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## THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Forty-six years ago, our leading brethren under the direct counseling of Mrs. E. G. White, whom we believe spoke with a divinely illuminated mind, began the publication of a missionary paper named the Signs of the Times. Hence for more than one half century this paper has borne a clear message to millions of all lands who have read it.

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The General Conference Committee has appointed February 9-22 as the time in the year 1930, when all our people are requested to give special attention to the circulation of this messenger of gospel truth.

We would suggest that first of all we see to it that our own name is upon the list of paid subscribers. Then bestir ourselves to interest our friends and neighbors in an effort to secure them as subscribers also. Every home should have a religious periodical coming as a weekly visitor, and no better one could be found than the Signs of the Times.

The publishers have some most extraordinary offers to make regarding subscriptions for this year. These will be found from time to time in the columns of the Reaper. Your conference Book and Bible House secretary will ever be pleased to give information, as well as receive subscriptions. Therefore be free to inquire regarding the "Signs" or any other of our splendid periodicals, and let us not

figuratively but actually sow our conferences with literature.

Don't forget your reading racks,—keep them well filled, also give them the attention necessary to keep them looking neat and tidy. Much depends upon how the rack and contents looks, as to the relish with which the literature they contain are read.

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Charles Thompson.

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## Iowa

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## FAITHFULNESS

In sending in her December missionary secretary's report, Mrs. N. M. Jorgenson of Boone, states that in the four years she has been missionary secretary she has never missed send-

ing in her report every month. This is a fine record and we appreciate the faithfulness of our church officers.

In order for a secretary to send in a complete report, every member will have to report. Some feel that reporting is only a small matter. It may appear small yet it is very important.

Mrs. Jorgenson adds that in Boone they have started a little missionary society where several meet to wrap and send out papers. If our churches will do this I am sure our reports will increase. Remember your individual responsibility in reporting. It may encourage some one else. Hand your report to the missionary secretary every week during 1930.

V. G. Anderson.

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## AUDUBON CHURCH NOTES

A short series of illustrated lectures on the Life and Teaching of Jesus are now in progress in the church. Meetings are held every Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday night beginning at seven-thirty o'clock. The services will close on Friday night February the seventh. As far as possible our people within driving distance are urged to attend.

The editor of the county paper gave us a very favorable write up of our meetings and although the weather has been unusually cold a goodly number have been in attendance. A letter received from one of Audubon's business men contains this encouraging remark: "This is merely a short note to let you and Mrs. Nelson know that I enjoyed your services last evening, and wish you success in your work. I enjoyed your singing, and I know of no better way to create interest in church service than good music." Some of the finest business men of Audubon have attended the meetings and as a whole our people are favorably thought of in this community.

Each evening before the sermon a picture talk is given for the children.



The new balopticon is used to show reproductions of the famous paintings of the Christ Life. The sacred songs are illustrated in this way.

We are working, hoping and praying that as a result of these few meetings some soul may enter into life eternal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Nelson.

#### FT. DODGE, NEWELL, HUMBOLDT

I spent the Week of Prayer with the churches at Ft. Dodge, Newell, and Humboldt, spending the first Sabbath and Sunday at Ft. Dodge. The Lord met us by His good Spirit. Monday and Tuesday I was with the company at Newell. We had a good time together, although the weather was such that not all could attend the meetings. Wednesday I returned to Fort Dodge, expecting to hold church officers' election, but on account of the bad weather it was postponed until Monday evening, Dec. 23.

I was with the Humboldt church Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday. We had the Week of Prayer reading on Friday afternoon. After the Sabbath-school next day, the reading for that day was deferred and the quarterly meeting was held. That evening we visited the home of Sister Meyers and daughter and as they were not able to attend the quarterly meeting at the church, we held a little meeting and had the communion service with them, which they very much appreciated.

On Sunday I went about twenty-five miles with the members, to the home of Brother and Sister C. M. Albertson of the Humboldt church, where we had the last reading of the Week of Prayer and following this held the church election.

I returned to Ft. Dodge, Monday, Dec. 23, and the election was held that evening. I also audited the books of the treasurer at Humboldt for the years 1928-1929. With only 13 church members, they had for the year 1928:

Tithe	\$940.67
S. S. Offerings	305.35
Big Week	27.25
Investment	17.89
Harvest Ingathering	130.40
Miscellaneous	36.44

Total	1458.00
Year 1929:	
Tithe	682.79
S. S. Offerings	318.39
Big Week	24.00
Investment	115.34
Harvest Ingathering	170.00
Miscellaneous	58.55

Total \$1369.07

I greatly appreciated meeting with

these churches again and trust that the rich blessing of the Lord will be with them through the new year.

J. W. Dorcas.

#### M.V. AND EDUCATIONAL CORNER

Success has attended our M. V. work during the year 1929, and while we have not been able to reach all of our goals, yet we feel very grateful to have accomplished what we have during the year. Our goals for 1929 were as follows: Missions goal—\$3600. We have not received a complete report as yet but we are sure the total reports will be a little over \$4,000. Our Reading Course goal for the year was 530 Reading Course certificates, we issued 701. Our Bible Year goal for the year was 70, we issued 101. Our Standard of Attainment goal was 36, we only issued 14. We are very sorry to fall short in this goal. Our conversions goal was 98. We fell a little short of this goal, reaching only 83. We do hope that we shall be able to do better during 1930. The work is starting out nicely for 1930 and we are of good courage for a successful year.

Our goals for 1930 are as follows: Conversions—93; Bible Year—77; Reading Course—500; Standard of Attainment—36; missions—\$3,500. We do hope this year will see Iowa reaching every goal. We ought to do it and can do it if every society will do its part. We are especially anxious that we have better results in the Standard of Attainment. A number of classes are being formed throughout the state and we hope that each society will have a class as we expect to go over our goal in Standard of Attainment this year. Marshalltown has already organized a class in the Standard of Attainment and reports a splendid interest. They are having the meeting on Saturday night. Marshalltown has already set its goal for 1930. We like to see societies start out in good shape. We are sure that they will end up the same way.

Elder Sheldon and I held a convention at Des Moines the last week in December. A real interest was manifested on the part of the young people there and we are looking forward to a successful year in the young people's work at Des Moines. Already they are laying plans for a class in Standard of Attainment and are planning on doing big things in the reading course. A large number have already signed up for the Bible Year. So we are looking for big things from Des Moines.

The society at Ute is the banner society of the state this year, having reached all of its goals. We congratulate Ute on being so successful. It is the first time Ute has ever done it. We only wish we could put some other societies on the honor roll but the society at Ute is the only one with that standing. Twelve Bible Year certificates were issued to the society members at Ute; 118 Reading Course; 3 Standard of Attainment certificates and \$212.62 was turned in for mission. Ute doubled the amount of its ingathering over last year. We are glad to see such progress. Ute was so pleased over its Reading Course contest that they are already planning for another one this year. We wish other societies would follow the example of Ute.

The junior societies at both Des Moines and Sioux City have organized prayer bands in connection with their schools and report a splendid interest on the part of the children. We believe these prayer bands in connection with our schools are very helpful to our boys and girls.

We are glad to send word that two senior societies reached their Bible Year goals, Des Moines and Ute. Seventeen Bible Year certificates were issued to Des Moines and twelve to the society members of Ute. Five junior societies reached their Bible Year goals: Muscatine, Sioux City, Marshalltown, Des Moines and Urbana. We hope there will be more on the list for next year.

The following senior societies reached their Reading Course goals: Nevada, Hampton, Sioux Rapids and Ute. The following junior societies reached their Reading Course goals: Council Bluffs, Lake City, Nevada, Sioux City, Marshalltown and Des Moines. Among these might be given honorable mention, were those who received a large number of certificates: Nevada received 206; Hampton 26; Sioux Rapids 29; Ute 118; Council Bluffs Jr. 66; Nevada Jr. 32; Sioux City Jr. 47; Marshalltown Jr. 20; Des Moines Jr. 40. Ute was the only society that reached its Standard of Attainment goal.

The following senior societies reached their financial goal: Nevada, Sioux City, Ute and Hampton. The following junior societies reached their financial goal: Lake City, Sioux City, and State Center. Sioux City Jr. reached all its goals but one.

The schools seem to be running nicely all through the state and report a good interest. The latter part of this month the teachers will all be called in to Nevada for a teachers'



institute. We are sure this will be very helpful and encouraging to our teachers.

The membership application cards for membership in the Missionary Volunteer society have been mailed to the societies and returns are coming in just fine. We hope to hear from every society before long so that our enrollment for the new year will be complete. If your society has not sent in its cards, we hope it will do so very soon. If there are young people throughout the state, either junior or senior, who would like to become members of the state society, kindly send in a request for a membership card. It will be sent to you immediately. We wish all our young people throughout the state, who are isolated and do not have the privilege of enrolling in regular societies, would join the state society.

Fort Dodge has just organized a new junior society as they have a large number of children there. We are sure they will have a successful year.

The 1930 Reading Course books are all ready for distribution and we hope that all of our societies will get them for the benefit of the young people in the church. We also hope that our isolated people will secure these good books for 1930.

The books in the senior course are:

Up From Slavery .....	1.00
Miracles of Modern Missions .....	1.00
In His Name .....	.85
First Three Books Postpaid .....	\$2.95
Great Controversy .....	2.25
Four Books postpaid .....	\$4.90

#### Junior Course

Getting Rich .....	1.25
Choma .....	1.25
Vasco Da Gama .....	1.50
Course postpaid .....	\$3.40

#### Primary Course

Easy Steps .....	1.50
Bedtime Stories No. 5 .....	.25
Course postpaid .....	\$1.10

These books are certainly excellent and everyone ought to read them. Order of your Book and Bible House.

J. C. Nixon.

#### CORRECTION FOR O. P. A.

An item in the REAPER of Jan. 14, mentioned birthday offerings at Oak-Park Academy Sabbath-school, and gave amount of Birthday offerings mentioned in a recent report there as "4 cents". The amount should have been 41 cents, and could easily represent the birth day of two members of the school, whereas 4 cents would naturally belong to the Kindergarten division. We are sorry for the seeming reflection. O. P. A. is all right.

#### IOWA ITEMS

**Publications Wanted.**—I should appreciate having clean copies of our late publications for free distribution in the State University Hospital of Iowa. Such copies as, Life and Health, The Life Boat, Watchman, Youth's Instructor, Little Friend, etc. Here is a splendid opportunity for some live Y. P. M. V. S. to do a real piece of missionary work by binding your Youth's Instructor, and Little Friend to be placed in the wards of the childrens hospital where hundreds of youth and children would be spiritually benefitted. Address: J. Bruce Watts, Quadrangle, Room 175-A, Iowa City, Iowa.

Brother Bruce Watts, who at present is taking quite an extensive course in Modern X Ray and Physiotherapy in the Department of Roentgenology at the State University Hospital of Iowa, has written from there recently and some of the items mentioned concerning his father's family will be of interest to many old friends in Iowa. Elder Watts is still doing aggressive work in the Cumberland Conference, having supervision of five churches and teaching Bible to nurses in training at the Takoma Sanitarium and Hospital, located at Greenville, Tenn. The youngest daughter, Helen, now Mrs. Charles Boykin, sailed from New York, Jan. 11, for Bangalore, India, where Brother Boykin will have charge of the field missionary work for that Union. Ralph Watts and wife formerly Mildred Hoopes, with their baby daughter, are getting along well over in Chosen, where Ralph is in charge of the home missionary work of the Union and recently has been touring the field with Elder Finster, building up the work in that difficult field.

#### IOWA SANITARIUM NOTES

Mrs. R. L. Kurtz came back Monday for a stay of a week or ten days.

Lee Lightcap underwent a tonsillectomy on Friday. He is still in the sanitarium needing treatment.

Mrs. J. L. Kamrar of Webster City, was home over the week-end but is again with us to continue her treatments.

Mrs. W. C. Kraft of Gilman, Ill., Mrs. Mary L. Penfield of Ames, and Mr. A. C. Kingsbury of near Nevada, who has been a former patient, all entered on Sunday for treatments.

Mr. J. R. Larson, Nevada attorney, spent a day or two at the sanitarium

last week receiving treatment for acute stomach trouble.

Mrs. J. W. Jensen of Exira, underwent a surgical operation on Wednesday. Mr. Jensen was with her at the time and Miss Ellen Jensen, their daughter, who is teaching at Hooper, Nebr., spent Sabbath and Sunday previous with her mother.

Mrs. J. O. Dedeker and Mrs. E. K. Peterson of Minneapolis, both came on Sabbath for care. Mrs. Dedeker was fearing an operation for mastoid trouble would be necessary but the treatments received have apparently succeeded in checking the condition.

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#### OAK PARK ACADEMY NOTES

Miss Marie Larsen is recovering rapidly from an operation.

The steam pipes have been causing some trouble in the printing shop.

Lee Lightcap had his tonsils removed Friday, January seventeen.

Gladys Heim visited the week-end in the dormitory with Lena Baugher.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Smith and daughter Georgia, visited Sunday with Cleo.

George Shidler and Floyd Nelson held a ciphering contest last Thursday evening during worship.

Semester examinations were held Tuesday and Wednesday. The second semester started Wednesday noon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shively are here visiting John and Paul, who are in quarantine for measles.

Among the new courses offered the second semester are General Science and Bookkeeping.

Wilda Smith is suffering with a sprained ankle, as the result of too much sliding.

Dr. Larsen, from Des Moines, visited over the week-end with his son Irwin, who is just recovering from the measles.

Louise Winder from Des Moines, arrived January nineteen, to attend school here the second semester. Miss Winder will live in the dormitory.

Monday, January twenty, chapel period was spent in singing some old songs. We frequently spend a chapel



period in this way much to the enjoyment of all.

The students spent Saturday evening tobogganing on the steep hill in the pasture. A large bonfire was burning at the foot of the hill so everyone kept warm.

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## ENGLISH II CLASS NEWS NOTES

Zietgeist Club entertained eight boys Saturday evening, Jan. 11, with a formal dinner. Vera Tennihill, president of the club, acted as hostess and Cleo Smith as host. Those invited were: Miss Ortner, Mrs. Culver, Cleo Smith, Jack Flaiz, Harold Turner, Harvey Larson, Professor Culver, Joe Christensen, Arthur Christianson, and Elmer Luke.

An interesting talk was given by Professor Flaiz in chapel on the subject of "Money." He explained the value of paper money, also he stated that gold was the only money in the United States.

Kathryn Gallagher spent Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with her mother near Mason City.

Some of the academy boys took a team and bobsled and gave the junior nurses a merry ride on Jan. 12. Upon returning to the sanitarium all were served sandwiches and hot cocoa.

The topic for the young people's Missionary Volunteer society last Sabbath was "Physical and Spiritual Wealth."

Due to a burst boiler Tuesday, we marched in chapel instead of having our spelling classes.

Thursday evening, January 9, Lee Lightcap and Lawrence Christensen conducted boys' worship. They had a spell-down with Professor Culver as the champion.

Those who missed classes last week because of illness are: Dorothy Akins, Billie Carlton, Katie Davis, Hattie Griffin, Blanche Winn, Erwin Larson, John and Paul Shively, Forest Tennihill and Clyde Williams.

The following girls were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Akins last Saturday evening at Ames, Iowa: Edith Frimml, Violet Eastin, Creta Oden, Dorothy Brenton, Wilda Smith, Reva Griswold, Mildred Johnson, Marjorie Millard, Lena Baugher and their daughter Dorothy.

Professor Ford gave an interesting talk about Henry Ford in chapel Wednesday. He made the interesting statement that Henry Ford could give away two thousand dollars a minute for one year and still be rich!

## South Dakota

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## EDUCATIONAL AND M.V. CORNER

Brother Perry Hills sends in the Aberdeen church school report somewhat apologetically and yet it is the first one to arrive. One item of interest on the report is 11 visitors during the period. Such evidence of interest on the part of the church and patrons goes a long way toward assuring success.

Evidence of the value of the self-denial banks is found in the fact that the weekly offerings to missions which are especially affected are \$75.00 higher than last year and more than \$100 higher than any of the three previous years. Let us make more and better use of this means of advancing the kingdom of Christ.

Belated reports for the last month of 1929 have continued to bring additional items of offerings to missions until the total now stands at \$4917.74. Less than one hundred dollars of \$5000. Surely we shall pass the \$5000 mark for 1930. Let us set ourselves earnestly at the task.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

Esther Christensen went to Tuthill Thursday morning, January 24, to attend the funeral of her little niece.

Miss Alma Knecht, secretary of the Bowdle young people's society, ordered twelve sets of the Reading Course books.

Brother L. E. Neirmeyer has been visiting the churches in the western part of the State. According to his plans when he left the office, he and Elder Grundset were to be with the Sioux Falls church, January 24 to 26.

Elder J. C. Stotz, who has been with the McLaughlin church for several weeks, closed his meeting Sabbath, January 18. We are confident that the meetings and the work Elder Stotz has done for the church will help it to grow and prosper. Elder Stotz is now with his family at Burke.

Our Sabbath-school lessons are very interesting and helpful, but we miss a great deal if we do not read the book "Patriarchs and Prophets" in connection with the studies. We have this book in stock in the cloth binding

at \$2.25 and in the limp at \$3.25 post-paid.

A telegram was received from Brother Alfred Christensen of Hot Springs, conveying the sad news of the death of his one-year old child. Elder Gordon Oss had charge of the funeral at Tuthill Friday, January 24. We sympathize most sincerely with Brother and Sister Christensen in their sorrow.

Our mission goal for 1930 is the same as it has been, sixty cents a week per member or \$31.20 for the year per member,—not so very much after all. Why not plan each month to pay into the church treasury \$2.60, or better pay at least sixty cents each week. We are confident that if all do their best right from the beginning of the year, we will not be disappointed when the records are closed in December.

We have a few slightly damaged books in stock which we are offering at the following low prices:

3 Great Controversy, English half leather, regular price \$7.00 now \$2.25.

1 Easy Steps, cloth, regular price \$1.50, now \$ .75.

1 Story of Kings,

1 Daniel and Revelation, Ger. cloth 5.50, now \$2.25.

We would suggest that if you do not have any of the above books, you order one as they are all in good condition and the prices are very reasonable.

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## PLAINVIEW NEWS ITEMS

Prof. and Mrs. H. C. Hartman left Friday morning, January 24, for Minneapolis where Mr. Hartman will attend the educational board meeting.

Irwin, Harold, and Beulah Christensen left for their home at Tuthill Thursday, January 23, to attend the funeral of their niece.

Miss Florence Berguson, of Doland, is the one hundredth student to enroll. This is the largest enrollment we have had for some time and we hope to keep on increasing it.

Miss Alma Binder and Mr. Nathan Eder have been sick with the flu for the past ten days, but with the good services given by our school nurse, Mrs. Watt, they are improving rapidly and will resume their school work soon.

January 19 to 24 was observed as "Good Manners" week. During the



chapel periods in this week different phases of good manners were discussed. We were pleased to have Mrs. C. B. Warne of Redfield, with us on Monday. She talked to us on the importance of good manners. We hope that every week will be a good manners week as a result of this special effort.

At eight o'clock Saturday evening, January 25, the girls opened their dormitory to many guests in its celebration of open house. All assembled in the dining-room where a program was given consisting of readings, songs, and a dialog. After being divided into groups they began their tour of inspection. In the reception

room each guest was given a welcome badge. A lunch was served in the spread room and divinity candy in the halls as the groups passed by. After being shown through the rooms the groups assembled in the parlor where Flora Jaqua sang "In the Little Old Garden" and Maurine Peterson gave a good-night speech.

## STATEMENT OF TITHE AND SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND — SOUTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

For the first nine months of 1929

Church	Membership	Tithe	Goal funds rec'd.	A Week per mem.
Aberdeen	42	1141.90	1515.78	.925
Alexandria	9	198.27	93.14	.265
Ash Grove	17	287.00	176.97	.266
Bowdle	114	2228.79	1604.74	.38
Brookfield	7	207.04	78.15	.28
Bison	4	195.69	254.78	1.63
Camp Crook	17	135.56	59.75	.09
Chamberlain	78	2823.87	1041.01	.34
Colman	27	306.28	464.57	.44
Conference	338	6809.00	3412.82	.28
Deadwood	4	154.28	110.54	.708
Elk Point	10	210.62	252.19	.646
Florence	15	228.88	173.01	.295
Hot Springs	26	858.35	585.80	.577
Huron	30	429.33	442.21	.377
Java	53	318.30	486.23	.235
Leola	73	792.97	832.57	.29
Madison	31	440.71	646.25	.53
McLaughlin	30	335.18	291.54	.249
Mitchell	27	775.36	1240.41	1.177
Mobridge	38	597.24	447.90	.31
Oelrichs	6	44.09	17.18	.075
Olivet	19	163.47	254.52	.34
Penville	11	346.03	93.99	.219
Redfield	54	1169.41	708.83	.336
Rapid City	32	412.92	563.85	.45
Sioux Falls	103	3807.86	2323.03	.578
Swan Lake	68	2162.27	1906.31	.718
Spearfish	19	299.40	225.40	.30
Tolstoy	56	1524.27	1410.81	.645
Tuthill	18	142.98	124.35	.177
Watertown	25	1128.30	783.18	.80

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The treasurer of our conference has presented me with the above statement of our tithe and mission offerings for 1929. A careful study of this statement reveals many interesting things. You will notice churches, in about the same territory: one reaches its mission goals, the other does not. Sixteen, or fifty per cent., of our thirty-two churches more than reached their full goal of sixty cents per week per member. Some almost doubled the amount. It seems that for the coming year, what fifty per cent. of the churches did, the others should make a strong effort to do.

The record for 1929 is closed. We are now writing the record for 1930. Sixty cents for each member makes \$31.20 for the year. Surely, brethren and sisters, in this closing work, this is not beyond our reach if it is carefully planned for throughout the year. Someone suggested that if a real effort was made week by week, we could have the Harvest Ingathering for an overflow next fall. Why not?

Regarding the tithe, there is much in this statement to encourage, considering the poor crops in many places. We wish to encourage, however, the idea of systematically paying the tithe on the part of all. There can be no question about the fact that the tithe is due when material blessings of God are realized. This money should not be used for other purposes. Leviticus 27:31 might well be studied in this connection. The lesson here is clear. When the tithe is used for any other purpose, a fifth part shall be added to it when it is redeemed. May we all remember the Lord first. "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse" promptly and God's cause and his people will be prospered and He will be honored in them.

Again, may I remind you that we are now writing the record for 1930, and may there be no omissions when the Heavenly Auditor reviews the statement at the close of the year.

Gordon Oss.

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### THE SIGNS CAMPAIGN

The time has come for the annual Signs campaign and I am writing this note to call the attention of our people to this endeavor. We have no better soul-saving agency among us than the Signs and we should all take a lively interest in its circulation. The Signs always contains articles of interest and of permanent value not only for those outside of our denomination but also for our own members. We would therefore urge that our own people become sub-

scribers and also that our churches and smaller companies take advantage of the very liberal club prices which the publishers are offering.

There are many activities that we should engage in but there is hardly one of greater value or interest than that of circulating the Signs. May God bless all as they take hold of this work.

M. L. Andreasen.

### MINNESOTA ITEMS

Elder N. R. Nelson met with the church at Stillwater last Sabbath, January 25.

Elder Edwardson, who is now located at Hutchinson, called at the office on Tuesday of last week in company with Elder N. R. Nelson of Minneapolis.

The offering in the church service next Sabbath is for the Home Missionary Fund in the local churches, to help supply literature for organized missionary efforts.

Last Friday morning a telephone message came to the office conveying the sad news that Leroy Anderson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Anderson of Onamia, had passed away following an operation which he had undergone. Arrangements were made for Elder Aug. S. Anderson of Princeton to conduct the funeral service on Sunday afternoon. We sympathize deeply with members of the family in this sorrow.

Roy M. Cossentine, a former Blackduck, Minnesota, boy, now missionary volunteer and educational secretary of the Manchurian Union Mission, re-



presents our conference in the interesting report in the missions quarterly this period. How encouraging the reports of the missionaries are! Let us remember in a special way in our prayers this quarter the Manchurian and Philippine fields and plan for a liberal 13th Sabbath offering.

Several other names have recently come to our attention of those who were entitled to recognition on the

Harvest Ingathering honor roll. Before Brother A. W. Bloomgren met with the sad accident which caused his death, he and Sister Bloomgren had together gathered \$63.50. Sister Bloomgren recently sent in the names of those who had contributed \$5.00 or more in order that they might receive the magazine which the General Conference is publishing for the information of the liberal donors. When Sister Marie Carston of the Minnea-

polis English church, heard that we might fall short of the previous year's record she solicited \$25.00 more, making a total of \$33.00 for her, even though she is quite aged and in poor health. A. E. Krogstad also is entitled to listing on the \$15 honor roll as he sent in a little over \$19.00. If there are any others whose names have been in any way overlooked or not reported it is not yet too late to send them in.

### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF HARVEST INGATHERING FOR YEARS 1928 and 1929

Church	Goal	1929 Receipts	1928 Receipts	1929 Big Week Receipts
<b>District No. 1</b>				
Bemidji	420.00	124.64	273.09	50.17
Blackduck	160.00	33.87	55.35	5.87
Middle River	210.00	48.26	121.02	23.71
*Roseau	180.00	212.85	220.01	37.05
Williams	270.00	77.99	141.78	33.25
	1240.00	497.61	811.25	150.05
<b>District No. 2</b>				
Barnesville	100.00	61.20	96.17	12.50
Detroit Lakes	620.00	196.72	309.34	126.25
Fergus Falls	240.00	85.00	182.22	25.84
Lake Eunice	340.00	129.69	87.22	17.00
New York Mills	210.00	41.05	173.69	7.25
Richville	150.00	105.53	115.25	8.44
Senjen	60.00	36.05	26.60	
Wing River	180.00	54.35	51.50	6.00
Wadena	210.00	76.44		
	2200.00	786.03	1041.99	203.28
<b>District No. 3</b>				
Brainerd	510.00	280.47	277.56	40.60
Dagget Brook Co.	160.00	13.08		14.00
Eagle Bend	160.00	67.03	48.55	9.50
Hewitt	270.00	82.25	61.52	10.52
Pillager	120.00	21.00	41.45	4.05
Remer	320.00	27.26	48.95	2.00
Sauk Center	340.00	91.26	133.25	10.75
Staples	530.00	163.45	129.76	13.25
	2440.00	745.80	630.97	104.65
<b>District No. 4</b>				
Blackberry	190.00	108.75	173.86	17.00
Deer River	110.00	11.85	32.48	7.53
*Hibbing	210.00	254.65	307.09	26.50
*Virginia	200.00	280.76	295.21	19.85
	710.00	656.01	808.64	70.88
<b>District No. 5</b>				
Bruno	100.00	20.00	24.25	8.74
Duluth Ist.	1090.00	542.64	858.15	62.56
*Duluth Scand.	350.00	362.26	386.35	41.75
Mahtowa	100.00	17.25	34.45	2.50
Mineral Center	200.00	90.50	46.27	6.12
*Moose Lake	130.00	137.90	162.77	
Wright	90.00	10.00	25.66	5.00
	2060.00	1180.55	1537.90	126.67
<b>District No. 6</b>				
*Grandy	150.00	154.06	97.60	22.10
*Isanti	80.00	81.50	48.00	8.70
Mora Co.	110.00	90.35	90.50	8.00
*North Branch	160.00	195.58	69.30	16.21
Rock Creek	170.00	73.00	52.87	26.10
Sunnybrook Co.	160.00	10.67	2.56	6.00
	760.00	605.16	360.83	87.11

<b>District No. 7</b>				
St. Paul English	3100.00	2245.32	1394.97	216.98
St. Paul Scand.	360.00	173.78	264.73	78.20
Stillwater	340.00	89.31	174.40	18.00
	3800.00	2508.41	1834.10	262.28
<b>District No. 8</b>				
Minneapolis Eng.	4000.00	2621.59	2045.58	219.60
*Minneapolis Nor.-Dan.	1440.00	1498.00	888.52	78.20
Minneapolis Swedish	660.00	431.71	707.56	47.55
Anoka	390.00	310.73	147.56	25.50
	6490.00	4862.03	3889.22	370.85
<b>District No. 9</b>				
Hutchinson	1880.00	424.02	442.17	156.05
Litchfield	120.00	50.00	79.27	170.18
St. Cloud	150.00	148.75	192.28	4.25
	2150.00	622.77	713.72	330.48
<b>District No. 10</b>				
Alexandria	270.00	107.91	55.55	16.50
Artichoke	430.00	225.20	391.60	43.80
*Gilchrist	230.00	263.87	284.51	17.21
Hancock	90.00	37.75	30.50	
Montivideo Co.	60.00	27.00		2.50
*Morgan	270.00	348.52	246.50	49.20
*Pipestone	90.00	90.50	90.00	18.00
*Willmar	230.00	260.33	257.92	34.65
*Glenwood	30.00	35.00	14.56	4.00
	1700.00	1396.08	1371.14	185.86
<b>District No. 11</b>				
Austin	840.00	620.63	624.86	73.50
Bath	120.00	57.70	51.51	7.00
Dodge Center	680.00	100.69	126.04	25.90
*Fairmont Co.	80.00	82.21	82.00	16.00
*Faribault	180.00	200.06	110.79	11.51
Good Thunder	310.00	118.24	160.20	5.50
Houston	140.00	113.40	183.54	2.00
Mankato	1200.00	822.32	754.97	124.25
*Owatonna	270.00	270.00	247.39	41.00
*Pine Island Co.	30.00	32.77	10.00	4.00
*Sherburn	180.00	212.85	220.01	10.30
Stewartville	90.00	35.10	27.25	1.50
Wells	180.00	137.35	210.25	6.50
Winona	390.00	260.00	298.58	49.00
	4690.00	3063.32	3107.39	377.96
Conference Church	4190.00	1232.24	1937.27	202.45

Totals 33550.00 18123.44 18028.08 2472.52

"Oh, there'll be joy when the work is done," is a familiar phrase, I am sure, to many users of Christ in Song. There is joy in being permitted to have a part in God's great work for the salvation of souls, and still more joy to be privileged to look back and rejoice over what has been accomplished. Some who have had a very definite part in making this report possible are now sleeping in the dust. Those of us who are yet among the living, should, out of a thankful heart to God, now give ourselves to Him for even greater service during 1930. Last year (1928) we had 17 churches that reached their goal in the Harvest Ingathering. This year, 1929, we are glad to



welcome two more churches to the sisterhood of those that reached their church goal, making it 19 in all. Some have fallen short of their 1928 record. Shall we not now determine to do more during 1930? You will notice that we are giving this report by districts. We will endeavor to do this during the present year, believing that this will be appreciated by all of our district leaders. As Conference Home Missionary secretary, I wish to thank all of our brethren who have prayed and labored to make the report possible, for their wholehearted coöperation in the campaign just closed.

We are very sorry to notice a loss of \$391.68 in our 1929 Big Week effort and sincerely hope that we may have the pleasure of reaching our conference goal of \$200 per member, in all of our churches in the coming Big Week effort.

Again thanking all of our brethren in behalf of the needy mission fields, for what has been accomplished during 1929, and soliciting your coöperation for the accomplishing of even greater things in 1930, I am

Your humble brother in the Master's service,

A. A. Dirksen.

## MAPLEWOOD NEWS NOTES

Maplewood's enrollment to date 185.

The following students were elected Sabbath, January 11, to serve as officers for the Missionary Volunteer society during the second semester: Leader, Miss Ethel Hartzell; assistant leader, Frank Swearingen; secretary, Anna Wirak; ass't secretary, Robert Whitnack; pianist, Vera Dirksen.

The academy matron, Miss Sadie Johnson, was surprised with a birthday party in her honor Thursday evening, January 16, in the dining-hall by the thirty-eight students who work in her department. After a program of music and readings, refreshment of ice cream and cake were served.

M. H. Odegard visited the school January 16, 17 in the interest of the colporteur work. Henry Peterson was chosen to act as leader of the colporteur band which was organized at that time. The band meets regularly for study on Thursday morning at 9:35 o'clock. Much interest is being manifested in this line of missionary work.

Friday evening was one of unusual interest to those attending the meeting held in the chapel. Elder C. Edvardson gave an inspiring study on the authenticity of the Bible. To illustrate points of his study he used a number of slides showing the country through which the children of Israel traveled during the exodus. He brought to view the splendors of ancient Egypt with many archeological treasures. The closing picture showed the scene of the old song, "My Mother's Bible." This study was the first of a series which Elder Edvardson will conduct at the Friday evening devotional services.

The "Hutchsonian" campaign started Monday, January 20, with an enthusiastic program in the chapel. Elmer Hagen in his talk said that this year's annual will be a "bigger and better" annual, an annual of which all the students will be proud. It will be representative of the school and

an incentive for those who are not attending now. Irwin Campbell then explained the plans for the contest. The faculty and students are divided into nine groups. Rewards will be given to the three groups receiving the largest number of subscriptions. After these talks fifteen minutes were given for the group leaders to organize and make plans for the campaign. Many letters have been written and the campaign promises to be a lively one. It is hoped that the annuals which are sold will inspire many who are not in our schools to-day to join us next year.

## North Dakota

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### DISTRICT NO. 2

A year has passed since the writer and family came to the northeast corner of North Dakota. As we have been located in Grand Forks, we have helped our church in every way possible and the financial standing is over one hundred dollars per member in tithe and offerings for 1929.

A sister of our church who was very sick with cancer a year ago and declared by the doctor to be beyond hope, has been healed by the power and grace of God through prayer. She has been to the physician for a physical examination and he declared there was no trace of the malady left. This sister is very happy and thankful to God for His goodness and love to her. Others have taken a new stand for the Lord. Five new members have been added to the church during the year.

For a number of years I have been formulating a plan for a portable tabernacle which, through the courtesy of the North Dakota Conference, the Danish-Norwegian department and some of our loyal Scandinavian brethren, became a reality. It took four weeks for me to build it at a cost of about \$400. Right after camp-meeting this tabernacle was set up in Larimore, a town of 600, and brother G. J. Engevik joined us in an effort. This

place had been worked for several seasons by the Nazarine and Pentecostal people with quite noisy demonstrations and the people were quite prejudiced toward anything new. Therefore the attendance throughout the effort was discouragingly small. But we stood by the work and five adult souls took their stand for the truth.

I have been visiting our people in this large district. At Bowesmont we have the Juhl and Berthelsen families. Brother and Sister Christ Juhl are well known to many of our people, Brother Christ Juhl having been manager of the Skodsborg Sanitarium in Denmark for many years. From this company we have three young people attending our schools.

At Walhalla, four miles from Canada, we have a few loyal people. Two sisters of that company, Mrs. A. G. Andrews and Mrs. Y. Merritt are doing good missionary work. They go to their neighbors and friends and have Bible studies with them. Many people are interested and two have started to keep the Sabbath through their good work.

Others of our people in the district are loyal to God and his truth. But a greater work is before us and must be done. Remember us before the throne of God in your prayers.

D. K. Olson.

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Have you been looking for something "different" to loan to the neighbor who knows the truth but does not step over the line? Send for a copy of "Bible Lectures" the new book by Evangelist Everson. The spicy style in which the author presents the Sabbath question and kindred doctrinal subjects will hold the interest of the reader while the truths are being driven home. The small sum of \$1.25 sent to the Book and Bible House will bring this book to you, postpaid.

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# NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE OF S. D. A. Comparative Statement of Tithe 1928 and 1929

	Mem.	Tithe	Tithe	Gain	Loss
	1928	1929	1929	1929	
<b>District No. 1</b>					
Deisem	19	692.00	551.05		140.95
Fargo	46	1055.02	886.39		168.63
*Oakes	11	701.34	457.13		244.21
Valley City	15	517.89	613.89	96.00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>2966.25</b>	<b>2508.46</b>		<b>457.79</b>
<b>District No. 2</b>					
Bowesmont	11	281.36	198.25		83.19
Grand Forks	10	318.15	322.50	4.35	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>599.51</b>	<b>520.75</b>		<b>78.76</b>
<b>District No. 3</b>					
Devils Lake	23	609.11	513.05		96.06
*Rock Lake	7	596.77	731.62	134.85	
*Turtle Mtn.	8	343.08	340.43		2.65
<b>Totals</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1548.96</b>	<b>1585.10</b>	<b>36.14</b>	
<b>District No. 4</b>					
Bowdon	96	1689.50	886.08		803.42
Bowdon Village	14	142.02	27.69		114.33
Cleveland	24	156.16	214.92	58.76	
Cathay	5	100.50	49.00		51.50
Denhoff	56	458.73	260.35		198.38
Goodrich	48	682.12	667.31		14.81
Harvey	31	571.25	492.26		78.99
Jamestown Eng.	23	1188.18	1166.51		21.67
Jamestown Ger.	27	926.64	776.38		150.26
Lincoln Valley	48	415.17	155.55		259.62
McClusky	22	545.29	241.35		303.94
Manfred	52	1076.33	688.49		387.84
Medina	47	868.96	594.78		274.18
New Home	66	1249.12	1212.52		36.60
*Pleasant Valley		732.54	481.32		251.22
Pettibone	37	963.43	652.45		310.98
Robinson	15	300.00	69.90		230.10
Sheyenne	27	334.00	291.60		42.40
S. R. Academy	47	1483.67	1376.01		107.66
Turtle Lake	26	177.35	78.75		98.60
Woodworth	24	566.30	598.17	31.87	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>14627.26</b>	<b>10981.39</b>		<b>3645.87</b>
<b>District No. 5</b>					
Bismarck	33	554.93	849.70	294.77	
*Dale		169.81	140.81		29.00
Driscoll	8	193.22	197.23	4.06	
Gackle	33	1056.50	915.35		141.15
Hazelton	20	278.21	415.21	137.00	
Kulm	90	2485.25	2622.56	137.31	
Lehr	49	763.50	803.90	40.40	
Napoleon	44	1126.80	1528.42	401.62	
Streeter	43	1136.24	746.48		389.76
<b>Totals</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>7764.46</b>	<b>8219.71</b>	<b>455.25</b>	
<b>District No. 6</b>					
Burt	43	596.95	668.16	71.21	
Dunn Center	11	482.77	610.46	127.69	
*Golden Val. Eng. Co.		25.50	56.74	31.24	
Golden Valley	62	933.46	1036.31	102.85	
Hebron	26	710.95	570.93		140.02
<b>Totals</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>2749.63</b>	<b>2942.60</b>	<b>192.97</b>	

<b>District No. 7</b>					
Beach	27	1507.43	1049.78		457.65
Belfield	18	370.14	350.11		20.03
Dickinson	7	819.89	670.26		149.63
Mott	10	561.95	500.05		61.90
Taylor	17	970.29	651.26		319.03
<b>Totals</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>4229.70</b>	<b>3221.46</b>		<b>1008.24</b>
<b>District No. 8</b>					
*Crosby		418.94	521.53	102.59	
*Deering		47.93	466.63	418.70	
Kenmare	22	1731.93	804.32		927.61
*Lignite		95.08	138.30	43.22	
Minot	33	979.95	1052.16	72.21	
Stanley	12	236.20	234.67		1.53
Watford City	19	224.97	803.23	578.26	
Wheelock	17	220.62	151.50		69.12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>3955.62</b>	<b>4172.34</b>	<b>216.72</b>	
<b>District No. 9</b>					
Butte	33	279.93	37.50		242.43
Butte Village	35	183.22	142.88		40.34
Great Stone	17	79.40	89.56	10.16	
Killdeer	32	762.71	373.11		389.60
Kief	23	386.99	128.75		258.24
Max	37	90.70	138.61	47.91	
Williston	21	335.45	97.40		238.05
<b>Totals</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>2118.40</b>	<b>1007.81</b>		<b>1110.59</b>
<b>Conference</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>6079.47</b>	<b>6000.15</b>		<b>79.32</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>43157.79</b>	<b>38082.27</b>		<b>5075.52</b>

A star (\*) indicates a company—not an organized church. The membership tithe and offerings of the companies are included in the totals of the Conference church.

We hope our people will give this statement careful consideration. There are a great many observations that might be made were there sufficient time and space to record them, but only a few of the more prominent will suffice.

The following districts show a loss of 1929: No. 1, no. 2, no. 4, no. 7, and no. 9.

Districts nos. 3, 5, 6 and 8 show gains, but unfortunately their gains are not sufficient to offset the losses from the other districts, thus making the total loss for the entire conference \$5,075.52.

The most important question before us is—What about 1930? Are we going to make 1930, by the Lord's help, a better year for the advancement of His work than 1929 was? Or are we going to let the record fall still lower and the Lord's work suffer for want of funds to carry it on? This is a serious question, and one which can be answered by the membership of the North Dakota Conference either one way or the other.

Due to the fact that the tithe for 1929 is so low there should be but one answer to the above question—that is, progress. It is unthinkable that 1930 should witness a still further reduction in tithe—it MUST show a gain. It is quite within the range of possibility that every district and every church should show a gain in 1930 over 1929. If every member is faithful in giving to the Lord that which is HIS OWN—the tithe—whether it be large or small, but faithfully accounting for all that the Lord allows us to handle, there will be no doubt as to the final outcome of the present year.

W. I. Montanye.

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