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THE LIFE THAT COUNTS

The life that counts must toil and fight;
Must hate the wrong and love the right;
Must stand for truth by day and night—
And this the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise
Above the earth to sunlit skies:
Must fix his gaze on Paradise—
And this the life that counts.

The life that counts must hopeful be;
In darkest night make melody;
Must wait the dawn on bended knee—
And this the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;
The cares and needs of others see;
Must seek the slave of sin to free—
And this the life that counts.

The life that counts is linked with God;
And turns not from the cross—the rod;
But walks with joy where Jesus trod—
And this the life that counts.

—Sel.

DO YOU CARRY THE VINE CREDENTIALS?

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another." John 13:35. Christ's prayer is, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." The unity of the church is secured only by the spirit of Christ animating each member of the body.

Christ changes the character of men by the work of the Holy Spirit operating upon the conscience of the individual. When each individual is brought into

perfect tune with heaven, then love, unity, and perfect harmony are seen in the church on earth. The world has a right to expect this state of things to exist in the church of Christ; and when it is seen, it must acknowledge that this can be accomplished only by the power of God, for no other power is able to bring such harmony out of confusion.

It is said that when the singers and musicians in the ancient temple were "as one to make one sound in praising and thanking God . . . then the house was filled with a cloud . . . for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God." Thus it was on the day of Pentecost, when the disciples were all of "one accord;" then the spirit of God rested upon them in great power, and men were unable to resist the spirit of God in conviction and conversion. Thus it will be again, as the gospel shall close with great power, lightening the earth with its glory. Rev. 18:1. The apostle Paul's parting words to the Corinthian church, for whom he had labored so earnestly, were, "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect; be of good comfort. Be of one mind. Live in peace. And the God of love and peace shall be with you."

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

SPENCER, IOWA, YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION

An aggressive campaign has been entered upon by Brother F. J. Wilbur, secretary of the young people's department of the Iowa conference, in behalf of the young people of that conference. The plan of work has been to hold conventions at convenient places throughout the state, to which representatives would be sent from the nearby churches and young people's societies.

Three of these conventions have been held thus far at the following places: Council Bluffs, December 25-29; Smithland, January 1-4; Spencer, January 8-11. At each of these places the old and young people of the church have taken an active part in the discussions held, and have expressed deep appreciation of the work done.

It was my privilege to attend the Spencer convention, and we had a very profitable time together. About sixty delegates, old and young, were present from the churches in that district. The brethren at Spencer kindly opened their homes and made all the delegates welcome. In addition to the delegates—several workers were present and rendered valuable help.

The daily program was as follows: Round Tables at 10:30-12 in the morning and in the afternoon from 3-4:30. At 7:30 each evening there was an address. At the Round Tables the subjects of personal work, cottage meetings, use of literature, Christian help work, and the recommendations passed at the Mt. Vernon young people's convention were discussed by all present. The subjects of the evening addresses were: "The Object of Our Young People's Movement," "Health and Temperance," "The Observance of the Sabbath," "Reading and Its Effect Upon Our Young People," and "The Advent Message to the World in this Generation."

Practical plans were discussed for doing more effective work in the different localities represented, and we feel confident that new interest and enthusiasm will manifest itself in the lives and in the churches of all the delegates who received the inspiration of these meetings.

C. L. BENSON.

NOW IS THE TIME

"The light given me by the Lord at a time when we were expecting just such a crisis as you seem to be approaching, was, that when the people are moved by a power from beneath to enforce Sunday observance, Seventh-day Adventists were to show their wisdom by refraining from work on that day, devoting it to missionary effort."—REAPER November 12, 1907.

Lest some one should say that "the time is not come, the time that the Lord's house should be built"—the time for this people to follow out this instruction given by the Spirit of God, and so fail to arise to finish the work,

I wish to call attention to a few facts.

As evidence that we are facing a crisis we notice the federation of churches, the societies of Christian Endeavorers, the Federated Catholic Societies, the National Reformers, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the labor unions, numbering many millions, all doing their very best for the better observance of Sunday. Almost all of these organizations are working for the enforcement of Sunday laws. This movement is almost universal, as is attested by the arrest of Sunday law-breakers in various parts of the world; but it is being especially enforced in the United States, which leads all the world to worship the first beast. Congress is flooded every year with Sunday bills and petitions for Sunday legislation. A certain congressman said he was opposed to all this, but did not know how long the pressure could be resisted.

In view of all this, who can say that we are not now facing a crisis such as is implied in the quotation at the head of this communication? And is it not *now* when this people are to show their wisdom in a definite manner, and by so doing take the "whip" out of the hands of the oppressor? In so doing, the days of our tranquility, the time of peace, in which to finish this work, will be lengthened.

Consider for a moment the possibilities that would grow out of a general movement to devote Sunday to missionary effort. Take the *Signs* special World's Missions number. Suppose a Gideon army of 32,000 men, women and children can be found, who will devote their Sundays to missionary effort in its sale. See how quickly another \$150,000 could be placed in

the hands of the Mission Board. If this army should average twenty copies for each soldier, it would sell 640,000 copies each Sunday. At ten cents a copy this would amount to \$256,000 every four weeks—a fine sum for our Mission Board. No doubt, as has been suggested, if all the proceeds of such sales were to be devoted to missionary work, no complaint would be made of such work being a violation of Sunday laws.

With a united effort much more than this could be accomplished; and soon the printed pages would fall like autumn leaves. Who is in favor of such a movement? Who will enlist in this Gideon army? I am deeply interested in this matter; for by devoting Sunday to missionary effort, great possibilities are within our reach.

H. F. PHELPS.

From the Field

North Dakota

GLANAVON

We held our quarterly meeting on Sabbath, January 4. The Lord blessed us by the presence of his spirit. One was added to our little company, and all were spiritually refreshed.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the blessed and substantial truths of his word in this time of uncertainty in this wicked world. We are so thankful that God calls his children to come out of Babylon.

W. B. PAYNE,
Church elder.

South Dakota

A BRIEF REPORT

It was my privilege to visit our people at Beresford, Viborg,

Swan Lake and Irene during the week of prayer. Rich blessings were enjoyed at each of these places, as we sought the Lord and considered the lessons which came to us through the readings prepared for the occasion.

The first Sabbath and Sunday were spent at Beresford. Our membership here is small, but this does not hinder the Lord from blessing his people when they seek him. We held quarterly meeting and the Lord came near. One sister united with the church to enjoy its blessings and to share in its responsibilities.

We have a large membership at Swan Lake, although they are somewhat scattered; but while some were hindered from meeting with us, the attendance was good at nearly every service, and the Lord blessed us.

We have no church at Irene, but we have a few faithful members who seek to hold aloft the banner of truth. I held one meeting with them, and it was a pleasure to present the words of life to those hungry souls.

Elder R. E. Harter and the writer were at Woonsocket January 3-9, where we held meetings in our neat little church building every evening. Our membership here is small, but we have had a good attendance from the outside. The Presbyterian minister manifested an interest in these meetings, and attended nearly every one. Quarterly meeting was held with our people. We believe these meetings were a source of encouragement to our people, and the means of presenting the solemn truths of the Third Angel's Message anew to the people of Woonsocket.

N. P. NEILSEN.

IROQUOIS

Last Friday, January 10, I re-

ceived a message to come to Iroquois and remain over Sabbath with the company at that place. A meeting had been appointed at the home of Ruben Warner. Besides our own people, there were a number of others present, among them the Methodist minister and his wife. He seemed to appreciate the truth presented, and very kindly asked me to accompany him Sunday afternoon to his country appointment and preach for him there, and also to preach in the Methodist church in the town in the evening, to which I consented. We believe the way has opened for future work to be done at this place.

Brother Neilsen held some good meetings with the company at Huron, and our people were greatly encouraged. We begin meetings at Artesian tonight. Will report results next week.

R. E. HARTER.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Geo. W. Miller visited the Swan Lake church last Sabbath, and held a good meeting with the members. They were very much interested to hear of the recent convention at Sioux Falls.

The date of the South Dakota canvassers' institute has been fixed for March 11-25. This was incorrectly stated in the REAPER of January 14.

Elders R. E. Harter and N. P. Neilsen are holding meetings at Artesian this week.

Minnesota

IN THE NORTHWEST

It is now some time since I reported to the REAPER, so I hope the editor will kindly pardon me for a somewhat lengthy report this time. The good Lord has

kept and blessed me both physically and spiritually, so that I have been enabled to uninterruptedly continue in the work.

Since the latter part of August I labored a few weeks in Warren. Part of that time I had the privilege of being associated with Brethren J. F. Anderson and O. E. Johansen, who had during the summer given the Scandinavian population of that town a thorough warning of the coming conflict, and invited and exhorted them to prepare to meet the Lord in peace. After the tent was taken down, I remained some time continuing the work by Bible readings, visiting and distributing literature.

October 22 I came to Apple, where a few Sabbath-keepers live. Meetings were held in a schoolhouse and in the homes. It being the time when the farmers were most busy plowing and taking their grain to the market, the meetings were not as well attended as we had hoped. A scarlet fever and diphtheria scare also helped to keep the people away. In visiting and reading the Bible with the people, I found both friends and enemies. It is indeed strange how few seek for light, and have a desire to know the will of the Lord. This is, however, in accordance with the words of the Master, "When the Son of Man cometh shall he find faith on earth?" Paul tells us that perilous times shall come in the last days. A form of godliness shall prevail while all sorts of sins are indulged in, and sound doctrine shall not be endured; but the people shall turn away their ears from the truth unto fables.

After again spending two days in Warren, I arrived at Thief River Falls November 23, and found Brother L. H. Christian, aided by Brethren J. F. Anderson

and O. E. Johansen, well started in a course of lectures on present truth. These lectures were most of the time well attended by attentive listeners. The largest hall in town had been secured, and at times it did not seem to be any too large. The message was presented in a clear-cut way, and in plain, simple language that needed not to be misunderstood. But, like the disciples of old, many thought, and some expressed in words, "This is a hard saying; who can hear it?" and were not anxious to hear any more.

This, and the starting of a series of meetings in an influential church, with some of their best men exerting all the influence they could against the truths presented in the hall, caused the attendance to grow smaller toward the last. The news that we are free from the law and every obligation under the new dispensation, is most eagerly accepted by those who are not willing to take up the cross and follow the lowly Jesus, who was obedient in all, even unto death. It seems sometimes that even the honest in heart are drifting with the current.

Since Brethren Anderson and Christian left (December 4), Brother Johansen and I have endeavored to follow up the work by meetings in the church and in the homes of interested ones, visiting and reading the Bible with the people, and by distribution of literature.

O. J. NERLUND.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY

After our campaign with the special *Signs* was over, we pursued our studies until the Christmas vacation began. As most of the students who were going to spend their vacation at their

homes left Thursday evening and Friday morning, December 19 and 20, and as there was nothing at the school Friday that required my time, I decided to spend that day in selling "Best Stories," "Things Foretold," etc.

I went to Wayzata in the morning, and canvassed that village and the country west of Long Lake and part of Long Lake, returning to the academy in the evening. The Lord certainly blessed me with many good experiences, and with his help I sold eighteen fifty-cent books. At Wayzata the leading denomination is the Congregationalist, but there are also a number of Catholics and Presbyterians.

While out with the *Signs* we disposed of thirty copies at this place, and I met some who said that they had read the World's Missions Number through three times from first to last. It is impossible to estimate how much good the people of Wayzata have and will derive from the printed pages that have been circulated among them, but we know the Lord's word will accomplish that whereunto he sends it. Isaiah 55:10, 11.

There are many honest people who are searching for the bread of life, and why should we not do all in our power to encourage and enlighten such ones? I also met some who were much opposed to the kind of Christianity they see about them. Some said: "If there is anything in Christianity, why should it not be manifest in the lives of our neighbors who go to church and profess Christ; but as soon as they are out of church their actions show that they do not believe what they profess."

If we could only realize how much harm we are doing the cause of God by being unfaithful,

I am sure that we would be more careful about our actions. Especially are Seventh-day Adventists watched because they are such a peculiar people, "keeping Sunday on Saturday."

At Long Lake one lady said, "I have but little money in the house, and my husband needs that for tobacco to-night." I then explained to her how harmful tobacco is, and how it tends to drag its victim down to ruin. After a few moments reflection she said, "Well, then, my husband shall have no more tobacco; I will tell him what its nature is." And she then bought one of my books with the tobacco money. I hope she will succeed in convincing her husband of the awful results the tobacco habit brings.

I know that the Lord went before me, preparing the hearts of the people. This is not our work, but the Lord's, and he will cut it short in righteousness. The message must go; and I believe that if we as a people do not carry the light to those who are in darkness, the Lord will call upon another people to give the last warning. Let us therefore be loyal and true to God. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. And the Lord's word will be "a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path." A STUDENT.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

Perhaps it would be of interest to our people to write something concerning the interest that is shown in the revival of the book work. The time is here when the very best talent, with thorough preparation, is needed to carry on our book work properly. Publishers' conventions, bookmen's conventions, and canvass-

ers' institutes are becoming more and more popular and frequent in every part of the field. These conventions and institutes are not occasions of spinning out untried theories, but rather of exchanging practical, well tried methods of salesmanship. It has been recognized that these meetings are the means of arousing a general interest and widening the views of our general workers, as well as stirring up our brethren to the importance of accomplishing more in the prosecution of our book work. The training that is secured at such meetings is turning out an efficient class of workers, and the total sales of our literature have now reached the highest point in the history of the book work.

We believe no effort should be spared to give the necessary training to those who want to enter the field. As has already been published in the REAPER, an institute will be held at Minneapolis, February 17-March 3, for the purpose of giving the needed training in book salesmanship. We cannot help but feel that this is an opportunity that should not be lost by any persons who are planning to take up the sale of our subscription books.

The very best help will be provided at this institute that it is possible to secure. The training that will be given will be free of charge. The only expense will be the price of board. Rooms will be provided during the institute period. If any wish to remain for the union conference, they will be on their own responsibility both as to room and board during the conference.

All who are planning to attend the institute will please notify the undersigned at the earliest possible date.

FRANK F. FRY,
519 E. Lake St., Minneapolis.

MAPLEWOOD ACADEMY

It was my privilege to visit this institution from January 3-5, and will say that I was happily disappointed at what I saw and heard. I do not want to be understood that I had not full faith and confidence in what was being done there, but the work that is being done far exceeded what I had pictured in my mind. I have myself had considerable experience in teaching, having taught twenty-three terms; therefore I think I ought to be in a position, unless I am a very dull scholar, to judge of the merits of the work that is being done both by the teachers and students.

I could not but wish that all the patrons of the school could have had the privilege that I have had. Some may think that the rules laid down by the faculty are too strict. In 1 Tim. 1:9 we read that the law is not made for a righteous man but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, etc., and just so with the rules laid down by the faculty. They are not for those who come there for the express purpose of fitting themselves for the Lord's work, but for those who come there for what they call a good time.

I want to say a word to our ministerial brethren. What are you doing to encourage these dear teachers in their work of love and sacrifice? Would you be willing to exchange work with them? I am not saying this to criticize our dear ministers, for I highly esteem them for their work's sake; but I would impress upon the minds and hearts of both the lay and ministering brethren the burdens that rest so heavily upon these dear teachers; and as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses till victory

came to Israel, so we will hold up the hands of these till the work is finished and the Lord shall come, and we hear the well done said of us. I can truthfully say that my visit to the academy was a bright spot in my experience which will not soon be forgotten.

D. ALWAY.

HOWARD LAKE

About six miles out from Howard Lake is the place where I made my first visit and held my first Bible study in the year 1908. Nearly a year ago I learned of the name and address of a woman here, to whom, since then, *Sions Vaktare*, our Swedish paper, has made its weekly visits. I had heard that the paper was well liked, every word read, and a great deal of Bible information received. So I determined to visit the place, and if possible, start readings.

There is at this place a Quaker meeting house, which is rarely used, as there are only two members left, in which I calculated to hold meetings. Upon inquiring of the lady who had charge of the building, I was informed, after learning my belief, that she had no use for the Adventists. Said she: "I have friends at Maple Plain, where the Adventists have a big school, and they tell me that the Adventists go so far as to even blow up stumps on our holy Sabbath."

I did not get the use of the church building, and no other place seemed to be open; but I did what I could in the way of visiting, distribution of tracts, and Bible studies. I was well received by the lady who had been reading the paper, and we conversed a great deal upon points of our faith. Her husband would not let me hold a meeting in his house. When I left, she promised to begin keep-

ing the Sabbath and to distribute papers among her neighbors. So the good work is onward, praise the Lord. FRED JOHNSON.

ST. PAUL

Another year, with its victories and defeats, is in the past. Another week of prayer has come and gone, which I trust has been a season of refreshing to God's people all over the world. It proved such to us here in St. Paul, as we together sought for a new baptism for service. We were without a minister during this season, but not without the promised Comforter.

Nineteen meetings were held during the week in different parts of the city. As the little companies gathered and listened to the searching truths contained in the readings, there was manifested on the part of many a spirit of deep heart-searching, and putting away of sin. As we earnestly sought God for a refreshing, he came graciously near, and a spirit of consecration filled the hearts of all. One man, who had once been in the truth but had given up, made a new consecration to God. Persons not of our faith attended these meetings and were favorably impressed. It was most cheering to notice the deep movings of the Spirit on the hearts of our young people, coupled with a disposition to work. Some who before had never had courage to even give away a paper, now sell them, and preach the message while doing so. May the good work begun during the closing hours of the week of prayer continually increase in power, until this gospel of the kingdom shall have been preached in all the world for a witness. Then will come the end, when Jesus will take his faithful ones home to his Father's house of many mansions.

We are glad so note that the members of the St. Paul church are still being heard from in pledges for our church building fund, and we are thankful that reports of pledges to the fund are still coming in from the churches throughout the state. Let the good work continue until it can be said of us, as the men in charge of building the sanctuary said to Moses, "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded to make."

M. H. HONEYWELL.

WINONA

It was my privilege to spend three days with the members of the Winona church, in company with Brother A. D. Ewert. We enjoyed our stay with these dear people very much. We found some of them very much discouraged. Satan ever seeks to lead individuals to lose confidence in man, and then the next step is to lose confidence in God.

We labored during our short stay the best we could to inspire our brethren with hope and courage, and to show them the importance of living in the unity of the spirit, bearing and forbearing one another. The Lord came very near in the meetings. We felt sure that the courage and faith of all was strengthened.

The elder of the church is planning to move to North Dakota soon, and it was necessary to select another in his place. Brother A. D. Ewert was unanimously elected to the office, and in the evening he was ordained. Brother Otto H. Griese was chosen as librarian. The other officers of the church remain about as they were before.

This church is largely composed of German brethren and sisters, although they all talk

the English, and understand the same. I have not visited a company for a long time in which I felt a deeper interest than I have felt for this church. They have several youth in their midst who are noble children. Brother Ewert will remain here for some time, laboring from house to house and in public. I trust there are better days for this church, and that God will add precious souls to their number such as shall be saved.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

ST. PAUL CHURCH SCHOOL

The St. Paul church school opened with an enrolment of sixteen students, the grades running from one to five. The attendance has been good up to the Christmas vacation; it then being lowered by some of the pupils moving away and several others being sick.

There is a fine spirit of earnestness among the pupils, and good work is being done by nearly every one of them. The interest along missionary lines is good. We have some real canvassers in our little school. As many as forty papers have been sold in a week. Other lines of missionary work are being carried on also.

Although we have many difficulties to meet my courage is good. I know God has appointed the work, for did not our Lord say while here on earth, "Feed my lambs"? and does not that same divine command come down through the ages to us?

KATHRYNE ADAMS.

MINNESOTA MISSION BAND

I am sure the children are anxious to know how our Mission Band is progressing, and I am glad to pass on the good news. The reports have been coming

in nicely, but there are still some of our number who have not been heard from. I expect they are doing the very best they can to sell the things they have raised, so they can send in the money. Those heard from since our last report in the REAPER are as follows:

Amount previously reported....	\$183 75
Good Thunder.....	8 52
Minneapolis, English.....	10 16
Stewartville.....	10 25
Owatonna.....	2 15
Alexandria.....	5 00
Eagle Bend.....	2 35
Pine Island.....	2 50
Hewitt.....	2 27
Fergus Falls.....	2 14
Henning.....	70
Crow Wing.....	2 65
Brainerd.....	8 00
Brookville.....	1 32
Thief River Falls.....	1 90
Grey Eagle.....	70
Feeley.....	2 50
Grove Lake.....	2 50
Sherburn.....	1 00
Roseau.....	4 00
Verndale.....	5 00
Amboy.....	5 63
Stillwater.....	6 84
Myrtle and Clarence Bergland..	50
Walter and Philip Skyberg.....	1 00
Ernest, Mabel, and Harold Sande	75
Florence Pfeiffer.....	28
Mollie Johnson.....	1 00
Dora and Johnnie Kozel.....	1 73
Julia, Hazel and Ella Ross.....	3 00
Total	\$280 09

Since our last report, we have learned of the death of two of the members of the Mission Band—Johnnie and Dora Kozel. They are laid to rest away down in South Carolina, but we look forward to meeting them again when Jesus shall come and call them forth from their little graves. I know you will be interested to know how they earned the money sent in for them, so I will quote a few lines from the letter received with their offering.

“Dear Sister:—Before this reaches you, you will have heard of the death of little Dora and John Kozel. Enclosed please find the sum of their savings, \$1.73. Of this, \$1.10 belonged

THE BOOK WORK

SOUTH DAKOTA—WEEK ENDING JAN. 18

Name	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. D. Terwillegar	G. C.					23 15
*A. G. Newcomb	H. M.	42	15	26 25	1 00	27 25 31 50
Totals,	2 agents	42	15	\$26 25	\$1 00	\$27 25 \$ 57 65

*Four weeks

to Dora, and 63 cents to Johnnie.

“We would like their money to be added to the Harvest Ingathering fund in the home state. A part of Dora’s money came from two rows of peas she planted and cared for on the old farm, (this was at Brainerd, Minn.) and the rest was earned in various ways. We would like to keep the nickels and pennies which our darlings handled so often and prized so highly, but we feel that for these reasons, God will doubly bless them in his work.”

If the reports continue to come in as they have been doing, it will not be long before our Mission Band will reach the \$300 mark for 1907. What a help this will be to the work in other lands.

ELLA E. MERICKEL.

WINONA

A general meeting was held at Winona January 17–19. It has always been in accord with God’s purpose that his children shall gather together to study the word given through his prophets. What made this meeting more of a blessing and help to us was the presence of the spirit of God, and the help that was given by Elder R. A. Underwood. Those who have had a long experience in the Lord’s work are qualified to give advice and admonition in times of perplexity, and this was manifested to us in smoothing out and straightening up the matters that have been bothering the members of this church.

After the sermon was finished the people began to ask questions. Elder Underwood stood with all the people around him while answering the inquiries,

and they seemed to drink in every word spoken.

It was indeed good to be here, and we are thankful to the Lord for the blessings that have come to us during these meetings. Every member of the church has been strengthened, and we all have learned many things which we did not know before. May the Lord bless those who go from place to place in their ministry, that they may be a blessing to the hundreds who are seeking information.

We have a good interest here, and expect to take several new members into the church soon.

A. D. EWERT.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Elder S. E. Jackson returned Sunday morning from an extended tour through the southern part of the conference, including a week at the Bookmen’s convention at Sioux Falls, S. D.

Brother F. F. Fry is completing arrangements for the canvassers’ institute to be held in Minneapolis February 17–March 3. This promises to be a very interesting occasion.

Elder F. A. Detamore is again located in St. Paul, and has charge of the work in that city. His address is 793 E. Case street.

Elder Underwood preached in the Minneapolis church Sabbath and Sunday night.

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Sun sets Friday, Jan. 31, at 5:11.

At the meeting of the Southern Union Conference, held at Nashville, Tenn., commencing January 9, the conference was given an almost complete reorganization. The Southern Union Conference being quite large, it was divided into two parts. Elder G. A. Irwin was elected president of the Southern Union, with Elder C. F. McVagh, of West Pennsylvania, as vice president. Elder K. C. Russell was elected president of the Southeastern Union, with Elder G. A. Wells, of Georgia, as vice president; and R. T. Dowsett, of Wisconsin, secretary and treasurer. Elder G. I. Butler, the former president of the Southern Union, refused to carry further responsibilities.

SABBATH, February 1, is this year to be known as Religious Liberty Day, and a special pro-

gram has been prepared for the exercises of the day. This program should be followed wherever possible, as there is much that we do not know about religious liberty, and there is quite a little to be learned in the matter presented in this exercise. The service will close with the taking of a collection for the support of this branch of the work. It is hoped a very liberal donation will be given, as this is almost the sole dependence of the religious liberty bureau for its needed supplies.

A SUPERINTENDENT of schools in Ohio has just ordered twenty-five copies of *Liberty* magazine. In his letter to the publishers he stated that, though an officer in the Methodist church for years, he did not propose to hold office in that church any longer, as there was too much the spirit of Catholicism in it at the present time, the church being void of the spiritually it once possessed. He said *Liberty* was the most valuable publication he knew of, and that he desired these twenty-five copies to circulate among his special friends.

ELDER R. A. UNDERWOOD will leave Minneapolis on Tuesday night to attend the meeting of the North Pacific Union Conference at Walla Walla, Wash. At this meeting Elder Underwood will have the privilege of consulting with Elder Daniells on many important matters pertaining to the Northern Union field. This visit will be in the nature of an exchange of laborers, as Elder W. B. White, president of the North Pacific Union Conference, will attend the meeting of the Northern Union Conference in March.

AN interesting letter was recently received at this office from

Elder E. Hilliard, a missionary laboring in the gold fields of West Australia. Elder Hilliard was at one time connected with the work in Minnesota. Brother Hilliard reports his work as very promising, but says he would like to have a letter from the home field occasionally. His address is Elder E. Hilliard, 208 Hay St., Perth, West Australia. Write him a good letter and he will be encouraged for better work.

PROFESSOR BENSON writes:—Our Parkersburg young people's convention closed last night. We had a splendid time together. A good number of delegates attended the meetings. Three high school girls, children of Adventist parents, gave their hearts to the Lord. Brother Wilbur was unable to attend the last half of the convention, as he received a message Friday evening calling him to Chicago, his brother having been badly hurt.

ONE speaker, in Washington, D. C., in recommending the publication of a pamphlet on the better observance of Sunday, said that they should be careful not to call Sunday the Sabbath, "because, if we say Sabbath, we shall be up against the Adventists and the Jews, and we know how they thwarted our plans on the question of the Bible in the public schools."

A LITTLE over \$25,000 will complete the \$150,000 fund. When this work is finished all of the people will rejoice in that they have had a part in this good work. The Northern Union conferences are continually adding to the amounts already contributed. May the day soon come when this good work will be finished.