

SOUTH DAKOTA CHURCH SCHOOLS

When the tempest of war and pestilence is upon us, we sometimes feel in our human way of reckoning, that God's work in the earth may go down in ruin. The storm clears away; the most stable things man has built have fallen in the dust; but God's work, virile and progressive, goes right on. This is true of every department of God's work, and particularly so of the church school work at this time. It seemed that the church school work must fail this year. The recent educational laws affecting our work, conditions arising on account of the war, the influenza,—all seemed against us.

We have at present fifteen schools. Over at Camp Crook, in the northwest corner of the State, is Miss Clara McClelland with her little flock. One would have a difficult task to convince the Camp Crook brethren that church schools do not pay. The same would be true at Breckenridge, where Miss Alice Griffith has a school of twelve.

Miss Hazel Berg teaches in Brother Chris Dollinger's summer kitchen at Bowdle, and Miss Queen Weinheimer in Brother Fred Binder's summer kitchen at Tolstoy. Here are two active, earnest groups of boys and girls with their minds fixed on fields beyond via Plainview and Union. Miss Petrina Ruskjer will soon be giving Christian instruction to another group between these two schools, in Brother Henry Eder's neighborhood. Miss Alfrida Mortensen is at Colome, isolated from our other schools, but cheerfully instructing her little school of six in the Colome church building. There are six schools west of the river.

Miss Iona Hill is conducting a family school in the Albert Albersen home at Frankfort. A recent addition of several neighbor children has taken this school out of the home school column. At Leola, in the Daniel Binder home, Miss Olga Lorenz is busy with an interesting little group in a finely-equipped room. Miss Blanch Wood is teaching at Coleman, in the church building near Brother Chas. Scriven's. Miss Wood has had several years of excellent experience and her patrons appreciate her services.

Miss Flow Bowes, at Madison, has spent her vacation on account of the influenza, largely in Harvest Ingathering work. The

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church building at Madison has been enlarged and adapted to the needs of the school work. At Chamberlain Miss Magnuson is teaching the largest school in the State. This is her second year at Chamberlain. At Monroe in the May home is our smallest school with Miss Marrion Hunziker in charge.

At Sioux Falls an equipment of new desks has been installed. The school is closed, for a short time only we hope, awaiting a teacher. The Redfield school has had its share of discomfort on account of the epidemic, but is in operation again under the efficient management of Mrs. Nelle Jays. Miss Florence Little teaches in the public school building at Clarno, ten miles south of Winfred.

During the epidemic our teachers have been busy caring for the sick. In some schools, as they are taking up their work again, the public school children, on account of the shortage of public school teachers, are coming to our schools. It looks now as though the enrollment will be almost as high as it was last year. We have lost no teachers by influenza and they loyally stay by their school duties. The educational work is not lying down to die. It will accomplish the thing whereunto God has sent it. —Bert Rhoads.

OVERCOMING THE EPIDEMIC

We believe our readers will be interested in the following account of the influenza epidemic at the Seminary which appeared in the Hutchinson Leader of December 13, written by its editor.

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HUTCH. INSTITUTION MAKES A RECORD COMBATTING DISEASE.

120 EXPOSED, 90 PATIENTS, NO DEATHS, NONE VERY SICK.

On the authority of Dr. Fred Sheppard, health officer of Hutchinson city, it may be stated that no public institution in the state of Minnesota up to date made a record in handling influenza, the worldwide epidemic that has swept millions into their graves, like that to the credit of the Hutchinson Seventh-day Adventist Seminary.

The Seminary with 120 of its 180 students and teachers housed under one roof, was invaded by the malady three weeks ago. Symptoms of the malady developed with some 90 of these and, under the direction of Dr. H. E. Larson, a graduate physician, member of the Seminary faculty, every person showing indication of sickness was at once put to bed with a trained nurse taking temperature and watching for symptoms of the epidemic. If those symptoms developed the patient was required to remain in bed. There were no drugs to be given but, with complete rest and quiet went a carefully regulated and fomentations applied to the throat, chest and abdomen. This treatment in almost every case reduced the temperature of patients and in a day or so they were apparently well. But that did not end the matter with them. The next danger was that of relapse. To guard against this every patient was required to remain abed from two to five days after apparent full recovery, according to the "state of their flu affliction."

As a result of this system of handling a disease that is scoring thousands of victims every day there has not been one case that could have been called serious or a single death in the Seminary although there were more than 90 persons affected.

The record is remarkable. It makes the ordinary methods of dealing with the flu appear irrational.

We will add that we are indeed thankful to God for His protecting care and for the untiring efforts of Sister Louise Knudsen, our Seminary nurse, and for the assistance of the other nurses and helpers. The hydrotherapy treatments under the blessings of God are indeed helpful, as is recognized by this article. —N.P. Neilsen.

MAPLEWOOD NOTES

The Misses Iva and Erma Wolcott have re-entered school after a long absence caused by illness at home and the influenza epidemic here.

At 5:30 a. m., on December 2, a fire broke out in the furnace room of the ladies' dormitory. The prompt, efficient service of the young men prevented the fire spreading far, so that the loss is slight.

Professor Anderson was absent