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#### General Meetings.

SINCE my last report, I was called from my work of canvassing for the *Signs* in this place, to assist in the general meeting at Hutchinson and Artichoke.

The meeting at Hutchinson could hardly be called "general", for of our people none outside the church at that place were present and there was not a "general" attendance of that church. With some of our dear people the Third Angel's Message has lost its power to draw from their comfortable and well-furnished homes, to the general meeting of his people. Like the alarm on the clock, when not heeded for several mornings, loses its power to awaken, so God's solemn messages disregarded, in time, lose the power to arouse and interest. I am sure if God's people had not lost their first love, there are enough of them, in a radius of a few miles, to fill any of the places of worship, where the general meetings have been appointed. God greatly blessed the few who did attend. There was a good Spirit in the meetings,—we proved the truth of one text at least, "Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you".—James 4:8. Some of the brethren and sisters here are taking hold of the Christian help work and are finding that it is "more blessed to give than to receive". We pray God's blessing on his people at Hutchinson. And in the closing of God's work may their assemblies and blessings be even greater than in former days.

Thursday, December 2, I joined Elds. Stone and Fred Johnson in the Artichoke meeting. Although this place is in the land from whence comes the blizzard, and in the country, twelve miles from the R. R. station, yet I saw more earnestness and devotion in attending meetings than in any other place I have been since I have been in the State. Our people have a good church building here and it was crowded every night by people that were anxious to hear the word preached. And as we preached and sang, "More about Jesus would I know, and more of his

kingdom sure increase, More of his coming, Prince of Peace", God's good Spirit came upon us. Bro. Stone and Johnson spoke in the Swedish, and I in the English language. There was a good attendance of our brethren in this part of the State. There was a good interest to hear by those not of our faith. The people seemed anxious to learn the truth. Some nights we had two sermons in succession. Bro. Stone or Johnson spoke in Swedish, then I would follow in English. The people did not seem tired or willing to go away, although the house was crowded. Extra seats had to be provided and the aisle and rostrum was covered with people. I would have been glad to remain here several days, according to the wish of the brethren, and help Bro. Stone continue the meetings, but I could not as I had commenced the work at Litchfield and must return to finish canvassing the town and deliver the papers. I have taken over (50) fifty orders for the *Signs*, one for the German and one for the Swede paper. I find it hard work but God gives me strength to work. I am of good courage and have many blessed experiences in telling the present truth to the people in their homes.

DANIEL NETTLETON.

Litchfield, Minn., Dec. 17, 1897.

#### Austin General Meeting

It was one of the best I have ever attended. The attendance was good, both of our own people and the people of the place. Sister Johnson took up the Sabbath-school work and Sister Ellis the missionary work. A good, lively interest was manifested in these meetings. Elders Sweany and Pogue assisted in preaching and other meetings.

Our study upon the Judgment with its solemn realities, the warnings and reproofs in the "Testimonies" caused us all to seek God. A spirit of heart-searching and repentance came in. The meetings on the Sabbath were especially blessed. Some drops of the latter rain fell on us. But oh, the pride and selfishness with us is keeping back the refreshing that we so much need. The interest from the outside was such that Eld. Sweany will continue the work. Pray for him. A collection for General Relief Fund was taken at the last meeting amounting to \$7.08. Bro. Pogue left for Wells and Mankato in the interest of the Conference school.

The Lord is now calling for workers. Thousands of voices all over the earth are to proclaim the Message. Brethren in the churches should interest themselves in getting suitable persons to attend this school of preparation. This demands immediate action.

ANDREW MEAD.

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### MISSIONARY ITEMS.

I AM sure all must be glad to see the evidences that some of our people, at least, have a "working faith". In nearly all our societies there are those who are improving their opportunities and gaining a blessed experience in the things of God. Our librarians are faithfully urging the work for the poor, as well as other lines, and I believe that in most places they have the support and help of church and Sabbath-school officers. If ever there was need of lifting together it is now. The work presses on all sides, and the calls for help must touch every heart that can feel for others. When we all realize the truth of the statement that "the decisions of the last day turn upon our practical benevolence", we will be glad to do what we can.



A member of one of our smallest societies writes: "One of our sisters has been quite successful in giving reading matter to her neighbors. Our little girls have finished their quilt; there were so many about it that it only left a little for each one to do. My little Ruth thought she had n't done anything, so I got her some calico, and with a little of my help she made another. It was a pleasure to hear her sing as she worked. Two little girls have sold some tracts, and have given away some tracts and papers. They found two ladies who seemed quite anxious to get the tracts. Some had no money and so could not buy them, but said they would like to read them, so they gave them the reading. I have also made some visits, two quite interesting ones, and have loaned and given away quite a little reading matter. I called at a house where I had made one or two calls before and left reading. The lady was alone. I had with me Bro. Hills book. I offered it for sale. She took the book and looked at it, and then asked if it was an Adventist book. I told her it was; then she said it would be of no use for her to have it even if she could get it, for her husband fought the Adventists so he would not let her read it. He would not let her go to any meetings. She said she thought the Adventists were all right. I asked her if she had ever given her heart to the Saviour. She said she had once, but as her husband opposed she could not live right and had given it up. She wept bitterly. I showed her how neither our husbands or any other friends could hinder us from serving God: but if we were really sincere God would help us, and that we could not be placed in any circumstances where we could not raise our hearts to him in prayer. I asked her to read her Bible and seek God for help to live up to its teachings. I trust the visit did her as much good as it did me. We are trying to sow the seed, trusting in God to give the increase."



The librarian at Duluth speaks very encouragingly of the work there. After mentioning the increased attendance at the missionary meetings she says: "I think there is no question but we shall be free from debt at the close of this month, and it seems as though it will be such a relief, and that then

we can start on a new basis. These old debts are such a draw-back to a society. Today in our meeting we took up the question of saluting the flag in the public schools. The children nearly all understood what that meant, as they have it in the schools here, but all do not have the same words to repeat in the salute. In one school the children said it was the same as in the *Sentinel*; others said it was different in their school. I believe this is to be a test to the children in the near future, and they ought to understand what the question involves. May God help them to be true to Him. How I wish you could see the earnestness and interest with which the children wrap the papers, and they do it so nicely, too. They enjoy it so much, and then we let one of the *little* ones put on the stamps. Our *great* missionaries could not, seemingly, have put more intense earnestness into their work than these children. Those who are at work seem lost to everything and everyone else around."



The librarian at Stewartville, with her husband, is working for the street boys. They gather them in and give them a pleasant evening once a week, and try to instruct and help them.



Remember that the officers of the missionary society are elected at the quarterly business meeting of the society held in December. The missionary work has a most vital connection with the life of the church, and those who have special charge of this work should be carefully and prayerfully chosen.

A. E. E.

Will those to whom missionary topics have been sent please remember to make the lessons *short*. Not more than five or six pages of "commercial note" paper should be used, and less than that would be still better. References from the Bible may be given by chapter and verse, but quotations from Sister White's writings should be written out in full.

A. E. E.

### • NOTES FROM THE FIELD. •

#### Pipestone.

My stop with the Canby church was blessed of God, and the Lord came very near as we sought him together. Services were held each evening, and Friday, Sabbath and Sunday through the day. The ordinances were celebrated, and the Lord's house set in order by the setting apart of an elder and deacon. As in all of our other churches the devil has been getting the eyes of some of these brethren centered on earthly treasure, but thanks be to God who always causeth us to triumph in Jesus Christ, many there gained real victories. One man paid his first tithe. Another gave me a watch to dispose of to bring him up square with the Lord. This church is preparing to respond to the call for aid at Minneapolis with provision and money. May God bless his dear people in this good work.

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Bro. Christopherson brought me across the country to Pipestone, some forty-five miles, last Monday, and I am now with the little company here. Last night was the first meeting of a series that will be held at this place. We had a good attendance, and the Lord blessed as we spoke upon "Peace, wonderful peace, coming down from the Father above". We are finding all that we can do in providing for the wants of the poor, sick, and needy. I will tell you more about this work next week. I hope that we may have an interest in your prayers.

THOUGH the weather has not been very inviting the last week, yet we have had meetings all but one night. The attendance has not been as large as we were led to think it would be, yet there are some who are coming that give evidence already of being under the convicting power of the Holy Spirit. I have been trying to follow the "Testimonies" in regard to the conducting of the services. We have a short sermon to awake the power of thought; then we dismiss the meeting and invite all who so desire, to stay for an after study. As to the result I find it accomplishing just what the Spirit of God has said it would, and that is,—"You will find great success in coming close to the people in these Bible lessons".

Court sets this week, and we have to postpone our public services, as they are to have the hall. We will hold cottage meetings. In our Christian help work we found a Bohemian Catholic family that had nothing to eat, or to keep them warm. We have been providing them as fast as we could, and we can see that by relieving their physical wants that we are getting into their inner life. The man has only missed one meeting as yet. His wife and their children were all out to our services last Sabbath. Pray God that the good work may go on here.

C. H. PARKER.

### A Night at the Union Mission.

THE night after the Sabbath was one of unusual interest to me, so I want to give to the readers of the WORKER, something which probably many of them may never see.

I was late in arriving, as I was detained up town attending to the wants of some other needy souls, it being as late as 9:25 when I entered the room, but not too late to have a hand in the good part.

The call had already been made, and first one and then another would rise asking for prayer, until more than twenty-five stood up—they got up so fast that we could not count them, but that did not matter any if we could not, God could.

After the meeting was dismissed, several of us workers got with the anxious seekers and with *open Bible*, pointed them to the word of God and the way of salvation.

Three of us adjourned to the *social room*, and knelt in prayer. Several of the young *converts* seeing us enter, came in quietly one by one and knelt with us. Such praying was good to hear, each one seemed to have some special burden and took it to God in prayer. God was there. We had a glorious

time and it was near the stroke of midnight when we came out. It would have done your heart good to have seen those bright faces, and felt those earnest hand-shakes.

May God bless and keep them safe till he comes.  
W. S. WEDGE.

### Lake Benton.

I PREACHED three sermons and made eleven visits the past week. The future outlook of the work here is, in some respects, encouraging. I had a good congregation Sunday night, and *spoke on the Titling System*. All seemed interested,—\$3.40 collection.

Private *opposition* and *persecution* is growing intense. I intended to begin a *new series of discourses* the *second week in January*, and will work with the *Signs*.

Pray with us for success. O. O. BERNSTEIN.

I APPOINT meetings at Dodge Center, Minn., to begin Tuesday evening, December 28, and close Sunday evening January 2nd. We hope to meet all the members of this church and all others that can meet with us. The quarterly meeting will be held. Let the church now seek God for the outpouring of his Spirit in these meetings.

ANDREW MEAD.



A nice shipment of beans and clothing was received from the Mankato church this week for Minneapolis Workingmens' Home. Who is next?

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Eld. D. E. Scoles has moved his family to St. Paul where he expects to labor for a time at least. The Minneapolis church was favored with a sermon from Eld. Scoles last Sabbath on the "Spirit of Prophecy" from the Bible stand-point.

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O. A. Peterson of Artichoke sends in \$25.00 to help in starting the mission work in Minneapolis. If we cannot bring the poor that are cast out to our house, we can lay up treasure in heaven by giving our means to provide a house where the poor and hungry can be clothed and fed.

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Bro. Anderson Julin of Artichoke passed quietly away on the 16th of Dec. at the good old age of eighty-four years. He was faithful to the last. He leaves children and grand children. Words of comfort was spoken to a large and attentive audience from Rev. 14 : 13 by Eld. A. J. Stone.

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The Union Mission which Bro. Wedge speaks of in another column is not our mission as some might get the impression; but is a mission conducted by a union of several churches in this city. Bro. Wedge is doing what he can for poor lost souls, but how much more can be accomplished when our own mission is established, which we hope will be soon if God will send us the means.

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This is the Week of Prayer and may the Lord help his people to seek Him while he may be found, and call upon him while he is near; for it will be too late "when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me."

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Bro. Stone passed through Minneapolis on his way to the Athens meeting. He reports a very lively interest at Artichoke where he has been laboring since the General meeting. The meeting house has been filled to its utmost capacity each evening, The meetings have been well attended by our Baptist brethren. This has caused envy to spring up in the heart of their pastor who commenced a work in opposition.

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The latest issue of the Religious Liberty Library is No. 50, entitled, "Functions of the Church and State, a Distinguished Plea for Civil and Religious Liberty, by William Birney of Washington, D. C., a prominent lawyer of that city, and is much interested in the principles we advocate. By the way, Mr. Birney is a regular subscriber to the *American Sentinel*. The tract contains 36 pages, and is an able exponent of the truths we teach. Buy it, read it, and circulate it among your neighbors. Price 1½ cent. Address Minnesota Tract Society.

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The sad news of the sudden death of Brother Edgar Allee, who was at one time connected with this office, and son of Eld. N. W. Allee, has just been received. All the particulars we have been able to learn thus far is that he left Atlanta, Ga., where he was connected with the tract society office, on Monday the 13th of December for Savannah on business: and on Wednesday a telegram was received at Atlanta that he was dead and the remains would be sent the next day. Later it was learned that he was taken ill and died suddenly of a difficulty resulting from an internal injury received some years ago in Nebraska.

The bereaved parents and the wife, daughter of Brother and Sister Teachout of Minneapolis, have the prayers and sympathy of their many acquaintances in Minnesota.

We cannot always understand God's ways, but we know they are the best, and if we are prepared to go when God calls, it will be to his glory that our life is laid down till the trump of God shall sound to awake the sleeping ones of whom it is said "blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth".

### CANVASSERS' REPORT

For Two Weeks, Ending Dec. 10, 1897.

ORDERS TAKEN.			
	Book	Val.	Val. Helps.
Ernestena Richel	G. P.	\$ 4.25	
D. A. Deedon	C. O. S.	8.15	
Mrs. H. Truesdale	" " "	13.90	

Martha Lee	C. O. S.	6.50	\$4.75
John Tetz	" " "	21.25	.50
A. E. Grant	" " "	8.00	7.00
Louis Skadsem	" " "	15.95	
Ida E. Mann	" " "	4.50	
Mrs. Lena Copeland	" " "	5.00	
H. E. Shelstad	" " "	8.50	2.06
Gust Henrikson	" " "	2.75	1.00
		\$98.85	\$15.31

There was \$28.00 worth of books and \$6.25 of helps delivered the past week.

We are glad to be able to give such a large report, as it is nearly all for one week. I am glad to see so many interested in the work. May they continue faithful in the work is my prayer.

We are pleased to hear from so many who expect to attend school this winter, but if there are others who have not written who are planning to come, please write in at once so that rooms may be arranged for you. Some have made inquiry in reference to books. Bring what books you have, and we can arrange when you get here.

J. F. POGUE.

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