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NORTHERN UNION REAPER



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

WATCHMAN WHAT OF THE NIGHT?

MRS. E. G. WHITE

Are the watchmen giving the trumpet a certain sound? Are the shepherds caring for the flock as those who must give an account? Are the ministers of God watching for souls, recognizing in them the purchase of the blood of Christ?

Too often in the past our people have had much sermonizing and little prayerful instruction in how to labor for others. The different lines of labor in which believers can engage have not been laid before them in such a way that have been led to understand their duty, and been constrained to take up their work. Had the work that has been done in our churches met the needs of believers, a company of self-denying workers would have been raised up in every place where churches have been established to work for unbelievers.

Church members need to be taught that the measure of their success in ministering to souls will be the measure of their self-denial and their faithfulness in following Christ's example. Those who, while claiming to be Christians, think they have no

church responsibility but to sit and listen to the preacher, fail of realizing the privileges of the child of God. What can be said to the idlers that will lead them to understand, and arouse from their do-nothing position? Oh, that Zion would arouse and put on her beautiful garments. Brethren and sisters, as members of the church, let us act our part faithfully. Let us not allow the light which is in us to go out because we refuse to give that light to others.

God has given to every man his work; not one is excused from service. All should seek for an education that will enable them to give the truth of the gospel to their fellowmen. Every agency in the church should become a channel of light to the world. There are many who will receive the evidences given, and will accept the truth. The youth are to take hold of this work of soul-saving. All our talents are to be used to the glory of God. I saw one standing with outstretched arms, saying in a clear, ringing voice, "Come into line; come into line."

Ministers, do not think that you have met all your responsibility when you have delivered a long sermon in the church. It is your duty to train young men

and women to do work for the Master. The Lord calls you to put forth all your ingenuity, that every church member may become a working member. Even the children should be encouraged to work. The children, the youth, and those of middle age should be taught to labor in missionary lines. Then call upon them in the missionary meeting to report what they have done and to tell of their success. The missionary meeting should be full of interest and life. "Ye are the light of the world," said Christ. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Those who heed the light God has given, line upon line and precept upon precept, will be endowed with the Spirit of God for their labors. Heavenly influences will go with them to help them meet the emergencies that will arise in their work. If church members will work, and watch, and pray, they will have light to comprehend and appreciate the work to be done for this time.

Will the ministers and the presidents of our conferences allow church members to continue in their inefficient condition? Those who stand as overseers of the church of God need

to arouse to their duty, and set souls to work. There is an abundance of work to be done, and the end is near. God calls upon the ministers to educate the people in various lines of labor, and set in order the things that remain. Ye are laborers together with God. My ministering brethren, angels of God will be with you as you thus become mediums of strength and blessing to uphold and encourage the church of God.

We are certainly living in the closing days of this earth's history. We need to devote much time to our spiritual interests, if we would experience the spiritual growth that is essential in this age. We are to make decided reforms. The Voice said: The watchmen need to awake, and give the trumpet a certain sound. The morning cometh, and also the night. Wake up, my watchmen. Voices that should now be heard presenting the truth are silent. Souls are perishing in sins, and ministers and physicians and teachers are asleep. Wake up the watchmen!

"ASSEMBLE THE ELDERS"

There are times when the Lord would have the ministers, and those devoting their entire time to gospel work, assemble together to seek God and earnestly plan to carry forward the work committed to their hands. We believe such a time as this is at our union conferences, that come once in two years, when it is fitting for the laborers in each union, as far as consistent, to unite in earnestly studying the word of God, planning together to carry forward the work in the several local conferences, and to more fully co-operate with the General Conference Committee in extending the work in foreign fields.

To this end we have asked that, as far as consistent, all the laborers in the four conferences composing the Northern Union Conference attend the coming biennial conference to meet at Minneapolis, March 5-15. We expect excellent help from the General Conference, and our brethren can thus be brought in personal contact with men who have visited foreign fields, and are in direct touch with the largeness of the work as it is reaching out to all parts of the world.

The question may be raised by some, Is it profitable for all the laborers to drop their work, and be at the expense of coming to such a meeting? I would say to our lay brethren, who stand back of the laborers, and are equally interested in every step taken to advance this work, that in the four conferences composing the Northern Union the conference committees have each and severally planned to hold no state meetings during the fall, winter, or spring, which they usually do, that all the laborers may attend this union conference. The conference committees believe that more good will come to the laborers by attending the union conference than if the usual state meetings were held.

Thus our brethren may see that our conference officers are carefully seeking to husband all the time and expense in traveling to general meetings; but believe that the work in each conference will be greatly helped by the close contact the laborers will have with the general workers and with each other in a season of earnestly seeking God, and unitedly planning to push forward the work, such as is contemplated at our union conference.

We earnestly desire that all

our brethren will pray that God may especially meet with us, presiding over each meeting, guiding in every decision and plan, and in the selection of officers that may bear responsibilities in the union the coming two years, so that the fields to which the laborers shall return may be greatly benefited by the meeting.

We have learned that some of our lay brethren are also planning to attend the meeting. We shall be glad to see such, especially individuals bearing responsibilities in the local churches.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

Do you know the story of the rise and progress of the young people's work among us?

Do you understand the plan of organization?

Do you know what the Missionary Volunteer work stands for?

These questions and others will be discussed on Sabbath, March 7, which has been appointed by the General Conference Department as Missionary Volunteer Day.

The readings suggested for the forenoon session, which will appear in the *Instructor*, should be assigned to those who can read well, and who have a deep interest in the work.

The following topics are suggested for the afternoon:

Reading a letter from Missionary Volunteer secretaries.

Bible and Testimony study on good reading.

The value of good books, and a crusade against harmful literature; discussion.

"Plans for Our Library;" (may be the report of a committee on this work).

Question Box, conducted by the leader, with opportunity for discussion. (Questions should be handed in not later than the close of the forenoon session).

The reading of the letter, and other topics, should be assigned to young people as far as possible, and every effort put forth to make the afternoon generally interesting. Let the assignments be made at once, and let as many as consistent have a place on the program.

M. E. KERN.

From the Field

Iowa

MISSIONARY REPORT

For quarter ending December 31, 1907.

Number of societies.....	95
Number of societies reporting...	78
Isolated members reporting.....	26
Missionary letters written.....	426
Missionary letters received.....	223
Bible readings held.....	299
Subscriptions for periodicals.....	225
Periodicals distributed.....	42,318
Pages of tracts distributed.....	124,838
Missionary visits.....	753
Hours spent in Christian help work.....	1,462
Articles of clothing given away	1,437
Persons supplied with food.....	297
Children brought to Sabbath school.....	23
Persons interested.....	138

MRS. L. L. LARSON.

North Dakota

AFTER THE CONFERENCE

At its last meeting the conference committee decided to allow me to use my time as I thought best till the union conference convenes at Minneapolis. It was suggested that I have a period of rest, and time to close up some work that would naturally accumulate during so long a

term of office. It was also suggested that on the Sabbaths I visit, if possible, some of the isolated Sabbath-keepers near my home, and also the company northeast of Bismarck.

For a number of days following the conference I was ill from the effects of la grippe and have recovered slowly. After setting a few things in order and compiling some matter that should be passed to our new president, I started out January 30 on the book campaign in the interest of the school, and on February 4 went to Bismarck. On February 7, while there, I received a very urgent request from Elder Kunkel to visit the newly-organized church, about forty miles south of Dickerson.

Though I had planned to visit Driscoll, Beach, Heart and Hazelton, and had sent out my appointments, I felt it my duty to cancel them and go to Lemmon, S. D., (the nearest railroad town) as soon as I could. However I visited the company northeast of Bismarck and remained with them till February 11.

I was much pleased with the spirit manifested by this company of believers. It is truly refreshing to be with those who love the truth and who are in perfect harmony. Some among them took their quota of five books, and others pledged an amount equal to that which would come to the school. In the nine families I have visited forty-five books have been sold and pledged, and three pledged and gave the equivalent in money.

I am pleased to see this interest in the school, and hope that the present book campaign will be pushed to a successful issue. It is the duty of everyone in our field to stand by the academy till it is firmly established. Not only with our means

should we help, but heartfelt prayers should ascend from the morning and evening altar for the success of its mission. Already good results are being seen from the work of the school, and I am sure we have made no mistake in its establishment. Let us all do our part in the present effort.

The Lord willing, I expect soon to be in the midst of the interest south of Dickinson, and expect to remain there at least till the time of the union conference. I am of good courage and enjoy this freedom from conference business very much.

J. G. WALKER.

OUR ACADEMY LETTER

Since our last letter we have been busy—so busy that the weeks have passed almost like days. But with the passing of time we have been permitted to share our good with the largest number ever enrolled here. We have been glad to welcome all who came, and are glad to report that the exceptions are few indeed who have failed to catch the same spirit of cordiality and willingness still to make room for others.

Fifty-seven students have enrolled this year to date; fifty-one have been in actual attendance at one time; forty-eight students are in attendance at this writing. This number just comfortably fills our chapel, while it somewhat crowds out dormitory capacity.

We feel to thank the Lord for the earnest, substantial company of prospective workers he has sent to us this year. As we look out into the great field of the world, we see the need of sturdy, robust young men and women, who, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, shall be able to

plant the banners of truth in every land quickly. We feel to encourage the brethren who have lifted so nobly in establishing the school, by assuring them that their efforts are sure to be rewarded in the near future. Your sons and your daughters are making sober preparation for the finishing of the gospel message, and are planning to endure hardship for the Lord's sake, expecting to stand when he appears. What can bring a father's heart more real joy than to know that his son, or his daughter, is being used by the God of the universe in making up the number of his jewels for the eternal kingdom.

The health of the school family has been unusually good so far during the year, excepting the recent run of la grippe, which seems to have called at all doors, and in all parts of the United States, if not in the entire world. The only case of serious illness in the home is that of one of our teachers, Sister Thompson, who, because of heavy school work and extra burdens during our state conference, has been obliged to seek rest and treatment at the Madison, Wis., sanitarium for the past four weeks. The last report from her was encouraging, and she hopes to return to her work soon.

The first term closes February 18, and the term examinations are now on. The records of work for the first half of the school year will soon be made up. This work always reminds us of the investigative work of judgment, now going on in heaven. There, the record of lives in every detail is being put to the final test, and that for eternity. We all need frequently to "examine ourselves," giving all diligence to make our "calling and election sure."

Aside from the usual devo-

tional exercises, the chapel hour for the past two weeks has been taken for a detailed study of the great 2300-day prophecy. This has been a blessing to the entire school. As we have seen how true God is to his word, and how sure his word is to be fulfilled, even to the very day and hour, we have felt our faith renewed, and our hope rekindled. Truly, we have a "more sure word of prophecy" whereunto we do well to take heed. And it is a knowledge of these things that will save our young people from the delusive influences of the last days already upon us.

We ask the continued prayers of the brethren and sisters for the success of the school. The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much. And we know that the Lord expects much of us in this work and at this time. Praying that we may all prove true to the great cause of the Master till he comes, and that we may then share in the home of the saved, I remain, your brother,

N. W. LAWRENCE.

ACADEMY

Sister Shepherd's class in music and reading gave an interesting recital Sunday night. Vocal and instrumental music, interspersed with literary selections, composed the program, which was concluded by the evening prayer service, conducted by Professor Specht. A few friends and neighbors were in to enjoy the evening with us.

Among the recent visitors at the academy were Sister Sperling and two sons from New Home; Sister Unruh and Jacob Peters from the same place; Brother Braumberger from below Harvey; Sister Kellettat, of Fessenden; Elder Kunkel and W. B. Payne.

Our field secretary, Brother Payne, introduced the subject of canvassing in a chapel talk Monday morning. There is an increasing interest in the coming institute, and we anticipate a good showing in numbers taking up that work when it begins.

John Schmidt, Philip Kunz, and Jacob Hinger returned to their homes last week, and Reinhart Schwandt, from Bowden, enrolled at the academy.

Sister Anna L. Locke has been secured to take the place of cook just made vacant by the illness of Miss Henderson.

We are just now taking our first real blizzard; but there is coal in the bin and good cheer in the home.

South Dakota

LA DELLE

It was my privilege to hold meetings with our people at La Delle January 21 to February 1, and we enjoyed some real good seasons together as we sought the Lord and studied his word. Our membership here is not large, and as the church has not been visited by our workers very often, the members seemed to appreciate the privilege of having a few meetings held among them. Quarterly meeting was held, and one person united with the church. These quarterly occasions will be a source of real encouragement to our people when we gather around the Lord's table in the name of the Master.

May God grant that our dear people at La Delle may seek the Lord more earnestly than ever before, and be more faithful in returning to the Lord his own in tithes and offerings; that though few in number, they may be a

little Gideon's band in battling against sin and error.

N. P. NEILSEN.

SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Paul Stokes, our missionary secretary, is at Montrose this week in the interest of this line of work. We hope to see many active societies organized in this conference soon, along the old-time tract and missionary society line.

Mrs. Martha Low, a teacher at the academy, has gone to the sanitarium for a short stay. We hope she may speedily recover and be found at her post again. Many prayers have ascended for her recovery. God has heard.

Miss Skogman, a nurse in training at the sanitarium, is at home with her parents at Hawarden, Iowa, for a few days. She will return to finish her work. She cannot speak too highly of the work at the sanitarium.

Elder and Mrs. Neilsen are taking a few days vacation, and are visiting Sister Neilsen's parents near Ft. Pierre. Quite a company of our people are locating in this new country.

Elder R. E. Harter is holding a series of meetings with the Swan Lake church. The Lord has abundantly blessed our brother's work among the churches this winter.

Brother G. W. Miller, our canvassing agent, is visiting the churches at Cottonwood Grove and Madison. He reports good success in his work.

Miss Magnuson, formerly a patient at the sanitarium, is spending a few days at the home of Elder and Mrs. Christian.

Minnesota

NOT TOO LATE YET

The canvassers' institute is

now in progress in the S. D. A. church, at Fourth avenue S., and Lake street, Minneapolis. The first meeting was held Monday, February 17. It is the desire of those in charge of the institute to make every meeting of interest and profit to all. Those who now come to the institute should plan to contribute what they can toward making this institute just the kind of meeting it should be. Each individual should absorb everything possible, and should endeavor to do some hard studying along with that.

The first meeting in the morning is a Bible study, conducted by Elder Kuehl. Canvassers are many times called upon to explain what we teach on certain points of doctrine. To be ready at once to give a reason for the hope that is in you is the Biblical injunction, hence these studies.

Following this will be a period devoted to book study. In these studies it will be the plan to study the different books in such a manner that each one will become familiar with the complete book, will know what each chapter teaches, so that if necessary reference can be made to it in a familiar way. The books used are Great Controversy, Daniel and Revelation, Home and Health, and Bible Readings.

Another hour is given to a silent study of the printed canvass. The plan is to study thoroughly only one or two paragraphs of it at a time, in connection with the prospectus. Then there is a period set aside for drill exercise, in which the students canvass each other as far as they have learned their canvass. This process will be continued until the canvass is thoroughly learned and can be given with ease and freedom.

In the afternoon a period is taken for general instruction,

which will cover many points of instruction showing how to gain a hearing with the people, how to give the canvass and secure the order, delivering, etc.

If you have been late in deciding in this matter, and you feel impressed to have a part with us, it is not too late for you to come if you will "step quickly." The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. If the Lord has impressed your heart that this is the work you should do, why put it off when the door of opportunity is open to you? "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

FRANK F. FRY,

519 E. Lake St., Minneapolis.

ST. CLOUD

I am convinced that we are living in no ordinary time in the history of this world, not only in a spiritual sense, but in a physical as well. All nature seems out of its course. While writing these lines a copious shower of rain is falling, something out of the ordinary for this time of the year. Strange things are taking place all about us. I first read this morning of a terrible tragedy that took place in the vicinity of where I labored a little over a year ago. It was the death of a young couple who lived near Osage. The young man had been keeping company with the young lady for some time, and on approaching her with the subject of matrimony, he was refused. He then shot her dead in the presence of her scholars, whom she was teaching at the time. Then he shot himself. As I was well acquainted with both of these persons it makes it seem more terrifying to me. This should be a lesson to all young women that they should be more careful of their associates.

Right in the face of such terrible wickedness there are those who teach that the world is getting better. In this city I have heard that statement made by different ones, thus contradicting the plain statement of Paul in 2 Tim. 3:13, where he says, "Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." In my short experience I have never seen a time like this, when it was so hard to get people interested in spiritual things. I have been trying to account for it by thinking perhaps this is an exceptionally hard place to work, in fact I have been told that it was; but when I read the experiences of others I see that it seems to be the case everywhere, and so have concluded that it is the spirit of age, thus indicating that the work is fast closing up.

As for the work here, I will say that I am not at all discouraged, although I do not see the interest that I had hoped to see; yet the seeds of truth are being sown, and persons are deeply interested. I cannot tell as yet what the outcome will be, but will feel content to sow the seed, knowing that the Lord will, in his own good time, give the increase. Hoping to be remembered by the REAPER family, I am, yours for victory,

GEO. L. BUDD.

ALEXANDRIA, FERGUS FALLS AND BAKER

Owing to mumps and a few other cases of sickness at Alexandria, it was not possible for the whole church to meet together during the week of prayer. The readings were held at the different homes, and a profitable season was enjoyed.

The regular quarterly service was held the Sabbath following, at which an elderly man with

his wife were added to the church, as a result of the meetings here. This makes ten adult persons who have been added as members.

We have enlarged our church building also, and provided it with a well-lighted basement room for church school. Brother A. V. Olson and the writer have been following up the interest with house to house work, Bible readings, etc.

I came to Fergus Falls January 25, and remained over Sabbath and Sunday, holding three meetings, besides the quarterly service and business meeting. Although several families have moved from here to Nevis, Minn., and one to California, causing those remaining to feel few in number, there is a goodly number left. Most of these are of good courage, and others have promised to do better. I trust all will come up on higher and holier ground.

Arriving at Baker on the eve of January 28 I found the brethren had secured the Presbyterian church, and that an appointment for a meeting had already been made. There were about fifty persons gathered in the church waiting for us.

At this place I held twelve public meetings, covering the main points of the message. The interest was good to the last, with an increase in the attendance. One man started to observe the Sabbath, and several others are deeply interested. The brethren here will hold Bible readings and prayer meetings with these interested ones.

I also held quarterly service and business meeting with this little company. Five new members were added—three by letter and two who had been baptized at camp meeting. I hope to see this little company grow in num-

bers and in the grace of God.

E. M. CHAPMAN.

REPORT

Of the Minnesota Sabbath school department for quarter ending December 31, 1907:

Number of schools.....	82
No. schools not heard from.....	1
Present membership.....	2,014
Average attendance.....	1,421
Number of classes.....	273
Number in Senior division.....	912
" " Junior ".....	335
" " Intermediate division.....	214
" " Primary division.....	336
" " Kindergarten division.....	162
" " Home dep't of local schools.....	55
Donations from school.....	\$543 72
Expense of schools.....	97 37
Not accounted for in reports.....	5 72
Sabbath school donations to missions.....	440 63
Schools in state home department.....	90
Membership of state home department.....	248
Donations.....	62 60
Amount used for expenses.....	04
Given to missions by home department.....	62 56
Total Sabbath school membership.....	2,262
Total donations.....	606 32
Total to missions.....	503 19

In making up the above summary and comparing it with the reports received during the entire year, I was pleased to see that the amount given to missions this last quarter was the largest for any quarter during the year. May the blessing of God attend our Sabbath schools in their every effort to help forward this closing work, is my prayer. ELLA E. MERICKEL.

IN THE FIELD

Since my last report I have closed the meetings at Meadow Lawn. The M. E. minister began revival meetings, by which to gather in his flock which had been attending my meetings; but I had given them the Lord's message of present truth. They admitted it was Bible truth, and they have it as a witness while

choosing the way of the world, rather than the Lord's way.

I went to Bruno and held four preaching services and visited the church school, which is doing nicely. I also ordained their newly-elected deacon.

I met Brother Budd at St. Cloud in counsel about the work at Senjen and Ponsford. I found him busily engaged holding Bible readings with some interested persons.

The first Sabbath in February I was at Brainerd, where the newly-elected elder and deacon were ordained. I am to-day (February 12) at Detroit, on my way to Senjen, where I expect to labor for a time in the church.

ANDREW MEAD.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Geo. P. Glembin, of South Dakota, is attending the canvassers' institute in this city. Brother Glembin is an old canvasser, but takes advantage of this opportunity to pick up late developments in the canvassing work.

C. W. Larson has finished the work of auditing the books of the Northern Union and of the Minnesota conference, and returned to Des Moines, Iowa, on Wednesday last.

Elder Andrew Christian, of North Dakota, returning from a visit to Tennessee, passed through Minneapolis on his way to his old home in North Dakota.

Word comes to the tract society secretary that the prophetic chart is out of print. The publishers say that a new issue will be made as soon as possible.

Elder Underwood spent Sabbath and Sunday with the students at Maplewood Academy.

Christ in Song can no longer be had, but a new edition is promised before long.

THE LAST CALL

Before another copy of the REAPER reaches the homes of its readers, we will be assembled in Minneapolis in the biennial session of the Northern Union Conference. I trust the brethren and sisters throughout this entire union will remember that meeting in prayer, that God may greatly bless in all the decisions and counsels of this important gathering.

We trust that we shall see all the laborers in the Northern Union Conference. We have the assurance of excellent help being furnished during the entire meeting by the General Conference. All of the laborers in the Northern Union will be in attendance to add to the interest of the meeting. We hope to make this the best meeting, and the most important gathering, ever assembled in this part of the Lord's vineyard. Those who expect to come to the meeting should notify Brother A. W. Kuehl, Box 989, Minneapolis, Minn., at once. On reaching the city, you should report direct to the corner of Fourth avenue and Lake street, where the church is located. If you bring trunks, or anything that will have to be brought out by team, bring your checks to the same place, as it has been arranged to have trunks taken to and from the depot for fifty cents.

Persons on arriving at Minneapolis to attend the Northern Union Conference, if coming into Union depot, take any car going south passing depot, and transfer to Fourth avenue line at Fifth street. Those coming into the Great Western depot may take any car passing depot going west and transfer to Fourth avenue line at Fifth street. Those coming via of the Minneapolis and St. Louis R. R., may take

Washburn Park and Camden or First Avenue S., cars, and transfer to Fourth avenue line at Fifth street. R. A. UNDERWOOD.

SUNDAY LAW IN CANADA

THE Sunday law campaign in Winnipeg, Man., is toning down, the general sentiment now seeming to be that the Lord's Day Alliance has urged its hobby to the limit of public endurance, and that a reaction has set in. A letter from a laborer in that city states that it is the evident intention of the police authorities to turn the tide of public sentiment against the Sunday law. Sixty-five of those reported for violation of the Lord's Day act were given a hearing in the police court February 13, and many were found guilty and penalties imposed. The magistrate displayed a disposition to adhere rigidly to the enforcement of the law, though imposing minimum fines. One of the attorney's for the defense asked that the cases be classified, and that one case of each kind be taken up as test cases. The magistrate replied that there was no need of test cases, as the law clearly defined the violation of the act. The ministers of the Dominion were instrumental in having the Lord's Day act passed, but deny that they are the cause of the present activity. They say they have done their duty in having the law enacted, and now the responsibility for its enforcement rests upon the civil authorities.

An offering is to be made on Missionary Volunteer day for the establishment of a young people's library in the local church, and for the better equipment of the Missionary Volunteer departments in the local, union, and general conferences.

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Sun sets Friday, Feb. 21, at 5:47.

MR. AND MRS. G. P. HAWKINS have recently moved to Muscatine, Iowa, and have been holding public meetings in the evenings and giving Bible readings during the day. The work in connection with the Bible readings has been most encouraging, and they have been able to reach more people at each reading than is often in attendance at a tent meeting. As a result of this work, seventeen persons have imbibed the truth. Evangelist William Sunday held meetings at Muscatine for six weeks recently, and the people of the city have been greatly stirred. He is reported to have made more than 3,000 converts. Many of these persons are searching their Bibles for the truth, and Brother and Sister Hawkins are taking advantage of the great opportunity to feed these hungry souls. They are now holding meetings

in a hall in Muscatine, which is rented and furnished almost entirely by these interested persons.

A LETTER recently sent out by Elder Spicer, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, contains the following encouraging words from Elder J. L. Shaw, superintendent of the work in the work India field:

"We have at last found our way to the Tamil Sabbath-keepers, in company with Brethren Enoch and James. Our reception has been far beyond our expectation. They have welcomed us with outstretched arms, and together we are studying God's word. Their knowledge of the Tamil Bible is surprising, and their zeal in Sabbath-keeping refreshing.

"They claim five churches, with 1,000 members, and four church schools, with 170 pupils. They are possessed of a missionary spirit, and desire the Sabbath truth published throughout South India. To this end they are beseeching us to place a missionary among them, to give them further instruction, and offer land upon which to build a house.

"Of course they are not Seventh-day Adventists; but with us keep the Sabbath, are looking for the soon coming of Christ, believe in baptism, the Lord's supper, and support their work by tithes and offerings."

THE Idaho *Scimitar* of January 4 contains the following:

"A few Sundays ago a farmer drove over to the county attorney's office and demanded the arrest of a near neighbor's threshing crew that was violating the Sabbath. The county attorney was pulling weeds in his garden, and he suggested that the complainant go before the justice of the peace of his township, but he was informed that the justice was fixing his windmill. He was then asked to telephone the sheriff and have him attend to the matter, but he was loading cattle at the stock yards. The farmer was exasperated and resolved to saddle a horse and go for the constable, but his good

wife, who was canning fruit, informed him that the boys had driven the horse to town and were playing ball."

WE have just received word from Sister Merickel, of the Minnesota Sabbath school department, that two of the largest Sabbath schools in Minnesota, the Minneapolis, English, and the Mankato schools, have decided to give all their donations to missions beginning with the new year, and to provide for their Sabbath school expense in some other way. Quite a good number of the other schools are already doing this.

So many good things are being presented through the *Review and Herald*, and so much information seemingly almost essential to keep our people abreast with the message, that those who are not continually assimilating the food given are in danger of falling out of line. Every family should have the *Review*.

THE contributions to the \$150,000 fund now amount to over \$130,000. At the present rate of increase from the Northern Union Conference the union will soon be in the star list.

DURING 1907 the circulation of the *Signs of the Times* stood from 34,000 to 50,000 a week, besides a sale of almost 200,000 copies of the World's Missions Number.

THE Washington *Post* of February 11 made very favorable mention of the memorial presented to Congress by the Seventh-day Adventist denomination.

FIFTY-EIGHT missionaries were sent into fields abroad by the Seventh-day Adventist Mission Board last year.