

"THE HARVEST TRULY IS GREAT, BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW."



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### THE CHECK THAT GOT THROUGH

The above heading is the title of an article that appeared in the Review and Herald under date of December 9. In this article is related an incident concerning a check that Brother W. H. Edwards sent to his daughter, Mrs. J. P. Anderson, who is a missionary in Waichow, South China.

The readers of the Reaper will remember that Brother Edwards was formerly secretary-treasurer and auditor of the Northern Union Conference for a number of years, and was also editor of the Reaper. Recognizing his wide acquaintance with the Reaper family and fearing that for some reason they had failed to see the incident referred to in the article, I take the privilege of reproducing it in the Reaper.

"At the morning worship hour in the General Conference office at Takoma Park, Brother W. H. Edwards, one of the General Conference staff, told an interesting story of his experience in sending a remittance to China. His daughter, Mrs. J. P. Anderson, was in Waichow, South China, Elder Anderson being superintendent of the Hakka Mission field.

"During the siege of Waichow, the Andersons were needing food, and sent some of their helpers to Honkong to bring the goods back. The carriers got through the lines safely, but it cost \$20 to bring up \$12 worth of food. Brother Edwards, learning of this, sent his draft for \$25, written by Brother H. H. Cobban, the assistant treasurer of the General Conference, to help them in purchasing food.

"Before sending the draft from the General Conference office in Takoma Park, he bowed before God and asked

Him to preserve that check and get it to his daughter in safety.

"Months elapsed, and he heard nothing from them with reference to it. Later on he received a letter from his daughter, saying she had received the check from the Honkong post office. The postmaster wrote, stating that it was evidently for her (how the postmaster in Hongkong found out who she was and that she lived in far-away Waichow, she had not learned). The postmaster wrote that a long while before, the mail train had been looted, and the mail carried out to a desolate place and torn open and destroyed, and with it Brother Edwards' letter to the Andersons. When the postal agents went through the debris, all they found in the rubbish was Brother Edwards' check to his daughter. The bandits had torn up everything else, including the accompanying letter. The remarkable thing was that the check remained whole and intact amidst the litter of torn-up papers. Not having received any letter explaining the remittance, Mrs. Anderson wrote to America for instructions as to its purpose. Brother Edwards did not ask God to take the letter to his daughter, but asked Him to take the draft to her, and that is what His providence did."

I am sure that this incident will be recognized by all who read it, as a new and fresh evidence that the days of miracles have not passed, and that there is still a God in heaven who hears and answers prayer, and who is faithful in his promise to be with us "always, even unto the end of the world."

Charles Thompson.

Every worker should pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

### FORMALITY IN SABBATH SCHOOL REPORTS

In many Sabbath-schools the secretary's reports from week to week are so dull and monotonous they attract but little attention. They are painfully formal in their entirety. This need not be so. The live, wide-awake, progressive secretary will not be satisfied with such reports, but will study to improve from Sabbath to Sabbath. Why not? A most excellent help to the secretary striving to do her very best is found in the book FIFTY MODEL SABBATH SCHOOL REPORTS. This book was planned and published for the General Sabbath-School Department. It contains 120 pages. Price, postpaid 65¢. Order of your Book and Bible House.

### THE NEWLY ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

Mistakes have been made by elders, deacons, clerks, treasurers, Sabbath-school superintendents, and others who lack a thorough understanding of their duties.

Elder J. Adams Stevens, secretary of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, in his book, "The Officers of the Church," supplies approved instruction for all who bear official burdens in the church. He gives some general counsel, also.

You can make your meetings more interesting, can reduce your work to a minimum, can get best results, and can have the satisfaction of knowing that you are adhering to the denominational plan when you carry out the instruction given in this much needed little cloth-bound book of ninety-two pages. Copies may be secured from your Book and Bible House for 60 cents.



## FINISHED

A conference Sabbath-school secretary writes us about the Sabbath-School Workers Training Course: "They do the reading of the two splendid books, but it is another thing to get the prospective and active teachers to write out the answers to the review questions." Why should this be so? Why not finish the Training Course? The questions are simple, this being however a poor argument for properly completing the year's study for self-and school-improvement. The satisfaction of a worth-while task finished is a liberal reward in itself, not to mention more lasting benefits. The additional joy of possessing one of our new, beautifully lithographed certificates, furnished by the General Department, will be great. You will be satisfied for the effort of answering the review questions in writing, when you see this material recognition of a commendable and necessary self-improvement. J. C. Thompson, Assoc. Secy. Gen. Conf. S. S. Dept.

## SYSTEM IN MISSIONARY WORK

Two contrasting letters, which represent many that come to Present Truth, were recently received in the same mail. One was from a brother who assures Present Truth that he has put out thousands of copies of this paper in a large area his business requires him to cover once a year; that he had literally sown them in some places and had not heard of one person becoming interested as the result of the papers he had put out.

The other is from a brother who is an artist; and, being unable to work full time in his studio, spends his forenoons systematically circulating Present Truth and delivering Crisis books to such as he finds interested and prepared for further study on certain subjects. His further plan is to get the readers of the small books on the Signs subscription list; and finally to provide them with our large books. He has a good interest in the community where he is day by day systematically placing this literature; and in addition, he has two adults who have accepted the truth as the result of his personal work during the past year.

The suggestion apparent in these two letters should be sufficient to encourage all to try the systematic method of missionary work rather than to

continue spending money and time in the miscellaneous method without results.

D. W. Reavis.

## IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

To all believers now planning their missionary work with Signs, we would suggest that you remember those in your communities who prefer reading matter in their own language, that the Signs may be had in the following languages:

	Per Year.
German .....	\$1.75.
Swedish .....	1.75.
Dan.-Norwegian .....	2.50.
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Slovakian .....	1.20.
Russian .....	1.20.
Hungarian .....	1.20.
Polish .....	1.20.

These prices are for subscriptions sent to any address in the United States. Where clubs of five or more copies are wanted, write your Book and Bible House for reduced rates.

Remember the foreigners and share with them the blessed truth that has brought such joy to us.

The Signs sent to a home for the year 1927 would be a most practical holiday gift.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters."

Anol Grundset.

## ONE MUST KNOW HOW

"I wish I had known what to say." Have these ever been your words after you have failed to make known to some sincere inquirer after truth, the meaning of the message which you love, but do not know?

"If only I could have given a treatment." A regretful statement this when you have come from the bedside of someone ill.

"Our books ought to be circulated—but I couldn't sell them. To do that one must know how." Have these words, too, come from your lips?

"One must know how." Yes, that is true. In these days when "efficiency" is the word of the hour, one must, indeed, be thoroughly prepared to successfully engage in anything which brings results. If you want to win your neighbor to Christ you must first of all know Christ yourself, and then how to bring others to Him. If you desire a preparation that will fit you to treat the sick, and at the same time point them to the Great Physician, you must study, for such qualifications

come not without application. If you have a burden to circulate literature laden with a message of light for a darkened world, you must learn the principle of salesmanship.

BUT YOU NEED NOT LEAVE THE PORTALS OF YOUR OWN HOME TO GET SUCH AN EDUCATION THAT WILL PREPARE YOU FOR SUCCESSFUL, HOME MISSIONARY WORK. The Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., offers courses covering these three branches of service for the Lord. They are entitled and priced as follows:

Bible Readings, Text-books and Tuition \$5.57.

Practical Nursing, Text-books and Tuition \$11.50.

Salesmanship, Text-books and Tuition \$10.75.

Could you spend your money or time, in a more profitable way? Think it over!

Ruth Tyrrell.

Office Secretary, General Conference Home Missionary Department.

## THE INFLUENCE OF SMALL AGENCIES

The other day I read about a bitter infidel who was converted by a tract wrapped around a bar of soap he had bought of a poor woman. She had mixed her religion with her business. So we ought to make the most of our opportunities, in the store, in the shop, on the car, everywhere. What a mighty impetus would be given this movement if every Adventist home and place of business became a publishing center! The passing of a tract has resulted in the conversion of those who might never have been reached in any other manner. Oh, you who would be soul-winners, try every method! Use all good means. "Be instant in season, out of season." Don't hesitate. Do something — now.

"We have turned our tool-chest into a tract-chest," said an earnest brother in one of our missionary meetings. When a tool-chest goes out on a job, a supply of tracts goes along, and these are passed out to working men by this missionary carpenter. Instead of wishing that we had a bit of reading matter to give when a good opportunity comes along, we can, like the ready carpenter, be prepared by getting into the splendid habit of



carrying a few pages with us. It is this habitual practice that makes the witnessing easy.

The work must be done in faith. The indefatigable tract distributor and anti-infidel writer, Dr. H. L. Hastings, truthfully said of such service: It will not show off like a new church spire, sound like a bell, nor stare at you like a town clock; it will simply pass out of sight, like rice cast on the water, or wheat buried in the soil, which after many days will come back thirty, sixty, and a hundred fold. The seed may be sown with tears, but, Oh, how glorious will the harvest be!"

We shall never know all the good that is growing out of this kind of silent preaching, and some one has well said, "But we know enough to make it almost criminal for us to neglect it." Become enthusiastic as a tract distributor, and you will find it easy to engage more and more in the ministry of tracts. Ernest Lloyd.

## South Dakota

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### INVESTMENT ITEMS

W. H. Stroup, Lucas, writes: "I am sending \$3.00 on the Investment Fund. I had a poor crop of melons, but this will help the mission fund to some extent."

Mrs. H. T. Royal, Bonita Springs, an isolated sister, sends \$6.56 investment returns.

Mrs. Paul Bagley, Madison, says: "We had a good program. All tried hard to make their part a success. You will notice \$76.26 Investment money has been received up to date. I am sure more will be brought in later when the corn is picked. Some of the boys were unable to get the corn picked before the program."

Mrs. John Levin, Britton: "I am remitting for the Investment Fund from the eggs that our hens laid on the Sabbath, \$16.75."

Mrs. G. J. Unterseher, Glad Valley: "We had the whole program and it was very good. We were blessed by so doing and could feel the presence of angels in our midst. There were

about ten children that made investments. But you know there was no crop. Brother John Unterseher's boys each invested an acre of barley. They got nothing from this, but they gave what they could. The girls had invested wheat, but as that failed, they each one gave \$1.00. The Reiswig children, Edwin and Melvin, each raised a lamb and got \$12.00. Hattie Reiswig raised chickens and received \$3.00. So all together we had \$25.00. If there had been a crop we would have done so much better."

The Investment program was carried out at the Plainview Academy and \$50.16 was received. Some of the teachers gave interest on money. The children had raised gardens and gathered investment money in various ways. It pays to invest for missions.

If there are still those who have not had the Investment program, why not have it between Christmas and New Year's day, or at any other time convenient to all concerned? Only let us be sure to have the program and bring the results of labor to the treasury of the Lord. Mark it plainly "investment money" when it is sent in. Be sure to send it before the close of the year, otherwise, it will not count on the offerings for 1926. We earnestly invite any of the isolated believers to send in any Investment money they may have on hand. "Report, and we will report it." Grace Stewart.

### SOUTH DAKOTA NOTES

Brother Gordon Oss met the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer with the Florence church.

The Morning Watch calendars make splendid gifts. Deluxe edition 15 cents per copy; plain edition 5 cents.

Elder G. R. E. McNay has been visiting the churches in his territory assisting them in their annual elections.

If you know yourself to be indebted to the Book and Bible House send your check for the full amount on or before December 31.

At this writing we have only 38 Home Missionary calendars left and we understand the publishers are sold out. We would therefore suggest that if you do not have a copy, you order immediately.

The conference books will be closed for the month of December and for the year 1926 on January 2. It will be greatly appreciated if all remittances reach us by December 31.

On account of the severe cold weather and snow, the meetings at Watertown were discontinued for the present. Elder Thompson left Tuesday evening for Minneapolis.

Elder E. H. Oswald visited Brother and Sister Warner at Conde Sabbath, December 18. From there he went to the western part of the State where he will assist some of the churches in their annual elections.

"Elephant Tales" is the title of a lovely new book just off the press. It contains twenty-one stories about elephants—and what boy or girl does not delight in the tales of the friendly, wise, old jumbo? The book is furnished exclusively to subscribers to the LITTLE FRIEND. Each Sabbath-school may order as many books as they are taking papers. Children who have the LITTLE FRIEND may order the book for 25 cents. Those who do not have the paper may subscribe, and by adding 25 cents to the subscription price of \$1.00 receive the "Elephant Tales." Both the paper and the book make appropriate holiday gifts.

From a letter written by Mrs. Manley Tucker, now of Feorida, Argentine, under date of November 15, we learn that Brother and Sister Carl D. Christensen arrived at Buenos Aires about November 5, and were assisted by Brother and Sister Tucker in getting acquainted and settled for the work to which they have been called. Brother Tucker is a graduate of Plainview Academy and now manager of the Buenos Aires Publishing House. Sister Tucker used to be Miss Bessie Thompson, daughter of Elder and Mrs. Chas. Thompson of Minneapolis. It is a source of pleasure to know that South Dakota has furnished valuable workers to the mission field of South America.

### PLAINVIEW NEWS NOTES

From the ring of voices in the chapel twice a week, it is evident that the members of the chorus are preparing to give a pleasing rendition of the cantata "Everlasting Light" Sunday evening, December 19.



Professor Thiel, president of Union College, spent one day at the academy. He gave a most profitable and highly appreciated discourse at the chapel hour. In the afternoon he met the members of the senior class with a view of enlisting their interest in Union College.

Abraham Merkel was the speaker of the Ministerial Band, Wednesday, the 15th. Carl Meyers, Wm. Combes, Verlin Burgeson and Elder C. M. Babcock accompanied him on the platform. The church of God was compared to a great army, and every member an active soldier with Christ as our general. The duty and conduct of Christian soldiers was clearly emphasized.

The Enterprise board gave a splendid program last Saturday evening in the dining-room after which their campaign for subscriptions was launched. A good showing was made the first evening, giving promise of the desired number of subscriptions when the campaign ends in January. The students and faculty were divided into four groups, the winning group to be given a sleigh ride or skating party at the close of the contest.

Brother John Oss, who is now back on furlough from China, spent Sabbath at Plainview Academy. During his brief visit his services were sought in practically every meeting of the day. All listened with eager interest as he told of the work in regions beyond. At the young people's meeting he appeared in the garb of a Chinese gentleman and showed many articles in common use in China. Brother Oss leaves soon for Washington Missionary College where he intends to take up school work the last semester.

**The Roots of The Liquor Problem.**—In this article in the December WATCHMAN Magazine, Geo. Henry Heald, M. D., tells us what is back of liquor lawlessness and two ways to remedy the evil. Has your subscription expired? Your Bible House secretary will be pleased to receive your renewal, and perhaps you will want to include a subscription for a friend. Yearly subscription price, \$1.75; in clubs of four or more, \$1.05 each.

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### DOES IT BELONG TO 1926?

We trust all who plan to make remittance to the treasurers for 1926 will do so not later than Christmas Sabbath. The treasurers are urged to get in their remittances as soon as possible, and without fail. It is very important that every treasurer make remittance on time this last month of the year.

The tithe has been falling off during the past few weeks, and we hope all will make a faithful effort to square up the tithe for the year 1926. It pays to pay tithe. If you do not know this from real personal experience, try it. Many men of the world are today paying a strict tithe simply because they believe it pays. But surely we Christians have reasons for paying tithe aside from the fact that it will pay in dollars and cents!

The loyalty of our people to the cause of God has been appreciated during the months that are past. We hope 1927 will prove to be a year of onward progress in every line of work.

To this end we solicit your continued cooperation.  
Lloyd E. Biggs.

### THE LAST CALL

When this "Reaper" reaches you, you will have only one day to complete your Harvest Ingathering and turn your funds in to your local church treasurer, Sabbath, December 25. In case there are a few homes or individuals upon whom you should call and you cannot possibly do it before Christmas, if you will make these visits Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, and mail your Harvest Ingathering remittance direct to the office so it will reach the conference treasurer by the night of December 31, it will be counted on this year's goal.

At the close of November we were \$1300 under our total for last year. Surely with the pressing need of the mission field, we should more than make up this difference during the present month. If every member in the Iowa Conference would make just a few more calls in the interest of our mission program, the year will close with a good gain, but if everyone fails to put forth this last effort, we cannot say what the result will be.

Remember that our foreign mission program is dependent upon the united effort of each individual believer in this last gospel message. May we depend on you to help put the Iowa Conference over the goal?

C. A. Scriven.

### IOWA CONFERENCE MISSIONS GOAL AND HARVEST INGATHERING Eleven Months Ending November 30, 1926.

Church	Membr.	Amount due for 1926.	Amount rec'd to date	Bal. due to reach goal	H. Ing. to date
Aigona .....	27	842.40	484.60	357.80	285.68
Atlantic .....	15	468.00	1495.77	*	283.11
Audubon .....	7	218.40	101.43	116.97	
Birmingham .....	23	717.60	164.70	552.90	57.30
Boone .....	18	561.60	776.27	*	353.35
Burlington .....	40	1248.00	1151.99	96.01	414.07
Carroll .....	16	499.20	98.26	400.94	72.50
Castana .....	7	218.40	292.32	*	61.17
Cedar Falls .....	10	312.00	25.36	286.64	3.00
Cedar Rapids .....	74	2308.80	1773.29	535.51	772.94
Charles City .....	10	312.00	169.66	142.40	73.65
Clarinda .....	17	530.40	260.37	270.03	29.90
Clinton .....	16	499.20	448.82	50.38	51.42
Conference .....	279	8704.80	4377.32	4327.48	791.20
Council Bluffs .....	88	2745.60	1181.94	1563.66	281.10
Cresco .....	10	312.00	186.13	125.87	96.38
Creston .....	27	842.40	356.40	486.00	144.05
Croton .....	6	187.20	22.02	165.18	13.50
Davenport .....	87	2714.40	1461.22	1253.18	290.21
Davis City .....	21	655.20	232.13	423.07	47.35
Decorah .....	8	249.60	239.58	10.02	56.00
Denison .....	25	780.00	600.65	179.35	266.04



Des Moines	141	4399.20	2883.53	1515.67	1383.64
Dorchester (newly organized)			62.57		
Dubuque	27	842.40	930.45	*	436.14
East Exira	42	1310.40	373.91	936.49	88.55
Eddyville	16	499.20	220.84	278.36	69.97
Elk Horn	33	1029.60	82.84	946.76	
Exira	71	2215.20	956.48	1258.72	179.84
Exline	19	592.80	168.05	424.75	63.70
Fairfield	18	561.60	191.44	370.16	85.25
Farmington	7	146.97	71.43	75.54	16.75
Forest City	20	624.00	570.44	53.56	223.47
Fort Dodge	29	904.80	522.59	382.21	229.86
Ft. Madison	34	1060.80	381.80	679.00	133.54
Glenwood	18	561.60	465.73	95.87	76.90
Grinnell	19	592.80	218.99	373.81	50.47
Guthrie Center	25	780.00	467.45	312.55	196.56
Hampton	26	711.20	103.70	607.50	42.30
Harlan	17	530.40	311.15	219.25	129.50
Hawarden	5	156.00	153.74	2.26	76.67
Hawkeye	19	592.80	536.75	56.05	53.20
Humboldt	13	405.60	592.50	*	125.37
Iowa City	3	93.60	29.94	63.66	9.05
Jacksonville	27	842.40	315.87	526.53	47.40
Keokuk	15	468.00	450.32	17.68	126.75
Knoxville	25	780.00	309.13	470.87	97.59
Ladoga	9	290.80	120.44	160.36	
Lake City	19	592.80	541.14	51.66	189.84
Lansing	9	280.80	74.18	206.62	
Liberty Center	28	873.60	340.79	532.81	57.90
Marshalltown	35	1092.00	499.79	592.21	93.45
Mason City	39	1206.80	918.58	288.22	352.54
Modale	11	343.20	355.50	*	100.81
Mt. Etna	16	499.20	69.30	429.90	39.55
Mt. Pleasant	41	1279.20	589.89	689.31	215.92
Muscatine	47	1466.40	675.42	790.98	95.02
Mystic	26	811.20	578.91	232.29	263.58
Nevada	218	6801.60	4397.51	2404.09	903.82
Newell	18	561.60	222.09	*	51.09
Onawa	35	339.51	456.69	*	199.75
Osceola	53	1653.60	846.18	807.42	257.70
Oskaloosa	16	499.20	245.19	254.01	162.46
Ottumwa	47	1466.40	424.97	1041.43	173.61
Pilot Mound	6	187.20	32.00	155.20	
Red Oak	19	592.80	445.82	146.98	67.65
Riceville	8	249.60	121.93	127.67	27.57
Ruthven	42	1310.40	719.12	591.28	184.13
St. Ansgar	11	343.20	574.67	231.47	220.49
Sandyville	8	249.60	143.68	105.92	13.77
Sharpsburg	26	811.20	681.28	129.92	98.84
Sigourney	12	374.40	213.90	160.50	118.30
Sioux City	101	3151.20	2616.16	535.04	1065.07
Sioux Rapids	30	936.00	660.58	275.42	160.11
Smitland	18	561.60	851.82	*	271.28
Spirit Lake	14	436.80	368.78	68.02	205.41
Terril	21	655.20	510.56	144.64	96.30
Urbana	8	249.60	93.83	155.77	35.82
Ute	84	2620.80	842.07	1778.73	335.61
Village Creek	12	374.40	244.68	129.72	126.50
Waterloo	28	873.60	326.03	547.57	41.45
Waukon	27	842.40	395.16	447.24	104.50
West Grove	3	93.60	2.00	91.60	
West Union	12	374.40	70.16	304.24	17.00
Winterset	30	936.00	1071.67	*	68.61

and many others are just a little below and should easily make up the amount in December.

I trust that this report will be carefully studied with a view to making a very special effort to raise the amount needed to reach the goal for 1926. A dozen more of the churches should very easily reach their goal if the matter is taken in hand right now. Only a few days remain and quick action is necessary.

Lloyd E. Biggs, Treas.

#### HAMPTON

The willing workers, club of Hampton has a membership of six. This society has a mind to work. The Christian Church put on an evangelistic campaign and the people began to ask me for scriptures on various questions. So we ordered 400 Present Truth, 500 tracts, and a club of Signs, and five yearly subscriptions for Present Truth and Liberty for the public library. We meet every week to send out papers, we visit the sick and do any other missionary work there is to do. I have sold eleven copies of the book, The Bible made Plain. In the different homes where I call I have found twelve Bible Readings. I think the time has come for an effort here.

Mattie Fritz.

#### ATTENTION, PARENTS

Child training, which is the parents' first and most important duty, is found by many to be a very difficult one. However, many are obtaining valuable help through the study of the parents' lessons. No doubt others are longing for some help to aid them in guiding aright the young lives committed to their care, but for some reason have not learned of the valuable help contained in these lessons.

These studies cover the needs of parents from the time of infancy until manhood and womanhood are reached.

The science of proper diet for the child; stories and how to tell them, not merely for pleasure to the child, but to teach reverence and obedience from choice; nature study which directs the mind to the creator; and other subjects are taken up each month. Who with adolescent boys and girls have not met the many problems attending that age? Help to meet these problems will be found in

The foregoing report is in a little different form than has been the custom. Many of the churches are so very near the goal that we thought it would be a help to show the exact

amount needed in the December remittance to bring the church up to the full quota of 60 cents per week for the entire year. Ten churches have already reached their goal for the year



these lessons. Do not let your boys and girls slip away from you for lack of knowledge of how to keep their confidence, thus letting them make of another their confident. "My people perish for lack of knowledge." Long ago this was spoken. Is it less true to-day? Address the Home Commission, Tacoma Park, Wash., D. C.

One who knows. Sioux Rapids, Ia.

### A WILL AND A WAY

I wonder if you would be interested in the way one seventeen year old boy is working to get an education and preparation for foreign work as a medical missionary. His advantages have been mostly disadvantages, except as he has developed a determination to succeed.

He attended church school one year and last summer canvassed and earned a half scholarship at one of our academies. A few extracts from letters speak for him:

"I am about to leave for school after a visit of three days at home. I came by getting rides on the highway."

"I have the work of firing the heating plant afternoons, so you see I am favored with a good chance to make half of my expenses. I saved in every way possible. My expenses while canvassing this summer were only \$2.00" (In a previous letter he had told how kind the people were to him and how much like home it seemed to be carrying water, milking cows and helping generally.)

"My expenses going home, 525 miles, then the return to school of 650 miles, were only about three dollars, including board, room and traveling expenses."

"I bought a good all wool suit which had never been worn, but faded in the store window and then dyed—all for \$8.50."

No wonder the boy could add, "Now I am here and here for business,—and by the help of the Lord I shall have another successful school year."

Katherine French.

**Divine Healing — Is There Any Other?**— In the December issue of THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE Arthur N. Donaldson, M. D., clearly outlines what we know of the restoration of the body to health, according to the divine plan. You will want to

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### S. R. A. NEWS

Mr. Adam Stern was a caller at Professor Neuman's office recently.

Vern Stanley, who has been absent for some time, has returned to continue his school work.

Albert Reiswig and Emil Schild spent the week-end visiting with their parents.

Although the ice was covered with several inches of snow, a number of students went skating last Sunday.

Paul Timothy, who had to leave school on account of the illness of his parents, is now with us again.

The electric motors, which have been here for a number of weeks, were installed last week, and now the gas engines are going out of use at S. R. A.

Mrs. Neuman conducted the physical exercises, as well as the marching last Sabbath evening. After the marching a short program was given by some of the North Hall girls.

One morning last week Mary B. Miller was called out of the chapel and to her surprise, she was greeted by her aunt.

A very interesting as well as instructive program was given by the Missionary Volunteer society last Sabbath. The topic under consideration was the "Youth's Instructor."

### INGATHERING REPORT

When the Lord told Israel to make preparation to leave Egypt, He also told them to go to the other nations to ask for silver and gold, for the Lord knew that there was plenty of it, and that they would need it on the long journey through the wilderness. So they followed the instructions of the Lord and they succeeded in receiving an abundance of silver and gold. For we read when Moses established a tabernacle in the wilderness and Moses called upon the people to bring the silver and gold, they brought it in such an abundance that Moses told them to stop. By this we have learned that whenever the Lord dictates to his people and they follow his instruction, the Lord will never let it fail on His side. Only at times He tests our courage and faith. The "Harvest Ingathering" becomes a great blessing to God's people. For this is also a time when God tells His people to go out to other denominations and ask them for their silver and gold. The writer was privileged to take an active part in this great campaign during 1926. The first town I called upon was Fessenden. Although my time was limited to only two hours, I received \$34.50. This left the town about half worked. The little town Sykeston was the next place. Here Bro. John Rexin accompanied me in soliciting \$22.00. From Sykeston I went to Woodworth and here Bro. Jacob Beck assisted me in getting \$73.50. From Woodworth I went to Medina where we received \$63.00. It might be well to mention that Mr. Ruele, a merchant, gave us \$25.00 last year, and gave the same amount again this year. Mr. Ruele is well acquainted with the great work we are doing. Mr. Ruele believes that a good Adventist always pays his bills and therefore that gentleman gives us such liberal donations. Bro. John Roth and Bro. Gottlieb Scheloke were



my associates. From Medina we went to Cleveland. Here the elder, Chris Long, of the Medina church, and Bro. Frederick Schroder, of the Cleveland church helped me. One good merchant gave us \$15.00 to start with and we succeeded in getting \$60.00. From Cleveland I went to Bowdon, my home town. Bro. George Hirsh assisted me. We gathered in four hours' time \$75.-85. From Bowdon, Bro. Ludwig Aichele and the writer went to Tuttle. Here we found that one of our churches had stepped over the line and got ahead of us, but we were somewhat impressed that a thorough work had not been done, so we did some work and in a little while we received the sum of \$14.00. Happy and thankful to the Lord we went home on our journey. At the next station, called Lake Williams, we received \$6.00. Bro. Jacob Walker of the Robinson church assisted me. From Lake Williams Bro. John Schumacher and the writer called upon the little town of Robinson; here we received \$30.00. I would like to mention that all these towns were either struck by hail or effected by drought. At first we felt as if it would be very hard to solicit any money at these places. But the Lord opened the hearts of the people and some gave more than they really could. Dear brethren, let us not lose our hold on God. For the same God that lived in Israel's day, is still with His people to-day. I would also like to mention that those \$378.85 were solicited from outside people only. Therefore let us labor while it is day, for the night soon cometh when no man can work.

J. H. Seibel.

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### M. V. SOCIETY AND OFFICERS

"With such an army as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Savior might be car-

ried to the whole world!" Education, p. 271.

This ringing statement is a challenge to any who have young people in their circle of influence. It is a call to properly equip our youth for service. It is a justification for the forming and maintaining of Missionary Volunteer societies in every place where there are young people.

The purpose of the Missionary Volunteer organization are two-fold: to win and hold our young people, and to fit them for God's service. This makes the matter a vital one, and emphasizes the importance of choosing officers who are best qualified to direct the activities of the society.

The officers themselves should be young people, in outlook if not in age, individuals who know the sort of problems young people have to meet, and who are consecrated to God. Such officers cannot be secured by chance, or by the elimination method of appointing those who have not been otherwise used by the church nominating committee. Just as much as our young people are worth saving are the Missionary officers worthy of careful selection.

The usual officers of the Missionary Volunteer society are leader and the secretary-treasurer, with an assistant to each, if conditions warrant, all of whom are selected by the church in the regular way. Then there are the devotional secretary, the educational secretary, and the organist who are elected by the society. All these officers, together with the church elder, constitute the society executive committee, which should meet at least once a month to pray, plan programs, and discuss society policies and problems.

The leader of a society is responsible for the conduct of all meetings and generally presides. That this office calls for all the qualifications of leaders' ip, with a plentiful supply of originality, foresight, tact, and adaptability, goes without saying.

The secretary-treasurer keeps all minutes, handles all funds, orders society supplies, attends to correspondence, receives missionary reports, and sends the monthly report summary to the conference M.V. secretary. An efficient secretary will enliven a society with his active influence and good reports.

primarily to maintain and keep records of the interest in the Bible Year and Morning Watch activities of the society, as well as to keep up the spiritual life of the society and the individual members. The educational secretary bears a similar relationship to the reading courses and Standard of Attainment. It is from the records of these two secretaries that the society secretary obtains most of the information on M.V. activities to transmit monthly to the conference M.V. secretary.

All these officers are necessary and their faithful service is essential to success in a society. May we not have the kind of material in official service for 1927 that will make our M. V. work count for God in the lives of Minnesota's young people?

Frank H. Yost.

### HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT OF CHURCH TREASURERS WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 11, 1926

Duluth Scand.	20	\$46.89	\$280.98
Brainerd		24.86	202.38
St. Paul, Eng.	112	16.25	1145.54
*Mpls., Swedish		16.25	819.68
Mpls., Eng.	253	15.50	2504.16
Total cash to date			16051.48
Total cash to date 1925			16960.91
Net loss compared with 1925			909.43

As there will be no Reaper next week this is probably the last weekly Harvest Ingathering report for the 1926 campaign, although we will endeavor to publish after the close of the year another complete comparative report by churches. With Sister Houghlid's report for the Duluth Scandinavian church, she says, "We have pledged for our goal \$300.00." That is their full quota and you will note they do not lack very much of reaching it now. No doubt they will have it all before the end of the year. It has been a noticeable feature of these reports that the average receipts for the number of members taking part has been very close to the \$10.00 individual goal for each member. If only every one could be depended upon to do his or her part instead of just a few more than half of our members participating in it as the general average seems to be, what a wonderful difference it would make!

While it is unfortunate that it is necessary to continue the Harvest In-



gathering campaign for so long a time, we do highly appreciate the faithful efforts of those who have kept right on working, many of them doing far more than their share toward insuring the success of the campaign. I trust that their example will lead those who have not participated in the work or done their full share this year, to resolve that they will make up for it next year by throwing their every energy into it so that it may be completed within the campaign period.

A. R. Smouse, Treasurer.

#### BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE ITEMS

We are very anxious that all accounts be settled by December 31. If you know yourself to be in debt to the Book and Bible House kindly send remittance before that time. Thank you.

Many inquires have been received regarding the price of the different calendars. They are as follows:

Home Miss. Wall Calendar.....25¢

Morning Watch Cal., plain ..... 5¢

Morning Watch Cal., deluxe.....15¢

Orders for quarterlies, memory verse cards, Picture Roll, children's color sets and all papers desired for the coming year should be placed at once to avoid any delay in receiving them on time.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER AT MAPLEWOOD

Great things were anticipated for the Week of Prayer at the Maplewood Academy, and great things, indeed, have taken place. In fact this week is one long to be remembered by both teachers and students, many have expressed that they have never witnessed such a wonderful week before. Confessions have been made, restitutions offered, victories won, improper literature and music disposed of, in a way that has been pleasing to God.

The Week of Prayer was observed here from December 4 to 11, as it was found advisable to hold it one week earlier than outlined by the General Conference. Elders Andreasen and Yost were in charge of the meetings. Professor Thiel, president of Union College, also rendered valuable assistance.

As opportunity was given for surrendering all to the Master on Wednesday and again on Thursday, nearly everyone stood, and on Friday even-

ing as testimonies were given it was indeed wonderful to hear the earnestness that was expressed. Many said that they knew that their past life had been far from what it should have been, that their influence had been anything but good and uplifting; but from now on they are determined, by God's help to live a victorious life; many made public confessions by asking those whom they had wronged to forgive them; others said, since accepting Christ they had experienced a peace and joy that they never knew before.

As a result of this week, complete surrender to Christ is unanimous in the girl's dormitory with practically the same result in the boys' dormitory.

Elder Andreasen, on Monday evening, emphasized very strongly that prayer is the breath of the soul, and that it is the main topic in a Christian's life. He also presented the fact that life here is meaningless unless it is a school where we may prove ourselves worthy of a greater life, but in order to obtain the eternal life we must be born again by first recognizing that we are wrong, and then accepting the promise of 1 John 1: 9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

"What think ye of Christ," and "What are you going to do with Jesus?" were the two main questions of Professor Thiel's talk on Wednesday morning. These are answered daily by the life we live, and by the actions and the conduct that we manifest.

Elder Yost, on Thursday evening, showed us plainly what it means to be a Christian. He based his remarks on Phil. 4:7-8, where we read that the things that are true, honest, pure, lovely, and of good report are the things needed to dwell upon in order to have peace with God. He closed with the remark, "It takes all, let's give all to the Lord."

Some of the other topics presented during the week were: Our Influence and Their Power, Unselfish Service for Others, Christ as the Revelation of God, Privileges of being a Christian, and Surrendering All to Christ.

Following the Week of Prayer a baptismal class was organized which has a good attendance of earnest

young folks, who desire soon to go forth with their Master in baptism.

#### MINNESOTA ITEMS

As there will be no Reaper next week we take this occasion to wish all of the Reaper family the season's greetings with a happy and prosperous new year.

The offering for next Sabbath is the regular fourth Sabbath offering for the Educational Fund. One of the best investments we can make is in a Christian education for our children and youth.

H. L. Halverson, of Litchfield, made a brief call at the office on Wednesday of last week while in the cities on a business trip. He took home with him some supplies for the Sabbath-school and church there.

If you know of any who are interested in the purchase of some good farm land in Minnesota, please refer them or their names to the conference office as we would like to find purchasers for some land donated to the cause. Brother Smouse will be glad to give detailed information regarding it to anyone who is interested as a prospective purchaser. Any assistance you can lend toward helping us find purchasers for this land will be greatly appreciated.

Sister Anna B. Hilde, treasurer of the Gilchrist church, writes as follows regarding her Harvest Ingathering experience: "I enjoyed the Harvest Ingathering very much the day we took the church school children. I took little Lauretta Gunderson right with me, and when people would say they could not give, in a way that made me think they might give a little, I would ask them to drop a little in the little girl's box and she received \$5.18 in that way." Doubtless the children enjoyed it, too, and it is the right kind of training to encourage them to take an interest in the Lord's work when they are small.

When sending in his Harvest Ingathering remittance a few days ago, Brother F. G. Bleedorn wrote as follows: "I have been working amongst the farmers every year taking a new route so that more people get to know about this truth. I always leave the Review and with the German people



the Christlicher Hausfreund, also talking this truth over with them. The Harvest Ingathering is surely fine, serving a double purpose in our Savior's work." That is the right viewpoint, and if all our people could be induced to work at it in that way, how soon the message could be carried to every honest heart! We greatly appreciate the faithful efforts that so many of our people have put forth this year, but trust that many others who have not participated in this campaign, will, when making their New Year resolutions, resolve to do their part in it next year.

On account of the severe winter weather last week, some of the conference laborers were unable to make all of their Week of Prayer appointments. We trust our people in those places were not too greatly disappointed but that they faithfully observed the Week of Prayer season, even though almost marooned as some were by the storm and snow. The enjoyment of the Lord's presence and blessing does not necessarily depend upon numbers or the presence of a minister. He has promised to be with us even unto the end and no matter how isolated we may be, or under what circumstances, He will be with us if we seek Him. We still have a few extra copies of the Week of Prayer Review which we will be glad to send free while they last, to any who may wish a copy.

We were made sad on Wednesday of last week when news was received regarding the death of Louis Anderson of St. Paul Scandinavian church. He was the elder of that church for quite a good period of years and still held that office at the time of his death, although due to failing health during the last few months he has not been able to take as active a part as usual in the church work. A few weeks ago he went to Asheville, North Carolina, to visit for a while at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Professor and Mrs. E. C. Waller, in the hope that the milder climate would be beneficial to his health. It seemed to be helpful for a short time, but he continually grew weaker until he passed away. He was brought back to St. Paul for burial, and when this written it was planned for the funeral service to be held last Sabbath afternoon, at the St. Paul Scandinavian church. His obituary will no doubt be

published in an early issue of the Reaper. To Mrs. Anderson and the other members of the family who survive him, we extend our most sincere sympathy.

#### MAPLEWOOD ITEMS

Leslie Grant of Grandy has recently enrolled as a member of our student body. Another senior!

Examinations have marked the close of another six weeks of school, and also the close of the second period of the school year.

With an abundance of snow and cold weather, sleigh rides and plenty of skating with its wholesome vigorous exercise is assured. Especially will this be enjoyed during holidays.

As a whole the grades show that by the majority of students better school work was done the second period than the first. There is still room for improvement.

The boys have been busy flooding the skating rink. Before this could be done the snow had to be removed, and great care has been taken to build the proper foundation which will greatly aid in assuring us an ideal skating rink.

#### "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

The foreign "Signs," an 8-page monthly missionary periodical is now available in the following languages: Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Russian and Slovakian, the subscription price being \$1.20 a year, \$1.30 to Canada and foreign countries.

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And think of the opportunities! 300,000 immigrants landing on our shores during 1927—and practically all without the knowledge of as much as ten words of our language. And

this does not include the millions of others just like them already here.

If through the medium of the foreign "Signs" we hold the key of love which opens the door to their hearts, and when opened is beyond the power of priest craft to shut, should we not use it? Experience has taught us that our personal, sympathetic words to these people have more power than the pealing sound of cathedral bells.

What an opportunity! Shall we not make 1927 a real "Signs" year in behalf of the foreigners? We can do this by investing in at least one subscription for a foreign-speaking friend, neighbor—or even "strangers within your gates."

For other information write the International Branch at Brookfield, Illinois or your Book and Bible House. Do it today. H. W. Sherrig.



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"The time is right upon us when persecution will come to those who proclaim the truth. The outlook is not flattering; but, notwithstanding this, let us not give up our efforts to save those who are ready to perish, for whose ransom the Prince of heaven offered up His precious life." Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 227.

## OBITUARIES

**Andrus.**—The little baby girl of Brother and Sister Andrus, of Hewitt, was laid away to rest Nov. 11, 1926, she being 9 months and 14 days old.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a good company of people assembled in the Adventist church at Hewitt.  
**Geo. L. Budd.**

**Morris.**—Mable M. Morris, daughter of Dr. D. C. and Mary Painter Morris, was born Dec. 10, 1879, and died Dec. 3, 1926, at her home, New Sharon, Ia., having been sick seven weeks. She was 47 years and 7 days old. She leaves to mourn, four brothers and one sister: C. J. Morris, of Iowa; B. L. Morris, Ohio; A. A. Morris, Montana; Russell Morris and a sister who is a member of the S. D. A. church at Buffalo, N. Y. The last words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14:12, at the cemetery at Marshalltown, by the writer.  
**J. Bruce Watts.**

**Anderson.**—Jens Peter Anderson was born in Denmark, December 30, 1856, and died September 13, 1926, at the age of 69 years, 9 months and 13 days. In 1880 Brother Anderson was married to Miss Nelsine Hansen. To this union 10 children were born, 7 sons and three daughters. Two girls died in Denmark, one son, Henry, at Taylor, N. Dak., and one son, George, in France. His wife preceded him in death Sept. 18, 1921. In March of 1892 Brother Anderson moved to Taylor which has been his home ever since. He died upon the xray table. Both the community and the church has lost a man of great quality. He was highly respected and greatly loved. He made the Word of God his companion. His sad funeral services were conducted at the Taylor church on October 17 by the writer. At the grave we humbly asked Jesus to remember his resting-place when he comes to claim His own.  
**R. H. Wentland.**

**Bourcy.**—Jerome Bourcy was born in Lee, N. Y., Jan. 3, 1845, and died in Wheaton, Dec. 9, 1926, being 81 years, 11 months, and six days old. In July 1874, he was married to Florence Ellen Calkins in Algona, Iowa. There was born to this union nine children, seven of which survive. He served about three years in the Civil War and was discharged because of disability. He was laid away to rest until the Life-giver comes. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.  
**Geo. L. Budd.**

**Johnson.**—Sarah Esther Johnson (Mrs. Albert Johnson) of Detroit Lakes, Minn., died December 7, 1926. She was born in Audobon County, Ontario, Canada, July 20, 1876. In 1880 the family came to Minnesota, settling near Detroit, which for many years was the family home. She was married to Albert Johnson on March 31, 1903. She is survived by her husband and also her mother and two sisters, Miss Ellen Clunas and Mrs. G. W. Shaw, all of South Bend, Indiana and two half brothers, Alexander Clunas, of Nelson, B. C., and Donald Clunas of Pasadena, Cal. The funeral was held in the Methodist church.  
**E. L. Sheldon.**

**Bjurstrom.**—Lovisa Bjurstrom was born October 23, 1846, in Lindesberg, Westmanland, Sweden. At the age of 22 she was united in marriage with Carl August Bjurstrom. Four sons and three daughters were born to them. When the eldest son was fourteen years old the father came to America to find a home for the family. After an absence from them of only six weeks he was accidentally killed in an iron mine. Left alone with a large family she struggled along the best she could until she came to America herself in 1899. Some time thereafter she sent the youngest boy Arvid, to Union College, where he prepared for the ministry, but she was made sad eleven years ago when he too passed away. Sister Bjurstrom was a faithful member of our faith for about twenty years. On November 23, 1926, she quietly passed away at the age of 80 years and one month, at the home of her son in St. Paul. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder Aug. Anderson and the writer at the Scandinavian church in St. Paul.  
**Aug. S. Anderson.**



**Eggum.**—Mrs. H. B. Eggum was born in Freeborn County, in 1868, and died Nov. 13, 1926, at her home in Montana, being 59 years, 11 mos., and 30 days old. She was a faithful wife and mother unto her death, and leaves to mourn, her husband, seven children, two brothers, and one sister. She died in the hope of coming forth in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

**Geo. L. Budd.**

**Ruskjer.**—Harry Albert Ruskjer, son of Brother and Sister A. S. Ruskjer, of Solway, Minnesota, passed away in the Lutheran Hospital in Bemidji, September 14, 1926. Harry was born at the family home near Solway, November 26, 1908, and thus would have been eighteen years of age on his next birthday. He was the youngest child of his parents and the only one remaining at home. He was a devoted son and sought to exemplify the commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." In the fall of 1925 he was baptized and joined the church in Bemidji. Harry is survived by his parents, three brothers and two sisters. They are: Elder Martinus Ruskjer, Port Arthur, Ontario, Canada; Elder S. A. Ruskjer, president of the Western Canadian Union; Mrs. O. W. Herwick, Ketchikan, Alaska; Mrs. George Larson, Bemidji, Minnesota, and Jens Ruskjer, who at the time of Harry's death was on his way to his field of service in Puno, Peru. The funeral was held on the afternoon of September 18, at the town hall. Words of comfort and admonition were spoken by the writer.

**E. L. Sheldon.**

**Rame.**—Belle Rame was born in Etne, Norway, May 31, 1869, and died Nov. 7, 1926, aged 57 years, five months, and seven days. At the age of five years, she came with her parents to Story City, Iowa. When she was ten years old, her good Christian mother died. At the age of sixteen, she was earning her own living, and it was while she was working in Marshalltown, that a Christian canvasser sold her a book, read the Bible and explained the prophecies to her, and very soon after, she accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

She leaves to mourn one uncle, Henry Nelson, of Roland; four nieces: Mrs. Harry James, St. Paul, Minn., Mrs. George Swanson, Estherville, Iowa;

Mrs. Ernest Melcher, Strom Lake, Iowa; Mrs. D. L. Arrasmith, Nevada, Iowa; and one nephew, B. J. Twedt, Gary, Indiana.

The funeral service was conducted at the academy chapel Nov. 10, by the writer, assisted by Elder Hicks, and interment was made in the Roland cemetery.

**W. K. Smith.**

**Pearce.**—Mrs. Catherine Jane Pearce was born in Snake Hollow, Iowa, July 8, 1841, and died at the home of her daughter in Topeka, Kansas, November 5, 1926. She was a charter member of the Glenwood, Iowa, church, and she remained one of its faithful members until death. The first Sabbath-school in Glenwood was held in her home. It was from this first Sabbath-school that a flourishing church later developed. She leaves to mourn two sons and three daughters, besides a host of other relatives. She was laid to rest in the Glenwood cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver.

**H. Christensen.**

**Brown.**—Mrs. Emily Frances Pettis, was born June 12, 1844, at Pittsfield, Ill., and fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 21, 1926, at the home of her daughter in Willeston, North Dakota. On April 2, 1862, Miss Pettis was united in marriage to Philander Brown, who passed away in 1907. Ten children were born to this union, three preceded their mother in death, and seven are still living, two of these, a daughter living in Iowa, and another daughter in Willeston, N. Dak., were present at the funeral services which were conducted in the Presbyterian church of Kasoto, Minn., the body having been brought here from Willeston.

In early life Sister Brown with her husband united with the Brethren church, and in 1880, when the blessed truth of the second advent of Christ and the binding obligation of the law of God came to them, they both united with the S. D. Adventist church of which they remained faithful members until the day of their decease. The writer spoke words of comfort, based upon Rev. 14:13.

**A. A. Dirksen.**

**Rogers.**—Priscilla Strickling was born in Indiana, March 20, 1838, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Etta Porter, in Des Moines, November 8, 1927 aged 88 years, 7 months, and 19 days. About the year 1860 she was

united in marriage with James T. Rogers. To this union eleven children were born. The husband and four children preceded the wife and mother in death. Four sons and three daughters survive to mourn their loss. Services were conducted by the writer at the Davis City church.

**A. L. Miller.**

**Wiesel.**—Frieda Wiesel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Wiesel, was born at Burlington, Iowa, August 1, 1896, and departed this life at the home of her parents in Muscatine, Iowa, Nov. 19, 1926, aged 30 years, 3 months and 18 days. In 1910 she accepted Christ and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Muscatine. She died a firm believer in the third angel's message. Desiring to fit herself for work, she entered Oak Park Academy in 1912, and was graduated in 1915. Her father, a mother and two sisters are left to mourn, but not without hope. Services were conducted by the writer.

**A. L. Miller.**

**Scriven.**—Mrs. Helen McNee Scriven was born in Scott County, Iowa, April 24, 1871, and died December 4, 1926. She was united in marriage to Charlie M. Scriven in 1893. This proved to be a happy union to which were born five boys and three girls. The first child died when only three months old. Her life was one of devotion to her family and a fit example of the adage, "That the best gift of God to man is mother". With her devotion to her family she faithfully served her Master. Fifteen years ago she accepted the faith of the three-fold message and rejoiced in its life-giving power. She was a charter member of the Colman church. She leaves to mourn a devoted husband and father, four sons: Elder C. A. Scriven of Iowa; John, Wayne, and Ward, still at home; three daughters: Thelma Alzoda of Florida, Ethel May, South Dakota; Violet Maude attending school at Nevada, Iowa; and Wanda Mary, the little niece who has looked to the deceased as a mother; four brothers and five sisters. The home loses a faithful wife and a devoted mother, always willing and ready to lend a helping hand to those in need. The remains were laid to rest in the Colman cemetery, where she awaits the call of the Life-giver. Words of comfort, based on Job 16:22, were spoken by the writer to a large attentive audience.

**E. H. Oswald.**



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## THE LAST NUMBER

This number of the *Reaper* is the last of the year. We thank the patrons of the paper for the interest they have shown in reading it and contributing reports of the advancement of God's cause. The Lord has been good to us during the past year. Let us thank him most heartily for it; and as we think of his blessings, we will discover wherein we have neglected to follow closely the Holy Spirits guidance. Probably some will discover neglect of prayer, which is the key to bring us into touch with God. Others have not studied the Word as they should; still others may find they have been unfaithful stewards in tithes and offerings. We feel that the world is seeking to encroach upon the camp of Israel; there are grave dangers ahead. As members of Christ's body we must be on guard. The Lord has help for us; he desires to lead us onward, and do we not want to be lead by him? The hopes of the Christian are bright. May the year 1927 be a year of definite advancement for the Northern Union Conference in general, and for each church member in particular.

Martin S. Reppe.

## WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

"Right now I am too busy to study. I am left with eight children who are down with influenza. I wish to thank the Fireside for the lessons in Practical Nursing. They have been a great help to me at the present time." Our students write us for information concerning this and our seventy-one other study courses. Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

From every corner of the field comes the encouraging report that strong plans have been formulated for missionary work with the SIGNS OF THE TIMES during the coming year. As the value of the SIGNS becomes increasingly evident our churches are seeing the importance of enlisting its services. During the last four weeks there was a net increase of 2,000 in the circulation, and the returns have hardly had time to come in yet.

## UNION COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

The college chorus of eighty-two members gave a recital in the Chapel Saturday night, December 11.

Jesse Shaffer underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday night at the Nicola sanitarium.

A water pipe burst in the spread room of North Hall Monday night and damaged some personal effects of the young women who roomed below.

Mr. and Mrs. James Rhoads, of Davenport, Iowa, arrived in College View Thursday, December 9, to spend the week-end with Mr. Rhoads' sister, Belle Rhoads, of North Hall.

"Are you superior or are you common?" was the topic of a Chapel talk given Wednesday by Miss Rees. She developed the topic by a series of personal questions that each was to apply to himself.

The faculty and students of Union College launched a vigorous student campaign in the Chapel Friday, December 10. School spirit and enthusiasm ran so high that the program was left for completion until Monday, December 13, at which time a goal of 500 students for the second semester was set and plans laid for its achievement.

## ADVERTISEMENTS

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Brother Wilson's letter, which also reached the *Signs* office only last month, is quite similar. He said, in part: "I wouldn't know what to tell you that would be an improvement on the *Signs* as a soul-winner. I know of whole families led to the truth by it."

What the *Signs* has done in the past for these two brethren it will do in the future for you. Now is the time to order your *Signs* club for 1927. "An increased *Signs* circulation will mean a great ingathering of souls," says Elder Spicer; which is another way of saying, More *Signs* more souls.