turtle Mountain, —L., Mrs. H. Warnecke; T., Bottineau and Turtle Mountains.

Valley City, —L., George Miller; T., Valley City and suburbs.

Watford City church, —L., A. W. Van Allen, T., Northern half of McKenzie County.

Walhalla, —L., J. J. Olfert; T., Walhalla and suburbs.

Wheelock, —L., Mrs. Leonard I. Hilde; asst., Mrs. Eline Hilde; T., Wheelock and surrounding territory.

Wildrose, —L., Mrs. Anna Palmer; T., Wildrose and suburbs.

Williston, —L., M. Baybarz; T., Williston and Bainville, and surrounding territory.

Woodworth, —L., Jacob Beck; T., city of Woodworth and suburbs.

B. A. Scherr,

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EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CORNER

Harvest Ingathering time is almost here and we are counting on every missionary volunteer to do their full part in this work. If you do not have

much to give during the year, here is an opportunity to help to provide the means to finish the work in all the world and bring an end to the history of sin.

Eight volunteer reports for the month of July are in at this writing. Is your society one of these that have reported? Ask your secretary.

We were pleased to find that seventeen societies had reported for June. That is a good percentage, but why not all?

Definite plans are being laid for the conducting of schools at Aberdeen, Huron, Sioux Falls, Hot Springs, Rapid City, Redfield, and Spearfish. The Spearfish school will be the infant this year. It is possible that Leola may come in with a full grown school.

It is almost time for the opening of another school year. We trust that every school board is making the needed preparation for a successful opening. Much depends upon a good start.

The Aberdeen volunteers are finding plenty of opportunity to do missionary work in the distribution of announcements and literature in connection with the tent effort. No doubt, that is equally true at Sioux Falls and Spearfish.

Chamberlain came in on the June report with their usual large donation for missions. We regret that Bowdle missed out in that month, but we were glad to find them back again stronger than ever in July. We appreciate the loyal support of these two societies in our great mission program.

One secretary was faithful to her task. She sent in her report although not one item of missionary work appeared on it. Has it occurred to you that our volunteer secretaries can only report to the department the missionary work reported to them? How about your individual report?

"A Junior Atheistic League" is the latest development in the 4 A's movement. If you are a parent don't take any sleeping powders and imagine that the children of the grades in the public school are going to escape the pernicious influences of this movement.

We want to congratulate our Madison society on their success in keep-

ing on the 100 per cent. reporting list. We believe Madison will get a banner this year. There is another way to get a banner and that is to have the highest average per member in all volunteer activities. Some society will win a banner this way. Will yours?

JUNIOR JOTTINGS

You juniors should have seen the smile on your secretary's face a few days ago when he found that the juniors had distributed 610 magazines for June and the seniors only 410. We hope our seniors will take notice.

Just think! Almost all of those 610 papers and magazines were distributed by Sioux Falls, Huron, and Madison. Isn't it too bad that all our juniors are not doing as well? Suppose everyone of you plan how you can do something for Jesus this month and see what a report we can roll up.

How are you getting on with your Reading Course books. I hope every junior is going to finish his books and get his certificate early. The junior and primary books are nearly all gone. If you don't have a set, you had better get them soon.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder E. H. Oswald spent Sabbath, August 20, with the Yankton church.

The orders for Harvest Ingathering papers keep coming. Have you placed yours?

The Book and Bible House is having a busy time filling orders for the colporteurs. Many will be delivering soon.

South Dakota's Harvest Ingathering goal is \$13,740.00, an average of \$10.00 per church member.

Elder and Sister Gordon Oss's infant child underwent an operation at the Luther hospital Friday morning, August 19. At this writing, the child is getting along as well as could be expected.

The school board met at the academy August 18. At this meeting Mrs. G. G. Dollinger was elected as matron to take the place of Mrs. Chapman. Brother and Sister Chapman have accepted a call to connect with the work at Costa Rica. We regret

very much to see them leave our school and conference but we are glad that we have people who can answer calls from the mission fields.

Brother and Sister Rollin Nesmith have packed their belongings and will get ready to move to College View, Nebraska, where Brother Nesmith will teach at the college academy this coming year. Friends will be glad to know that Sister Nesmith is much improved in health.

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THE MIDDLE RIVER MEETING

Attention is again called to the meeting that will be held at Middle River, September 1-4. The first meeting will be Thursday night and then there will be meetings over Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday, practically all day each day. We expect to have Elder Thompson with us and also other workers. All the neighboring churches are invited to come in and meet with us. There will be a building in which those who bring their own bedding can be provided for. We trust and hope that the Lord will give us a good meeting in every respect.

M. L. Andreasen.

THE MINNEAPOLIS NORWEGIAN-DANISH EFFORT

We are glad to report a growing interest at the tabernacle near Seven Corners in Minneapolis. Although the attendance is necessarily limited, since all our meetings are held in the Scandinavian language with the exception of Thursday nights, yet the interest is gratifying. Sunday evening meetings are especially well attended. On the Sunday evening of August 14th every seat was filled with still quite a number standing outside. One very interesting feature of this effort is the

Saturday night meetings which are held just outside the tabernacle. Stereopticon views are thrown against the side of the tabernacle, which can be seen from Cedar Avenue. Although another street meeting is held at the same time within a stones throw, we are glad to say that somehow the crowd it attracted our way. Thus far, Elder Halsvick has presented only those subjects which do not tend to excite prejudice. In a week or so, some of the more testing truths of this message will be presented. Elder Halsvick and his coworkers ask the prayers of the "Reaper" family that the hearts of these people may be opened to receive the truths for this time.

Lawrence W. Fuller.

ANOTHER BAPTISM AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Another baptism was performed by the writer on Sabbath, August 13, in the Woodland Park Baptist church as a result of the winter effort. Five more were immersed, making in all 160. This together with the twenty-five children that have come into the Sabbath-school make about 185. In fact, we have doubled our resident membership as a result of the public effort, and we feel to thank the Lord for the increase. We also have had a liberal response on the part of the new believers in the matter of tithes and offerings and many of them are taking hold splendidly in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

We are very reluctant to leave all these new people who have naturally become dear to us but the call to conduct another such series of lectures in Des Moines, Iowa, has made it imperative for us to sacrifice our own personal feelings so as to give the message to others. We wish to thank the members of the St. Paul church, both the old and new, for the splendid recognition of their pastor in the large farewell gathering accorded him and his family. Also for the splendid gift which represents not just merely the value of the gift itself but the kind wishes and love of the members. We believe, however, that these new believers have not been converted to the pastor but rather to the truth that was preached and we sincerely hope that they will all remain faithful and give the same hearty support to Elder Miller who succeeds the writer in this city.

Kindly address all correspondence to the writer or family to 3315 6th Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

F. W. Johnston.

EDUCATION OR REDEMPTION Which is of the Greater Importance?

On page thirty in the book "Education" the Spirit of Prophecy makes this statement, "In the highest sense, the work of education and the work of Redemption are one."

Therefore when we are considering the question of education we are actually considering the question of redemption. Do we really realize that? and if so, are we acting accordingly? If our schools were established for our young people should we not make sure that our young people are in them?

We cannot here speak of the forces that are at work endeavoring to attract the attentions of our boys and girls from God to the things of this world. If ever it was important that our young people attend our schools it is thrice more important that they attend them now.

Recognizing these conditions in the world and in their endeavor to cope with them, the Minnesota Conference in their conference session during our last camp-meeting passed the following resolution:

"In view of the present organized forces for the advancement of atheism that are coming into our high schools throughout the land, and the prevalent tendency toward godlessness, and whereas a more determined effort must be put forth to save our youth, we hereby,

"Recommend, that all the laity and the workers join with the parents in a united effort to urge our children to attend church schools wherever operated and that we urge and encourage all our young people of academic grades to attend our conference academy."

Are we going to heed the call Next year it may be too late. As parents let us first make sure that our boy or our girl is at Maplewood and then should we not urge others to attend?

Maplewood extends her invitation to you. If you have any problems, write us about them that we may help you.

Alvin W. Johnson.

OUR TITHE AND MISSION FUNDS

During the first 7 months of last year our tithe receipts were almost the same as for the corresponding period of the previous year, but, after that they declined sharply for each of the remaining months except December, evidently due to the drought and crop failure through a large portion of our territory. The decline con-

tinued during the first six months of this year as previously reported, but in spite of the fact that a number of the treasurers' remittances for July from even some of the larger churches came in late, the tithe receipts for that month showed an encouraging increase which we trust will continue throughout the remainder of the year so as to enable us to carry on our evangelistic work without being seriously handicapped for lack of funds. With the improved crop prospects this year we hope to be able to replace at least a portion of our reserve upon which we had to draw so heavily following the sharp decline in the tithe income last year.

As you will doubtless remember, our mission offerings showed an excellent gain for each of the first seven months last year except February, so that at the close of July the receipts had increased 15 per cent. over those of the previous year, while the tithe showed a small decline. This year for some reason or reasons which it is difficult to understand, the records show a loss in mission funds for every month except February, just the reverse of last year, until for the first seven months there has been a loss of almost 12 per cent., which puts us back about where we were at this time in 1925. The decline in the Midsummer Offering this year is responsible for a large portion of this loss, as for June and July last year it amounted to \$2130.73 while this year it was only \$777.15. A year ago the General Conference at Milwaukee added greatly to the interest in the Midsummer Offering but it is a disappointment indeed for it to decrease so much this year. The loss in mission funds so far this year has been \$3605.95 which is just a little more than a dollar per member for our conference. If each member would add an extra dollar for missions this month and some put in an additional \$5, \$10, or \$100 would it not be a comparatively easy matter to retrieve this loss? How many will help to do it? The report for August will show to what extent it has been accomplished.

Then the Harvest Ingathering is another way in which we may all help raise for missions what we are unable to give ourselves. We should not think of it as taking the place of what we can give, but as an additional source of increase for the funds so much needed to sustain our faithful missionaries in the foreign fields. May the Lord inspire our hearts with greater zeal and richly bless our efforts as we rally to their support.

A. R. Smouse, Treas.

MAPLEWOOD NEWS NOTES

Willard Engen called at the school while passing through this way.

The farm has been making good use of the dry weather that we have been having by putting up a great deal of hay. The school has a splendid supply of alfalfa. Brother Merickel and the boys have been kept very busy.

Melvin Emmerson, class of '27, and who has been working on the school farm, is at present visiting his folks at Detroit Lakes. In a short time Melvin will be leaving for Walla Walla, Washington, where he will be attending college the coming year.

So as to be sure not to be late for school Miss Mildred Engle, of New York Mills, joined us last week. Her help will be greatly appreciated, for we can assure you that all are busy getting things ready for the opening of school.

Marie Sandvik spent the week-end with us. She is another one of Maplewood's students who is out in the colporteur field. Marie is meeting with success in her work, having already sold over \$500.00 worth of books, which is quite remarkable for the short time that she has been in the field.

NOTICE!

Union Sabbath services will be held at the tent at Pelikan Rapids on August 27. Sabbath-school at 10:30 a. m., preaching following. Afternoon services at 2:30, and also in the evening. Elder Andreasen will be there and other workers. We hope that a large number of the brethren living in the vicinity of Pelikan Rapids will make a special effort to be present at this special meeting. All are cordially invited. Bring a lunch with you, and stay as long as you can.

O. Christensen.

MINNESOTA ITEMS

Elder Andreasen conducted a baptismal service at Staples on Sabbath, August 13, there being four at that place who desired baptism.

The most of the conference laborers who are not connected with tent or hall efforts, are working now in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering. Elder Yost sends in an encouraging report from where he is working in the

southern part of the state. At Wells Sister Rockwell assisted him in soliciting the business men who responded with more than \$40 as the result of about four hours work. This was about one-third more than they contributed last year. The Fairmont company had almost reached their goal, and he planned to assist the church at Mankato in their field day on Sunday and Monday of this week.

Elder Haysmer reports good meetings with our people. He finds an excellent interest in the Harvest Ingathering work while on a trip in the northern part of the state.

Brother Odegaard was assisting colporteurs last week in the vicinity of New York Mills and expected to be with those working near Chokio next week. He has also been visiting some of the churches over the week-ends in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering work.

Miss Minnie A. Peterson, of Grove City, but who was teaching near Opstead during the past school year, made a pleasant call at the office on Monday of last week. She expects to teach near Walnut Grove in the southwestern part of the state, during the next school year.

Elder Andreasen was away from the office nearly all of last week, leaving the early part of the week to visit the theatre effort conducted at Pipestone by Elder Dirksen and his associates, then the tent effort being held at Pelican Rapids by Elder O. Christensen, after which he planned to visit in company with Elder Aug. S. Anderson some of the churches and companies of believers in the territory where Elder Anderson has been laboring.

Elder Rulkoetter is on a trip through the northern part of the state in the interests of Maplewood and the young people who should attend there during the coming school year. If you know of any young man or woman who should desire to attend Maplewood this year please send the name and address to Professor A. W. Johnston at once so that he or Elder Rulkoetter may get in touch with him immediately.

Sister H. M. Hiatt sends in a good Harvest Ingathering report from Anoka. She says the business men there are contributing liberally this year; she received \$50 from them as the result of about six hours work one day. They seemed more friendly toward

our work than ever before which, of course, we greatly appreciate. She gives a receipt from a Harvest Ingathering receipt book to each business man and feels that it adds to the prestige of the campaign. We have on hand at the office a supply of these receipt books from which we will be glad to furnish those who wish to use them for receipting contributions from business men.

Several of the brethren who recently accepted the truth as the result of the St. Paul effort have lost their positions on account of keeping the Sabbath. Of course, we would like to help them find work, if we can, as they need it. They are willing to do almost any honest work in order to make a living and if any of the "Reaper" family know of an opening where one or more of these brethren might secure work, will you please write to the office and tell us about it. One of them is experienced as a stationary engineer or fireman and wishes to secure that kind of work, if possible.

Our supply of Harvest Ingathering instruction leaflets was exhausted in an effort to supply some churches which for some reason did not receive those ordered to them, and on ordering more from Washington we have been informed that the supply there has also been exhausted, so if any of the churches have more than they need we will appreciate it if they will return them to this office. We were able to secure more solicitor's cards so can supply them for any who need them. We have also ordered more of the duplex envelopes for solicitation by correspondence, and hope to have them in a few days for those who desire more of them. They are furnished free to those who will use them as are all other Harvest Ingathering supplies.

Orders have now been received for about 40,000 of the tract "Prophecy the Bible's Acid Test", on which a very special price of \$2.00 per thousand was made so that they might be used extensively in the Harvest Ingathering work, leaving one in every home whether or not a contribution is given for missions. Twenty thousand of these were first ordered but they went so quickly that another order for a similar number was sent in to the publishers. They had not yet been received when this was written, but were expected very soon so as to fill the orders for them which had to be held a few days. Ten thousand more were still later ordered from the pub-

lishers, and we look for them within a short time. These 50,000 tracts being placed in that many homes should certainly find a goodly number of those who are honest in heart. The imprint of the Book and Bible House is given on the back of each tract together with a list of other good tracts. It is the plan for the names of interested parties to be referred back to the local churches to follow up, and we trust that this effort will greatly increase the number of those brought to a saving knowledge of the truth in the homeland through the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

An intensely interesting little four page leaflet entitled "From 'Devil Man' to Christian Evangelist" has been printed by the General Conference home missionary department and sent out for free distribution in connection with the Harvest Ingathering campaign. It is somewhat similar to the leaflet regarding Ratu Meli which was issued last year, and tells the marvelous story of Pana, a native of the Solomon Islands, who, before his conversion was a "Devil Man". It will undoubtedly help to arouse the interest of many in the wonderful work accomplished by our missionaries, who are supported partially by the Harvest Ingathering contributions. A supply of these has been sent to each church elder and leader for distribution among the members who will use them, and others may be secured free from the office until the stock is exhausted.

On Sunday night of last week a very pleasant social gathering was held by the St. Paul English church at the council chamber of the court house as a farewell in honor of Elder F. W. Johnston and family who were leaving on Monday for their new field of labor at Des Moines, Iowa, and also as a reception for Elder C. H. Miller, who is succeeding Elder Johnston as pastor of the St. Paul English church. A varied program of musical numbers and readings was rendered, at the close of which Elder Johnston and family were presented with a liberal purse voluntarily made up by the members and friends of the St. Paul church as a token of their esteem and appreciation. The efforts of Elder Johnston and his collaborators in St. Paul have been greatly appreciated, and we regret very much to lose him from our corps of laborers. We feel sure that the prayers and best wishes of their many friends here, and especially of the large number they were instrumental in bringing to a

knowledge of the truth, will accompany them as they take up work in another field. We hope that at some time in the not far distant future we may be privileged to have them with us again for another such effort as that conducted in St. Paul, from the result of which there were 160 baptized there.

1926 REPORT OF THE HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

To the delegates, brethren and sisters of the Minnesota Conference:

We are again reminded that probationary time is fast passing into eternity, and the time left for carrying this last message of mercy to our relatives, friends, neighbors, and the world, is one year less than when we met here in our last conference session. This last year has been one fraught with the rapid fulfillment of special signs that show that the end is very near. It has been a year that stands out above any previous year of earthquakes, storms, fires, droughts, floods, and terrible disasters, and the first half of 1927 is more than keeping pace with 1926. All this is what we might expect. I read the following extracts from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White. "Evidences are multiplying on every hand that the plan of salvation is about to close. . . . The fast-fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. . . . Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. . . . The tempest is coming and we must get ready for its fury. . . . We shall see troubles on all sides. . . . The end is near, probation is closing. . . . The time is nearing when the great crisis in the history of the world will have come. . . . In quick succession the judgements of God will follow one another, —fire and flood and earthquake, with war and bloodshed. . . . Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations,—troubles that will not cease until Jesus comes. . . . The judgements of God are in the land. . . . We have no time to lose. . . . The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances. . . . It will be more difficult than we can imagine. . . . We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in the ag-

gressive warfare. . . . The members of the church will individually be tested and proved. They will be placed in circumstances where they will be forced to bear witness for the truth." To me these statements speak in no uncertain tones to the church today, admonishing us as in the language of the apostle, "Live thus, realizing the situation, that it is now high time to arouse yourselves from sleep; for our salvation is now nearer than when we first became believers. The night is far advanced; day is about to dawn."

When we realize the great work yet to be done to enlighten the world, and the great responsibility that rests upon every believer in the finishing of this work, it should cause us all to awake and reconsecrate ourselves to the task assigned us by our Master. Again I quote, "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fullness and His sufficiency." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," are spoken to each one of Christ's followers. All who are ordained into the life of Christ are ordained to work for the salvation of their fellow men. . . . All upon whom God's blessings have been bestowed are to respond by actual service; every gift is to be employed for the advancement of His Kingdom." "The real character of the church is measured; not by the high profession she makes, nor by the names enrolled upon the church book, but by what she is actually doing for the Master, by the number of her persevering faithful workers." Again I read, "A distinct work is assigned to every Christian." "God requires every one to be a worker in His vineyard. You are to take up the work that has been placed in your charge, and do it faithfully." "Every true disciple is born into the Kingdom of God as a missionary." "God expects service from every one to whom He has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." "Christ commits to His followers an individual work,—a work that cannot be done by proxy." "To every one work has been allotted, and no one can be a substitute for another." "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." "We should all be workers together with God. No idlers are acknowledged as His servants." "Every soul whom Christ has received is called to work in His name for the

saving of the lost. This work had been neglected in Israel. Is it not neglected today by those who profess to be Christ's followers?" "We are not as Christians, doing one-twentieth part that we might do in winning souls to Christ." Review and Herald, Aug. 23, 1881.

This last statement was written 46 years ago. But is it not altogether too true today? In looking over our missionary reports for 1926 I find that an average of only 511 out of a membership of over 3,200, reported any missionary work for 1926. Only about one in six of the church members reported as having done any work for their Master. This does not seem possible, and I presume that some who did not report did something, but we have no record that they did. But this is not all, some that did report have done but very little in real active practical missionary work. On the other hand, some have been very faithful in doing what they could to advance the message they dearly love. 12,989 missionary visits were made, an average of about 36 visits every day during the year. An average of 46 have engaged in giving Bible readings, giving 2,624 during the year or over 50 each week. An average of 98 have been doing medical missionary or Christian help work, spending 26,484 hours, or 2,648 (10 hour) days, or over seven years spent in this practical line of work. 2,361 treatments have been given. Approximate value of food and fuel given to the needy was \$2,049.40. Articles of clothing given away 7,251. Boquets given to the sick 1,171. An average of 226 have engaged in the distribution of our gospel-filled literature; 101,355 papers and magazines were distributed. 28,177 tracts given away; 7,019 books sold and loaned, 3,592 subscriptions taken for our periodicals; 4,859 missionary letters written, and 1,745 replies received.

This report includes what has been done for the real foreigners in our midst. The reports show that 25 were added to the church as the direct result of the work done by the lay members. Of the 75 churches and companies nine failed to send in any report; the average was only 49 reporting monthly. An average of only 18 are holding regular weekly prayer and missionary meetings, and only 25 are holding first Sabbath missionary meetings. When we realize that all this work has been done by one-sixth of the membership, what an encouraging report could have been given at this meeting if all had worked and reported faithfully.

I am glad to be able to report, while we have not half reached our goals, that we have gained a trifle over last year in the Harvest Ingathering and Big Week sales. \$18,392.00 was gathered in for missions in the Harvest Ingathering campaign and about 10,000 Big Week books have been sold. However, the cash pledges are somewhat less than last year. I trust we will all help to go way over these figures this coming year. I quote from Vol. 8, p. 35: "Unless more is done than has been done, ministers and people will have a heavy account to settle with the One who has appointed to every man his work."

However, I want to commend those who have been so faithful and done so well, and wish I might say and do something that would encourage faithfulness on the part of all. The servant of the Lord further says, "Souls are perishing out of Christ, and those who profess to be Christ's disciples are letting them die. . . . This condition of weakness must not continue. Well-organized work must be done in the churches. A working church is a living church. . . . If every church member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all peoples, nations, and tongues." "This is the work that must be done before Christ shall come in power and great glory." "Men and women, young and old, must have a part in this closing work, in order to hear the 'well done' said at last. There is work for all." "The poor are to be relieved, the sick cared for, the sorrowing and the bereaved comforted, the ignorant instructed, and the inexperienced counseled." "God calls upon every church member to enter His service. . . . Every one must learn to work, and to stand in his place as a burden bearer. Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the great plan of redemption." "Everyone who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty." "The gospel commission cannot be fulfilled in any other way than through the members of the church becoming active laborers." "Let every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, 'what can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?'" "The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed." "Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts, leaflets, and books containing the message for this time." "Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people." "The world is to

receive the light of truth through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and periodicals. Our publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand." "If there is one work more important than others, it is that of getting our publications before the people, thus leading them to search the scriptures." This seed sown must be watered before God can give the increase.

"Invite your neighbors to your home, and read with them from the precious Bible and from books that explain its truths. Invite them to unite with you in song and prayer. In these little gatherings Christ Himself will be present, as He has promised, and hearts will be touched by His grace." "Many will be called into the field to labor from house to house, giving Bible readings, and praying with those who are interested." "Many workers are to act their part, doing house-to-house work and giving Bible readings in families." "Consecrated women should engage in Bible work from house to house." "Let all who believe the truth begin to work. Do the work that lies nearest you. If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, . . . each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ."

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; ('Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, Ps. 110:3) and ye shall be witness unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8. "The Holy Spirit will come to all who are begging for the bread of life to give to their neighbors." "None should wait in idle expectancy for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is given for service. As church members go forth at God's bidding, the Holy Spirit comes to give efficiency and power. . . . The great outpouring of the Spirit of God, which lightens the whole earth with his glory, will not come until we have an enlightened people, that know by experience what it means to be laborers together with God. When we have entire, whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God." "When churches become living working churches, then the Holy Spirit

it will be given in answer to their sincere requests." "When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested." "The church is God's agency for the proclamation of truth, empowered by Him to do a special work; and if she is loyal to Him, obedient to all His commandments, there will dwell within her the excellency of divine grace. If she will be true to her allegiance, if she will honor the Lord God of Israel, there is no power that can stand against her. . . . Christ has given to the church a sacred charge. Every member should be a channel through which God can communicate to the world the treasures of His grace, the unsearchable riches of Christ. . . . All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity."

We wish to solicit the coöperation and help of all our conference workers and church officers, in organizing and training all our churches, companies, and isolated members for definite, systematic, practical work for the Master. Active missionary societies well officiated should be organized in all our churches and companies. They should be divided into small companies or bands with a good active leader over each band. As definite territory has been given each church as its mission field, this territory should be divided among the different bands and each band should divide its territory among the members of the band so that each member of the church will have a definite territory as his mission field. Sister White says "Every Christian has a personal world into which he or she is to go," and all the members should be trained for the line of work best adapted to them.

I read in Vol. 9, p. 82 these words, "The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ they are under obligation to work for Him, and let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God." Or as another has well said, "Unless the members are set to work, they will soon be slipping out of the back door." May the Lord help us all as workers, church officers and lay members to do our very best this coming year.

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UNION NOTE

Elder and Mrs. Anol Grundset is attending the Iowa camp-meeting held in Nevada.

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Wanted.—Man for threshing and haying; \$4.00 a day for threshing, \$60.00 a month for haying. H. J. Excell, Highmore, S. Dak.

Wanted.—Steady work at once by man, or man and wife, no children. I am a farmer, Adventist. South Dakota or Minnesota preferred. Bert May, Parker, S. Dak.

Wanted.—Good girl for house work. Three adults, modern house in town. Current wages. Mrs. Lolu L. Strom, Hector, Minn.

Wanted.—To buy at once at low price, 40 or 60 acre farm in Minnesota, partly improved with running water in pasture, and wood for fuel. Not farther north than good corn and alfalfa can be raised. S. D. A. church and church school near, preferable. C. A. Eckerman, Gen. Del., Faribault, Minn.

STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND

January 1 to July 31, 1927

Conference	Memb.	Quota	Rec'd	Short	Per Wk Per Cap.
Iowa	2674	49,736.40	19,548.46	30,187.94	.235
Minnesota	3248	60,412.80	26,497.54	33,915.26	.263
N. Dakota	1748	32,512.80	9,716.85	22,795.95	.160
S. Dakota	1374	25,556.40	11,904.92	13,651.48	.279
Union	9044	168,218.40	67,667.77	100,550.63	.241

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS

January 1 to July 31, 1927

Conference	Memb.	Am't Rec'd 1926	Am't Rec'd 1927	Per Cap.
Iowa	2674	15,170.74	14,854.63	.178
Minnesota	3248	20,735.06	19,765.87	.196
N. Dakota	1748	8,010.16	7,015.23	.128
S. Dakota	1374	9,185.54	7,745.12	.181
Union	9044	53,101.50	49,380.85	.176

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COLPORTEURS' JULY SUMMARY

	No.	Colp.	Hours	Orders	Sales 1927	Sales 1926		
Iowa	16	2318	422		\$2793.25	\$1021.50	gain	\$1771.75
Minnesota	28	2908	643		4093.25	2435.45	gain	1657.80
North Dakota	21	2273	617		4059.85	3364.45	gain	695.40
South Dakota	14	1496	349		3067.30	3221.25	loss	153.95
Union	79	8995	2031		\$14013.65	\$10042.65	gain	\$3971.00

The above gains are surely gratifying. Our colporteurs are meeting with splendid success this year. It would only be fair to South Dakota to state that the reason for their loss is the fact that they have fewer colporteurs in the field than they had one year ago. The colporteurs who are out in the work this year in South Dakota are having better success than a year ago. Their sales per hour this year for July were \$2.05; while for July 1926, they were \$1.68. Surely the Lord is blessing the colporteur work this year as the above report indicates.

A few weeks more, and our student colporteurs will be returning to their schools. The call of the hour now is for men and women who will enter the colporteur work as regular all year around colporteurs.

Colporteur institutes are to be held late in the fall to train all who desire to enter the colporteur work. Watch in the Reaper for announcements of dates and places that the institutes are to be held, and plan to attend.

George Campbell.

Colporteur Work

MINNESOTA

For Week Ending August 13, 1927

Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Book	Helps	Total Value
Cullen, Harold	39½	11	H.W.	2.10	47.60
Emery, Lloyd	43	9	G.C.	9.75	61.25
Herrmann, A. O. K.	40	6	H.P.		39.00
Russell, Mrs. A. O.	47	4	H.W.	12.00	31.00
Russell, Zitta	27½	1	H.W.	5.25	9.25
Rustad, Geo.	39½	13	H.W.	6.25	59.25
Steine, Arne	38½	5	G.C.	10.35	37.85
Waterhouse, Elton	51	9	H.W.		36.00
Totals: 8	326	58		45.70	321.20

SOUTH DAKOTA

For Week Ending August 13, 1927

	Hours	Orders	Book	Helps	Total Value
Brewer, T. K.	42	12	D.R.	41.75	112.25
Bresee, H. N. (2 wks.)	67½	11	G.C.	57.25	117.75
Krahn, A. E.	40	4	H.W.	51.00	73.00
McKinley, Leslie	43	23	B.R.	71.00	203.50
Schmitz, Karl	30	4	H.P.	3.75	29.75
Totals: 5	222½	54		224.75	436.25