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THE SECRET

"Thou shalt keep them in the secret of thy presence from the strife of tongues."

When winds are raging o'er the upper ocean,

And billows wild contend with angry roar,

'Tis said, far down beneath the wild commotion

That peaceful stillness reigneth evermore.

Far, far beneath, the noise of tempests dieth,

And silver waves glide ever peacefully,

And no rude storm, how fierce soe'er it flieth,

Disturbs the Sabbath of that deeper sea.

So to the soul that knows thy love, O Purest!

There is a temple, sacred evermore!
And all the babble of life's angry voices
Dies in hushed stillness at its peaceful door.

Far, far away, the noise of passion dieth,

And loving thoughts rise ever peacefully,

And no rude storm, how fierce soe'er it flieth,

Disturbs the deeper rest, O Lord, in Thee.

O rest of rests! O Peace serene, eternal!
Thou ever livest, and thou changest never;

And in the secret of thy presence dwelleth

Fullness of joy, forever and forever.
—Harriet Beecher Stowe.

TURNING A NEW LEAF

We are just passing another year's milepost in our journey

home. A new year opens before us, bristling with opportunities and privileges for every one of us to accomplish more than ever in helping to push the triumphs of this mighty message into every land. One of the surest ways for helping is by being faithful in the payment of our tithes and offerings.

From the very day the people of Israel began, in obedience to God's command, to rebuild the temple, broken down at Jerusalem, heaven's blessing was commanded upon them. "From this day will I bless you," was the promise.

There is a sure connection between the blessing of heaven and our being faithful in tithes and offerings. God called especial attention to this fact when he gave this definite promise. Said he: "And now, I pray you, consider from this day and backward, before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of Jehovah. Through all the time when one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the winevat to draw out fifty vessels, there were but twenty." God sent his people back from captivity, not to have a good time, but to establish his service at Jerusalem. Something definite was before them to do. And until

they did it God troubled them, as he did the Egyptians when he pulled out their chariot pins in the midst of the Red Sea. Nothing went right, and it was because his people were not obeying his command, but every one had turned aside to attend to his own interests.

But what about our turning over a new leaf? Suppose from the very first of this new year, every one who has been robbing God begins by paying his tithe. Then suppose that we honor the Lord by offerings, "according as he hath prospered" us. These two things let us do, and do faithfully. And, further, let us pay this money into the home treasury. This means handing it to the treasurer elected by your church.

Then suppose that church treasurer begins the new year by faithfully getting all the tithe and offerings into the state conference treasury before the close of each calendar month. This would mean his counting on sending it a few days before the close of each month. Then suppose each state conference treasurer forwards all general funds, which go to missions, on to the union conference offices immediately after the close of each calendar month, making it a point to get them in to the

union treasurer before the tenth of the following month, and that on this date each union conference balances up all these general funds accounts, forwarding same to Elder I. H. Evans, treasurer of the General Conference.

From here let us follow this subsequent stream representing the love and interest of loyal hearts, out into the great mission fields. The General Conference treasurer receives from the different superintendents of mission fields, like China, India, Africa, etc., what are called their yearly budgets. That is, each superintendent sits down with his committee, and makes out an estimate of what they must have from the Mission Board treasury above that which can be raised in their own field, for the next year, to settle with their workers, carry on the work already begun, and follow up the interest before them. These estimates are made by the men in the field, after much careful thought and prayer.

On receiving these yearly budgets, the General Conference treasurer divides up this yearly estimate into twelve parts for each field, and at the close of each month sends on to the general treasurer of the various mission fields this monthly appropriation. This money is needed by the missionaries for food, clothing, and shelter. This is that referred to by Elder Daniells in the last reading of the week of prayer, when he said: "The question of their (the missionaries') support they have left with the Lord and their brethren. In round numbers, that amounts to at least two hundred and fifty thousand dollars every year. That means twenty thousand dollars every month. And as this is required to purchase fuel, food, and clothes, and to

pay house rent and other necessary expenses, it must go promptly and regularly, or they will be placed in embarrassing circumstances."

Now, brethren and sisters, here is the situation. We have written to our union and conference treasurers, and they, so far as heard from, are unanimous in agreeing to forward on the funds as mentioned above. This carried out will place the offerings you make this month into the Mission Board treasury so they can be promptly forwarded at the close of the next to the mission fields in the various quarters of the globe. And this will be the "regular channel" we hear so much about. Are you willing to co-operate in this, and to do your part in the beginning the new year with this leaf turned in the direction of improvement and progress in the world's work? We believe you will. And to do so, we also believe will result in causing the promise of old to be renewed to God's people to-day: "From this day will I bless you"—something that will certainly mean much to every true believer at this time. T. E. BOWEN,
General Conference Home Sec'y.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COLLECTION

The annual religious liberty collection for the general religious liberty department will be taken Sabbath, February 1, 1908, in all our churches. There will be a special religious liberty program that will be carried out that day in our churches in the United States. This program will be published in the *Review* of January 16, 1908.

It will be remembered that this annual collection is the only resource of the general department, hence it is important that

the offering shall be a liberal one. The rapidly increasing efforts of those who are seeking for Sunday legislation should arouse the most indifferent to take hold of this work as they never have before.

We are far behind already in our work of enlightening the people. Already three Sunday bills have been introduced into the present session of Congress. A special campaign has been started here in Washington by the Protestant ministers and the Roman Catholic clergy to secure a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

We are planning a most vigorous counter-campaign to the one referred to above for the purpose of placing literature concerning the Third Angel's Message in the homes of the citizens of Washington, D. C.

You are without doubt aware of the almost universal demand for the enforcement of Sunday laws that is now prevailing all over the country. We certainly need your earnest prayers and free-will offerings, in order to make the work effective. Please begin to plan for this offering at once.

K. C. RUSSELL.

NEW EDITION OF SPECIAL WATCHMAN

The first edition of the special *Watchman*, entitled "The Morning Cometh," has been exhausted, and orders are now being filled from a new edition printed on better paper, so that the especially fine illustrations in this number show up to better advantage. A number of other small changes have been made, which make this excellent issue very attractive.

The special *Watchman* contains twenty-four pages, filled with articles bearing directly on the

truths of the Third Angel's Message. It is a number well calculated to arouse interest in the truth. Those who are working with it find that it sells readily. The opportunity afforded by this issue of the *Watchman* to get the truth before the people of this country should be considered by all.

A suggestive canvass has been prepared for the special. It will be supplied free of charge upon request. A neat badge will also be sent free, if requested, to any one ordering fifty or more copies.

✿ From the Field ✿

North Dakota

NORTH DAKOTA CONFERENCE

EXTRACTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Our increasing responsibility is shown by the rapid growth in the population of North Dakota, 235,601, or fifty-six per cent, in two years; twenty-eight per cent each year. We now have 1,066 Sabbath-keepers, an increase the past year of 179, or twenty per cent. Yet the growth has not been so rapid as that of the state. There are now twenty-six churches with 846 members. The other 220 Sabbath-keepers are for the most part not church members. A few are members in other conferences. We have over 300 isolated believers, many of them in communities where there are no church privileges, for the popular denominations have not been able to keep pace with the rapidly increasing population. These lonely ones (yet not "comfortless") are as lights set in dark corners. In many places they have aroused an interest in the truth, and there are

calls for laborers which we are unable to answer.

Last year's aggressive gospel work was done by our ministers at Velva, Wilton, Streeter, Kulm, Alice, Wheelock, Cando, and Minto. Several have accepted the truth, and at some places the effort must be continued. Sixty-seven have been baptized. Churches have been organized at Beach and Roosevelt; the latter the work of our brethren of the Bowden church.

During the year \$3,500 has been paid from the tithe fund to enterprises outside our state. But our tithe receipts have fallen twenty-nine per cent lower than last year at this time, and after paying the laborers there will be but very small surplus. A vision of the needs of the millions of earth's perishing ones should make us feel that none can afford to be unfaithful in this which the Bible teaches, and our Father requires. Over \$6,040.60 was raised by donations to various mission funds, outside our state, during the first three quarters of last year.

We have had seven canvassers in the field during the year. Book sales have amounted to \$3,096.23 net or wholesale, an increase of nine per cent, despite the positive injury done that branch of the work in this conference by the financial depression.

Because the English brethren are so widely scattered, and the Germans have been unable to obtain trained Christian teachers, we have had but two church schools. The academy dormitories are crowded, and more students are coming. We have not come to the point where we feel we must refuse to receive more, but our students are called upon to exercise great forbearance. Another building must soon be

provided. The teachers are taking full work. We must strengthen every department, and very soon add a Scandinavian department. An inventory shows the value of the academy property to be \$26,044.25; present worth, \$18,092.73. About one-half of the liability is for school land, and is not payable for some years. Building to the amount of \$1,492 has been done. About one-third of the pledges made last year toward raising \$1,000 for the workshop and laundry have been paid. About \$1,100 has been put into the building, which is not yet completed. The farm has borne the remainder of the expense.

Speaking of the work as a whole, we are in a position to make a strong forward move. I look for it. JOHN G. WALKER.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Following is the list of officers elected for the ensuing year:

President, Elder C. J. Kunkel.
Vice President, Elder J. G. Walker.

Treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Robinson.

Secretary, Elder F. G. Specht.
Assistant secretary, J. H. Roth.
Missionary secretary, Mrs. A. H. Robinson.

Assistant missionary secretary, Frank H. Robinson.

Field missionary secretary, W. B. Payne.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. Hattie B. Walker.

Sabbath school secretary, Margaret Kurtz.

Executive committee—C. J. Kunkel, J. G. Walker, N. W. Lawrence, Chas. Leer, Henry Human, E. M. Strong, Lars Nielson.

Trustees of association—C. J. Kunkel, F. H. Robinson, N. W. Lawrence, J. G. Walker, Henry Human.

DIRECTORS OF DISTRICTS

- No. 1, Richard Graham.
 No. 2, Lars Nielson.
 No. 3, North of Denhoff branch,
 Geo. Wagner.
 No. 3, South of Denhoff branch
 and No. 6, J. H. Seibel.
 No. 4, Frank Christy.
 No. 5, E. M. Strong.
 No. 7, J. G. Walker.

WHEELLOCK

The week of prayer at Wheelock brought blessings to members of this company. Each day a portion or all of the church assembled from house to house. On two different days, by request, they met in a home where the people were not of our faith. Both the husband and wife are quite fully convinced that they should regard the Lord's Sabbath, and we think they will.

The account of so many persons in different portions of the world who have received the Sabbath, and are calling for Seventh-day Adventists to come and instruct them; then the large attendance of young people at all of our schools who wish to go to the regions beyond to help finish the work, greatly impressed all that the angel of Revelation 18:1-4 is now doing his finishing work in the earth. The message seems to be reaching out into all parts of the earth. These tidings were witnessed to by the Holy Spirit. Eighteen have been added to this church within the last three months. Still others are interested, and we believe that they will yet decide to obey.

There is a decided call for a church school and they have appealed to the entire Northern Union Conference for a teacher, but so far have been unable to secure one. We have been laboring to get them to study Patri-

archs and Prophets, Desire of Ages, Great Controversy, and Early Writings. Yes, and our periodicals, and in this have had some success.

This is a fruitful field in which to labor. There are so many openings where those just beginning public labor would receive a hearty welcome and gather fruits.

While we are writing this we are on board the Great Northern railway on our way to attend the Southern Union Conference which convenes at Nashville, Tenn., January 9-19. We expect to join the workers there. It is with regrets that we leave this field where we have received such marked kindness from all, but we need a milder climate.

A. O. BURRILL.

VELVA

The week of prayer is now over, but thanks be to our heavenly Father, we can continue to pray. We are told to pray without ceasing (I Thess. 5:17). Work and pray should be our motto every day, and especially is this necessary now, when satan is using all his power to overthrow the work of God in the earth.

Although there are but few of us at this place, we met for worship every evening during the week of prayer, and the Lord has blessed us richly. We feel the solemnity of the time in which we are living, and the need of God's cause in the earth. We want to help finish the work before the end comes.

In an answer to a letter I wrote to Elder Walker, telling him of a minister, who seemed to be an instrument in the hands of the wicked one, working hard in opposition to our work here, Elder Walker says: "When the enemy begins to work in that way it is

an evidence that his kingdom is being affected." At least one soul has taken a stand for the truth, and one more has commenced to keep the Sabbath. Although opposed by some of her family, she is firm, praying for strength to the end.

While my husband has been away we have had no public meetings, but we have had some visitors come in to our Sabbath meetings every Sabbath. I am giving Bible readings every day, visiting, delivering the Bible Teacher and distributing papers to about thirty Scandinavian families every week, trusting the Lord's promise in Isa. 55:10, 11. "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereunto I sent it."

BERTHA E. JORGENSEN.

APPOINTMENTS

As I am asked by the conference committee to visit the churches in the south half of District Number 3, to assist in electing officers, etc., therefore I wish to make the following announcement. The Lord willing I will be in company with Elder Wagner with the

McClusky church.....	January 3-5
Lincoln "	" 6-8
Fessendon "	" 9-14
New Home "	" 15-18
Roosevelt "	" 19-22
Bowden "	" 23-26
Goodrich "	" 27-30
Lincoln "	Jan. 31 Feb. 2
Minich company.....	Feb. 3-12
Upham "	" 13-18
Wilton church.....	" 19-23

Medina " Feb.24 Mar. 1
 Jamestown " March 2-3
 Northern Union Conference March 4-15

Will our dear brethren take notice of these dates, prepare for it, announce it at their respective places, so that we may have a full attendance of our own people, and call in your friends and neighbors. Let us do all we can for them while we have a chance.

C. LEER.

Minnesota

ST. PAUL

Another week of prayer is forever in the past and, as believers in this great Advent message, we can gladly say that we are one year nearer the appearance of our dear Saviour, one step nearer our heavenly home.

This last week of prayer has been one of great blessing to us here in St. Paul. For sometime many of us have felt the need of a closer walk with God, of a drawing nearer to the great "fountain of the water of life." We, therefore, began before the week of prayer to examine ourselves and search our ways that we might have much of the rubbish cleared away from our hearts before the beginning of the week of prayer. One sister especially felt burdened and distressed over the existing conditions among our people, not only here but throughout the whole earth. For days she plead for strength and for an outpouring of God's spirit during the week of prayer. The Lord did answer her petitions, and by her prayers and testimonies during the meetings it was plain to see that her soul had been watered.

It was planned to hold three meetings a day in as many sections of the city in order that all might be able to attend either in

the daytime or evening. Several of these meetings were held at the homes of isolated members, who for months have been unable to attend Sabbath services. It was with these lone ones that we enjoyed some of our most precious seasons with the Lord.

Strangers to this truth were invited to be present at a few of these meetings. In one instance a lady came who was somewhat interested. During the prayer service, a little girl, eight years old, one of our church school pupils, took part. She seemed to have perfect freedom, and opened up her little heart in childlike faith. She earnestly prayed for present blessings, for a closer walk with Jesus, for our ministers and workers in the field, for the poor Christless souls in the lands across the seas, for our workers there, and also for our schools in the home lands and all of our young people in them. She seemed not to forget anything or any part of the work. All hearts were touched by the child's prayer, and the visitor seemed amazed. She felt the presence of God in that meeting, the attendance of holy angels; and with tears arose to speak a word for the Master during the social service following.

The young people also seemed to enjoy these seasons of refreshing. Everyone seemed deeply moved by the spirit of God, and nearly everyone showed an unusual* depth of earnestness as they spoke of their hopes of becoming better workers in the cause of God and longings for a deeper experience. A number who had never sold a page of any of our literature tried to work with the special *Signs*, and with joy told of their experiences in selling their first papers.

We all felt thankful for this

step and are now working and praying for still more blessings, and that each following week may be one of prayer and heart-searching. We want more drops of the "latter rain," and we know that "if we draw nigh to God, he will draw nigh to us."

ALICE M. BURGHART.

BINGHAM LAKE

As I look over the work I have done during the past year, I feel very unworthy, and pray the Lord to have mercy upon me. But when I look at the Lord's goodness to me, how he has guided and kept me and my family, I am very thankful to him. The past year has been fraught with experiences. The Lord has shown us that everything that we think is ours may be taken away in a very short time; and again, when we think there is nothing left, he can supply all our needs.

The year's experience is one I shall never forget, and one I would not be willing to lose. There was something in my heart which must be taken out, and the Lord found a way to do it, even through bitter experience and temporal loss. I think less of myself and more of my Father and his children than ever before. We are living in solemn times, and the Lord is trying to prepare us to stand in the trials of these days.

Brethren and sisters, the Lord wants you to hold up the light of truth where you are, to keep the Sabbath, to work for those about you, to pay your honest tithe, and to love your brother as yourself. If we are willing to do it, he will help us. If we are not willing, but desire to be saved, he will give us experiences that will make us willing; but they may be hard sometimes.

Once more, my dear brethren and sisters, as we look back into the old year, let us ask the Lord for forgiveness, and begin the new year with courage; not fearing what may be before us, and the experiences we may have to pass through; but trusting in God, and doing all we can to hold up the light of truth he has given us.

The week of prayer was a blessed one. The Lord came very near. I was thankful that I could be at home half of the week. The work in Winona is going slowly, for the people are taken up with the things of the world. ABRAM D. EWERT.

MEADOW LAWN

Brother Francis came to this place and began meetings in a school house twelve miles from Pine City. I came to assist him and found him quite sick with the grip. He was compelled to return home, for which I was very sorry, and hope he may soon recover.

I have continued the meetings with an attendance of twenty-five to thirty-five. The people here are Methodists, but there are a few who make no profession. I have given them the Sabbath, and the attempted change, and the three messages. A few are becoming stirred by the truth. Nearly all admit that it is Bible truth. The M. E. minister of Pine City preaches here every two weeks. He is getting very uneasy, I am told, and is using Canright's tracts to quiet the people. I am also advised that he intends to show up the Adventists when I am gone. The people are kind and respectful, and generally think I am all right believing as I do, and that they are all right believing as they do. We are all aiming for

the same place, but using different means or ways of getting there.

Sickness, cold, and the grip has kept some from attending the meetings. The blessed truth shines clear and bright, and I can say I have had the blessing of God in presenting it to the people as never before in my experience. I did not have the privilege of meeting with the brethren during the week of prayer, but daily felt that I needed the promised blessing. The assurance that united prayer was daily ascending to be offered with incense before the throne brought new courage to me, and I labor on assured that a Paul may plant, Appolos water, but God must give the increase.

ANDREW MEAD.

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA NOTICE

There will be a general meeting held at Stewartville, beginning Friday evening, January 17. Elder H. F. Graf will be with us to help in the meetings. We will try to accommodate all who give us a few days' notice. Come, and bring your wives, your little ones, and your friends. Address all communications to the undersigned.

J. M. COMER.

MINNESOTA NOTES

The Scandinavian church in Minneapolis, numbering fifty-seven members, gave to the different branches of our work a little more than one thousand dollars during the year just past.

Elder Fred Johnson is beginning work among the Scandinavians in Minneapolis. There are many of this nationality in this city to whom this message must go.

The Minneapolis church (English) is re-papering their house

of worship. Brother Elsmore is in charge of the work.

South Dakota

VISITING THE CHURCH SCHOOLS

It has been my privilege to spend the last month in visiting our church schools. There are 150 pupils in our schools at the present time in this state. We expect to have two more schools in operation in about a week. These schools would have commenced earlier, but we have not been able to get teachers for them until recently.

At Tolstoy I met Prof. C. L. Benson, who spent about two weeks with me visiting our schools and churches.

While visiting the Bowdle church twenty-three of the young people took up the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

From this place we went to Sutley, where we spent the week of prayer. At this place fifteen persons gave their hearts to the Lord. One family, the members of which had lost faith in the Third Angel's Message, again took a stand for the truth. Another family, the husband of which was formerly a member of the Lutheran church, also gave their hearts to the Lord. Seven of the young people at this place, six of whom gave their hearts to the Lord in the meetings that were held, took up the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course. At this place I bade farewell to Professor Benson, who left for North Dakota.

From Sutley I went to Glenham, where I spent a few days after the week of prayer. In the meetings that we held at that place several gave their hearts to the Lord. One of this number is a young man whose parents

are not of our faith. The young man said that by the help of God he would live the truth before his brothers, sisters, and parents. Let us remember him in our prayers. It gives me courage to see the young people take a stand for what they know is right. May the Lord bless these young people.

DANIEL N. WALL.

ARTESIAN

The week of prayer came laden with many blessings, and departed leaving them in its wake. The company in Artesian, though small by reason of many moving away and others being kept away by opposition, came together each day for study and prayer. The Lord was with us by his spirit, and hearts were moved to deeper consecration. We all realized more than ever before the needs of the hour and the call to service, and while we are not rich in this world's goods and thus able to give large gifts to missions, yet we feel rich in that we are permitted to share in the work by handing out a tract, holding a Bible reading, selling a paper or a book, and in many humble ways ministering the truth round about us. Some have had blessed experiences selling the special *Signs*, and inviting others to "taste and see" that the Lord is good to those who labor in his vineyard.

Brother C. F. Betts was with us during the latter part of the week and gave good help. Some of the church officers have moved away for various reasons, and new ones will be elected. The conference will send a minister to ordain an elder and deacon, and if possible to hold meetings for a time. A number are interested; and taking it altogether, we think the kingdom is "a

goodly land, and we are well able to go up and possess it." Artesian is with the REAPER family in the hope and the work.

C. W. RUBENDALL.

THE BOOK WORK

The great clock of time has tolled the passing of another year, and still the one predominating desire in the breast of every true Advent believer is the promulgation of the truth for this time. One of the nearest means at hand for the accomplishment of this purpose is the book work. "In all parts of the field canvassers should be chosen from among those who have good address, tact, keen foresight and ability." "Men should be at work who are willing to be taught as to the best way of approaching individuals and families." These quotations from "Manual for Canvassers" set forth the needs of the work, and there are many who are ready to respond.

In order that instruction may be given and systematic plans for the work the coming season may be laid, we are to hold a ten days' institute in South Dakota, March 6-16. I wish to hear from those who can attend. Address me at Box 686, Sioux Falls, S. D.

GEO. W. MILLER.

DEXTER

According to the instructions given, part, at least, of the members of the Dexter church observed the first Sabbath of the week of prayer as a day of fasting as well as a day of prayer.

The meetings were held through the week, several taking part in the readings, and a good interest was manifested. Although the expected help from abroad did not come, it was proved that, "The Lord is no

respector of persons," and is not confined to places, as he came very near by his spirit, and a deep impression was made.

On the last Sabbath a good collection was taken, and many expressions of gratefulness were given for the results of the week of prayer. W. O. NESMITH.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES SANITARIUM ITEMS

Sister Ricker, of Sioux Falls, arrived at the sanitarium January 2. She needs the prayers of God's people for her recovery.

Sister Millie Johnson, our Bible worker from Sioux Falls, spent Sabbath at the sanitarium.

Master Harold Davison, the son of Sister Davison, who is teaching church school at Sioux Falls, came to the sanitarium for a slight operation. He is improving and has returned home.

The sanitarium family have a missionary meeting each Monday evening at 8 o'clock. We use twenty *Signs*, sending them to former patients who are interested in the truth.

"FOR God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16.

OBITUARY

JOHNSON—Died at his home near Mankato, Minn., Jan. 5, 1908, Jonah P. Johnson, aged 58 years, 11 months, and 15 days. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for twenty-four years. He had many struggles in his upward course, but died with a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection. His wife, one daughter, and five sons survive him. The funeral service was held at the Seventh-day Adventist church in Mankato and was conducted by the writer.

A. W. KUEHL.

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Sun sets Friday, Jan. 17, at 4:54.

At the present time there are twenty-one Seventh-day Adventist church organizations in Greater New York. These churches are divided among the following nationalities: Thirteen English, two colored, two German, one Scandinavian, one Swedish, one Italian, and one Bohemian. Twenty different nationalities were represented at a union meeting recently held in that city. During the last year one hundred and eighty believers have been added to the membership, and five new churches were admitted to the conference. A gain of over four thousand dollars was shown in the tithes during the same period.

It is a striking fact that nearly one-third of the missionaries of the American Board in India and Ceylon are the children or grandchildren of missionaries who were sent out by the board two or three generations

ago. In the three India missions, including Ceylon, there are now ninety-five American laborers, nineteen of whom were children and eleven grandchildren—thirty in all—of missionaries, most of whom have ended their earthly labors. The spirit of consecration which was in the fathers and mothers has entered into their descendants.—*Record of Christian Work.*

THE Bookmen's Convention at Sioux Falls, S. D., began its sittings Friday, January 10. The meeting is being attended by the leading book and tract society workers of the Northern and Central Union Conferences. Elder R. A. Underwood, C. M. Everest and the editor of the REAPER are among those from this city who are taking part in the program of the convention. In connection with this meeting there will be a meeting of the executive committee of the Northern Union Conference.

SABBATH, February 1, has been appointed as a time for taking a donation for the cause of religious liberty. This is the regular annual collection, and preparations are being made for a special religious liberty program to be carried out in all of the churches on that day. The collection received will be used to carry forward the work of the Religious Liberty Bureau in enlightening those who have never heard the warning message now being given to the world.

THE Bible Training School issued one hundred and sixty-five thousand copies of its special numbers last year, and these have almost all been sold by agents working in large cities. This is a very helpful mission-

ary work, and provides a means for those who have stamina enough to become self-supporting workers. The effect of this work will no doubt be the saving of souls for the kingdom of God.

In a recent address before a Young Men's Christian Association in New York City, W. J. Bryan said: "If you keep on putting into practise the Bible precepts that you do understand, you will be kept so busy that you'll have no time to worry about what you don't understand."

THE Atlantic Union Conference has finished its proportion of the \$150,000 fund, and its officers are rejoicing as a consequence. The Atlantic is the second union conference to finish its quota, and it is hoped that it will not be long till all of the other unions will qualify for entrance into the star list.

AN edition of 25,000 copies of the January number of *Life and Health* has already been put out, and a second edition is being printed. This is one of the most practical numbers ever issued, and will be of great value to every family.

THIS week we print a portion of the proceedings of the North Dakota conference meeting, held December 25-29 last. The resolutions adopted, and much other matter of interest, will be given in the next issue of the REAPER.

IN last week's issue of the REAPER, in Elder Kunkel's article announcing the day for taking a donation for the tent fund, the date was given as February 1. It should have been February 15.