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

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## THE THRESHOLD OF THE YEAR

We are standing on the threshold, we  
are in the opened door,  
We are treading on a border land we  
have never trod before;  
Another year is opening, and another  
year is gone;

We have passed the darkness of the  
night, we are in the early morn;  
We have left the fields behind us o'er  
which we scattered seed;  
We pass into the future, which none of  
us can read.

The corn among the weeds, the stones,  
the surface mold,  
May yield a partial harvest; we hope  
for sixty-fold.  
Then hasten to fresh labor, to thrash  
and reap and sow,  
Then bid the new year welcome, and let  
the old year go;  
Then gather all your vigor, press for-  
ward in the fight,  
And let this be your motto, "For God  
and for the right." —Sel.

## APPOINTMENT

The third biennial session of the Northern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene at the Seventh-day Adventist church, Fourth avenue, S., and Lake street, Minneapolis, Minn., March 5-15, 1908. Aside from the regular biennial business, election of officers, and such other business as will naturally come before the conference, it is expected that this will be

emphatically a missionary conference.

Arrangements have been made by the four conferences now constituting the Northern Union, namely, Iowa, Minnesota, and North and South Dakota, to have all their laborers attend this gathering. We expect a number of the members of the General Conference Committee to be present, among these, Elders G. A. Irwin, W. A. Spicer, W. B. White, L. H. Christian, S. Mortenson, and G. F. Haffner. Hence it will be seen that we will have a strong force of laborers and instructors in attendance, aside from the laborers in the union.

The representation of the conference in delegates will consist of the executive committee of the Northern Union Conference, such members of the General Conference Committee as may be present, and each conference is entitled to one delegate at large, and one additional delegate for every one hundred fifty of its membership.

The meeting will open Thursday evening, March 5. The first meeting for prayer and Bible study will open at 8:45 A. M., March 6. The organization of the conference will follow in the forenoon. It is desired that the delegates should all be

present at the opening of the conference.

A program outlining the work of the conference has been prepared. If any laborer in the Northern Union Conference fails to receive a copy of this, he should write to T. D. Gibson, 2718 Third avenue, S., Minneapolis, Minn., and he will be supplied.

Important Bible studies will be conducted throughout the entire conference. It is requested that all who expect to attend shall notify Elder A. W. Kuehl, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn., at least two weeks prior to the opening of the meeting, so that full arrangements can be made for their comfort. The brethren in Minnesota, who will have the burden of caring for the delegates, will give full notice in the *NORTHERN UNION REAPER* and in the *Iowa Bulletin* of what may be expected of those in attendance.

In behalf of the executive committee, R. A. UNDERWOOD,  
President.

## ANNUAL RELIGIOUS LIB- ERTY SERVICE

The *Review* of January 16 will contain a religious liberty program which is to be carried out



in all our churches on Sabbath, February 1, at which time the annual religious liberty collection will be taken for the religious liberty department of the General Conference. This is the only collection that is taken during the year for this department of our work.

There never was a time when the misguided zealous workers for religious legislation were more active than at the present time. These people affiliate with many good and noble objects, such as the temperance movement, better and more universal marriage laws calculated to lessen divorce cases, and other commendable objects with which we could all heartily unite. But they use these commendable reform measures as riders upon which to advocate certain religious legislation.

Our people all over the country should be wide-awake to this phase of gospel work. Minneapolis, St. Paul, and many of our towns and cities in the Northern Union Conference are being agitated continually. Ministerial associations and confederations are formed, and sermons are preached upon civic righteousness. All of these movements have as one of their objects to gain legislation enforcing Sunday observance. Recently a leading minister in Minneapolis, in a sermon upon civic righteousness, strongly advocated the enactment and enforcement of the blue laws.

I trust that all our brethren will plan to make February 1 an active, earnest day of study to carry out the suggested program, and will bring in a liberal contribution to the support of this work. Each church should plan to supply local judges, members of the state legislature, leading attorneys, and others, with copies

of *Liberty*. A lively campaign upon this subject in securing subscriptions and otherwise circulating religious liberty literature should be heartily supported by all our brethren.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

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## ✿ From the Field ✿

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### North Dakota

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

At its recent session the North Dakota conference passed the following recommendations:

That special effort be made to secure a suitable man as educational and young people's secretary, to devote his entire time to meeting with the churches, holding studies on education, and planning and working with the young people, helping them to do aggressive work which will deepen their own consecration, and will lead to the salvation of the unconverted young people.

That our ministers and workers do all in their power to encourage the establishment of church schools and the organization of young people's societies wherever it is possible.

That, in order to assist in keeping correct accounts in our churches, an auditor be appointed to visit the churches, and instruct the church officers in keeping accounts, and to audit the treasurers' books.

That a committee of ten or more be appointed who shall work with the school board, in order to gain a better understanding of the work, and to give advice.

That the conference committee consider the advisability of publishing the *Sammler* at the academy; and if they see fit to

do so, they be empowered to purchase equipment, and publish it weekly.

That the academy board be advised to continue the scholarship plan, which proves a benefit both to the canvassing work and to our schools.

That bath facilities be provided for the academy, three hundred dollars to be raised for this purpose.

That a sanitarium fund be started at once for the building and equipment of a modest sanitarium in connection with our academy, if seen favorable; and that the conference committee be instructed not to begin building till the sum of thirty thousand dollars has been raised, and that no debt be incurred in making the institution ready for occupancy.

That the conference committee be urged to take immediate steps to provide efficient help in the English branch of our work.

That, in harmony with the request that a portion of the orphans' fund in our donations be localized, suitable persons be sought out to start this benevolent work in our conference, and that we encourage them with our means and prayers.

That earnest efforts be made in all our churches to educate all, young and old, in the conscientious payment of a tithe of their means into the Lord's treasury for the support of the gospel far and near; and that the conference committee make appropriations from the tithe from time to time, to assist the Foreign Mission Board in their work in distant lands, especially to assist in the development of the work in the Western Canadian Union Conference.

That the canvassing work receive its share of the attention of our people in this conference,



and that the conference committee provide for a canvassers' school and institute to continue at least four weeks, for the preparation of workers in this line.

The conference committee met for counsel at the close of the conference session. At this council the following recommendations were passed:

That we allow the time of the workers who desire to attend the union conference at Minneapolis, March 5-15, 1908.

That we continue the two annual collections for the orphans, and hold such funds for future emergencies.

That suitable quarters be fitted up in the workshop of the academy for the accommodation of the canvassers during the canvassers' institute.

That a fund be raised with which to purchase a printing outfit for the school, by which the *Sammler* may be printed and other job work may be done for the conference.

That the *Sammler* be published, when brought here, semi-monthly, and that it be edited by Prof. F. G. Specht.

That February 15 be set for a collection in all our churches for the tent fund.

That we invite our canvassers and others who desire to enter this work, to attend an institute to be held at the academy in March and April; and that their institute expense, including board and transportation to the institute and from it to the territory, be charged to their account, and credited again when five per cent of their sales equals the debit of this expense, or when they have actually canvassed three months. If any wish a scholarship, one-half of their institute expense as above be allowed.

### AN EFFORT FOR THE SCHOOL

At its recent meeting the new school board, with the ten advisors appointed by the conference, investigated quite thoroughly the finances of the school, and found it struggling under difficulties. From time to time much needed improvements have been made; and instead of waiting until the means was in hand, the management has made them, expecting help when matters were placed before our brethren.

The cost of the buildings has exceeded the first estimate, as is generally the case. The small number of students, the great cost of heating in so cold a climate, low tuition, etc., have all contributed to the burden of the debt upon the school. The farm, however, has been a material help each year, and during 1907 gained from eight hundred to one thousand dollars. At the present time it has land and some stock to pay for, and should not be taxed too severely in the building up of the school. After a time, if the Lord prospers it, it can be made a great help.

The debt of the institution is now about \$8,000. This includes the debt of \$3,000 on the school land, which can be paid only in five yearly payments. This leaves about \$5,000 to be paid at any time we can raise the money, and this the board aims to do soon. We must make a decided effort now, and we ask all our brethren and sisters to help. If any owe pledges, we hope you will redeem them, if possible. If any desire to make a gift to the school, it will be greatly appreciated.

But the committee believes that the most effective plan is for all our brethren and sisters throughout the conference to en-

gage in a book campaign in the interest of the school. "Christ's Object Lessons" is already dedicated to this purpose, and arrangement was also made to use "Marvel of Nations" in our state for the same purpose. Either of these books may be used. The tract society will donate its discounts, and when a book is sold, all above actual first cost will be credited on our school fund. All who order of the tract society or buy of a district director or worker, should pay full price.

The workers present at the board meeting heartily endorsed this plan, and all our district directors go out with the full determination to push the work in their own territory. We hope all our brethren and sisters in the state will co-operate in making this effort a success. If each Sabbath-keeper in this conference will sell five books of either kind, the debts of the academy can be canceled. And if all will take hold energetically, it can be done before the next camp meeting season.

Let each who can help bear in mind that there may be others situated so that they cannot enter into this plan. If you know of such, help them to sell their quota. This will be heeding the Lord's admonition in Gal. 6:2, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." If this effort is entered into in the spirit of the Master, when it is finished we will find ourselves bound together with a tie stronger than ever before. This broad field needs a work done like this, brethren and sisters, so let the missionary campaign of this winter be the best North Dakota has ever experienced. These books may be ordered of the North Dakota Tract Society, Box 285, Fargo, North Dakota. J. G. WALKER.



## A WORD ABOUT OUR BOOK WORK

There is much that might and should be said about this work, for all know the power there is in the silent messengers; but I will only say a few words at this time. First of all, I wish to tell our North Dakota people that I am interested in the sale of our books, and consequently in the ones who do the selling.

As we looked on the statistical chart prepared to show the work from year to year, exhibited at the Bookmen's convention, we noticed that in 1906 the highest figure in the sale of our books, the sum of \$824,000, was reached. To my mind this was startling, and more than that, my heart was made glad to see how that branch of the work of warning the world in this generation is coming back, and exceeding the mark reached in 1891.

There was a time not many years ago when it was thought that the day for successful canvassing was past, and this was based on the experience of our workers; so when the Lord sent us word that this branch of the work must be revived, it was a surprise to many. To-day we see what we did not dare to hope a few years ago, so the question comes to you and me, What position do we occupy? Are we doing what we ought and might?

In our conference there are many who could take up that branch of the work, and so be self-supporting missionaries. The opportunities for this work among the different nationalities are many, and the experience will build you up to be more of a help to your church and your fellowmen. The talent God has given you will have opportunity for development, and you, by making use of this means, will

lay a foundation for future usefulness.

Let us remember that this generation will witness the warning of the whole world, and that we as individuals can have a part in this work. The living preacher can never do the work to be done in this generation. You, my brother and sister, are called upon by God to take your position in the ranks as co-laborers together with Christ, to scatter the silent messengers as the leaves of autumn.

We call upon our young men and women at this time to earnestly consider the question of what part you will take in warning your neighbors and fellowmen. It will give you an experience you need. Do you know for what purpose the Lord has called you at this time from darkness to the wonderful light of the Third Angel's Message? The very fact that the Lord calls upon his people to do this work is proof that the hearts of the people are ready for it.

As a committee, we desire to do all we can for you, so we are planning to have an institute for the purpose of helping you get started. Brother Payne will tell you more about it. In conclusion we will say, Come, for all things will be ready, so that, when the Lord comes to take his people home, we can bring many sheaves with us.

C. J. KUNKEL,  
Box L, Harvey, N. D.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lord willing, our canvassers' institute will be held at the Sheyenne River Academy, March 17-April 7. We expect some of the best help in the conference, and Brother W. L. Manfull, of the Northern Union, will be with us most of the time.

Come, brothers and sisters, and let us make this the best year for this department of God's work in the history of our conference. If we do our part, we know that our Father will do his, and there will be souls saved as a result of this co-operation. To each person who expects to enter this line of our work I would say, choose your book at once, and study it carefully between now and spring. May each be led by the Holy Spirit is my prayer.

W. B. PAYNE,  
State Agent.

## LINCOLN

Our good week of prayer is in the past, but the rich blessings of God and the good experiences we had during the time are still in our minds, and our hearts are still overflowing with thanksgiving and praises to God for the victories won through the worthy name of our Saviour.

I spent the first three days with the Lincoln church. We had real encouraging meetings here. Three dear souls who had backslidden took a new stand. A good interest was shown by nearly all. We praise God for that.

Tuesday and Wednesday I spent with the little company of three families at Skogmo. We all enjoyed the privilege of meeting again, seeking God for his blessing, and studying the Bible, which we did until after midnight.

Wednesday evening I met with our small company of five families in McClusky. We only had one meeting here, but all of our dear ones of like faith were at the meeting, also some outsiders, so that the Methodist church was nearly filled. A sister just told me that some of the outsiders that attended that night are asking for more meetings.



Thursday morning I took the train for Goodrich. There I stayed until Sunday. We held two meetings each day. The readings were just what we needed, and the brethren and sisters thanked God for the instruction received through them.

I praise God that I can report that the majority of our dear brethren and sisters are realizing that we are living in very solemn times. These readings and meetings aroused many to their sense of duty. I praise God that this is so; and that it may remain so, so that when our dear Jesus comes we may all be ready to meet him, and hear the well done spoken, is the humble prayer of your co-laborer and brother in Jesus.

C. LEER.

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### South Dakota

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#### HURON

Another year with its week of prayer is in the past; and I wonder how many of us have used all the privileges or have received all the blessings that God desired we should receive.

The signs of the times all tell us that the Lord will soon cut his work short in righteousness, and that we will have only a few more opportunities like this week of prayer to prepare our hearts, minds, and bodies for the great work we have to do; so let us, who are of the day, not be found sleeping, but be up and doing.

I was called to visit the Ash Grove and Madison churches. As Ash Grove is about midway between Arlington and Madison, I took the train for the former place Friday evening, December 13. Arriving at 11 P. M., I found a comfortable lodging with Brother John Erickson, who, with willing heart and ready hand, as well as horse and

buggy, transported me next morning to the place of meeting, arriving just in time for Sabbath school. We held four meetings, and read the first six readings. The members turned out bravely, although the weather was cloudy and cold and the air heavy with snow.

I went with John and Fannie Roderick to Madison on Wednesday. Here I found the company waiting for me. They had had only two of the readings, so we managed to get the others all in four meetings, the last of which was Sabbath afternoon following Sabbath school.

I visited every accessible family, staying over night with most of them. I found them all of good courage, and striving to do a good work. The meetings were profitable and interesting to me and all who attended expressed the same thought. I am thankful for the blessings the occasion has afforded me, and hope that all others were as richly blessed.

J. L. WELLER.

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#### GLENHAM CHURCH SCHOOL

Our school began last October, and God has given me the strength and wisdom needed to teach the dear children entrusted to me. I have fourteen pupils enrolled.

Brother Wall visited the school last month. While here, he preached a number of sermons, and two persons accepted the truth. The spirit of God is working upon the hearts of the people here, and a great work is needed to be done. Many are now in the valley of decision, and our prayers to God are that many hard hearts may be softened, and accept this message, which is going to all the world in the short time that is left. We can see God's people are being sought out, and

called to come out of Babylon. Several of my pupils' young hearts are stirred, and I trust that they will accept Jesus as their Saviour before the year is finished.

I would be glad to see reports from our other church schools in the state. It will encourage me to go on. I have not been discouraged, and with God's help I am going to press forward till the battle here is won, and then go home and be where no discouragements ever come.

LOUISE EHRKE.

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#### PARKSTON

The week of prayer was a blessed time with the dear friends of the Long Lake church. Our dear brother, Michael Binder, the elder of the church, died December 7, 1907, after twenty days sickness with typhoid fever, leaving a wife and nine children, six of them in the truth, to mourn. The funeral service was conducted by Brother W. Reiver, the elder of the Bowdle church. They had sent for me, but I was unable to come from Chicago until too late.

In five weeks I held something over forty preaching services and prayer meetings at Long Lake church and postoffice, and as a result three good souls were converted to God, and others are seeking him. One good neighbor is much interested in the truth.

Our little church has given about three hundred dollars in tithe and offerings, and the members are not rich, but willing to help the cause of God advance. They believe our Saviour is coming soon. My wife and I are going to-day to Mitchell, then to Emery and Westford, and next week we expect to go to Sioux Falls.

V. LEER.



## LAKE PRESTON AND LA DELLE

The first Sabbath and Sunday of the week of prayer the brethren at Lake Preston came together at Brother Blucher's home. Some outsiders were also present. Brother Blucher's wife, who has been sick for a number of years, has been much better of late. All expressed great joy at hearing the truth for the present time, and in noticing the way the message is making progress in the dark heathen countries. The light that was kindled here a year ago is still shining brightly.

The remaining part of the week I was with the La Delle church. We had good spiritual meetings, and some of the brethren here realize the shortness of time. They took a new stand for the truth, and consecrated themselves anew to the Lord's work. A good week of prayer donation was also made, and my own soul was greatly blessed.

J. H. SCHMIDT.

### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Elder A. E. Christian, formerly of the South Dakota conference, who went to the Southern field to improve his health, is now at Nashville, Tenn. He reports he is already in better health.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the South Dakota conference it was announced that the Elk Point Academy was out of debt.

## Minnesota

### ST. CLOUD

Since my last report to the REAPER I have visited the little companies at Park Rapids and Ponsford, in harmony with the request of Elder Jackson. I

found the members somewhat like a flock of sheep without a shepherd.

The Sabbath school at Ponsford had been abandoned for some time, as part of the number had been away from home. As they have returned we reorganized the Sabbath school, and I trust they will continue it.

The little company at Park Rapids is of good courage. I held one meeting with them, in which the spirit of the Lord came very near. We surely enjoyed a few drops of the latter rain, for which we felt to praise the Lord. I also visited a family here with whom I labored about a year ago. I found them still interested in the truth, and we had a very good visit. As I was about to take my leave, they asked me if I would not have prayer with them, which I was glad to do; and as I left them with tears in their eyes, I felt that the Lord had surely gone before us, and is preparing hearts to receive the truth. They promised me that they would attend our Sabbath school. I left two sisters to follow up the work with them.

As these two little companies at Park Rapids and Ponsford have never had the privilege of celebrating the ordinances of the Lord's house, I thought it best to have them organized into a church at Park Rapids, so they could come more fully in touch with the conference, and I have written to Elder Jackson in regard to it. There are twelve or thirteen members in all.

The work in St. Cloud is progressing nicely. Some with whom I have been holding readings were very anxious for more upon my return from the trip north. During the week of prayer we had the readings each day, and they were much appre-

ciated by all in attendance. The spirit of the Lord was very near. We are truly living in no ordinary time. Everything indicates the speedy closing of the message. Brethren and sisters, let us take hold of the work with new courage, and, with the Lord's help, finish it quickly. My courage in the Lord is good.

GEO. L. BUDD.

### THIEF RIVER FALLS

It has been some time since any report appeared from this place; still the message is steadily finding its way to the homes and hearts of the people. Elder Christian's visit brought us in touch with a large number of people, some of whom attended our tent meetings a year ago, and some with whom Brethren Budd and Reiche held studies. Some of these are now studying the message anew, and we hope a few will accept it, and walk in the light. This is a place where confusion prevails. A large number of the Christian people here are very favorably impressed with the message, and a good many feel a burden to walk in the light; but their spiritual senses are kept benumbed by the continual efforts of so-called revivalists. We hope that very soon the day will dawn when the spirit of God will cut loose everything that binds the honest soul to anything but the message of God.

Sometimes we are tempted to think that our efforts for certain individuals are wasted, and such thoughts tend to discourage. I had an experience the other day that taught me a lesson on this point. A certain individual with whom we studied considerable last winter, and one we had hoped would accept the message, but who was held back by friends



and relatives, moved to the coast with her husband and family some time ago. She now writes that she is rejoicing in the Third Angel's Message and attends church regularly with her children. Her husband, who is an attorney, does not oppose her. We ask an interest in the prayers of the REAPER family.

O. E. JOHANSEN.

### NORTHERN UNION CONFERENCE NOTICE

Those planning to attend the Northern Union Conference meeting to be held at Minneapolis, March 5-15, will confer a great favor on the locating committee by sending in their names and stating the kind of room desired. We will only provide for those who send in their names beforehand. We will be able to provide free rooms for a few persons if bedding is brought, and it is hoped others will be provided for by the brethren of the city. Furnished rooms will be engaged as near the place of meeting as possible, at a rental of from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for ten days. Two persons can occupy each room. What kind of a room would you like? If you purpose coming to the meeting, your name should be sent in not later than February 10. Meals will be furnished at a lunch counter, in the basement of the church, on the European plan. All communications should be addressed to Elder A. W. Kuehl, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn.

S. E. JACKSON.

### HENDRICKS

The H. P. Jensen family school at Hendricks, Minn., began work November 19. Brother Jensen has four children who attend this school, two girls, aged thirteen and seventeen, and two boys of

### THE BOOK WORK

Report of evangelistic canvassing in the Saskatchewan Mission Field for the year ending December 31, 1907.

Name	Hrs	Ords	Del'd	Value	Helps	Total	Profit	Per Hr
John H. Betz	964	331	255	\$695	\$99	\$794	\$397	\$.41
J. P. Hoffman	876	392	350	676	10	686	343	.39
J. M. Rowse	745	184	155	454	68	522	261	.35
R. P. Mooney	640	200	160	430	60	490	245	.38
W. G. Forshaw	599	117	97	293	27	320	160	.28
T. T. Bobienco	322	111	100	261	13	274	137	.42
Totals	4,146	1,335	1,117	\$2,809	\$277	\$3,086	\$1,543	\$.37

eleven and fifteen years. Their attendance has been regular.

We have two classes in some studies and three in others. Of the two Bible classes, the higher is taking work in Daniel and Revelation. These lessons are enjoyed very much. We realize the fact more plainly from time to time, as each advanced step is taken in these lessons, that we are in the last stage of the closing work which is now in progress. The bestowal of God's abundant blessings is upon us. We hope that other schools of like nature are experiencing the same.

BETTY IVERSON.

### MINNESOTA NOTES

All will be interested and encouraged to know that more tithe has been paid into the conference treasury this year than in any preceeding. This is good, for by it we know that many have received the blessing that faithful tithe paying brings, and the work is not languishing for the funds that should be coming in.

The editor of the REAPER returned home from the Sioux Falls convention infected with the grip, and has been confined within the limits of his home and the office for a few days.

Anyone knowing the present address of Miss Grace Minett, will oblige the church at Eagle Lake by writing to Mrs. Lina

Tanner, church clerk, Eagle Lake, Minn.

Elder C. J. Kunkel, president of the North Dakota conference, stopped over a day in Minneapolis on his way to the Bookmen's convention at Sioux Falls.

Brother A. D. Ewert was in Minneapolis last week on his way from his home at Mountain Lake to Wirona.

Elder R. A. Underwood spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the brethren in Winona.

Especial attention is called to the canvassers' report of the Saskatchewan Mission Field, as sent in by Brother Paul Curtis, Field Missionary Agent.

### OBITUARY

CLARK—Died at Hector, Minn., January 11, 1908, George Calvin Clark, aged 74 years, 1 month, and 28 days. He became acquainted with the message forty years ago, and accepted it. His last membership was with the Anoka Seventh-day Adventist church. He died with the blessed hope of being among those who will be raised at Christ's second coming. He leaves a wife, two sons, and one daughter to mourn their loss. It was his request to be buried at Retreat, Wis., the home of his boyhood days. The funeral service was conducted by the writer.

A. W. KUEHL.

WANTED—Seventh-day Adventist renter for a 200-acre farm near Mentor, Minn., and also one for a 100-acre farm near Benson, Minn. Both farms are well improved. I also want to correspond with a good Seventh-day Adventist carpenter. For information write at once to C. Pelmulder, Grant City, Iowa.



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Sun sets Friday, Jan. 24, at 5:02.

### BOOKMEN'S CONVENTION

THE Bookmen's convention held  
at Sioux Falls, S. D., January  
10-16, was thoroughly enjoyed by  
those who attended it. Represent-  
atives were present from the Central  
Union and Northern Union, with  
the exception of the Colorado  
conference. H. H. Hall and  
James Cochran, representing the  
Pacific Press Publishing Com-  
pany, gave much information to  
the convention concerning books  
—books to be printed and books  
out of print. Book studies were  
conducted each day on Great  
Controversy, by W. L. Manfull,  
and on Daniel and Revelation, by  
F. L. Limerick. Studies were  
conducted on "General Instruc-  
tion in Canvassing Institutes," by  
C. G. Bellah. The "Round  
Table Talks" were a source of  
help to everyone interested in the

training of canvassing agents.  
Papers were submitted on many  
practical topics, and the discus-  
sion which followed each paper  
gave much information and  
pointers to success to the field  
agents. The topic of "Canvass-  
ing in Large Cities" was given  
special prominence, and methods  
and experiences were given by  
those who have made a success  
of this branch of the book work.  
Many practical suggestions were  
made which will be very helpful  
to the field workers in training  
agents for the firing line. The  
representatives of the publishers  
and the canvassing agents were  
agreed that the convention had  
been a blessing to those con-  
nected with the book work.

IN order to meet a movement  
in the District of Columbia for  
Sunday legislation combined with  
temperance, our brethren have  
inaugurated a campaign there in  
behalf of temperance and relig-  
ious liberty. Suitable reading  
matter has been prepared, and  
plans laid to distribute it system-  
atically in every part of the city  
of Washington. This literature  
presents clearly our unalterable  
opposition to both the liquor  
traffic and religious legislation of  
every kind, and it is hoped that  
much will be accomplished by  
this campaign.

STATISTICS show that while  
\$4,021 worth of tracts were sold  
by the Pacific Press Publishing  
Company in 1903, that there has  
been a falling away in the  
amounts sold during the four  
years following 1903 until in 1907  
only \$2,998 worth of tracts were  
sent out from the publishing  
houses—about fifty per cent.

THIRTY-FIVE thousand copies  
of the January number of *Life*

and *Health* have been sold, hun-  
dreds of nurses, students, and  
others being engaged in its sale  
the last few weeks. The first  
printing order for the February  
number is forty thousand copies.  
It is a most excellent journal for  
pioneer health work.

THE program for the religious  
liberty service for Sabbath, Feb-  
ruary 1, is published on pages 20  
and 21 of the *Review* of January  
16. We trust that our people  
will enter heartily into this ser-  
vice, and make a liberal offering  
on this occasion for the work of  
this department of the General  
Conference.

IN a recent letter from Elder  
C. W. Flaiz, he states that he re-  
ceived a hearty welcome to his  
new field of labor in Oregon.  
His health has been good, and  
he has been growing stronger.  
He can speak with as much vigor  
as ever. He likes the climate,  
and enjoys his work very much.

THE executive committee of  
the Northern Union Conference  
met at Sioux Falls on Tuesday  
last and audited the accounts of  
the laborers of the union. Action  
was taken on other matters of  
importance, and matters con-  
nected with the coming union  
conference were discussed.

AFTER a period of evangelistic  
work in Iowa, covering five or six  
weeks, fifty-five persons took a  
stand for the truth and a number  
of persons who had backslidden  
were reclaimed.

OVER \$10,000 worth of Spanish  
subscription books have been  
sold on the west coast of South  
America by the agents of the  
Pacific Press Publishing Com-  
pany and local missionaries.