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## Quadrennial Report of Central Union Conference Field Missionary Work

(Given at the Omaha Union Meeting)

THE brief four-year chapter in our book work just past is filled more with blessings and victories than might at first be supposed. First, the executive leaders and committees carrying the responsibility of the literature work in the several fields of the union have, in spite of many problems, never ceased to press forward. None abandoned the oars even while the work, as it were, passed over shallow rapids. A confidence thus manifested in our literature work is most encouraging and is worthy of special mention.

Second, the output of literature on the whole for the four years shows a gain. The first three years had the largest sales since the war boom. In spite of the 1931 drop, there is a gain over the preceding quadrennium. The last year's report is disappointing. Without stopping now to condole ourselves by citing the causes, we must admit that such a loss as 1931 shows is uncalled for. Surely all are ready to join in as we, with God's help, now rise to change the situation.

Third, the message of our literature is reaching the hearts of people now as never before. The literature ministry is primarily a seed-sowing work. Results in literature work as a rule follow somewhat afar off. Many within the field recently accepting the truth first received our literature from ten to thirty years ago. Thus the fruits gathered during the last four years came largely from literature previously distributed, and the many seeds of truth thus scattered during more recent years will no doubt later on bring their greatest fruitage. As we near the end the results greatly increase in proportion. We are cheered in that during the last four years several Sabbath schools and churches have been built up and many new isolated members found on the trail of the colporteur in the Central Union.

Perhaps our greatest hindrance to more progress during the quadrennium was unsettled leadership. Due largely to unavoidable changes during the brief four-year period, seventeen field secretaries have taken their turn in some one of our

six local fields. Fourteen of these served in our four major conferences. Realizing that this represents thirteen changes, and almost as many vacancies of varying lengths, actually falling within the four-year period, we wonder that much has been done. We believe an earnest effort was made to maintain a better continuity of leadership, but circumstances thwarted the purpose, making emergency adjustments necessary in several fields. This does not build up the work, but we are glad that in this, too, better days are ahead.

During recent years perhaps 90 per cent of the books sold were what are often termed doctrinal books. While this may be commendable in one way, we are no doubt in error. Neglecting our health work, we are in danger of letting world concerns capitalize on our heaven-

sent health principles as they carry them ahead of us in perverted form. There is a great field for our health literature awaiting us in the Central Union.

Our territory is largely rural, much of which has not been worked for years, but the several large and medium sized cities as well as scores of towns in our territory constitute a special call. These towns and cities are waiting for us.

We are told by the servant of God that "those persons who refuse to move forward until they see every step plainly marked out before them will never accomplish much." We face the challenge of an unfinished work. With our minds awake, our hearts aroused, our sleeves up, progress will be sure. The people are ready to follow when the leaders lead.

The needs were never greater; the promises never more sure. Souls were never more ready; our work never more fruitful. The possibilities were never bigger; the heavenly home never nearer. "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

E. H. MEYERS.

## Quadrennial Report of the Colorado Conference

(Given at the Omaha Union Meeting)

"SERVANTS of God, with their faces lighted up and shining with holy consecration, will hasten from place to place to proclaim the message from heaven. By thousands of voices all over the earth, the warning will be given.

"Miracles will be wrought, the sick healed, and signs and wonders will follow the believers. Satan also works with lying wonders, even bringing down fire from heaven in the sight of men. Thus the inhabitants of the earth will be brought to take their stand."—"Great Controversy," pp. 611, 612.

While we do not claim this prediction has been fully demonstrated in Colorado during the last four years, yet we do feel to thank our God for the evidences of His leadership, and for the degree of success that has blessed our work. There has been an average of 32 workers in Colorado, ranging from 36 in 1928 to 27 in 1931, devoting their entire time to the spreading of the third angel's message. In all, 52 evangelistic efforts have been held during the quadrennial period.

There were 15 in 1928, 11 in 1929, 10 in 1930, and 16 during 1931, at a total expense of \$9,888.68. During the four years 667 persons have been baptized: 200 in 1928, 144 in 1929, 124 in 1930, and 199 in 1931. Besides these our workers reported 531 new Sabbath-keepers, but no doubt a numbers of these were reported as baptized believers later.

In all, 7,792 sermons were preached, making an average of 1948 a year, and 11,180 Bible readings were held, an average of 2,797 a year.

Our workers reported also that 70,722 visits and calls were made, which is an average of 17,680 each year.

The total tithe received during the four years is \$331,253.81, about one-third of a million dollars, an average a year of \$82,813.45; while our total offerings were \$242,500.68, an average per capita during the four years of .455 a week. By year they were, 1928, .456; 1929, .517; 1930, .466; and 1931, .383. Our tithe per member for each year was: 1928, \$33.27; 1929, \$37.60; 1930, \$35.03;

and 1931, \$27.79, or an average for the quadrennial period of \$33.42. The total receipts for the conference for the period were \$573,754.49, while our membership was in 1928, 2411; in 1929, 2514; in 1930, 2587, and in 1931, 2719.

We have 48 organized churches and 5 companies in the conference. Two new churches were organized, and 3 new church buildings were built. We have in the conference 38 church buildings that will seat 5,600. These churches have a valuation of \$130,000. There have been 89 church schools conducted in the conference during the last four years, having an enrolment of 2,186 students, employing 120 teachers, besides the Campion Academy, which has employed 32 teachers and had an enrolment of 470 students. The number of young people who have been graduated from our academy is 113. The academy is free from debt and has showed a gain of \$12,097.53 for the last four years. Our school has been handicapped for water, but the prospects now are that we shall soon have an abundance of the best water coming directly from the melting snows of the mountains.

We feel greatly the dropping off of tithes, and are endeavoring to curtail every expense possible. Our workers are willing to sacrifice, and took the cut in wages without a murmur. We feel thankful to God for such a loyal band of earnest, consecrated, and efficient workers as we have in Colorado, and it has been through the mercies of God and their faithfulness, and the loyalty of our people throughout the churches that we have been able to make the report that we do.

We are not unmindful that death has visited our ranks and taken some of our workers. In June, 1931, Mrs. G. W. Anglebarger, the wife of our pioneer minister of Denver, was called to lay down the armour, and again this year Elder John H. Hoffman, our Swedish worker, was taken from us. We extend to their survivors our Christian sympathy and renew our pledge to press the battle until the Master shall say it is done.

It would be a pleasure to mention the work of our departmental workers, which we feel would be very much in keeping with this report, but for brevity's sake we will only say that their work is being well cared for, prosecuted in a commendable way. Each secretary is much interested in his work, and we feel that they are doing good service.

Of the total expense of the conference for the four years, amounting to \$339,399.36, practically one-third has been spent for automobiles. While the workers have made a noble reduction in this item during the last year, showing a saving

of \$1,547.69 over that of 1930, yet all are agreeing that this is still too high, and have consented to run their cars as little as possible during 1932, and at 3½ cents a mile, while heretofore we have allowed 5 cents.

We have determined to follow the in-

MANY years ago there was given us through the Spirit of Prophecy this instruction: "Again and again I have been instructed that the medical missionary work is to bear the same relation to the work of the third angel's message that the arm and hand bear to the body. Under the direction of the divine Head, they are to work unitedly in preparing the way for the coming of Christ."—*C. H.*, p. 511.

The truth of this statement has again and again been demonstrated in the experience of our workers, and has been forcefully emphasized in a recent experience of Elder P. E. Scoggins, as recorded in the February issue of the Medical Department's *Bulletin*. To quote: "A visit of Elder P. E. Scoggins gave us a number of interesting facts regarding his work in Atlanta, Georgia, where he has been laboring about two years. . . . Beginning in January of last year, the first school of health was held, particularly for our own people. Later a public school of health was begun, with an enrolment of over 250. This was held in a school auditorium, furnished free by the board of education. A fine class of people attended. At times five physicians were present, two of whom were later baptized. The school met once a week. The program included a lecture, demonstration in hydrotherapy, and a display of a balanced meal. The lecture covered various phases of diet and general health."

The above mentioned article also tells us that before the evening lecture one of the nurses would give a ten minute review of the previous lecture, thus making connection between the two. Various demonstrations, cooking classes, a home nursing class, and other health instruction were given. All this was very definitely associated with the evangelistic meetings, in which the nurses also took part as Bible workers. A fifteen minute period of health instruction by nurses preceded the sermon. In the forenoon the nurses helped with the Bible work, and in house-to-house work, inviting people to meetings and helping to follow up interests.

What was the result? Again we quote: "Scores of people took studies and received the literature. Many were interested. Several accepted the whole truth.

junction of the apostle: "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour."

J. F. PIPER.

## Are You Prepared?

A class of people was reached that probably could not have been reached in any other way."

Our country has launched a country-wide celebration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. However, with all the contemplated good times which the celebrations are supposed to bring, there is at the same time a serious realization of the depression and the suffering in all sections of the country. The unemployment situation continues a serious problem, and our hearts are heavy with grief for those who are particularly affected. What the outcome will be none can tell. The Advent hope bids us look up in times like this, and, no doubt, serious conditions of this kind have their beneficent effect. We believe it is the privilege as well as the responsibility of all our people not only to talk of courage and be prepared to explain what these things mean in the light of Bible prophecy, but also to be prepared to render help as may be needed. Many times the great need is for some form of medical missionary work, because the pinch of poverty to many means suffering. The deprivation of the things to which people have been accustomed, including even necessities, may bring physical impairment; sickness increases and people are less able to have sick care. When times are harder the greater is the need of medical missionary activity. Are you prepared, dear reader,

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for this important phase of God's work, which has been called "the right arm of the message"?

MRS. E. L. SHELDON.

*Iowa Sanitarium*

## Work for Old and Young

IN A CERTAIN home there had been considerable sickness. A brother had visited the family occasionally, carrying cheer and sympathy to them. It was good medicine. The last time he called, the lady of the house said to him, "I believe you people have the truth for these times." She had been reading some of our literature, and although the brother was worn for sleep she begged him to explain some of the prophecy of Daniel to her sick husband, while she sat near and listened.

Today there is a restlessness and anxiety—indeed, a real heart's desire—on the part of many around us for the truth, for the genuine gospel. We are bidden to watch for such, plan to help them, plan to place in their hands the literature that will lead them to study the Word of God for their own souls' sake.

In every neighborhood there are those who are waiting for the light of present truth. We are to make it a part of our business to do more individual work for such inquirers. The promise contained in the following instruction from the Spirit of Prophecy will not fail: "Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. Tell those whom you visit that the end of all things is at hand. The Lord Jesus will open the doors of their hearts, and will make upon their minds lasting impressions."

Let us be prepared, dear fellow-workers, with the message-filled literature that God has given us. "A book a month" (small or large), sold to a friend, a neighbor, a merchant, a stranger, might be the very means of starting a chain of influences far greater than men can measure. God uses simple, humble efforts very often to accomplish His mighty purposes. It is for us to cooperate with His ordained agencies. The literature ministry is certainly one of them, and old and young can assist in this wonderful field. There are both profit and pleasure in it. Please write your Book and Bible House secretary for book information.

ERNEST LLOYD.

"A CHRISTIAN character can be symmetrically and completely formed only when the human agent regards it as a privilege to work disinterestedly in the proclamation of the truth, and to sustain the cause of God with means."—*Volume 9, p. 127.*

## Far Away Sinkiang

FAR away Sinkiang! China's New Dominion! How many lives have been sacrificed in the conquest and reconquest of this outpost of the Chinese Empire! Sinkiang! A province whose area is more than the combined areas of Germany, France, and Spain, a land wider in extent than the whole of the Central China Union!

Sinkiang! A place of mystery and fascinating physical peculiarities! A land where the rivers run into the ground, and then break forth again in oases and springs tens of miles from the places where they disappeared; where the wind blows from the northeast a steady gale for months on end, without a drop of rainfall; where ancient writings on wooden tablets, silk scrolls, and parchment, buried two thousand years ago in the ruins of once populous cities, can be unearthed today in a state of perfect preservation; where all transport is carried on camel-back, and where camels get tipsy from eating a peculiar desert growth!

Sinkiang has a population of but 2,519,000, only about two persons to the square mile, but a great variety of languages is in use among this scanty population. These include Turki, Mongolian, Manchurian, Tibetan, Sart, Hindustani, and Mandarin Chinese. Most of the people are nominally Mohammedan, but in reality devil worshipers. There is very little education among them, and that little is in the hands of Mohammedan monks.

It takes from six weeks to two months for first-class mail from Shanghai to reach Tihwa, the capital of Sinkiang, and from six to eight months for book post from Shanghai to Tihwa. It is seventy stages from Sian, Shensi, to Tihwa, and fifty-four more stages from Tihwa to Kashgar, in the western end of the province.

In the whole province of Sinkiang but five cities have Christian missions; namely, Tihwa, Kashgar, Yarkand, Hancheng, and Yangihssar. Until this year no Seventh-day Adventist has ever set foot in Sinkiang, nor has a page of Seventh-day Adventist literature been sold in the whole province. Sinkiang has been waiting for nearly thirty years for the third angel's message to travel from Shanghai to her borders.

In February of this year (1931) two Chinese colporteurs, Djeng Hsiangpu of Hunan, and Bah Djin-djen of Honan, left Hankow for this faraway province. They traveled through Hupeh, Honan, Shensi, and Eastern Kansu to Lanchow, where they began work, selling "Hope of

the World" and "Health and Longevity." The Lord has blessed them with wonderful success. Since then they have worked down through the new province of Chinghai, and on into Western Kansu. We hope that before the end of 1931 they will cross the border into long neglected Sinkiang. Books have been mailed ahead of them to all the important cities in the province, and letters of introduction have been sent to all the officials en route. These brethren will probably be at least two years on this trip.

Surely there will be a harvest from this seed-sowing, and we should all be glad to give of our means on the thirteenth Sabbath, that there may be a large overflow with which to follow up the openings that are certain to develop as a result of the work of these colporteur-evangelist pioneers.

E. L. LONGWAY.

*Hankow, China.*

## Colorado Conference

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## District Meeting

THE first district meeting in the north eastern section of Colorado, comprising three churches and two companies, was held at the Wray church on February 20. The inspiring services of the day were intermingled with a deep spiritual atmosphere, and all expressed themselves on the success of occasionally meeting together to seek the Lord in a special way.

There is a decided need for meetings in many places in this district. Wray and Akron are asking for meetings, and have offered to support the efforts without any expense to the conference—even to the lodging of the worker.

The Ford church has started Sunday night meetings under the direction of Archie Morley, who is teaching the church school there. The crowds are exceptionally large in spite of the cold weather and the great distances the people must travel to reach the church.

These opportunities give us evidence that the Holy Spirit is working in a definite way to prepare the hearts of the people for the message of the second coming of Christ.

Although there has been marked progress in each church during the past year, all feel that this year will mark the greatest ingathering of souls ever experienced.

ALGER H. JOHNS.

### Iowa Conference

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### Cedar Rapids

THE work is onward in Cedar Rapids. Our *Liberty* club of 50 was renewed, and these are being carefully and promptly placed among city officials, lawyers, judges, physicians, and clergymen. Our *Signs* club was renewed and enlarged, and 100 *Liberty* extras ordered so petitions could be circulated against the Sunday bills before Congress.

The Sabbath school work is being carried on in a strong manner, and the visitors' class is especially growing. Mrs. Clara Mantz is senior superintendent and Mrs. Stella White has charge of the kindergarten-primary division. The lighted goal devices and interesting illustrated matter stimulates interest and increases liberality in giving. Each Sabbath a youthful maiden in paper, with a Chinese bank in hand, keeps before all members the S. O. S. call from missions for "a nickel more," and the bank will be opened at the close of the quarter. All classes have set their goals, and offerings have increased.

Sunday evening meetings are well attended, and another baptismal service will soon be held. Prayer meeting, the spiritual thermometer of the church, is well attended. Thirty-three names appear on the Bible Year goal chart, and we are encouraging every member to get on the church expense budget with a pledge for weekly or monthly offerings "according to what a man hath." If you have friends or relatives in this city, please write them to attend our Sunday evening meetings.

STEMPLE WHITE.

### Up-to-Date Information

OUR people are busy again this year with our literature in Iowa. The fulfillment of prophecy evidenced in present world conditions has mightily stirred the hearts of all, and a great willingness to help enlighten the hearts of those unacquainted with the meaning of the march of events is being manifest. How could we better employ this missionary spirit than in a systematic use of the *Signs of the Times*? The *Signs* holds an unrivaled place among our missionary periodicals.

In the churches I have visited, there has been an excellent response to the idea of raising a club of *Signs* for the church members to use. Davenport, with a membership of 84, is starting with a

club of about 125; Council Bluffs with a club of 75. The 49 members of the Muscatine church will use a club of 73 *Signs*. Some of the smaller churches visited that will use a club of *Signs* are, Ft. Madison, Burlington, Ft. Dodge, Humboldt, and Lake City. Some of these churches have raised a club equal to their church membership, which entitles them to receive the *Signs* for one dollar for each subscription, which would be less than 2 cents a copy. The reports of other workers are beginning to come in from their districts, showing a like response. We are hoping to see a club of *Signs* at work in every church this year.

One brother has a minister on his *Signs* route, and as the last copy was passed to him, he said he would like to see the articles by Alonzo Baker on the prohibition question published in book form, so it could be sold broadcast before the presidential election. His wish is now gratified, as Elder Baker has just finished a book on the question, entitled, "Wet or Dry?" and this book will be included in the Big Week set this year. We would like to have each church send in their club of *Signs* list before the end of March. May God richly bless the *Signs* as it enters so many new homes this year, that it may make converts to the truth.

J. C. CHRISTENSEN.

### Iowa Notes

MANY of the Nevada church members were in Des Moines for the services on Sabbath, February 27, during the colporteurs' institute held at that place. Elder D. E. Collins, recently elected field missionary secretary of the Central Union, conducted an inspiring service, and all were impressed with the spiritual interests of the day.

The Oak Park Academy board met in Nevada on Thursday of last week. There were also meetings of the executive committee and of the sanitarium board. Elder J. F. Piper, president of the Central Union, and Professor C. W. Marsh, educational secretary of the union, met with them in their deliberations.

Elder Chas. Thompson was a welcome visitor at the conference office last week, coming at the request of Elder Piper, to confer with him concerning special field work in the new union.

Elder McVagh was called to Coon Rapids on Sunday, February 28, to conduct the funeral service of Mrs. Honora Holliday of that place. She has been a faithful sister in the Seventh-day Adventist faith through many years. She will be missed in home and conference.

The P. P. Anderson Orchestra, of Nevada, has been broadcasting from the Marshalltown station, and meeting with appreciation. They were at Des Moines for the Sabbath service, and their music added to the interest of the occasion.

Elder McVagh spent a little time last week with the colporteurs in their institute work at Des Moines.

Brother G. A. Nystrom, of the Book and Bible House, was in Des Moines with the colporteurs again last week, leaving the office on Tuesday afternoon and remaining at Des Moines until the close of their institute.

### Minnesota Conference

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### Missionary Volunteer Week of Prayer

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER Week of Prayer, March 12-19—this is the date set apart by the General Conference for a world-wide effort in behalf of our young people: a week for special prayer and personal work.

There are many young people among us who are not ignorant of this truth, but whose hearts have not been touched by divine grace. We cannot afford to overlook this condition and fail to help them into this blessed experience.

Would it not be wise for the church elder and Missionary Volunteer officers to get together and lay definite plans for the meetings, prayer bands, and personal visits? I am praying for you and will be anxious to get an official report of the week's work.

The *March Gazette* is brim full of splendid suggestions and outlines of study. Note especially pages 7, 15-21, and 22-23. The perils of these perplexing days are becoming more and more prevalent. Various temptations are being multiplied. Naturally these conditions place our youth in a perilous situation. Let us do all we can to meet the issue.

L. S. MELENDY.

### Minnesota Items

THE offering in the church service on March 12, in this conference, is for local expense, as is customary on the second Sabbath of the month.

Elder W. B. Pontynen, who is holding a series of meetings for the Finnish people in Virginia, reports that 90 were

present to hear the subject, "The Change of the Sabbath," on Sunday evening, February 28. Although this was a little under the regular attendance, it was very encouraging.

Word has come to the office that Elder F. C. Gilbert, one of the general field secretaries of the General Conference, will speak in the Minneapolis English church on Wednesday evening, March 9. The members of the Twin City churches were invited to be present at this service.

The conference is continuing its policy of furnishing the *Gazette* to all the church elders or leaders. This is done with the understanding that the local church supply the paper to their missionary leader or missionary secretary. This paper furnishes valuable help to these officers and we trust that each church will be faithful in meeting its part of the obligation.

J. I. DeLamater, husband of Sister DeLamater, who is a member of the St. Paul English church, passed away while visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. Amundson, in Portland, Ore. The body was returned to St. Paul for burial, and the funeral service was held by Elder O. T. Garner, the pastor, on Thursday afternoon of last week.

If because of bad roads or some other reason it was necessary to postpone the spring Investment program planned for last Sabbath, be sure to have it as soon as possible that all our members may be enrolled as investors and begin their season's efforts. Let us remember that the Lord will be our partner in this good work and will direct in our plans if we ask Him to. May this year be the best we have ever known in this phase of the plan for financing the work in mission fields.

A portion of one of the items in the *Medical Evangelist* will be of interest to the readers of the REAPER, telling of the death of one of the pioneers of this message. Elder R. A. Underwood died on Sabbath morning, February 20, at the age of eighty-two years, at Loma Linda, Calif. Elder Underwood was known to many of our readers, having carried heavy responsibilities in our denominational work for more than half a century. Until about eight months ago he was still active in church work.

Orders for Sabbath school supplies should be sent to the office at once, that there may be no delay in these reaching you before the beginning of the next quarter.

## Maplewood News

AMONG the guests at the school during the week-end, February 26-28, were Mrs. E. Netteburg, Mrs. Emma Kiley, Mr. and Mrs. Kettle, of St. Paul, and Mrs. Edith Selvig, of Minneapolis.

Elder Gulbrandson talked to the girls at their regular worship hour Sunday, February 28, on the extravagance of the American girl.

A very earnest talk given by Elder Yost on the second coming of Christ was the main feature of the young people's program Sabbath afternoon, February 27. Byron Miller and LeVerne Melendy, accompanied by Dorene Cornwell, sang a duet. Nina Dahl had charge.

The following names of students, whose perfect record in Sabbath school entitles them to a bookmark, were read Sabbath, February 27: Lois and Lloyd Osburn, Louis Thayer, and Melvin Jacobson.

The prayer band leaders and monitors of West Hall were entertained by Miss Culpepper in the girls' parlor Tuesday afternoon, March 1. After games were played refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served, and the little book, "The Heart of the Rose," was presented to each girl.

A discussion of some of the ancient languages was given by Elder Gulbrandson at the chapel hour Monday, February 29.

Saturday evening, February 27, a large number of people gathered in the dining hall to hear Elder Gulbrandson's thrilling sea adventures, which he had promised to tell at some convenient hour. As he related the life on the British frigate, *Lady Londonderry*, the miraculous rescue of a sailor, seemingly dead, who was buried at sea, the dangers of doubling Cape Horn, the scenery on Robinson Crusoe's island, and other vivid sea pictures, he held his audience breathless until the close of his lecture.

### Missouri Conference

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## The Colporteur Institute

THE Missouri colporteur institute has just closed, and we now find instead of the three or four regular colporteurs that we had before, a list of sixteen persons who are going out for full-time work, and with the help of God they expect

to make a success of selling our literature among the honest hearted people in this state. Then, too, we have a large number who are planning to work part time and with the magazines.

Our institute was attended by the Spirit of God from the very first meeting to the very last; in fact a number of earnest confessions were made and a number of real victories gained. Many who attended this spiritual meeting were free to state that it was the best colporteur institute that they had ever attended. This was due largely to the fact that every one present spent much of his spare time in secret prayer and seeking God for a new and living experience.

At our first devotional service Elder G. R. West, pastor of the Kansas City church, spoke to us of the Bethel experience and the importance of each one dedicating a certain spot where he could meet with God alone each morning for the help and strength needed for the day. The spirit of this lesson was carried through the entire institute, and almost any time during the ten days, except during class periods, one could see a colporteur here or there spending his time in secret prayer.

We were very glad to have the splendid help of Brethren H. W. Sherrig, who was with us for a few days, and D. E. Collins, our new union field missionary secretary, whose very valuable instructions and experiences were a source of help and inspiration to all, together with the excellent devotional services conducted by the president of our conference, Elder H. C. Hartwell, and the timely talk rendered by Brother S. E. Ortner, our Book and Bible House secretary.

Eight of the sixteen regular colporteurs, along with several of our part-time workers, will be located in Kansas City, six in St. Louis, and two in Joplin. There are a number of others who are planning to start very shortly, and surely we can but exclaim that God is good! Truly we are grateful for His wonderful works in behalf of the literature ministry in the state of Missouri.

We trust that our people all over the field will join us in a very earnest prayer that our colporteurs may be able to stand, having their loins girt about with the Spirit of God and a faith that will never turn back.

The meeting closed February 27 with a splendid study by Elder West on the experience of Joseph and Mary when they left the passover feast without Jesus. He brought out the danger of colporteurs leaving the institute without taking Jesus with him, but I am glad to say that after a whole-hearted consecration participated in by all, that everyone leaving the in-

stitute took Jesus with him, and had a determination to stay close by the side of the Master until the work is finished. Then we can all come together and lay at His feet the sheaves gathered in His name.

R. G. CAMPBELL,  
Field Missionary Secretary,  
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### Sunday Legislation

A SHORT time ago, the Bismark church sent a petition to our state senator, Lynn J. Frazier, at Washington, D. C., protesting against the pending Bill S.1202, and in response received the following letter:

"Dear Mr. —

"The petition signed by yourself and others is received.

"Matters of this nature require very careful consideration, and I assure you I appreciate your expression of opinion and your interest.

"With best wishes, I am,

"Very truly yours,

"Lynn J. Frazier."

I am sure that our senators and representatives at Washington appreciate information as to our view-point in regard to any bill which may come before Congress interfering with our liberty.

Let us all do our part in preventing any subtle bill to become a law, and thus rob us of a freedom which was so dearly bought and which is so highly prized. To hold back forces that would tend to unite church and state is the duty of every Seventh-day Adventist. "Secular power has proved a satanic gift to the church, and ecclesiastical power has proven an engine of tyranny in the hands of the state."—*Church and State in the United States*, p. 11.

What are we doing *now* to keep each one in its own sphere?

R. R. BIETZ.

### Young People Active at Bowdon

ANOTHER year is in the past, and we can say that the Lord was very good to us. Even though there may be a question whether we have done our duty or not, the Lord has blessed our work in the Missionary Volunteer Society of the Bowdon church in 1931.

We have certainly appreciated the splendid talent of our young people in

our church, and I am pleased to know that a good many of them are planning to help finish carry the great gospel to all the world.

Most of our young people have been interested in the Reading Courses and in the Bible Year. In 1931 the young people rallied to the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

We are now facing 1932 with a strong leadership and we are expecting great things. Brother Gottlieb Tonn has been elected as our young people's advisor, and with Brother Elmer Krueger as leader, assisted by Miss Lydia Schander as educational secretary, and Miss Bertha Kelm as secretary-treasurer, we expect great things from this society this year. We hope that our brethren will pray that the Spirit of the Lord may rest upon the Missionary Volunteer work in our church and in all the churches in North Dakota this coming year.

ALDRICH LEISKE.

### Bismark

WE GAVE a short program of sacred music over Station KFYZ at Bismark, N. Dak., Sunday, March 6, at 1:45 p. m.

Our Sunday evening meetings are well attended, and we have a fair number of steady comers. We ask an interest in your prayers to aid in the work here in Bismark.

MR. AND MRS. R. R. BIETZ.

### Kansas Conference

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### Kansas News Notes

ELDER R. E. GRIFFIN spent the last week-end of February with the Wellington church. It is arranged for him to spend the month of March with the Hutchinson church. Those in the near vicinity of Hutchinson may therefore take note that Brother Griffin will be holding a series of meetings in Hutchinson during the month of March.

Elder Wiest spent Sabbath, February 27, with the Shaffer church.

Brother F. C. Clark is at present holding a series of meetings in the Columbus church. He reports that his attendance is crowding the church to the very doors. He has already reported several who are keeping the Sabbath.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Schlotthauer spent the week-end with their relatives and friends at Durham. Brother and Sister

Schlotthauer will soon be on their way to South Dakota, his new field of labor.

Elder H. H. Humann is holding a series of meetings at Hillsboro, and is reporting an excellent attendance.

Brother O. D. Davis is visiting the southeastern part of the state in the interest of the colporteur work. Elder E. H. Meyers, who has come to join Brother Davis in the colporteur department, is visiting the Enterprise Academy the week-end of March 5. We are expecting Elder J. A. P. Green to be at Enterprise with Brother Meyers.

We were glad to have Elder Gwynn Dalrymple in the state for a few days. He has been visiting the churches in the interest of the *Signs of the Times*. Elder Dalrymple is an associate editor of the *Signs*.

Elder Melvin Oss, our new home missionary and Sabbath school secretary, has arrived at the office, and will soon be ready to take up his duties in these two departments.

Brother A. R. Smouse, our new Central Union Conference auditor, is in Topeka auditing the conference books, and getting them ready to be transferred to the new secretary-treasurer.

### Obituaries

PRESTON.—Henry L. Preston, son of Isaac and Amanda Preston, was born at Concordia, Kans., Sept. 3, 1887; and passed away at Hastings, Nebr., Jan. 20, 1932, at the age of 44 years, 2 months, and 17 days.

He was married to Gertrude Kettering July 23, 1906. Two children, a son and a daughter, Robin and Marie, were born to this union. Some years ago Brother Preston and his wife were baptized into the Adventist faith in Kansas.

He is survived by his wife, son, daughter, his parents, one brother, and one sister. Funeral service was conducted by the writer.

S. G. HAUGHEY.

KENT.—Elizabeth Kent was born in Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1855, being 77 years and 17 days of age at the time of her death. She went to Iowa with her parents when but a small child, and there, at the age of thirteen, she lost her mother. Being the oldest child in the family the heavy responsibilities of caring for the younger children fell upon her. She came to Colorado in 1892.

She had a mother's heart, and at different times took children in her home to care for. She leaves to mourn, her sister, Mrs. P. Sparks; Mrs. Julia Morgan and Mrs. A. H. Kent, of Iowa, and her two foster children, Mrs. Lillian Peterson and Johnnie Etcheson, and many other friends. One sister preceded her in death.

As Sister Kent has spent so much of her life ministering to others, Jesus will say to her, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least, ye have done it unto Me."

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

**HAWLEY.**—Mrs. Edna Hawley was born Nov. 29, 1900, at Clarinda, Iowa. The family moved to Gas City, Kans., in 1917. While living there she married Eldon Hawley, of Iola, Kans. To this union two children were born, Glen Allen and Gwyn Ora.

Mrs. Hawley was an active member of the Iola church. At the time of her death she was the Sabbath school secretary. She was of a friendly, helpful disposition, and was a whole-hearted Christian, greatly beloved in her home and among relatives, neighbors, and friends.

She died Feb. 12, 1932, at the Humbolt Hospital, and was laid to rest in the Humbolt cemetery. She leaves to mourn, her husband, her son and daughter, her father and mother, a brother, and many other relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

F. C. CLARK.

**MILLER.**—Mrs. Carrie R. (Booth) Miller, wife of Jacob Miller, died of pneumonia in her Cedar Rapids home on Sabbath, Feb. 27, the day before what would have been her 59th birthday. She was converted and baptized in early youth, and was a loyal member of the Cedar Rapids Seventh-day Adventist church. Like Mary of old, "she hath done what she could," in the home and in the church, having also laid away for the coming 13th Sabbath her offering before she took down with her last illness.

Funeral service was from the Turner Undertaking Parlor, with burial in the Lewis Bottom Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, her mother, four sisters, two brothers, two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren.

STEMPLE WHITE.

**STROMWELL.**—Andrew Stromwell was born in Stockholm, Sweden, Oct. 6, 1879; and died Feb. 18, 1932, at the hospital in St. Peter, Minn.

About six years ago Mr. Stromwell joined the Seventh-day Adventist church, remaining a faithful member to the end. The funeral was conducted at Forest Lake. His wife, one daughter, and one stepson are left to mourn the loss of a faithful husband and father.

LOUIS HALSWICK.

**HALE.**—Rossie Leona Hale, née Belleville, was born in Valentine, Nebr., on Oct. 5, 1906; and departed this life, Feb. 4, 1932, being at the time of her death 25 years, 3 months, and 30 days of age.

On Sept. 23, 1925, she was united in marriage to William Hale. To this union two children were born, who are left to mourn their loss. Besides her husband and children, she leaves her parents, three brothers, and a host of friends.

In her youth she took her stand for the Saviour, was baptized by Elder S. G. Haughey, joined the Valentine S. D. A. church, and continued to love and trust the Master until the time of her death. She was a faithful wife and mother.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by the Methodist minister of Valentine, and she was laid to rest in the Valentine cemetery to await the return of Jesus.

CLARENCE BRINLEY.

**JEWETT.**—Walter Milton Jewett was born Aug. 11, 1882; and departed this life at Boulder, Colo., Jan. 27, 1932.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Eva Florence Gentry, on Sept. 8, 1913. To this union three daughters were born: Dorothy May, who makes her home with her grandmother in California; Celia Vialo and Eleanor Florence, of Boulder.

In 1920 he was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. Besides his wife and three daughters, he leaves to mourn, two stepdaughters, one stepson, his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, one stepbrother, and other relatives and friends.

We laid him to rest in the Green Mountain Cemetery to await the call of the Lifegiver.

N. T. SUTTON.

**KNIGHT.**—George R. Knight, aged 74, departed this life at his home in Topeka, Kans., Feb. 22, 1932. He was born in Troy, N. Y., Dec. 25, 1857.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Josephine Knight; two sons, Charles R., of Denver, Colo., and L. N. Knight, of Lincoln, Nebr.; six daughters, Mrs. Lynn Davis, Mrs. Fred F. Roman, Mrs. C. A. Holcombe, Mrs. Roger Murphey, Jr., Mrs. Harry Jungk, and Mrs. George Sutherin; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Phillips, and Miss Mary Knight, and twelve grandchildren.

A. C. GRIFFIN.

**BRYANT.**—Mary Helen Bryant was born at Martinsville, Ind., June 5, 1869; and departed this life Jan. 29, 1932, at the age of 62 years, 7 months, and 24 days.

She was united in marriage to Charles A. Bryant March 30, 1889. Together they accepted the third angel's message in 1900.

She leaves to mourn her departure, a loving husband, one son, one daughter, one grandson, one brother, and two sisters, besides other relatives and many friends.

In her last hours her chief concern was that she might meet her loved ones again when the Life-giver should call forth His sleeping children from their dusty beds. Sister Bryant was laid to rest in Crown Hill Cemetery.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements and business notices are not solicited, but are published only as an accommodation. They must be sent to the local conference office to be approved by the conference president before being published in the Central Union Reaper. The rate is two cents a word with a minimum charge of fifty cents, cash to accompany the advertisement.

**FOR SALE.**—Beautiful home in Loma Linda, Calif. Six-room modern house, garage; cement walks; well with windmill and tank, large poultry house, 1¾ acres land with about 120 bearing trees, mostly Chinese dates. Would consider trade for good Grand Junction property. R. B. Barker, Alamogordo, N. Mex. 8,9

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**WANTED.**—S. D. A. man and wife wish work where they may keep Sabbath. Have experience in sanitarium domestic work. G. A. Carberry, Route 2, Lyle, Minn. 1

**FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.**—Beautiful stucco home at Loma Linda, Calif. Two apartments in rear. All rented. Equity cheap. Owner, Rt. 1, Box 205, San Bernardino, Calif. 1, 2

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 27, 1932

| Colporteur       | Bk.   | Hrs. | Mag. Ord. | Mags. Del'd | Helps | Book Total | Books Del'd |
|------------------|-------|------|-----------|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|
| <b>COLORADO:</b> |       |      |           |             |       |            |             |
| L. Becker        | HP    | 34   | .....     | .....       | 4.00  | 22.50      | 1.75        |
| Anna Hayer       | HP    | 20   | .....     | .....       | 2.25  | 15.25      | .75         |
| Ernest Harper    | PG    | 34½  | .....     | .....       | 3.25  | 11.65      | 1.75        |
| Mrs. Jenkins     | HP    | 30   | .....     | .....       | 1.25  | 14.25      | 1.25        |
| Sarah McGrew     | OD    | 10   | .....     | .....       | 1.50  | 1.50       | 2.00        |
| H. R. Printice   | HW    | 26¾  | .....     | .....       | 3.50  | 18.50      | 4.75        |
| Albert Priest    | HP    | 41   | .....     | .....       | 4.75  | 60.25      | 13.25       |
| Jacob Reuber     | HP    | 23   | .....     | .....       | 3.75  | 10.25      | .75         |
| Herbert Young    | HW    | 22   | .....     | .....       | 3.50  | 3.50       | 3.50        |
| Total            |       | 241  | .....     | .....       | 27.75 | 157.65     | 29.75       |
| <b>KANSAS:</b>   |       |      |           |             |       |            |             |
| G. L. Daniels    | BR    | 15   | .....     | .....       | ..... | 27.50      | .....       |
| B. Griffith      | BR    | 25   | .....     | .....       | 5.25  | 10.75      | .50         |
| J. T. North      | HW    | 25   | 6.00      | .....       | 4.00  | 21.00      | 2.00        |
| Total            |       | 65   | 600       | .....       | 9.25  | 59.25      | 2.50        |
| <b>NEBRASKA:</b> |       |      |           |             |       |            |             |
| Paul Haughey     | Misc. | 15½  | .....     | .....       | 20.25 | 20.25      | 13.00       |
| G. R. Starr      | HW    | 16½  | 1.00      | 7.75        | 2.00  | 5.00       | 13.25       |
| Total            |       | 32   | 1.00      | 7.75        | 22.25 | 25.25      | 26.25       |
| Grand total      |       | 338  | 7.00      | 7.75        | 59.25 | 242.15     | 58.50       |

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### Our Debut

THIS paper, the CENTRAL UNION REAPER, the official organ of the Central Union Conference, is making its initial visit to the homes of the Central Union constituents this week. We are hoping it will receive a hearty welcome.

It is our purpose to make the REAPER of vital interest to all believers in our territory. To do this, we must have the cooperation of our conferences, union and local. We invite the conference workers, not merely a few of them, but all of them, to report frequently to this paper. Their articles must of necessity be concise, for the paper is small and the union is large; but, like a well-planned sermon, a brief, concise article has many advantages over a long one. It is due the laity, who so loyally support the message, to be kept in touch with the various activities of the workers. Short, accurate reports and live promotion articles will make the paper a welcome visitor in every home.

We shall do our best to make the REAPER attractive typographically, and clean and dignified in composition, as is becoming a sheet that represents and promotes a work as solemn and important as the third angel's message.

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All mail intended for this paper should be addressed either to the editor or to the CENTRAL UNION REAPER, College View Station, Lincoln, Nebr.

D. D. REES.

### Other Changes in the Central Union

RECENTLY we reported some of the changes recommended at the time of our union conference session in Omaha. We now report a few more changes.

S. E. Ortner, secretary-treasurer of the Missouri Conference, is recommended

to make the North Dakota Conference his field of labor in the same line of work.

Alva Ragsdale, of Missouri, is requested to make Kansas his field of labor. The Missouri Conference is asking for the services of I. H. Harrison, of the Book and Bible department of the Colorado Conference, to connect with their field as secretary-treasurer.

There are a few other changes recommended, but these will be mentioned later, as they are in the formative period at the present time.

J. F. PIPER.

### Here and There

ELDER GWYNNE DALRYMPLE, a member of the *Signs of the Times* staff, is spending some time in the Central Union in the interest of our pioneer missionary paper. He spoke in the College View church Sabbath, March 5.

We were pained to learn of the death of Elder R. A. Underwood, which occurred at his home in Loma Linda, Calif., Sabbath morning, February 20. Elder Underwood was among the best known men of our denomination, having held various positions of trust and responsibility for many years. He was president of the old Central Union Conference from 1914 to 1920. He was 82 years of age at the time of his death. His passing will come as sad news to thousands of our readers.

Elder J. F. Piper has been busy of late, attending committee and board meetings in various parts of the union, and looking after many items of business incident to the new organization. He spent Friday, March 4, in the union office in an attempt to catch up with his correspondence.

Brother S. J. Lashier, the newly elected secretary-treasurer of the Central Union Conference, has been ill in the Walla Walla (Washington) Sanitarium for the past several weeks, and his coming to the union has therefore been delayed. We are pleased to learn that his health is now improving.

Elder G. H. Smith, our new union Missionary Volunteer secretary, arrived in College View with his family last week, and they are now nicely settled in their new home. Elder T. S. Shadel, home missionary secretary, Elder D. E. Collins, field missionary secretary, and Brother A. R. Smouse, auditor, all elected at the Omaha meeting, have also been at their desks in the union office and are now carrying the responsibilities of their respective offices.

Of the former Northern and Central

Union officers and secretaries, Elder Jay J. Nethery is now president of the Colorado Conference, Elder H. J. Sheldon is the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Lake Union Conference, Elder V. G. Anderson is the Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary of the Southern Union, R. T. Emery is secretary-treasurer of the North Pacific Union, Elder C. T. Burroughs is home missionary secretary of the Lake Union, G. A. Campbell is field missionary secretary of the North Pacific Union, C. W. Marsh, formerly Missionary Volunteer and educational secretary of the Central Union, is now the educational secretary, and Elder E. H. Meyers is field missionary secretary of the Kansas Conference.

The Central Union Conference is now comprised of the following local conferences: Colorado, Inter-Mountain, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Wyoming Mission. In the union are one senior college, seven conference academies, and three sanitariums. The union has 20,581 church members, according to the 1931 Year Book.

### The Home Study Institute Will Help

AS WE were riding on the street car recently, a young man stepped forward, and after a cordial greeting, said: "I wish I had taken your advice three years ago; then I could have been completing my first year of college work now, instead of finishing off several academic studies. I never expected to get back to school, but the way opened, and now I am spending a year in the academy which I could have saved for college." He had been urged to complete some academic work through the Home Study Institute, in the hope that the way would surely open for him to attend college later. He was discouraged and felt it would be useless.

We often hear of similar experiences. Many are now making this same mistake. Why stop studying because you cannot get back to school for a little while? Better forge ahead, even if you can only complete one subject a year. It will keep your mind active, and you will be working toward the goal. Perseverance brings success. What subjects are you interested in? Write and tell us of your plans and ambitions. We may have some suggestion for you.

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