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

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## JUST FOR TO-DAY

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs,  
I do not pray.  
Keep me from stain of sin and wrong,  
Just for to-day.  
Let me both diligently work  
And duly pray.  
Let me be kind in word and deed,  
Just for to-day.  
Let me be swift to do thy will,  
Prompt to obey.  
Help me to sacrifice myself,  
Just for to-day.  
Let me no wrong or idle word,  
Unthinking say.  
Set thou a seal upon my lips  
Just for to-day.  
So for tomorrow and its needs  
I do not pray.  
But keep me, guide me, hold me, Lord,  
Just for to-day. —Sel.

## TO MINISTERS AND TEACHERS

MRS. E. G. WHITE

Those who teach the word need not feel that they must search up some new and intricate subject to present to the churches. The most profitable subjects that can be presented are those that Christ dwelt upon when teaching his disciples and the multitudes that daily followed him. His lessons seemed always new and interesting. The common people heard him gladly.

When our ministers seek to

present something that is new and strange to the common people, they are not following the custom of Christ. Sometimes the things they endeavor to present they do not themselves understand, and they lead minds away from the path of truth and righteousness. Self, self! When will self die, and when shall we learn what it means to follow in the footsteps of Jesus?

Let us as ministers and teachers study the sermons of Christ, and by prayerful effort learn to comprehend the very spirit of these discourses. They are to be presented so that the common people can understand them. Let us study over and over again the fourteenth to the seventeenth chapters of John. The last sermons of Christ, and his last prayer for his disciples, contain precious instruction, the treasures of which, study as we may, we can never exhaust.

The work to be done in our churches should begin with our leaders. When they humble their souls before God, when they confess their sins and become truly converted, their lives will reveal the transformation within. Selfishness will be emptied from their hearts, self-confidence will die, the disposition to dominate and control will disappear.

"Thus saith the Lord, cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh."

This is a representation of the man who does not humble his heart before the Lord, and give up his will to the will of God. This man has lost his discernment, and cannot be trusted. And because he has rejected the warnings of God, he has greatly hindered the work of the Lord. He shall "inhabit the parched places of the wilderness, in a salt land, and not inhabited."

Another class is represented in the next words of the prophet: "Blessed is the man who trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. He shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh; but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

The prophet continues: "O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from thee shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken thee,

the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O Lord; and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

"Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now. As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee; neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest; that which came out of my lips was right before thee. Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil. Let them be confounded that persecute me, and let me not be confounded; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed; bring upon them the days of evil, and destroy them with double destruction."

We need to understand these Old Testament figures and representations. Let us give them earnest consideration. We are slow to realize that these things foretold by the Lord's servants have been fulfilled, and are being fulfilled in our present history.

God has provided divine assistance for all the emergencies to which our human resources are unequal. He gives the Holy Spirit to help in every strait, to strengthen our hope and assurance, to illuminate our minds and purify our hearts. He means that sufficient facilities shall be provided for the working out of his plans. My ministering brethren, I bid you seek counsel from God. Seek him with the whole heart, and "whatsoever he saith unto you, do."

### DON'T FORGET YOUR FOREIGN NEIGHBOR

To-day it is our privilege to work for the salvation of others. We are privileged to bring this blessed truth to all tongues, kindred and nations, and this we as a people are fulfilling now; but

O, how much there is yet to do.

A wide field is open for us in this country. There are large cities and many smaller places where this truth has not yet entered, and we, who have the heavenly light, are the ones to lighten up such places. There may, perhaps, be found neighbors of yours who possibly do not know anything of what you believe, because they are strangers in this country. You cannot speak understandingly to them, nor they to you, and even though they have been in this country for a few years, and may understand the English language to a certain extent, this truth can only be of the greatest value to them in their own mother tongue.

Suppose, dear American brother and sister, that you had gone to a foreign country, and had learned to speak the language of that country so that you could just get along, which language do you think would always be the dearest, sweetest and most natural to you? And if you had to decide important matters, don't you think you would want the same given to you in your own language so that you could clearly comprehend it all? I know you would, and so likewise with your foreign brother and sister.

We are going to have them settle a matter of eternity, one which embraces both heaven and earth, the matter of this precious truth, on which all our lives depends. We want to bring it to the thousands of our fellowmen in this country who do not understand the English language very well, and that real joy and happiness which follows this message will sink deepest into their hearts when given to them in their own language. For that reason we extend a hearty invitation to all of our American

brethren and sisters to help us in our work. We Danish-Norwegian workers are anxious to reach all of our nationalities. Will you stand by us? If you cannot speak so that they can understand you, try to get our good Danish-Norwegian paper, *Evangeliets Sendebud*, and hand it to them. In some places there may be quite a number of Danish-Norwegian people in your neighborhood. If you cannot get them to subscribe for the paper themselves, it would be a good idea for you to take a club of the *Sendebud* with which to do missionary work. In other cases you could do a good work by paying for one or more subscriptions. If you do not feel able to do that, and if you still want to do something for your foreign brother and sister, please send us their names and addresses, and we will try to do something for them.

Now is the time to work. The long winter evenings have just begun. Our special number will be issued this week, and this will give you the best opportunity to introduce our paper. A new series of very attractive articles, with beautiful illustrations, will follow in succeeding issues. These will be of great interest to every Danish-Norwegian man and woman, and we expect our dear American brethren to help us in placing this paper in their homes. Many of them did nobly with our summer series, which proved a great success. While we have been doing our very best in the past to make our papers attractive, our improved facilities will now enable us to do better than we have ever yet done. Please give them a wide circulation. Our price is as usual, \$1.25 for one year, and 65 cents for six months. In clubs we give a liberal reduction when

ten copise are ordered. Address,  
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### THE VALUE OF EARNEST- NESS

The writer has had the privilege of being present at several meetings of the National Convention of the W. C. T. U., recently held in Nashville, Tenn. While we would probably not agree with all their methods yet there was one thing that impressed me strongly, and that is, the great earnestness and intensity with which those noble women are working in the good cause of Christian temperance. Their influence has certainly accomplished much. As a result at least partially of their work a strong temperance tide is flowing over the country, especially in the South. Georgia has become a prohibition state; Alabama seems just on the verge of passing a prohibitory law; there are only four cities in Tennessee which have saloons, and it is evident that Tennessee will also be in the prohibition column. All through the country the temperance wave is flowing as it is evident from the reports.

The cause is a good one, and those who labor in it should be in deadly earnest; and earnestness counts. The individual who has courage and energy to follow his convictions does something in the world. The listless, dead, formal, half-hearted service that many of us give should cause us to tremble lest the warning of those terrible words apply to us, "Because thou art neither cold nor hot I will spue thee out of my mouth." Let us do with our might what our hands find to do. Let us labor fast while the rays of the setting sun are shining. Let us finish the work

before "the night cometh when no man can work." Should not Seventh-day Adventists who have other great truths beside the temperance truth, arise and with a terrible and irresistible earnestness show the many in the world who are looking for light that we have a real message and a real work? "Awake thou that sleepest." With patience and yet with haste let us do the Lord's blessed work.

J. S. WASHBURN.

### THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

In harmony with the recommendation of the Sabbath school and young people's convention held at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, last summer, the General Conference Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department has prepared a calendar adapted for daily morning prayer and Bible study. There is a Bible text for every day in the year, and suggestions for supplementary reading in the spirit of prophecy for those who can do it. There are also recommended subjects for special prayer.

This plan has brought great blessings to our young people wherever carried out. Systematic Bible study and prayer are two of the daily essentials to a successful Christian life. What a power it would bring into the lives of our young people if they would conscientiously devote thirty minutes or more of every day to quiet communion with God. This calendar will help you.

Send to your conference secretary of young people's work for a copy at once, that you may begin on New Year's morning. Price six cents. The directory of all our conference young people's secretaries in the United

States was given in the *Instructor* of December 10.

M. E. KERN.

### From the Field

Iowa.

STUART

While planning for meetings of a general character in different parts of the state, it was thought advisable to hold a revival meeting at Stuart, and upon request of the members of the church the meeting was appointed. The writer was assisted by Mrs. Minnie Syp. Meetings were held at the academy during the day and at the church in the evening. The first day of the meeting was Sabbath, November 23. The Spirit of God came into the meeting in a general measure, and a number came forward to seek the Lord, some for the first time. The meetings at the academy became so interesting that the whole school session was given over to them. I have not for a long time attended a meeting where there seemed to be so much earnest heart-searching as there was among the students. With the exception of three or four, all of the students in the school made a start for the kingdom.

The same deep work of grace moved on the hearts of the people in the church, and we had the privilege of baptizing twenty persons who had given themselves to the Lord. Some who had wholly given up the truth renewed their consecration, and some who had never professed to live the truth before started in the good way. At the baptism a large number of citizens were present to witness the

solemn scene, and as one after another was buried the congregation seemed impressed and looked on with marked attention. At the closing meeting the \$150,000 fund was taken up, and \$356 was given to help the worthy cause of God. One noticeable feature was that most of this was pledged by our young people. We believe this meeting will be remembered for a long time at this center of the work.

I would ask our brethren and sisters throughout the conference to pray earnestly for the laborers as they go from place to place, that many souls may be garnered in during the winter. May God greatly bless his people in this solemn time. L. F. STARR.

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#### IOWA NOTES

The new building for laundry and bath room purposes at Stuart Academy is now being erected, and, nothing preventing, will be ready for occupancy before long. Professor Bralliar reports that the academy is full to overflowing, and that other students desiring to take up work will have to write before going to Stuart.

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#### South Dakota

##### A LESSON FROM WILLIE

Deeply was I impressed some time ago upon reading about a little boy who had been blind from infancy, but whose sight had been restored through an operation. When the bandage was at last removed, and little Willie was permitted to use his eyes for the first time, he stood in silent wonder and gazed at those around him without recognizing them until he heard his mother's familiar voice speaking to him. Then with a burst of rapture, he rushed into his

mother's arms exclaiming: "O mamma, is this heaven?"

Thus it is in religious things. Those who are spiritually blind do not see the wonderful works of God nor the beauties of his word. But whenever our eyes are opened we will gaze in silent wonder and admiration at the glories seen in the handiwork of God, for though all nature is sadly marred by sin, many evidences of our heavenly Father's love may be seen on every hand. Then will we be able to see that "God is love" is written on every leaf and on every flower and on every spire of grass. Then will new gems of truth shine forth from the sacred page, filling our hearts with joy and gladness. Then, though, like Willie we may not be in heaven, we may "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." O, let us pray with the psalmist: "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

N. P. NEILSEN.

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#### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder N. P. Nielsen met with the Lake Preston church last Sabbath, and an excellent meeting was enjoyed.

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#### North Dakota

##### ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NORTH DAKOTA

The annual conference of the Seventh-day Adventists of North Dakota will be held at the Academy, Harvey, North Dakota, December 25-29, 1907.

We hope that elders of churches will see that delegates are appointed and the names of the same sent to Elder A. E. Doering, secretary of the conference. The ratio of representation is one delegate to represent the church,

and one additional delegate for every ten members. The elder, by virtue of his office, is always a delegate.

We hope to see each of the churches fully represented, and all the delegates present for the first meeting at 7:30 P. M., Wednesday, December 25.

J. G. WALKER,  
President of Conference.

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The annual meeting of the North Dakota Conference Association will be held in connection with the Seventh-day Adventist Conference at Harvey, North Dakota, December 25-29, 1907. The first meeting of the association will be held Thursday, December 26, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M.

All accredited delegates to the conference are members of the association and should be present at this meeting.

J. G. WALKER,  
Chairman of Board of Trustees.

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#### NORTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder E. H. Huntley, who has been laboring very successfully in the North Dakota conference for a number of years, has arranged to connect with the work in Oregon. Mrs. Huntley has not been in good health for some time, and it has been thought necessary to make this change.

Elder A. O. Burrill, formerly president of the Ontario conference, but who has been laboring in North Dakota while on an extended visit to his son, has recently received a call to locate in the territory of the Southern Union Conference and take up again the duties of a conference president.

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#### MANITOBA NOTICE

The fifth annual session of the Manitoba Conference of Seventh-day Ad-

ventists will be held at the Northwestern Training School, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, December 27-31. The first meeting will convene at seven o'clock on Friday evening.

At this session all the regular conference officers will be elected, including trustees for the legal part, and such other business will receive attention as may properly come before the delegates.

Each church is entitled to one delegate without respect to numbers, and one delegate to every seven members or fraction thereof. We hope also to see representatives from the various companies and isolated Sabbath-keepers. Let each church attend at once to the election of its delegates, and forward the credentials of the same to the conference secretary.

W. M. ADAMS, President.

## Minnesota

### DRYWOOD AND BRAINERD

General meetings were held at Drywood and Brainerd November 23 and December 7 respectively. The Eagle Bend brethren drove over to Drywood, and at Brainerd Crow Wing and Verndale were well represented. Though the attendance was not large, an excellent spirit prevailed. All felt more than repaid for the effort put forth.

It is good for us to meet together and exchange experiences. We are all very apt to think our own experience the most peculiar and trying of any in the land, but let us for a moment see the condition and hear of the trials of another, and ours diminishes materially. What a blessing we have in this great panacea for our spiritual ailments.

Elder Mead conducted a very interesting study at Brainerd Sunday morning on the duties of church officers. Though we all did not exactly agree as to the precise duties of the different officers, it was apparent to all that there are none too many, and

seemingly quite too few, to attend to and execute the business of the church. How is it in your church brother, sister?

On the last-named Sunday evening Elder Underwood addressed a large and interested audience on the important subject, "The Handwriting of God on the Wall of Time as Depicted in the Inventions of the Nineteenth Century." All were impressed that this writing was just as plain, and its fulfillment just as certain, as the writing in Belshazzar's time.

It is customary to tender a vote of thanks to individuals or communities when favors have been extended, so we felt we should extend to the brethren our thanks for their many kindnesses and hospitality. We sometimes think of the minister as not needing any encouragement. This I suppose should be true, and sometimes necessarily has to be. The very cordial reception given the worker when he comes from the outside world is a great source of strength and encouragement to him, and inspires him with new zeal to resume his journey. The poet has well expressed the effect of the attitude of our loved ones either in the family or church:

"But of all the foes we meet,  
None so apt to turn our feet,  
None so apt to lead to sin,  
As the foes we have within."

S. E. JACKSON.

### SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

Quarter ending, September 30

Thinking a short report of the Sabbath school work in the state might be of interest to the readers of the REAPER, I herewith give the items as sent to the General Conference secretary. The report is not as complete as we wish it might be, as a few of the schools were not heard from

in time to be included in the summary.

During the quarter the schools at Hutchinson, Linnell, Staples, and a small Scandinavian school near Sebekka, have been reported as discontinued.

Number of regular schools.....	83
Number of schools not reporting.....	7
Membership.....	2,077
Average attendance.....	1,296
Number of classes.....	253
Donations.....	\$515 24
Amount reported for missions..	\$434 52
Expense, and not accounted for.	80 72
Local Home department membership.....	46
Schools in state Home department	88
Membership of state Home department.....	258
Average attendance of Home department.....	240
Donations.....	\$59 96
Used for expenses.....	10
Given to missions.....	59 86
Total membership.....	2,333
Total donations.....	\$575 20
Total given to missions.....	\$494 38

It is encouraging to note that the amount used for home expenses this quarter is the smallest it has ever been. Out of the 171 schools, including the Home department, we find that 131 gave all their donations to missions last quarter, and several of the others used only a few cents from their donations.

We hope to hear from the Sabbath schools that have not already reported before the close of the month, so that the records may be complete for the year.

ELLA E. MERICKEL.

### ANOKA

Sabbath, November 23, I was at St. Paul, and met with the church there. Saturday evening the church building committee met and discussed plans for prosecuting the work of selecting a lot and building a church. Some time was spent afterward in looking at lots. No definite selection has yet been made,

though we hope to buy as soon as possible. The brethren and sisters are of good courage, and happy to know that they are really to have a church building. Already over one thousand dollars tithe has been paid in by the church this year.

I spent a few days at Maplewood Academy. A good class of students is in attendance, many of whom are preparing for some branch of the work. Sixty dollars was given in cash and pledges by teachers and students to the church fund.

Anoka was the next place visited. Several meetings were held and a number not of our faith attended. One young man and his wife expressed their intention to keep the Sabbath. Others are deeply interested in the truth. Over one hundred dollars was donated to the church fund.

F. A. DETAMORE.

#### MINNESOTA MISSION BAND

How I wish that all the children in Minnesota could see some of the nice reports that are coming in from the members of our Mission Band. It is encouraging to know that over \$180 has already been sent in, and still the reports are coming.

Last evening I received a letter from two girls in the northern part of the state, enclosing a money order for \$7.78, and this is what they said: "We will now send you the money that we have made from our missionary garden. We are very glad to see that it is so much more than it was last year. We had potatoes and tomatoes in our garden this year, and they both grew very well. We are sure that the Lord has need of the money to help send missionaries to those sin-darkened lands to tell the people of the soon-coming King."

One superintendent, in writing me of their Ingathering service, said: "Most of the money (they sent in \$19.10) was realized from potatoes, as that is the product generally raised here. All are quite poor, and could have needed to use this money themselves, yet I am sure that every cent has been given with a glad heart. We hope this little sum with God's blessing may do some good in the great mission field."

Amount previously reported....	\$ 65 15
Leon and Edna Jones.....	3 00
Warren Cummings.....	2 00
Blanche, Paul, Ward and Melvin Cramer.....	3 70
Matie and Petrine Ruskjer.....	7 78
Monticello.....	1 85
Nevis.....	2 65
Tyler.....	3 75
St. Paul, English.....	4 20
Anoka.....	11 79
Rock Creek.....	13 15
Lake Eunice.....	18 00
Mahtowa.....	19 10
Mankato.....	27 63
Total	\$183 75

ELLA E. MERICKEL.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL AT BRAINERD

By reviewing the school work here I find that three months have passed. The attendance has increased each month. Those not of our faith become so interested in the school that they send their children. Many are inquiring into our school system, and seem pleased with the conference outline of study. A series of meetings was held in the school house at which there was a good attendance. Thus an opportunity was given to all to become better acquainted with present truth.

Since receiving our school supplies we have tried to make up the amount of work we should have done at the beginning of the term. The children are all trying to do their best. This

alone is evidence that the Spirit of God is still with us, to guide and keep each one in the straight and narrow path. However, the tempter is not at rest even here, but tries to slip in when we are off our guard. Our reading circle is a source of strength as we daily memorize the texts. Pray that the work may ever be onward at this place.

BLANCHE E. POSTER.

#### ST. CLOUD

As I have changed my location I thought I would write a few lines to let the REAPER family know where I am. It was thought best by the conference committee that I should make St. Cloud my field of labor this winter. So I am here, hard at it, trying to get acquainted with the people and the work. I fear it will be hard to get the interest back to where it once was. Usually a relapse is harder to heal than the wound was at first, but with the help of the Lord and the co-operation of the church here I hope to see something accomplished. I desire an interest in the prayers of the REAPER family for the work at this place.

GEO. L. BUDD.

#### MINNESOTA NOTES

Elder A. W. Kuehl has moved to Minneapolis, where he will assume the pastorate of the English church and take up active work. The retirement of Elder Granger from the work in Minnesota necessitated the immediate placing of another worker in Minneapolis.

A corps of lady students came to Minneapolis from Maplewood Academy last week to sell the Missions number of the *Signs of the Times*. Elder W. A. Alway accompanied them. They report

a very successful and interesting experience.

Elder L. H. Christian, who has been laboring in Minnesota for some weeks in the interest of the Danish-Norwegian people, passed through Minneapolis last week enroute to his home in Milwaukee, Wis.

Elder Underwood went to Mankato Thursday last to conduct services at the burial of Brother Joseph Le Duc, who died on Tuesday. Elder Underwood spent Sabbath and Sunday at Dodge Center.

Elder J. F. Anderson, who has been laboring in the northern part of the state since June last, will spend the week of prayer in St. Paul, incidently getting acquainted with his family.

Elder Andrew Christian, of Kenmare, N. D., visited in Minneapolis last week, on his way to Graysville, Tenn. Elder Christian is changing his location on account of health failure.

Elder Jackson spent last week with the company at Nevis. He will visit the company at Hewitt two days of this week.

Elder S. Mortenson held meetings in the Scandinavian churches of Minneapolis and St. Paul last week.

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#### MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER NOTES

Let the overseers of the churches encourage all the young people to prepare to reach the "Standard of Attainment."

Let all profits from the sale of the Missions number of the *Signs* be reported to the state secretary of the young people's work.

Let all who have studied the first book of the reading course, "Early Writings," but have not received the review questions,

write to W. W. Ruble, Alexandria, Minn., for them at once.

Let all of our young people who have not done so send their names to W. W. Ruble, Alexandria, Minn., secretary of the young people's work, for enrollment in the missionary reading course.

All Missionary Volunteers will do well to study the Missions number of the *Signs* for the condensed missionary information it contains. Its biographical sketches are worth the price.

Every Missionary Volunteer should strive to become a "Member of Attainment" at the earliest possible moment. To know the fundamental truths of the Third Angel's Message, and the history of the Advent movement is essential for those who would give the message.

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#### EDITORIAL NOTES

CAPTAIN J. L. JOHNSON, the ship missionary, now working in New York harbor, on boarding an in-coming ship was met by the captain, who said, "Are you a Seventh-day Adventist?" Upon receiving an affirmative reply, he declared, "You folks surely circle the globe. Every port I enter, no matter where it is, one of your missionaries comes aboard my ship."

IN Germany one of our brethren has been sentenced to imprisonment till February, 1909, because he refused to do military duty on Sabbath. As the number of young men converts is increasing, and all of them are subject to military duty, the infliction of punishment for Sabbath-keeping has become quite an ordeal to them.

ORDERS for the Missions number of the *Signs* as well as the Bible Readings series will be

filed up to January 1, 1908. The publishers cannot promise the full series after that date.

ONE who has had experience has said that the buying of Christmas presents "was a perplexity mentally, a burden financially, and a trouble continually."

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#### CANVASSING

There is nothing that will bring out the initiative and resourcefulness, and quicken the natural ability for doing things more effectively than this work of canvassing. Like traveling, it grinds off the hard angles and rough corners of those who have not had the advantages of social life. A young person who is looking forward to work in a public way, can find no more profitable school than that of the canvassing field for two or three years. If a certain amount of canvassing was obligatory in all of our colleges and higher institutions of learning—especially for the minister, the evangelist or the editor—I believe it would be a good thing, qualifying the student for his life occupation, not only in these avenues, but in any place where he might be called to serve humanity. It would give them a kind of qualification that no college has yet placed in its curriculum.

Canvassing is now a part of the world's great educational system, and it is well known that many students who pay their way to college by canvassing, develop a noble and remarkable power which students whose expenses are paid by their parents or others, never develop. We trust that our workers will appreciate that they are getting a kind of education while canvassing that is worth more to them than the little money they gain while selling books.—Sel.

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686, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sun sets Friday, Dec. 20, at 4:27.

THE week of prayer began last Sabbath. Every soul who takes a part in the services of this week will no doubt receive a full measure of blessing. The influence of the meetings, of the Christian association, and of supplicating for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, should cause a more full consecration of every power to the service of God, and should bring a reviving influence into every department of our work. The power of the Holy Spirit awaits our demand and reception. Ask for and receive what God is waiting to give. The president of the General Conference suggests that we pray that we may all have wisdom and strength to meet the mighty influences at work for religious legislation. Pray for our dear young men already suffering persecution. Pray for continued financial prosperity, that we may have means to advance the cause. Pray that the spirit of liberality may take possession of all our

people, so that the treasury may be supplied with means so greatly needed now. And as we pray let us make a full personal surrender to God.

A SERIOUS fire occurred at South Lancaster Academy, at South Lancaster, Mass., December 4, and it was feared for a time that the entire building would be destroyed. Just when it seemed as though it were useless to fight the fire longer the flames seemed to be held in check. Those who could not work prayed, and those who were fighting the fire prayed as they worked. When the danger was past one of the students groped his way through the smoke in the chapel and wrote on the blackboard, "God has saved South Lancaster Academy." The chapel exercises were transferred to the church, which will be utilized till the academy building is ready for use. It is said the damage is fully covered by insurance.

NO DOUBT all of the church elders or treasurers have received the envelopes in which the annual offering is to be placed. These envelopes should have been distributed last Sabbath, one being given to each member of the church. Absent members should also be supplied by the elder or treasurer. These envelopes should be collected at the close of the service next Sabbath. It is hoped that a good liberal offering will be given this year. Seventh-day Adventists who sense the importance of sustaining the work just now will be found with donation ready for this occasion, just as the people of the world make ready for the holiday occasion.

It is announced that begin-

ning with January 1, 1908, the *Youth's Instructor* will be changed from an eight-page to a sixteen-page weekly. The size of the page will be reduced to eight and one-half by twelve and one-half inches, and an engraved cover-page design will make it more attractive. The price will also be raised from 75 cents to \$1.00 a year. Those, however, now upon the list, and renewing before January 1, may do so at the old rate.

Now, somewhere in the world, our presses are running every moment of time, night and day—presses in America, Europe, Africa, India, China, Japan, the Malay Straits, Australia, South America, Mexico, West Indies, and the South Pacific islands. Every sheet of the many millions, which are falling from the presses like the leaves of autumn, is helping to swell the cry, "The hour of his judgment is come."

THE December number of *Life and Health* is the tobacco number, and while anyone who likes tobacco will be interested in and especially benefited by it, those who do not use tobacco will recognize in it a timely message for this age. Besides the discussion of this general topic, many other articles are presented full of precious information. Everyone should read this number.

If the elders of the churches will report the week of prayer experiences to the REAPER, the reports will be published, and will no doubt be helpful and interesting to all of the people.

TUESDAY, December 10, there were 500 students enrolled at Union College.