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## Camp Meetings in the Central Union

THE EARLY camp meetings of the Central Union are now a thing of the past. The first one was held at Rulison, Colo., in connection with the Inter-Mountain Academy, beginning May 27. That was a very good meeting and largely attended. The people of the Inter-Mountain Conference are a loyal and sincere group, responding to every good work. While assembled on their campground they voted to unite with the Colorado Conference, which will probably be effected by the Colorado committee with representatives from Inter-Mountain and the Central Union committee at a meeting that is called in Boulder, July 20.

The Casper, Wyoming, meeting was the second. Although Wyoming is a mission field having a small constituency, yet the meeting was well attended, and it was most inspiring to see the interest that the Wyoming people are taking in spreading the gospel of the third angel's message to the people of that wonderful state. The meeting was held at the Seventh-day Adventist church at Casper, beginning June 2. Practically all of the union conference workers were present, also Elder D. A. Ochs of the young people's department of the General Conference. He attended the meeting at Rulison, Colo., as well as at Boulder and Greeley. The meeting at Casper from the very first was marked by the deep movings of the Spirit of God, and the people responded in a very encouraging way, first by placing themselves upon the altar, and then eighteen were baptized.

The little constituency of Wyoming, with less than 400, purchased and circulated 9,000 of the prohibition number of the *Signs of the Times*. The churches all seem to be active and interest is springing up in different parts of the state. It is hoped that some public meetings will be held in Wyoming this summer and fall, and that a number of new believers may be added to the churches. Elder Purdom and his wife have the confidence of the people of Wyoming, and we are glad to see the prosperity of the work in that field.

A regional meeting was next held at

Pueblo, Colo., which was well attended. Although the meeting started on Thursday night and closed Sunday afternoon, yet I am sure that good work was done and those that had the pleasure of being there greatly enjoyed the messages that were given. An offering of \$3,800 was contributed to missions, and a goodly number of the special prohibition number of the *Signs* was purchased and taken back home to the churches to be distributed among interested people.

A regional meeting was held in Scottsbluff, Neb., and greatly enjoyed by those who were present. A number of books were sold, as well as special *Signs* and other literature.

The fifth general meeting was held at Greeley, Colo. The writer was not privileged to be present at this meeting, but Elder Charles Thompson, of the union, Elder D. A. Ochs, of the General Conference, and a number of visiting brethren rendered splendid service at this meeting; and a goodly offering for missions was again received.

The camp meetings held in South Dakota and North Dakota were well attended. The South Dakota meeting was

held on the fair grounds at Huron. A number of buildings were occupied, thus saving the conference the expense of pitching tents. Thirteen were baptized in South Dakota, and \$1,829.01 was received for missions. Much literature was purchased and taken home to be distributed among interested neighbors and friends.

The meeting at Jamestown, No. Dak., convened on the fair grounds with beautiful shade and nice grassy grounds. I think this meeting was perhaps the best attended of any. All during the week the attendance kept up well. Elder Oswald and Brother Ortner have gained the confidence of our dear people in North Dakota even in the short time they have been there. While North Dakota has passed through severe drouth and pestilent experience, so much so that a number of the citizens have had to look to the Red Cross and other philanthropic organizations to tide them over the severe winter and poor crop seasons, yet the prospects this summer are very good. Plenty of rain and warm sunshine are bringing courage to the hearts of our brethren and sisters in North Dakota, so that the camp meeting was largely attended. An offering was raised in cash and pledges between \$1,300 and \$1,500 for local work, and almost \$2,000 for missions.

I am writing this from Anoka, Minn., the permanent campground of this conference, which is most beautiful for situation. The lovely oak trees with the green sward and the camp laid out in such a beautiful design are conducive of rest and quietness and peace as one comes to enjoy the privileges of the meetings here. There is a very good attendance at the camp, but inasmuch as the Twin Cities, where we have a large part of our constituency in Minnesota, are only about twenty-five miles away, numbers of the people remain at their work through the day in the cities and drive out for the evening services; and of course on Sabbath and Sunday the attendance is greatly increased.

Elder Gilbert, of the General Conference, is present and rendering very acceptable service. Elder J. J. Reiswig and wife are also assisting on the campground, he representing the miscellaneous

## The Love of God

The love of God, O love divine!  
Within our hearts O may it shine.  
As guide, as counselor, and friend,  
His grace let every step attend,  
That we may everywhere behold  
Things all around us new and old—  
The works of nature ever prove  
His name so precious, "God is love."

God's greatest love for you and me  
Did Jesus show on Calvary.  
O praise the Lord, from heaven he came  
To glorify the Father's name!

The love of God—O blissful day  
When sin and death shall pass away,  
The righteous dwell 'mid scenes of peace  
Where only love and joys increase.  
O Father, haste the glorious time  
When we shall know those joys sublime;  
With harps of gold on that fair shore  
We'll sing God's love forevermore.

PAULINA A. ANDERSON

language department of the General Conference. Elder H. O. Olsen, of the Swedish department, and Elder Schuster spent a few days representing the Broadview College and the German work. Elder Gulbrandson, of Maplewood Academy, was here to look after and assist in the Scandinavian tent; and the workers from the Central Union were Elder Charles Thompson, Elder S. T. Shadel, Professor C. W. Marsh, Elder D. E. Collins, Elder G. H. Smith, and the writer. Those from Union College were Professor Andreasen and Professor A. W. Johnson.

The next series of camp meetings for the Central Union will be those of Nekraska, Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa. We

trust that they will be marked with the presence and power of God as have the earlier meetings.

We must not neglect to mention the acceptable service of Brother H. W. Sherrig, of the branch office of the Pacific Press, who has attended all the meetings except the North Dakota meeting. The local workers have joined their presidents in all of these meetings and have rendered very acceptable and helpful service.

We trust that our people throughout the conferences will take renewed courage, for surely the Lord is with His people, and place all upon the altar of sacrifice and service to hasten the coming of our dear Redeemer. J. F. PIPER.

## Giving Thanks

ANYONE accustomed to reading the Scriptures cannot fail to have noticed how continually all through the books of the Old and the New Testament the giving of thanks is enjoined upon all tribes and people. It is an easy matter to count in a very short time a score or more of instances in which the Psalmist speaks of giving thanks, and generally he couples it with the phrase, "unto the Lord." Among the strongest of his statements are: "O Lord, my God, I will give thanks unto thee forever." "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." "At midnight I will arise to give thanks unto thee." Also in repeated instances he exhorts the people to come before the Lord "with thanksgiving."

The great Apostle Paul frequently, in his various epistles, reminds the people to be thankful. To the Colossians he says, "And be ye thankful"; to the Philippians, "With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God"; to the Ephesians, "Giving thanks unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"; to the Hebrews, "By him, therefore, let us offer the sacrifices of praise to God, . . . giving thanks unto his name." And in the solemn book of the Revelation we find, "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever." These are a few of the passages where the giving of thanks is enjoined in the Bible. In the chapter in Colossians already quoted Paul again says, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men." That chapter also concludes with these words: "And there is no respect of persons." So here we have three distinct and important reminders. And the first says simply and plainly that it is a

sacred duty to be thankful; secondly, our gratitude should be rendered in a hearty, sincere manner, very different from the lax, indifferent way which we often use in acknowledging favors from our friends and relatives; and thirdly, none are exempt from the required duty of expressing gratitude to God for mercies continually received and renewed.

The king on his throne, the rich man in his stately mansion, the cottager, the inmate of the almshouse, all alike are commanded to be thankful, and each and all have much to be thankful for. Every year we live increases our cause for holy gratitude that we live at the present time and in our day and generation. The dreadful day of dungeons for conscience sake, of the inquisition, of persecution, banishment, and other terrors from which Christians have suffered and over which they have triumphed, has passed into history. Not only do we enjoy liberty of conscience in our own beloved America, but not since the days of Jesus have so many countries opened their doors for the gospel of Christ to enter as we see open today.

But now the question arises, How can we best return to God an adequate acknowledgement for His continuous favors to us His children? Dear reader, that is impossible. Adequate return to Omnipotent God for infinite bounteousness is impossible from finite creatures like ourselves.

True, we can say, in prayer, our hearts are thankful for all the goodness and mercies which crown our lives, but although this is requisite, it is not nearly enough. Gratitude, like faith, should show itself in works, as well as in words. It is not enough that we say to our destitute brother or sister, "Depart in peace; be ye

warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things needful to the body." One word in the verse embodies the best manifestation which can be used to express gratitude to God—"give"! None are so poor that they have nothing of value to give others. The poor, those who themselves are the objects of charity, can give their prayers, and of them only such things as they have will be required. In a thousand ways we can minister to each other's wants and necessities. And let each professing Christian remember another Bible assertion: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required."

Above all, in our gratitude to God, let our life be consecrated to His service, and then from it will flow the good deeds acceptable in His sight.

JAMES D. JOHNSON.

"THE leaders in God's cause, as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors."—*Volume IX, pp. 116, 117.*

### No. Dakota Conference

E. H. Oswald, President  
S. E. Ortner, Secretary  
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### North Dakota Items

CAMP MEETING is over. We trust that the blessings received at camp meeting will prove a great blessing to our people in this conference.

The conference workers are busy getting ready for their summer efforts. Brother Leiske has gone to Oakes and

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plans to start his effort there the evening of July 3. Brother Reile and Brother Bietz are planning to go to Gackle, and the rest of the workers are busy getting located. News as to their location will appear later.

The office force is busy getting orders and business straightened up from camp meeting.

Brother Morris spent a few days in the office. He has a number of colporteurs out in the field, and they are doing good work. Some fine reports have been received from some of them which will appear in the REAPER in a short time.

Elder Oswald's parents, from South Dakota, are spending a few days visiting in Jamestown.

Elders Scherr and Wentland are busy getting ready for their effort at Mott, N. Dak.

### Missouri Conference

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### Camp Meeting Notice

INSTEAD of holding a central camp meeting as had first been planned, your conference committee has decided to hold three week-end, local, general meetings somewhat on the order of a camp meeting, the same as we have done on two previous years. The first of these meetings will be held at Kansas City, beginning Thursday night, August 11, and continuing until Sunday night, the 14th. The second meeting will be held at Springfield, beginning on Thursday night, August 18, and continuing until Sunday night, the 21st. The third meeting will be held at St. Louis, beginning on Thursday evening, August 25, and continuing until Sunday evening, the 28th.

Information regarding the details of these meetings will be announced a little later, but they will probably each be held in the church buildings of the different cities where they are to be conducted, except in the case of St. Louis, where it may be that a larger building will be secured.

In some instances arrangements may be made to conduct a dining room to provide meals for those in attendance. It will not be possible to pitch any tents, but rooms will be secured at reasonable prices. Most of our people at camp meeting rent rooms in recent years anyway, and usually a number of our tents on the campground stand empty through the time of the meeting.

In addition to our own conference workers who will be in attendance, arrangements have been made by the union conference for our union ministerial force to attend each of these meetings, and we are assured of General Conference help also.

Each meeting will involve four evenings and three full days, which will give ample time for some splendid meetings and some good instruction that none of our people can afford to miss. Arrangements will be made not only for meetings for the adults, but also for the young people and children such as we usually have at camp meeting.

It was felt that since financial conditions are rather difficult with nearly all that it would make the expense of attending camp meeting less to our people by having these meetings held locally, and it was thought that it would save some expense to the conference, and that it would also enable more of our people to attend one of these local meetings than would be able to be present if we held a meeting in a central location.

Watch for further notice of these meetings, and be sure to plan to attend at least one of them.

H. C. HARTWELL.

### Colporteur Institute

THE colporteurs will be glad to know that a week-end colporteur institute will be held in the Kansas City Memorial church July 15 to 18. Elder E. E. Franklin, of the General Conference Publishing Department, will be in attendance, and probably Elder D. E. Collins, of the Central Union Publishing Department, and Brother H. W. Sherrig, of the Pacific Press Publishing Association Branch office.

These brethren will have many messages of help for you, and we trust that every colporteur will begin to plan right now to be present at this institute.

The address of the Kansas City Memorial church is 3206 Charlotte Street, Kansas City, Mo.

Come prepared to learn much and to receive help to make your colporteur work a success.

R. G. CAMPBELL.

### Missouri News Notes

BROTHER HENRY LANE and Miss Goldie Baker, of Paplar Bluff, were united in marriage by Elder Hartwell in the Poplar Bluff church on Monday evening, June 20. Brother and Sister Lane had made definite plans to enter the colporteur work after their marriage, and by this time they are doubtless earnestly engaged

in the work. Their many friends will wish for them much success and happiness in their work.

On Tuesday morning, June 21, a baptismal service was conducted by Elder Hartwell, when four young people were baptized in a beautiful running stream in the country just out of Poplar Bluff.

Elder Melvin Oss is spending the week of June 26 with the churches at Springfield and Oak Grove in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering work. The following week he expects to spend with the churches at Lebanon and Bland.

Elder O. T. Garner, the new pastor of the Kansas City Memorial church, arrived in Kansas City last week and preached his first sermon in the church on Sabbath, June 25. Elder Hartwell met with the church at the same hour to introduce Elder Garner and to counsel with him and the church board in regard to the Harvest Ingathering and prohibition Signs campaign. The Kansas City church appears to be organized more strongly than ever for the Ingathering work this year, and Elder Garner is entering upon his work with earnestness and enthusiasm, and we believe that he will give strong leadership to the church in Kansas City.

### Iowa Conference

C. F. McVagh, President  
G. A. Nystrom, Secretary  
734 Main St. - - - Nevada

### Ft. Madison

It was arranged by Elder J. L. Wilson to hold some special meetings at Ft. Madison over the week-end of June 24, 25. The Keokuk and Croton churches were well represented at the Sabbath services, increasing our numbers to a fine congregation.

We were pleased to have Elder McVagh, our president, with us, who rendered valuable service and timely counsel. Elder Wilson, who has been looking after the work in the "pocket of the state" for the past three months, gave splendid service all through the meetings. The writer arrived on Thursday evening and spoke that night, using the fifth chapter of James for the basis of his sermon. Elder McVagh spoke on Friday night, calling attention to the work in hand and exhorting to faithfulness on the part of all.

The Sabbath was a full day. The Sabbath school opened at 9:00 o'clock with an excellent, brief, thirteenth Sabbath program. After the Sabbath school Elder Wilson gave a splendid discourse from the text, "Acquaint thyself with God." At the close of the sermon the writer,

who had held a two weeks' meeting at Ft. Madison the latter part of March and organized a baptismal class, made a call for those who wished to be baptized and unite with the church. In response to the call five responded, were received into the church, and were baptized that afternoon. One was re-baptized, making six altogether.

We were sorry Elder Wilson was soon leaving Iowa for eastern Canada and probably would not return. This made it necessary for a local elder to be selected for the Ft. Madison church. Bother Henry Yurth was chosen for the place and duly ordained.

Following the ordination the communion service was held. It was a great day for the believers in this part of the state and all hearts were much encouraged.

A. L. MILLER.

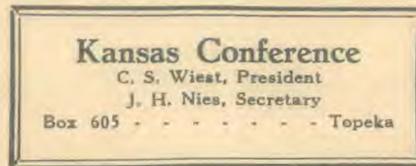
### Iowa Notes

P. E. JENSEN, superintendent of the Nevada Sabbath school of 159 members, has 171 names on the Investment list for this year, though a few of the regular members have not yet reported what they will do, which is necessary to make it a 100 per cent school. This is quite an accomplishment in a school of this size. The superintendent and also the secretary, Elmer Anderson, have thirteen years of perfect record, which should have its effect if example counts, and the number reporting daily study each week is very gratifying. How about these lists in your school? Try to have your school 100 per cent in Investment.

G. A. Nystrom, conference secretary and treasurer, went to Marshalltown, on Sabbath, June 25, taking Elder D. E. Collins, of the Central Union, and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Edwards, while Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Neal took Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Knecht. This made this a real colporteur gathering. Brother Edwards, who is with Brother Knecht in assisting colporteurs out for the summer's work, spoke at the afternoon service on the Judgment, Obedience, and Service. Other conference workers present assisted in the service.

Elders J. C. Nixon and J. C. Christensen held a ten days' meeting at Centerville, beginning on Friday evening, June 17. On Sunday, June 26, Elder Christensen received word to come at once to Fergus Falls, Minn., on account of the serious illness of his father, and they left at once. Local workers conducted a Bible study that evening in place of the regular appointment which was to be the last of the series.

The annual all-day S. D. A. picnic will be held at Smithland, July 17. All in the vicinity are invited to attend and enjoy the program and a pleasant social time.



### General Meeting at Chanute

A GENERAL meeting will be held at Chanute, Sabbath, July 9. Elder S. T. Shadel, home missionary secretary of the Central Union Conference, Brother A. M. Ragsdale, and myself plan to be at this meeting.

There will be an all-day meeting, and the nearby churches and believers are invited to attend. Bring your lunch and stay for the full day.

Elder Shadel will also speak at Chanute Friday night, July 8. The church is located at Second and Lafayette streets.

C. S. WIEST.

### Two Mites

FOR each child enrolled in the church schools of the Kansas Conference, the expense, including teacher's salary, fuel, and general supplies, averaged 23½ cents a day. This amount compares, in a way, to the two mites cast into the treasury by the poor widow.

If every church member in Kansas would on Educational Day, Sabbath July 9, give an average of 25 cents—the average daily cost per pupil—to the educational fund of the conference, the total expense of an average church school could be paid in full. Nine churches could be helped to the extent of one month's school expense. Nine churches need such assistance. Under such a program wonderful progress could be made in this important soul-saving work. Will you do your part? Bring your offering Sabbath, July 9, or send it to the conference treasurer.

A. M. RAGSDALE.

### Special Announcement

A SPECIAL announcement is hereby made for a week's meetings by the departmental secretaries, Brother A. M. Ragsdale and Elder C. S. Wiest.

Those nearby these appointments kindly take note and attend the service.

APPOINTMENTS FOR A. M. RAGSDALE:

Friday, July 8, Iola.

Sabbath, July 9, Chanute.

Sunday, July 10, Independence.

Monday, July 11, Coffeyville.  
 Tuesday, July 12, Elk City.  
 Wednesday, July 13, Neodesha.  
 Thursday, July 14, Parsons.  
 Friday, July 15, Ottawa.

APPOINTMENTS FOR C. S. WIEST:

Friday, July 8, Thayer.  
 Sabbath, July 9, Chanute.  
 Sunday, July 10, Oswego.  
 Monday, July 11, Columbus.  
 Tuesday, July 12, Galena.  
 Wednesday July 13, Girard.  
 Thursday, July 14, Farlington.  
 Friday, July 15, Fort Scott.  
 Sabbath, July 16, Ottawa.

On Sabbath the 16th, the dedication of the Ottawa church will take place. Elder J. F. Piper will be present for this occasion.

Let all in this surrounding territory attend these services.

C. S. WIEST.

### Kansas Notes

WE have received the sad news of the death of Brother W. C. Morlan, a member of the Chanute church. We extend our sympathy to the sorrowing family.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale spent Sabbath, June 25, with the Holton church. M. S. Ragsdale and Mary Lou accompanied him.

Elder E. H. Meyers spent Sabbath, June 25, with the Lawrence church. From there he went to Leavenworth to assist Theodore Torkelson and Willis Dick with their coporteur work. He reports that they are getting along very nicely with their work.

Brother Russell Webster, of Holton, called at our office June 26 and purchased some of the Bibles we are offering at very special prices.

Elder N. J. Aalborg reports having spent a busy month among the churches in his district. He says, "We are planning to hold meetings Sundays in a large settlement of farmers seven or eight miles from Chanute. There is a good old church building that is not now being used where we are going to hold Sunday school and a preaching service following each Sunday morning."



### Leola Juniors Invested

IT WAS an inspiring occasion when on the evening of June 4 at the regular monthly meeting of the young people's society, twenty of the Leola juniors gath-

ered on the platform of the Leola church to receive the insignia of Friends and Companions. There were thirteen Friends and seven Companions who shared in the exercise. Only four of the Companion pins were given, as some had a bit of work to complete before they were entitled to the insignia, but these will receive the pin when the work is completed.

After some remarks had been made on the importance of the step these juniors were taking, they all knelt on the platform while we invoked the blessing of God upon them and upon the homes they represented and the church in whose charge they are. Miss Beth Townsend, the leader of the society, whose earnest efforts made the occasion possible, invested these juniors with the insignia to which they were entitled, the writer sharing the occasion and personally investing Miss Townsend as a Companion.

The church witnessed the occasion with a new sense of their responsibility to the lambs of God's flock.

C. M. BABCOCK.

### Change of Labor

AS THE readers of the REAPER have doubtless noticed in an article by Elder Oss, I was asked by the conference committee at camp meeting to give my full time to evangelistic work in the South Dakota Conference.

For some time Elder Oss has felt the need of evangelistic labor in some of the larger cities in the state, and has spoken to me about it several times. At our recent camp meeting the conviction seemed to be so strong on the part of the committee that work should be done in some of these places, and that my wife and I were the ones to do it, that we felt this was the call of God, and so have decided to accept the call. We have visited several of these places, and, after giving consideration and prayer to it, believe that the Lord has led us to Mitchell, where we plan to make our field of labor for the next few months. By the time the REAPER reaches you, we will already be settled at 509 West 9th, and doubtless will already be in a series of meetings in the City Hall auditorium. We solicit the prayers of all our people in South Dakota for success in our evangelistic endeavors.

It is with a degree of regret that I lay down my duties as home missionary secretary, knowing that I will not have the privilege of visiting our churches as I have had in the past, but we are happy to know that nevertheless we can still be used in God's work.

Any mail or communications that have to do with the home missionary depart-

ment should be addressed hereafter to the Home Missionary Department, Drawer 586, Watertown, South Dakota.

L. E. NIEMEYER.

### Aberdeen

IT WAS the writer's privilege to meet with the Aberdeen church on Sabbath morning, June 25. Brother Perry Hills, their elder, is away with Elder Oss assisting in an effort, and he requested that I be with the church on that occasion and receive into membership those from Aberdeen who were baptized at camp meeting. There were four of them: Brother Bob Nanson, Brother Strauss, Donald Cate, and Edna Nelson. The last two are young people of families in the church, and the first two are young married men who have recently accepted the truth. Brother Nanson's wife is a member of the church, and Brother Strauss' mother is a believer.

Both of these men faced the problem of employment while keeping the Sabbath, and in both cases God vindicated His power and kept faith with His followers. Brother Nanson gave up a position and was offered a better one without even hunting for it, and Brother Strauss retained his present position with Sabbath off.

It was a touching occasion when these four precious souls stood one by one and were accepted into the fellowship of the church. The whole church then stood, pledging themselves, in a renewed consecration, to faithfulness in helping these dear ones in their new-found experience.

We believe the Aberdeen church will be greatly strengthened by the addition of these new believers.

C. M. BABCOCK.

### South Dakota Notes

ELDER GORDEN OSS had his opening meeting last Sunday evening, the 26th, at Spencer, where he will hold a series of meetings this summer.

Elder J. C. Stotz and Elder A. G. Youngberg, who are holding a series of meetings at Winner this summer, had their opening meeting Sunday evening, the 26th.

Brother Leslie McKinley is out on a trip with the colporteurs, giving them help and encouragement. Let us remember these faithful young men and women in our prayers. It does take a lot of courage these days to go out with our books facing the cold world. We have received reports from several already who are getting along very nicely.

The following items were left at camp meeting: A brown coat, which looks to be for a boy from twelve to fourteen years old; a lady's black hat with a narrow brim; a lady's scarf of delicately mixed colors; a Bible, brown cover, about 5½ x 3 inches.

### Wyoming Mission

C. A. Purdom, Superintendent  
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### Camp Meeting Blessings and Benefits

PRIOR to camp meeting ten believers were baptized in Cheyenne by Elder H. F. Saxton, one in Ten Sleep by Elder L. G. Beans, and eight in Sheridan by the writer. At the close of the camp meeting held in Casper, June 2 to 7, nineteen more testified to their belief in the blessed Lord by being baptized in the likeness of His death and resurrection. A total of thirty eight, in the period of two weeks, and several others waiting for the opportunity to take this solemn step, will bring our mission membership well over the four hundred mark, making an increase of a hundred in two years. The intense missionary zeal that is so strikingly in evidence, indicates that a more rapid increase will be recorded in the days to come.

As the larger camp meetings were not in session this year, we were favored with a greater number of visiting ministers, who remained with us for a longer period than at any previous meeting. This favor was keenly appreciated by our membership.

Elder D. A. Ochs, a secretary of the Y. P. M. V. Department of the General Conference, carried a heavy responsibility of the meetings. The evening meetings, attended by many not of our faith, were ably cared for by Elder M. L. Andreasen, of Union College, Elder J. F. Piper, president of our union conference, and Elder D. E. Collins, field missionary secretary of the union. Elder S. T. Shadel, Elder Gordon Smith, Professor C. W. Marsh, our home missionary, Y. P. M. V., and educational secretaries for the union, gave intensive instruction in addition to the hours allotted to them for preaching, that contributed to make the meeting the most helpful ever experienced in our field.

Professor E. F. Heim, of Campion Academy, came in contact with some very excellent young people who are planning to obtain a Christian education.

H. W. Sherrig, manager of the Pacific

Press Branch at Omaha, gave us valuable help in the literature realm, and proved an asset in swelling our offerings.

Our local workers were Elder H. F. Saxton, L. G. Beans, Brother D. W. Gahagan, and the writer.

Our Sabbath school offering was over \$130, almost double that of last year. The mission offering was over \$1,300, a gain of \$300 over the offering last camp meeting. Seventy dollars was raised for the Signs prohibition special to be distributed in and near Casper.

Ten thousand Crisis books were ordered for the summer's campaign, and our lay people are enthusiastically going out into the Lord's vineyard to place the literature like the leaves of autumn.

The office in the front of the church had to be vacated to make room for the increased attendance, and an improvised office was established in the small building on the rear of the church lot.

A colporteurs' institute followed the camp meeting, and Elder Collins, Brethren Sherrig and Gahagan conducted a highly profitable meeting, to give instruction in the art of interesting and selling to the public our large publications.

We expect great things of the Lord, and He truly does add His blessing as we go forward.

C. A. PURDOM.

## Obituaries

**ADAMS.**—Helen J. Adams was born at New Port Lake, Ill., March 20, 1848; and died in Loma Linda, Calif., May 27, 1932.

In 1865 she was united in marriage to W. H. Adams. To this union four children were born, three sons and one daughter. Sixty-five years ago Mrs. Adams accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith, becoming a charter member of the Smithland, Iowa, church, ever bearing heavy responsibility in it. Seven years ago she came to Loma Linda, Calif., to live.

She leaves to mourn, her two sons, Dr. E. M. Adams, of Central City, Iowa; and O. E. Adams, of Almo, Texas, and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder Beams.

H. H. HICKS.

**NICOLAY.**—Raymond Nicolay, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nicolay, was born in Muscatine, Ia., July 30, 1908; and died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nicolay, of Muscatine, on May 28, 1932.

His life, but a few brief years, was lived in Muscatine. He was formerly a member of the Muscatine church, and before his demise he returned to the faith. For this we are very thankful.

Surviving are his father, a sister, grandparents, and a half brother.

Services were conducted by the writer.

We laid our brother to rest on Decoration Day awaiting the call of the Master.

A. L. MILLER.

**WIEBE.**—Henry Wiebe was born Sept. 10, 1859, in S. Russia, in the village of Pragnau; and died the 25th of March, 1932, in his own home in Bowdon, N. Dak. He was married to Christina Werner Oct. 5, 1878. Ten children were born to them, of whom two have gone before in death. In 1900 he came with his family to this country.

About 40 years ago he heard Elder Conradi preach the third angel's message, which he accepted.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his wife, seven children, thirty-six grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

G. P. GAEDE.

**SISSEL.**—Mrs. Florence E. Sissel was born at West Liberty, Iowa, April 28, 1863, and died at Davenport, Iowa, June 24, 1932.

In 1905 she was married to William J. Sissel at Davenport, where they made their home until the death of her husband. After his death she lived with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eads, of Burlington. Her death occurred while

### COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 25, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i> .							
Sarabel Borton	RJ	38	6	20.00	10.75	30.75	2.25
W. A. Burton	DR	39	3	14.00	6.00	20.00	.....
Floyd Clegg	RJ	41	8	28.00	9.00	37.00	.....
Mary Desmukes	HW	8	6	19.00	7.50	26.50	.....
Harry Duff	RJ	32	8	28.00	11.25	39.25	5.00
Mrs. Harry Duff	RJ	21	3	9.00	5.35	14.35	1.25
Mrs. L. Erickson	RJ	12	2	6.00	.....	6.00	4.75
Warren Flier	RJ	22	2	6.00	6.75	12.75	.....
W. E. Helt	OT	41	.....	.....	2.00	2.00	2.00
Sallie Holmes	HW	9	6	19.00	9.50	28.50	8.00
Clarence Katt	RJ	14	8	27.00	4.50	31.50	.....
Clide Kerby	BR	37	17	102.50	.75	103.25	.50
R. V. Kime	Misc.	12	.....	.....	3.70	3.70	3.70
Dewey King	RJ	41	8	31.00	.....	31.00	.....
W. J. Kroulik	HP	48	11	60.50	.50	61.00	.50
Thelma Lucas	RJ	37	8	24.00	6.87	30.87	1.87
S. A. Minear	RJ	40	4	12.00	.....	12.00	1.00
Lenore Reidel	RJ	9	4	12.00	.....	12.00	.....
W. J. Smith	BR	27	5	32.00	1.75	33.75	.....
Buford Turner	OT	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Robert Whitsett	RJ, BR	9	2	8.50	2.75	11.25	.....
Tom Whitsett	Misc.	5	.....	.....	2.75	2.75	.....
Georgia Braley	Mag.	29	.....	.....	3.30	3.30	3.30
Howard Flier	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	15.75	15.75	15.75
Kathryn Flier	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	8.85	8.85	8.85
Helen March	Mag.	38	.....	.....	9.55	9.55	9.55
Jessie March	Mag.	33	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	4.00
Opal Matheson	Mag.	34	.....	.....	4.05	4.05	4.05
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	21	.....	.....	7.70	7.70	7.70
Della Rice	Mag.	31	.....	.....	10.45	10.45	10.45
Martian Wolfe	Mag.	23	.....	.....	1.70	1.70	1.70
Total		792	111	458.50	157.02	615.52	96.17
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i> .							
G. A. Shelton	BR, OD	45	10	52.50	.....	52.50	.....
Anna Rasmussen	RJ, GC	40	2	6.00	39.00	45.00	3.00
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	36½	.....	.....	30.25	30.25	.....
Anna Hanson	BR	33	3	18.50	6.25	25.25	2.25
*H. Millist	RJ	63	9	27.00	7.75	33.75	2.60
Fay C. Smith	BR	24	3	15.00	3.00	18.00	40.00
Katie Davis	RJ	8	3	10.00	6.00	16.00	.....
Art VanDenbrink	RJ, BR	25	3	10.50	4.00	14.50	.75
*Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	31½	2	10.00	2.50	12.50	.....
C. Nordstrom	RJ	40	1	4.00	9.50	13.50	1.75
Margaret Johnson	RJ	20	2	6.00	6.00	12.00	1.25
Wallace Nethery	BTS	10	.....	.....	10.50	10.50	.....
Walter Foreman	BTS	10	.....	.....	10.50	10.50	.....
Rutheta Shidler	RJ	8	2	7.00	3.00	10.00	.....
Unsigned	RJ	35	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	2.50
Vernon Miller	RJ, PP	27	1	4.50	4.75	9.25	1.25
Geo. Griffin	RJ	8	1	5.50	3.00	8.50	5.25
Luella Garnett	RJ	19½	2	6.00	1.75	7.75	.....
Fred Burkhardt	OD	49	2	6.00	1.50	7.50	.....
Elva Wilcox	OD	22	1	2.75	4.25	7.00	1.75
Morton Davis	RJ	28	1	3.00	2.50	5.50	.....
Wyota Eliot	RJ	12	1	3.00	2.25	5.25	.....
*Carnot Brown	RJ	53	2	6.00	3.75	9.75	.....
Esther Rasmussen	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	4.00
Genevieve Quinn	RJ	3	.....	.....	2.25	2.25	3.75
Anna Will	Mag.	4	.....	.....	2.05	2.05	2.05
*Ronold Wise	Mag.	53	.....	.....	3.45	3.45	3.45

Otto Lutz	J	---	---	---	1.50	1.50	---
*Chas. Roberts	RJ	90	1	4.00	---	4.00	---
*Lorraine Lassiter	RJ	28	3	10.00	2.25	12.25	4.50
Total		826	55	217.25	188.00	405.25	95.10
<b>COLORADO: P. E. Shakesphere, Field Missionary Secretary.</b>							
H. L. Canfield	BR	13½	4	18.00	2.00	20.00	2.00
H. C. Harlow	RJ	46	2	6.00	.50	6.50	.50
Ernest Harper	PG	31	2	8.40	3.25	11.65	.75
Anna Hayer	HP	15	2	13.00	2.35	15.35	8.10
Lucy Hill	HW	10	---	---	1.75	1.75	.75
Mrs. P. M. Jenkins	HP	41	1	6.50	.75	7.25	2.75
Willard Matiesen	BR	43	1	6.00	9.50	15.50	---
Wm. Miller	BR	38	2	9.50	2.50	12.00	.50
Malcolm Perkins	RJ	51¼	9	35.50	4.00	39.50	1.75
H. R. Prentice	BR	36¼	5	30.50	1.50	32.00	7.25
Albert Priest	HP	54	18	146.00	2.85	148.85	1.20
Jacob Reuber	---	39	---	1.50	7.75	9.25	1.75
C. H. Schaffer	HW	2	2	7.00	---	7.00	7.00
Mrs. Willett	Mag.	3½	---	---	1.15	1.15	1.15
Total		423	48	287.90	39.85	327.75	35.45
<b>NEBRASKA: P. M. Vixie, Field Missionary Secretary.</b>							
G. E. Ahlstrom	RJ	---	---	---	---	---	5.50
Mrs. H. W. Bass	RJ	11½	4	13.00	1.00	14.00	---
Elmer Glantz	OD	27½	9	24.00	4.75	28.75	2.75
L. E. Green	OD	29	3	8.50	4.25	12.75	.75
Mrs. L. E. Green	OD	28	---	---	1.75	1.75	.25
John Henderson	RJ	11	2	6.50	2.50	9.00	---
Kenneth Hixson	RJ	36	---	---	2.50	2.50	.50
Gordon Houpt	RJ	27	1	3.00	3.50	6.50	.50
J. P. Jacobsen	Misc.	---	---	---	48.75	48.75	48.75
Abel Larson	RJ	38	---	---	3.00	3.00	---
R. E. Lynn	RJ	24	10	31.00	2.75	33.75	1.75
Mrs. F. McAllister	RJ	7½	1	3.00	---	3.00	---
Margaret Nelson	RJ	26	4	12.00	3.00	15.00	---
C. A. Pence	OD	31	2	5.00	.75	5.75	.25
Ernest Riter	RJ	35	2	6.00	4.25	10.25	.75
Addie Shaffer	RJ	17	1	3.00	2.25	5.25	---
Virgil Shaffer	RJ	34	3	9.50	1.75	11.25	.85
G. R. Starr	HW	22	2	6.00	1.50	7.50	3.50
Mrs. Josie Tolles	BR	1	---	---	.25	.25	.25
Lester Trubey	RJ	58	7	21.00	12.50	33.50	2.50
Ralph Yost	RJ	25	6	21.00	4.00	25.00	---
Lucile Kirstein	RJ	17½	---	3.00	2.75	5.75	---
Total		506	58	176.50	107.75	283.25	68.85
<b>KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, Field Missionary Secretary.</b>							
Alice Anderson	Mag.	18¾	---	---	2.00	2.00	2.00
Corrine Barker	OD	21½	1	4.00	---	4.00	4.00
Cassie Basham	Mag.	18	---	---	2.00	2.00	2.00
Helen Boyd	BTS	24	6	6.00	.25	6.25	---
W. G. Dick	BR	45½	14	15.00	9.00	24.00	---
Ruth Gardner	RJ	35¼	5	16.00	9.00	25.00	2.25
Raymond Hartley	OD	32	3	8.00	---	8.00	---
Thelma Imler	BR	23½	7	9.75	---	9.75	---
Tennys Ingram	BR	18	---	---	.25	.25	1.75
Wilamine Kunze	BR	28½	3	13.50	1.75	15.25	.50
A. E. Mayes	HP	25	3	17.00	3.25	20.25	---
J. T. North	BSP	10	---	1.00	---	1.00	---
Juanita Paxton	RJ	35	4	12.00	14.25	26.25	1.00
Arthena Peterson	BR	30	---	---	---	---	---
Esther Reeder	BR	24½	5	9.00	.75	9.75	---
T. R. Torkelson	BR	40½	9	42.00	7.25	49.25	.50
Fern Troll	BR	15	---	---	.25	.25	---
Fern Veninga	BR	28	3	15.00	2.75	17.75	3.25
Lowell Welch	BR	51	1	5.50	12.50	18.00	2.70
Sarah White	BR	30	2	---	9.00	9.00	---
Total		554	66	173.75	74.25	248.00	19.95
<b>WYOMING: D. W. Gahagan, Field Missionary Secretary.</b>							
Mabel & Ethel Canady	DA	39½	7	33.25	6.50	39.75	8.75
Anna Covey	DA	20	5	23.75	6.75	30.50	6.75
Maynard Pitchford	DR	46½	5	22.50	20.00	42.50	7.75
Helen Brown	DA	27½	4	19.00	3.50	22.50	1.25
Marie Grubbs	DR	29	8	36.00	10.00	46.00	2.50
Chivela Jorstad	DR	32¼	3	13.50	2.75	16.25	---
Total		195	32	148.00	49.50	197.50	24.30
Grand Total		3296	370	1461.90	616.37	2077.27	339.82
*Two weeks							

she was visiting her granddaughter, Mrs. Helen Grapengetter, at Davenport.

Sister Sissel, while living in Davenport, accepted present truth and united with the Davenport church, ever remaining a faithful member. She leaves to mourn, one son, Thomas, one daughter, Mrs. Mable Eads, and one sister, Mrs. Anna Gilbert.

Services were conducted by the writer at Davenport. Burial was at West Liberty, Iowa.

A. L. MILLER.

TERRY.—Mary Jane Terry, née Mallon, was born in Prescott, Canada, Aug. 31, 1878. She moved to the United States at the age of six years, and graduated as a nurse from Park Avenue Hospital, Denver, in 1905. She was married to Arthur J. Terry in 1906. Mr. Terry passed away three years ago. Mrs. Terry died June 1, 1932 in Denver. She is survived by her father, M. G. Mallon, and brother, E. C. Mallon, both of Omaha, Nebr. Sister Terry was a faithful member of the North Denver church.

G. W. ANGLEBARGER.

BURKHART.—John Burkhardt died at his home in Sheridan, Wyo., Feb. 15, 1932, at the age of 74. He was born at Versailles, Mo., and came to Wyoming 49 years ago. He accepted the Advent message 35 years ago at Big Horn, Wyo.

The last thirteen months were months of suffering; but he always looked to Jesus for strength to bear the pain.

He is survived by his widow, Ida Burkhardt, one son, Bernard Burkhardt of Story, and a daughter, Etta Cox, of Sheridan. He was laid to rest February 17, 1932, from Reed's Mortuary, the service conducted by A. S. McCully.

IDA BURKHART.

### 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 TRADE.—Home in Glendale, Calif., to trade for farm in Northeastern Kansas, near Topeka, preferred. Lot in Glendale 50x169, near bus line running direct to church school and academy. Two large walnut trees give shade and crop. Double garage. House six years old, living room, kitchen, two bed rooms, bath; no dining room. No mortgage; and only small balance on street paving. Place cost \$3,500; but is priced at less today. Want 40 to 80 acres with farm buildings, and will assume. E. E. Covert, 213 E. Broadway, Glendale, Calif. 16-8

FOR SALE.—250 stands of bees in 8-frame hives, 600 new supers and frames. Cheap if taken soon. G. A. Kuster, Wheatland, Wyo. 17-9

WANTED.—By experienced unemployed married man, work on farm, with poultry, or as mechanic. Best references. No job too small. Harvey J. Otter, 218 S. Congress St., Aberdeen, So. Dak.

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## God Will Speak

THESE are anxious days for our missionaries and for those who have been chosen to stand as administrators between our people of the home base and the men and women we have sent to the foreign fields. We greatly appreciate the loyal support of God's people in spite of their decreased incomes. We know that God is teaching many of us precious lessons of self-denial and sacrifice in order that the Advent message may go forward. It is a time of testing for us all. To us at home the Lord is saying, "If you are unwilling to sacrifice that you may save means for the work that is to be done, there will be no room for you in the Kingdom of God."—*Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 103.*

Our annual Mid-summer Offering, July 16, brings to us all another opportunity to manifest our love and devotion to God and His work. We have tried faithfully to set before the church the dire needs at this time. God will speak to each one of us whose heart is attuned to hear, telling us just what we should do now.

M. E. KERN.

## Union College Broadcast Program for July

THROUGH the courtesy of the Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Neb., Union College is on the air over WCAJ each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:00 o'clock, and also on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 9:30 to 10:00 o'clock p. m., central standard time.

The schedule for the following four weeks is:

July 6—3:30 p. m., Lecture, Professor A. M. Hanhardt.

July 13—3:30 p. m., Lecture, Professor A. M. Hanhardt.

July 20—3:30 p. m., Lecture, Dr. E. N. Dick.

July 26—9:30 p. m., Musical Program.

July 27—3:30 p. m., Lecture, Dr. E. N. Dick.

WCAJ operates on 590 kilocycles and may be found on your dial at the same position as WOW (Omaha), with which station it shares time.

## Newspaper Publicity

A SUCCESSFUL evangelist has sent the following facts concerning the way in which he advertised his evangelistic meetings:

"My purpose in using the newspapers has been to give as briefly as I have felt it consistent with clarity, the fundamental truths committed to us"; and in order to help the readers find his sermon reports without having to search for them, he used the one heading, "Bethel Sermon."

"We have tried to put Bethel Chapel on the map," he says, "and although we have been operating only four months, there are very few readers in C—at least, who do not know Bethel Chapel and where it is located."

This evangelist paid \$396 for the publication of 21 sermon reports and 29 display advertisements, which occupied 711 inches of space. As to whether or not it paid he says: "The interest has grown and developed beyond our most sanguine expectations. I feel sure that our aggressive newspaper publicity has been used of God to bring about prestige for our work.

W. L. BURGAN.

## "Wonderful Enjoyment"

BY LETTER the following statement came to *Present Truth* a few days ago, and as it is often repeated, in substance, by many others, we quote it for the purpose of calling attention to the fact that there is real satisfaction resulting from the mere act of attempting to do something for others. It is not a delusion of the mind nor mere sentiment, for it is a divinely appointed principle that one may actually feel the sanction of the Master when one attempts to follow Him in "doing good."

"For many years I have been a subscriber for four different church papers. I never destroy any of these papers, but I hand them or mail them out to others, which act brings me wonderful enjoyment."

The party writing the above statement has never been privileged to know of any definite results following his faithful work, excepting his own personal blessings. It may be because his work has been done in a miscellaneous, unproductive way with unclassified, disconnected literature, which tends more to interest than to lead to a definite conviction. Many letters reveal the fact that these well-satisfied workers have used only old

papers they have secured in various ways, some of them, admittedly, being soiled and unattractive. This literature was used because it did not cost the workers anything—because it was cheap. As a general rule, it is more economical to use the very best literature that can be secured, for it brings definite results in the form of new believers, and the enjoyment its circulation brings to the worker is developed into a real inspiration when definite results can be seen in the form of new converts.

We recommend, therefore, that all of these workers who enjoy the circulation of our literature change their plans from miscellaneous efforts to regular systematic endeavor with classified literature well calculated to bring the people served to a definite conviction upon the great fundamentals of the message we are called to teach to the world at the present time. It is better to use old, miscellaneous, disconnected literature than it is to do nothing, but it is far more profitable in every way to use the very best material in a systematic, connected way and thereby teach the message in its most powerful form, securing new believers and adding greatly to the enjoyment found in the circulation of the literature.

D. W. REAVIS.

## An Open Letter in the "Signs"

THE announcement made recently by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., repudiating his position for years on the question of prohibition, has created a profound stir in dry circles over the country. In the *Signs of the Times* of July 12 Elder Alonzo L. Baker has addressed an open letter to Mr. Rockefeller, discussing with him in a friendly way the various points that he brought out in his letter to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. Be sure to read this article. You may want to get extra copies of this number.

Also turn to the 16th page of this issue, and note again the wonderful success attending the circulation of the prohibition number.

J. R. FERREN.

"God is calling upon His people to work. He comes to them as they idle away the precious, golden moments, and says, 'Go work today in My vineyard.' By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the Pentecostal energy. This will come."—*Series B, No. 7, pp. 41, 42.*

"House-to-house work is effectual when conducted in a Christ-like manner."—*Vol. VIII, p. 82.*