



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

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER READING COURSE

A Missionary Volunteer Reading Course has been started for the benefit of our young people, and will be conducted by the Young People's General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department for the purpose of helping our young people in the choice of good reading and to assist them to read to a definite end.

The course this year will consist of three books to be read in the order named:—

"Early Writings," by Mrs. E. G. White. A book so well known throughout the denomination needs no introduction.

"Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells, is a work on modern missions, which treats of every land and people of the world, giving the area of the fields studied, describing their people, religions and languages, and giving biographical sketches of the leading missionaries to each field.

This work will be supplemented by a general study of our own missions, from the booklet, "Outline of Mission Fields," prepared by Elder Spicer. The foreign mission lessons, which have appeared in the *Instructor*,

will also be good help along this line. As we study each field, we will locate on a map of the world our own mission stations and learn who is there, when the work started, and with what success it is meeting.

The third book studied will be "Pastor Hsi," by Mrs. Howard Taylor. This is a sketch of a life that shows the wonderful power of God over sin. Pastor Hsi was a wicked Chinese student who was converted to Christianity. He immediately gave up his opium, sued for peace with his enemies, and spent the remainder of his life drawing men to Jesus. The book abounds in inspiring, soul-encouraging experiences of Hsi, in his opium refuge and evangelistic work.

The course will be conducted through the *Youth's Instructor* beginning October 1, and will continue eight months.

All who desire to take this course should send in their names for enrolment to their respective conference Missionary Volunteer secretaries. No tuition for the work is required.

At the close of each book, examinations will be sent out, and all who satisfactorily complete the course will be granted a certificate by the Young People's

Missionary Volunteer Department.

THINGS NEEDED FOR THE COURSE

The Youth's Instructor, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., 75c per year.

"Early Writings," by Mrs. E. G. White, 75c.

"Into All the World," by Amos R. Wells, cloth 50c, paper 35c.

"Outline of Mission Fields," S. D. A. Mission Board, free.

World Map, showing prevailing religions, beautifully colored, 15 x 27 inches, 45c, mounted 65c.

"Pastor Hsi, One of China's Christians," by Mrs. Howard Taylor, cloth \$1, paper 65c.

These supplies may be ordered through the local tract society.

A VERY DIRECT APPEAL

That all the property and the money we possess is the Lord's is a principle clearly laid down in the scripture, for we ourselves are his. He has bought us and all that we have with the price of his own life-blood. How thankful we may be, too, that as a people we have a voice, the voice of the spirit of God, which speaks to us so clearly and definitely in regard to any special work which the Lord would have us do.

Here is a very definite and positive appeal written March 8, 1907, which comes to us through the Spirit of Prophecy:

"My dear brethren and sisters, all the money we have is the Lord's. I now appeal to you, in the name of the Lord, to unite in carrying to successful completion enterprises that have been undertaken in the counsel of God, and that are waiting for their portion of the \$150,000 fund which has been called for by the General Conference Committee."

J. S. WASHBURN.

NOTICE TO SASKATCHEWAN MISSION FIELD

On account of other responsibilities, in the Pacific Press branch office at Regina, Sister Birdie Conway has been released from the office of secretary and treasurer of the Saskatchewan Mission Field and Tract Society. All communications and funds intended for this office should now be sent to Mrs. H. S. Shaw, Box 1264, Regina, Sask.

H. S. SHAW.

From the Field

South Dakota

CHAMBERLAIN

I am glad to report a splendid interest in the meetings being held in Chamberlain. About twenty have taken their stand with God's remnant people, and there are about thirty more who are in the valley of decision. The word is being proclaimed with power by Elders C. M. Clark and R. E. Harter, and many feel the convincing power of the message "to prepare to meet thy God."

In Chamberlain the people of the city say that we must have a church building, and already about \$800 has been pledged, and more will be given, we are told by the business men.

The sanitarium is nearing completion and the dedication ceremonies will take place September 11. The program will be printed in my next communication. It is expected that we will have Elder R. A. Underwood; the president of this conference, Elder J. W. Christian, and a number of other of our leading brethren take part in the exercises. Excursion rates will be granted in South Dakota to Chamberlain September 10, 11, and 12. It will be necessary to take receipts for the fare paid, as we do for camp meeting tickets, in order to get the excursion rate, which I understand will be the same as for camp meetings.

A fine class of fifteen young people are in the nurses' training course, and two or three more are expected to join soon. Already patients are crowding in upon us, and about thirty have been received. A number of operations have been successfully performed, and the patients are improving nicely. A number of the patients are much interested in the truth, and some of those who came to us have made up their minds to take their stand with the command-keeping people.

We have a lady patient here on the conference endowed bed. She underwent a serious operation recently and is doing nicely. It will be a source of encouragement to our people to know that their benevolence is being used to relieve the suffering and pain of God's children. May the Lord impress the hearts of our brethren that this fund may be quickly made up. There are a

number of worthy ones who need just the care they can secure at this institution, and these must be helped.

We shall be glad to report to the Northern Union Conference from time to time the progress of the work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

C. P. FARNSWORTH.

A GOOD AVERAGE.

Since our camp meeting at Sioux Falls in June, we have had an average of nine agents in the field, who have reported 2,837 hours of work, and sales amounting to \$2,706.95. This is almost a dollar an hour at retail value of books.

Some of our workers from time to time have met difficulties, but as these were met victory was gained, and the above figures, showing just what is being done, are of more value in convincing doubters than any amount of argument.

Though we have done nobly, I am sure that more can yet be accomplished. "The fields are white to the harvest," and as we pray for more workers some of us may feel impressed to answer our own prayers by consecrating ourselves to the work.

GEO. W. MILLER.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Daniel Wall spent last Sabbath and Sunday in Sioux Falls in the interest of the church school work in that place.

The tent company at Volga report very strong opposition to their work, but that they are having a fair attendance and good meetings.

The South Dakota Tract Society has just received a shipment of Elder Enoch's book, "Glimpses of the Caribbean." All orders will receive prompt

attention. Price 25 cents, post-paid.

The Sioux Falls church spent a profitable time last Sabbath in studying the home field, and engaging in an earnest season of prayer for the various tent companies.

North Dakota

CATHAY

I praise the Lord for the degree of success he has given me this week. I realize more and more each day the truthfulness of the scripture that, "not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord," will his work be finished in the earth. My health has not been good lately, and I ask an interest in your prayers that I may be kept in such a condition physically and spiritually that I may give the best service to my Master.

GUSTAV S. ELLINGSON.

NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elders Reed and Huntley are holding meetings in the City Hall at Cando, N. D. The interest is fairly good. This effort began in a tent, but on August 16 the tent was blown to pieces by a wind storm, and the services were transferred to the hall.

Ruth Strong and Minnie Rietter are assisting in the effort at Cando. They are selling twenty-five *Signs* each week in about half an hour's time. They have several regular tract readers and some Bible readers. Quite a number of persons are interested.

A short time ago Elder Huntley baptized four of the Minto, N. D., Sabbath-keepers, who are now rejoicing in the message. Others are keeping the Sabbath at that place who will doubtless be baptized later.

Not long since quite a company of people were found in Grand Forks who are in harmony with the Bible doctrines of the unconscious state of the dead and the coming of Christ. These people are calling for help."

SASKATCHEWAN

"The canvassers in Saskatchewan are doing splendid work this summer. Though they are all new in the work with one exception, yet they are taking from \$50 to \$100 worth of orders each week where faithful time is reported. There are three tent companies located in Regina, this summer, one German and two English. At the camp meeting held in Regina there were eight baptized. A spiritual refreshing was experienced by those in attendance. July 4, Elder H. S. Shaw, ex-president of the Minnesota conference, and family arrived in Regina, where they will labor, Elder Shaw having been appointed superintendent of the Saskatchewan mission field."

PAUL CURTIS.

REGINA

We came to this place the morning of July 4, much wearied with the journey of several hundred miles from Sauk Center, Minn. Though in a land belonging to another nation—England—who frowns upon the memorial of the Fourth, yet we heard, the moment we stepped off the train, reports and detonations which are a joy to the ear of a Yankee on the Fourth of July. Thousands of people reared in the United States live in this country, and are climbing the golden stairway of prosperity, built by the combined powers of opportunity and resource. For this reason we could see the "star and stripes," and hear the

shooting of firecrackers the morning we arrived.

My wife's parents and sister being here makes it more pleasant for us. We speak of Minnesota and the many friends we have there, and wish we could see them. But the work of the Master is wide and the laborers are few in this province, so we are glad to be here to do our part as best we may.

At the close of the camp meeting, which was held at Regina, tent efforts were begun in this city in the German and English languages. The German company (Elder Sulzle, Brother Haak and their families) has been the more successful. Their interest has been good from the beginning. The English work has been hard, though our attendance and interest is better. This city is overwhelmed in the mad rush for gain. No time for religion. Money is the god. This place has grown in people and business by leaps and bounds.

The work of spreading this message demands of us all a complete consecration, and we pray as we labor that our hearts may feel the power of the truth which the world needs. May all of God's chosen arise to their privileges and do their appointed work.

A. C. GILBERT.

Alberta

CALGARY

At the close of the camp meeting Brother and Sister Burman, Brother and Sister Aalborg and the writer came to this place to conduct a series of meetings. After looking over the town we decided on a location, and upon inquiry found that the vacant lots we had in mind were owned by one of the brethren, so of course we had no trouble in getting per-

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

Of the Educational Department of the Northern Union Conference

Church and Family Schools	Minn.—	So. Dak.—	No. Dak.—	Alta.—	Man.—	Total
No. of church schools held during year	7	10	4	3		24
No. of family schools	1	2				3
Total enrolment of church and family schools	112	150	*65	54		391
Average length of terms in months	7	6.25	4	4.33		
No. of schools in session nine months	2					2
No. of schools in session seven months or more	5	3				8
No. of students in school nine months						
No. students in school seven months or more		63				
Academies						
School opened	Sept. 26	Sept. 26	Oct. 3	Jan. 3	Nov. 30	
School closed	June 1	May 24	June 11	Mar. 22	Apr. 16	
Size of faculty	7	5	7	3	3	
The grades taught	7-11	7-10	7-12	4, 6-9	5-9	
Total enrolment during year	94	60	57	27	17	
Highest attendance at one time during year	90	49	56	26	17	
No. of months the school was in session	9	8.75	9	3	5	
No. of students attending throughout the school year	40	13	21	14		
No. students confessing Christ openly for first time or after backsliding	10	5	12	3	3	
No. volumes in library	190	*250	130		14	
Total membership of young people's society		*42	28	26	21	
Union College						
No. of students in Union College	16	24	15	1		56
Total number of students receiving a Christian education in our schools	222	244	137	82	17	702
*Approximate						

mission to pitch our tent there.

While the attendance has not been large, a good interest has been shown, and even mud and rain have not kept the interested ones away. In addition to the meetings, we are supplying 200 families with the Family Bible Teacher. Some are interested, and we hope to see good results from our work. None of the testing truths have yet been given, so we cannot tell just where the people stand. V. D. HAWLEY.

ALBERTA CONFERENCE

Our second annual conference was held at Lacombe, where about 175 of our people were assembled from all parts of the province. The presence and power of God was with his people.

At the close of this gathering a committee of seven, chosen by the conference, set out in search of a location for an intermediate

school. Several places were visited, but only one seemed to fulfill all the conditions necessary to make such an institution a success. The place chosen is two miles west of Leduc, on a main road, having 120 acres under cultivation, 110 of which is sown in timothy. A well on the place furnished sufficient water for sixty head of stock during the past winter. This is one of the best farms in Alberta.

All of our laborers are located in new fields, and some are already reporting results of their efforts. Since camp meeting Elder Boynton baptized six persons near Stettler, where some previous work had been done. He now goes to Manville with a tent.

Elder Block visited several isolated German families fifty miles east of Stettler, and then pitched his tent in Calgary. At present he is having a good attendance.

Elder A. C. Anderson and Brother Shelstad report six at the point of keeping the Sabbath near Brother Anderson's home near Harmattan.

Brother Bonde writes that some have promised to obey God near Patience, where he has held a two weeks' meeting.

Elder J. C. Christensen is conducting some meetings and visiting interested ones in and about Leavings.

Assisted by Brethren Hailey and Aalborg we pitched our tent here in Calgary, where a few interested people assemble each night. We have not presented the testing truths so are not prepared to give results. Like the Bereans they are studying to see if these things be so.

At present there are nine canvassers doing faithful work. Two more are planning to enter the field this week. Some of our canvassers have been greatly delayed in their delivery, waiting

for books. We had hoped that these delays were in the past, but for some reason books cannot be obtained when wanted. This is very discouraging to the agents. God is greatly blessing every line of the message in this field, for which we thank him and press forward.

C. A. BURMAN.

ALBERTA NOTES

We are much disappointed to learn that Brother C. Reimche, of South Dakota, is unable to leave his home at this time. Arrangements had been made for Brother Reimche to assist Elder Block in a German effort in Calgary. Brother C. L. Holdeman has been invited to take his place.

C. L. Holdeman sold all of his farming implements with the intent of clearing the way so that he may engage in the work of spreading the Third Angel's Message.

Minnesota

ST. PAUL

Since returning to St. Paul from camp meeting we have been very busy. Our tents were pitched on the corner of Dale St. and Portland Ave. The first meeting was held July 10. The morning after each service we carried the Family Bible Teacher to the homes of the people, a number of which homes were those of millionaires.

Generally speaking we were received very kindly, but often found it quite perplexing to be able to meet the real occupants of those mansions. The servant girls usually answered the bell by tripping up to the door with a card tray, and courteously informing us that the mistress was "very busy," or "out for a ride,"

or "preparing to go away," or "off to the lakes," or "sleeping," or "entertaining." When we were fortunate or unfortunate enough to meet one of these ladies, often without words, but by their very air and actions they said, "I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing," and seemed not to know that they were "wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked."

However, we met many honest souls who were longing for something they knew not what. As one lady said, "I am dissatisfied. I have been reading several different doctrines, and am now studying Christian Science, but the more I study the more hopeless I feel." They are like "children, tossed to and fro and blown about with every wind of doctrine." Gladly we pointed such souls to the sure word of God, but, oh, how few even of those who see this truth are willing to become "doers of the word." Many read with deep interest the readings in the Family Bible Teacher from beginning to close. Others read until those on the "Rise and Work of the Papacy" were given out, then they suddenly became disinterested. But we believe these leaflets will bear fruit for God's kingdom.

One lady to whom I was about to give the readings said, "I think I have some like those." When she returned from her room she brought out a handful of the readings which proved to be the full set. They were worn and marked, and showed that they had been much used. Some faithful sister had given them to her while she lived in Roanoke, Virginia. With tears in her eyes she said that she fully believed every point of their teach-

ing, the Sabbath question included.

We were in that location about four weeks, and during our gleanings three precious souls were liberated and are rejoicing in the truth. Others are still studying it with deep interest. Pray for us, brethren and sisters, that we may not "observe the wind" nor "regard the clouds," but continue to sow the seeds of truth "beside all waters."

ALICE M. BURGART.

WARREN

At the close of our St. Cloud camp meeting, we went to Alvarado, in northern Minnesota, where we held a camp meeting for the Scandinavian people which lasted from June 28 to July 7. Brethren Jackson, Everest, Reppe, Johansen and the writer were present, also Sister Merickel, who held some very interesting meetings with the children. A special blessing attended the latter part of our meeting, and seven souls were buried with the Lord in baptism.

From there Brother Johansen and the writer with our families, went to Warren, nine miles east of Alvarado, where we have been holding tent meetings. We secured, as we deemed it, the best and most centrally-located place in the town. It was a corner lot belonging to the Great Northern Railway Company, and just across the street from the music stand. There we held seven meetings a week until August 12, on which date the county fair was opened for a period of three days. We moved our tent two blocks away. This fair, carnival and moving, broke up our meetings for one week, and partly our interest, so in all we have been holding meetings here just five weeks. Sister Johansen has

given two health talks and one on the "Ministration of Angels," which has also been a help to us.

The Lutherans are well represented in this place, having two Norwegian and one Swedish churches, but very few of them attend our meetings. Some of them would like to come, but they are held back by their friends. Otherwise we have had a very fair attendance right along. One young man has accepted the truth, and we have hopes that others will do so, as there are some who are interested. We have billed the town twice, and have given every family, to the best of our knowledge, from three to six of our papers. We have sold and given away quite a number of our books, and are also using the Bible Teacher. Besides this we are announcing our meetings each week through the paper. Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Johansen have taken an active part in this work.

We shall feel assured that when we leave this place that the people of Warren have had a good opportunity to hear the "gospel of the kingdom," if not more than for a witness.

JOHN F. ANDERSON.

FEELEY

Shortly after our good camp meeting it was my privilege to visit Feeley, as there were some persons there who desired to be baptized. The occasion was a pleasant and profitable one. Meetings were held each evening, and on Sabbath a day service was held following the Sabbath school, after which we all repaired to a beautiful lake, a short distance away, and four young persons were baptized.

Other young people at Feeley, and some older ones, too, were

THE BOOK WORK

MINNESOTA—WEEK ENDING AUGUST 17

Name	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
M. Ruskjer	G. C.	51	18	45 00	1 55	46 55	10 50
Myrtle Johnson	H. M.	19	9	15 75	8 50	24 25	
E. Grimstad	"	19	5	8 75	25	9 00	3 55
Harold Wood	"	16	4	7 00	1 90	8 90	40
F. Stratton	"	10	3	5 25		5 25	
A. B. Francis	"	23	1	1 75	3 00	4 75	1 50
Totals,	6 agents	138	40	\$83 50	\$15 20	\$98 70	\$6 50

SOUTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING AUGUST 17

C. D. Terwillegar	G. C.	2			5 25	5 25	
J. P. Glembin	G. C.	38	11	30 50	8 40	38 90	
Roy Betts	G. C.	14	3	7 50		7 50	
Geo. P. Glembin	G. C.	8	1	2 50	1 00	3 50	
M. Hendrickson	H. M.	6	6	10 50	2 50	13 00	8 75
Clara Kier	H. M.	25	7	12 25	6 25	18 50	8 75
Iver Hanson	B. R.	26	2	6 50	1 90	8 40	
Millie Betts	H. H.	25	5	12 50	2 25	14 75	
Ole Tronson	C. K.	7	5	5 00		5 00	
Totals,	9 agents	151	40	\$87 25	\$27 55	\$114 80	\$17 50

NORTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING AUGUST 17

G. Ellingson	G. C.	34	16	41 00	3 00	41 00	
F. B. Juhl	H. H.	33	11	32 50		32 50	
Totals,	2 agents	67	27	\$ 73 50	\$3 00	\$76 50	

SASKATCHEWAN—ONE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 10

R. P. Mooney	G. C.	47	18	49 65	5 20	54 85	
T. T. Babienco	"	13	9	23 00		23 00	
J. M. Rowse	"	15	7	20 75		20 75	2 75
J. P. Hoffman	H. M.	58	20	38 80		38 80	
Totals,	4 agents	133	54	\$132 20	\$5 20	\$137 40	\$2 75
U. C. Totals	21 agents	489	61	\$376 45	\$50 95	\$427 40	\$26 75

almost ready to take the step, but desired a little more time in which to gain a good Christian experience. I encouraged them to persevere in their efforts for the right, promising to return, if possible, a little later. A few days ago I visited the place again and found that the leaven of truth had been working, and during my stay there five more were baptized, making nine in all. This seemed very encouraging, but the work is not done. The spirit of God is working on other hearts, and several have expressed their intention of surrendering their lives to the Lord. I am persuaded that more labor should be bestowed at Feeley,

and believe that a number of other souls would soon be satisfied with this truth. Some of them have known this truth before, and some have not. One Scandinavian brother, who lived neighbor to Brother Pogue when he was at Feeley, and who has been reading our literature for some time, told me that he was convinced that this was God's truth, and that he must live it. He is quite an influential man in the place, and if he should take hold of the truth it would have quite an effect on the community.

I am greatly in hopes that further labor may be bestowed at this place, and that many others may decide for the truth,

so that a church may be organized in the near future.

C. M. BABCOCK.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS OF MINNESOTA

Knowing that the young people are anxious to have a part in the great work which the Lord has committed to this people, I wish to call your attention to the temperance number of *Life and Health*, and ask that each young person order a liberal number to sell in his or her own neighborhood. Shall we not rally to this call and sell a large number of this valuable issue, and thus aid the cause of temperance in the state?

The prices are as follows: 2 to 10 copies to one address, 5 cents a copy; 10 to 24 copies, 4 cents a copy; 25 or more copies, 3 cents a copy, all postpaid.

The paper sells at 10 cents a copy, giving a liberal profit on each sale. Make out your order just now, before you forget it, and send it to C. M. Everest, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

Please let me hear from each one as to your success in the work, your plans for the future, etc. This is the first call for service to the "Missionary Volunteers." Let us respond promptly, and do a good work for the Master.

W. W. RUBLE,
Alexandria, Minn.

MISSIONARY REPORT

The Minneapolis Society of Missionary Volunteers present the following report of missionary work done during the six months ending June 30:

Letters written, 92; papers given away, 812; papers sold, 145; number tracts, 498; pages of tracts, 6,578; missionary visits made, 213; books given away,

23; books sold, 9; Bible readings held, 9; missionary talks, 25; paper racks made, 3; Family Bible Teacher lessons given away, 347; three weeks' Christian help work. \$50 has been pledged for the Ceylon mission field, \$60 for India, and \$60 for China for the coming year.

HARTA GALPIN, Secretary.

MINNESOTA NOTES

A private letter from Elder Granger states that he is very much improved in health, and is thoroughly enjoying his outing near Sturgeon Lake. His family is with him, and he will probably stay out in the open for two or three weeks yet.

Mrs. E. P. Hawkins, wife of Dr. Hawkins, of Montrose, is recovering from a severe attack of bronchitis and pneumonia.

Brother Harvey Shrock, who has been assisting Dr. Hawkins, at Montrose, for several months, passed through Minneapolis on Sunday last enroute to the Wisconsin camp meeting. Brother Shrock expects to take up a course in electrical engineering.

Elder W. W. Ruble, educational secretary of the Minnesota conference, visited Dodge Center last week in the interest of the church school work.

Word has been received from Anoka that several of the young people from the Anoka church school will attend Maplewood Academy this year.

CHEERING WORDS

"In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand, for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or both alike shall be good." This is a text that is always a comfort and encour-

agement to the canvasser, and now during harvest and threshing time, when it is so hard to get a hearing, these precious promises will buoy us up and serve as an inspiration to put forth more earnest efforts for the salvation of precious souls. We must have the spirit and power that will kindle enthusiasm, and create the impression that what we have to say is more important than any other business of the world. This must be done in a tactful and courteous manner, and in a humble, Christ-like spirit.

We are pleased to note that the report of sales in the Northern Union for July is \$500 more than that for June, and at the rate sales are being made the total for August will be still larger.

Alberta sent in a splendid report for week ending August 10.

May the Lord help us to see this work in its length and breadth, and employ all our time in his service. The Lord wants us to use all the talents he has given us to his glory and for the salvation of souls. Now how may we do this? First, by putting in good, faithful time as a band of workers in the canvassing field. The forty-hour week is the mark we have striven to reach in the Pacific Press territory. God has indeed blessed the earnest work that has been done this year, and we thank him for all this. Now that we are nearing the close of the season let us not slacken our pace, but press on perseveringly for the prize at the end of the race.

W. L. MANFULL.

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TO THOSE who believe in such things it would seem that there was a special providence hovering over the school buildings and farm at Maplewood Academy during the severe storm which devastated that part of the state of Minnesota Sunday evening, August 18. At Lake Independence, about half a mile from the school building, houses were torn from their foundations and rolled over and over. One person was killed and about twenty-five were injured. Three large barns were reduced to kindling wood, and horses, cows and other stock were killed. Buildings were wrecked and other damage was done all through that part of the country, but there was no loss at Maplewood. It does not take a very great stretch of the imagination for one to believe that a covering hand was extended over this institution, and that God is fully as able to protect his people in times of great physical danger as he is to keep them from falling into sin.

OUR publishing houses are now sending out books, tracts, pamphlets, periodicals, etc., in thirty-one different languages, and literature in other forms is prepared in Arabic, Basuto, Armenian Greek, Cantonese (China), Amoy dialect (China), Greek, Hawaiian, Kaffir, Maori, Samoan, Swahili, Tamil, Tongan, Turkish-Armenian, and Yiddish, a total of fifty-one different languages. There are twenty-two publishing houses with estimated assets of \$650,000, employing approximately 400 persons. There are 1,068 persons engaged regularly in the circulation of literature.

THE city of Minneapolis was visited by a very severe wind storm last Sunday night, and a great deal of damage was done. The storm came just as the meeting was scheduled to commence in the tent in that city, and it took the combined efforts of a dozen men to hold the tent down. The rain came down in torrents, and this, with the loud thunder and vivid lightning, was terrifying to the people in the tent. The storm subsided after a time, and Elder Underwood, who was speaking that evening, gave a very interesting and profitable lesson from the topic of "Christian Science."

THERE is a statement in the testimonies to the effect that those who live near the close of time will find it necessary to run to keep up with the message. One is impelled to believe that we have already reached that time. To-day unless we run we find ourselves away behind—even behind the progress of the world, to say nothing of the work of God in the land.

ELDER S. N. HASKELL has arranged to issue a special number

of the Bible Training School, the proceeds of which are to go to help build up the mission schools in the south, on the same general plan that help was provided Brother and Sister Burgess for India. This is a worthy enterprise, and many in the north should be glad to help on the good work.

AN energetic canvasser in California worked seventy-one hours in one week recently. During this time he took forty-four orders for Heralds of the Morning. This man began work as soon as breakfast was over and kept going until it was too dark to push his wheel. A report of this kind makes our tired fellows feel quite a little more weary.

FOURTEEN THOUSAND copies of the Christian Endeavor number of *Liberty* were distributed in Seattle, Wash., during the Christian Endeavor convention held recently at that place. Since that time one brother has placed twenty-two hundred copies among the lawyers and business men of that place.

A PHILADELPHIA QUAKERESS has recently given \$1,000,000 for the fundamental education of the negro. This would indicate that the Lord was fulfilling his promise to bring this needy field before men and women of means.

THE annual meeting of the International Publishing Association has been appointed to be held at College View, Neb., September 16-18, immediately following the Nebraska camp meeting.

IN the Southern Union Conference there are at the present time eight ordained colored ministers, five licentiates, and fifteen church school teachers.