

## **Rev. Mr. Haskell Resigns.**

At the close of the service last Sunday morning Rev. Joseph N. Haskell read the following:

June 11, 1905.

To the Members of the Central Congregational Church of Sanborn, N. D.:

Dear Friends:

It is with much regret that I read these words to you this morning. Yet after prayerful consideration I feel it wise to do so.

Nineteen months ago you called me to be your pastor. During much of the time it has been for me a struggle for health in an adverse climate. And, under all the conditions, I feel physically unable to perform the service in the parish much longer.

I therefore offer to you my resignation as your pastor to take effect July 31, 1905.

As I look back over these months I can conscientiously say that I have done my best for the work in this community. And God has remembered the work as the Church has had faith. Twelve have been added to the membership and more are ready to enter into covenant with us at our next Communion service. A good sized Cradle roll and a small but faithful Home department have been added to the Sunday school. The church has assumed self-support and more money has been given to benevolent objects than in previous years. Money has been raised for a long standing deficit in current expenses. And the work of the out-stations has grown steadily.

Thus we may thank God for the things gained. But we should remember that He has much greater blessings in store if only the Church will reach out in accordance with His wise and loving plans.

I would take this opportunity to express thanks publicly for the many kindnesses shown to my family and myself during these months.

Wishing you grace, mercy and peace,  
I remain Sincerely Your Pastor,  
JOSEPH N. HASKELL.