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## Take the Message into the Homes of the People

"GIVE thyself to reading," was the apostle's instruction to Timothy, and this command is as imperative today as it was then. Without doubt, there is more reading done at this time by the general public than there ever was before. People will read, and it is the responsibility of the church of Christ to see to it that they get the right kind of reading matter.

Paul again says that it is God's intention "to make known by the church the manifold wisdom of God." Eph. 3: 10. Statisticians tell us that one-third of the people of the United States do not attend or contact any Protestant religious services. Now, our commission is, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 15. If forty millions of people in America refuse to attend Protestant meetings or come under Protestant religious influences, it is then the responsibility of the church to take that religious influence to them; and I ask the church, Where is there a better plan than the visiting of these irreligious homes by consecrated colporteurs, contacting them where they

are, and placing some of our gospel-filled, soul-winning literature in these homes?

Men and women with a vision of lost souls are wanted to take our good books and magazines to these homes, possibly right in your own neighborhood, and bear witness to the truth. The prophet says, "He shall send his messenger, and he shall prepare the way before him." Mal. 3: 1. And Jesus said to "make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Luke 1: 17. Representative men and women are wanted for the colporteur work now, and those who apply should be those who come well recommended by the church, and who have a real desire to extend the influence of the church and to hasten the coming of the Lord. If you have this desire and can meet the requirements, write to your field missionary secretary at the conference address, or to the union field missionary secretary, and they will gladly advise you as to the necessary steps to be taken.

Now is the time; do not delay if interested.

J. F. PIPER.

## An Appeal for the Colored Work

IN BEHALF of the General Conference Committee I am presenting to you through the columns of the CENTRAL UNION REAPER an appeal for the annual offering for the colored work in North America.

October 22 has been fixed as the Sabbath for this special offering in behalf of our colored work. I think our people generally understand that this offering counts as a part of the regular sixty-cent-a-week fund, but it is to be dedicated to the support of the colored work in North America, to which the General Conference has, during the years, appropriated from year to year.

The appeal this year is for the general work of evangelism among the colored people of North America. We are contributing toward the support of Oakwood Junior College, which is the training school for our colored youth of this country.

Since the beginning of our work many

years ago for the colored work in the South, we have recognized this as one of

### Harvest Ingathering Rally Sabbath, October 15

LET all Harvest Ingathering receipts be turned over to the church treasurer on Sabbath, October 15, in all our churches throughout the Central Union Conference. "We need now to esteem souls above money. If you know of a higher work in this world than the work of soul-saving, a work which will bring better results for the investment of means, will you not tell us of it, that we may measure its value?"—Vol. IX, p. 57.

Is there one business firm or friend on whom you can call for a gift for missions before Sabbath?

J. F. PIPER.

the features of our world missionary endeavor. We have continued to carry forward a strong, splendid work in behalf of the many, many millions of colored people in North America, with the result that a splendid work has been built up among them, and under the blessing of God there are now many thousands of earnest Seventh-day Adventist colored people in this division.

The responsibility of carrying forward this work of evangelism and soul saving among this race is still our denominational responsibility. Our labors as a denomination in their behalf have been wonderfully blessed of God. Many thousands are now rejoicing in this message. The Oakwood Junior College or training center for our colored people is a monumental center of influence, and during the years there have gone forward from the halls of this institution many well-trained laborers for God.

Today there is a splendid staff of ministers and other workers raised up among the colored people who are giving their lives in self-sacrificing service for the evangelizing of their race.

According to their earning power, our colored believers have shown themselves to be loyal supporters of this cause in tithes and offerings. In this respect, according to their ability, they have measured up well with our white brethren and sisters throughout the country.

We are in a time of crisis. The ability of our colored people to earn, as well as our white people, has been greatly diminished. Consequently our funds are curtailed, and the burden of caring for this particular line of missionary endeavor calls for a larger degree of sacrifice than in past years, and we trust that our brethren and sisters will respond in a stronger, more liberal manner this year than heretofore. So brethren and sisters, we come to the churches in this union in behalf of the Negro offering on Sabbath, October 22, with a very earnest appeal. We earnestly pray that the heart of every believer, both white and colored, in this union, as well as in all of North America, may be touched with the needs of the cause, and that a liberal offering may flow into the treasury of the Lord for this very important missionary enterprise.

May God bless you in basket and in store and with every spiritual blessing as you continue to support with your means

and with your prayers this blessed cause in such a time as this.

O. MONTGOMERY.

## Progress of the Literature Ministry in the Central Union

THERE was almost a continuous round of camp meetings and district meetings in the Central Union from May 26 to August 28. At all of these gatherings there was manifested a great interest in the distribution of truth-filled literature. Nearly all attended the meetings in which our colporteurs related their wonderful soul-winning experiences, and told of their faith in the part the literature ministry is having in the finishing of the work.

One of the best colporteur symposiums was held at the Kansas camp meeting. This state has been especially hard hit by the depression, yet the sales per hour are far from being the lowest in the union. The colporteurs manifested a wonderful spirit, and told many precious experiences. The following is just a statement or two from some of them:

One man, when the book was explained, said, "I have been looking for years for something that will explain the Bible as that book does." He nearly shouted for joy.

One woman gave her last chicken to get enough for a book.

One student colporteur dreamed of selling "Bible Readings" to a certain type of man. On his way home after the next day's work, a man called to the colporteur and asked him if he was the one selling Bible books. An order was soon taken, and the colporteur could very easily identify the man as the one he had seen in the dream.

Another colporteur says he learned that it pays to speak earnestly about the truth. He had given a canvass through

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### Nebraska Conference

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### Harvest Ingathering and Gifts for Missions

THE leaders of our denomination are facing great perplexities as the time for the Fall Council draws near. We are facing a shortage of funds such as never before has been experienced in the history of our work. The question as to whether we shall call our missionaries home or continue to support them in the field must be answered by the members of this denomination. To call the workers home will be disastrous; to keep them at their posts of duty will call for greater sacrifice and more earnest effort on the part of the members of the remnant church than has ever yet been manifested. Speaking of the financial conditions confronting us, the Spirit of Prophecy says, "Never was there a greater need of earnest, self-sacrificing labor in the cause of Christ than now, when the hours of probation are fast closing, and the last message of mercy is to be given to the world. My soul is stirred within me as the Macedonian cry comes from every direction, from the cities and villages of our own land, from across the Atlantic and the Pacific, and from the islands of the sea, 'Come over and help us.' Brethren and sisters, will you answer the cry?

... The wants of the cause are laid before us; the empty treasuries appeal most pathetically to us for help. One dollar now is of more value to the work than \$10 will be at some future period."

"Work, brethren, work while you have the opportunity; while the day lasts. Work, for 'the night cometh, when no man can work.' How soon that night may come, it is impossible for you to tell. Now is your opportunity; improve it."—Vol. V, p. 732.

"For years the perplexing question has been before us. How can we raise funds adequate for the support of the missions which the Lord has gone before us to open? We read the plain commands of the Gospel: and the missions, in both home and foreign fields, press their necessities. The indications, yea, the positive revelations of Providence unite in urging us to do quickly the work that is waiting to be done."—Vol. IX, p. 114.

"In every religious movement there are some who, while they can not deny that it is the work of God, will keep themselves aloof, refusing to make any effort to advance it." (Statement from Sister White in *Southern Watchman*, April 5, 1904, quoted in "Christian Service," p. 176.) How true this statement is! We firmly believe that if every member of every church would spring into action when the time comes for the various plans to be put into operation, every goal could be reached and a wonderful work could be accomplished. Now we appeal to you, dear reader, to put in faithful

time between now and the 15th of October to try to reach your goal of \$10 for the Harvest Ingathering work. And you who have already raised it, try to double it and do even more until your territory is fully covered. Not only should we solicit funds from the outside, but we have been told that "God calls upon those who have possessions in lands and houses, to sell, and to invest the money where it will be supplying the great want in the mission field. When once they have experienced the real satisfaction that comes from thus doing, they will keep the channel open, and the means the Lord intrusts to them will be constantly flowing into the treasury, that souls may be converted."—Vol. V p. 733.

"Satan and his angels are combined against the people of God; but Jesus is seeking to purify them unto himself. He requires them to advance his work. God has deposited with his people in this world, enough to carry forward his work without embarrassment, and it is his plan that the means which he has intrusted to them be used judiciously. 'Sell that ye have, and give alms,' is a part of God's sacred word. The servants of God must arise, cry aloud, and spare not, 'show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.' The work of God is to become more extensive, and if his people follow his counsel, there will not be much means in their possession to be consumed in the final conflagration. All will have laid up their treasure where moth and rust cannot corrupt; and the heart will not have a cord to bind to earth." Vol. I, p. 197.

"In his word the Lord has plainly revealed his will to those who have riches. But because his direct commands have been slighted, he mercifully presents their dangers before them through the Testimonies."—Vol. II, p. 660.

"Those who are selfishly withholding

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their means, need not be surprised if God's hand scatters. That which should have been devoted to the advancement of the work and cause of God, but which has been withheld, may be intrusted to a reckless son, and he may squander it. A fine horse, the pride of a vain heart, may be found dead in the stable. Occasionally a cow may die. Losses of fruit or other crops may come. God can scatter the means he has lent to his stewards, if they refuse to use it to his glory. Some, I saw, may have none of these losses to remind them of their remissness in duty, but their cases may be the more hopeless."

"One reason why there is so great a dearth of the Spirit of God, is that so many are robbing God."—*Vol. V, p. 734.*

Brethren and sisters, let us ponder these things and not only put in faithful time in soliciting funds from others, but begin to sell and invest in the cause of God before it shall be forever too late.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### Minnesota Conference

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### Minnesota Items

HEROES are the product of conflict. Are you on the Harvest Ingathering firing line or have you retreated?

The pastors of the churches in the Twin Cities met at the office Thursday, the 29th, to plan their work for the winter. All the churches are working hard now in the Harvest Ingathering.

Elder H. O. Olson was in the office last week on his way to his home in La Grange, Ill. Elder Olson has spent several weeks in our conference holding an effort at Karlstad, and he also held some meetings at Pillager. We appreciate having Elder Olson with us in our conference.

Harvest Ingathering work cannot be done by proxy. Do your own part. The finish without the start is impossible. Have you started the Ingathering?

We were glad to have Brother F. J. Nenko, of Mankato, call at the office when he was in the Twin Cities recently.

Elder Shadel, home missionary secretary of the Central Union, is spending a few days in our conference assisting in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Elder Chas. Thompson spoke in the church at Mankato, Sabbath, the 1st, and in the Minneapolis English on the 8th. All present appreciated these services very much.

The singing band of the Norwegian-Danish church of Minneapolis is doing well. The members report having received more than \$100 by this method.

A series of special Sunday night meetings will begin in the Norwegian-Danish church on 27th Ave., So., and E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, Sunday night, October 16. Elder Varner Johns will speak on "Preparing for Translation." Sunday night, October 23, Elder J. L. Tucker will speak on "Prophecy Concerning Our Day." Sunday night, October 30, there will be a prohibition rally. All these meetings will be conducted in the English language. Everybody is invited and welcome.

### Colorado Conference

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### Attention

ORDER your Colorado special edition of the prohibition *Present Truth*. The special price of \$4.00 a thousand should make it possible for every church to place a copy of this splendid little paper in every home in its community. Orders for any amount will be filled by the Book and Bible House.

### Colorado Items

MR. AND MRS. FRANK HALSEY, of Las Animas, called at the office recently while in Denver on business.

Elder J. J. Nethery spent Sabbath, October 1, with the church at La Salle.

Professor Mathews spent the week-end of September 30 at Campion Academy. Sabbath afternoon at the young people's hour, a program was given commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Campion Academy. Professor Page told us the story of the founding of Campion, and how it grew from a one-teacher school to the present splendid institution that it is. Professor Heim related the experience of Campion's history the last few years. He indicated that the school had graduated over 300 pupils during its history, many of these having found their way into the organized work. Appropriate music was furnished by the Campion Academy orchestra under the direction of Professor Hill, and some of the old songs were sung by the teachers.

The opening reports from the fifteen church schools and five home schools in Colorado this year indicate that there are over 350 pupils already enrolled, with twenty-five teachers.

Wednesday, September 28, was the Campion Academy Harvest Ingathering field day. Over \$125 cash, and produce estimated at about \$40 were brought in.

### So. Dakota Conference

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### South Dakota News

ELDER SHADEL spent a few days in our conference during the week ending October 1, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. Brother McKinley was with him in as many churches as they could visit, and a good interest was reported. They concluded their trip with the Watertown church, where Elder Shadel spoke Tuesday evening.

Sister Nelson, of Clear Lake, writes that their little Sabbath school is up on their 60 cents per week per member offering. This includes the Harvest Ingathering. They are happy to have had a part in the Ingathering, which has helped to swell their offering.

A new book by Elder F. A. Stahl, entitled, "In the Amazon Jungles," will be ready in a few weeks. Listen: "We were soon on the march again, but had not gone far when my guides came running toward me, calling loudly, 'Kim-pe-re'. I did not understand what this meant, or I might not have had the coolness to do what I did. As the guides ran past me, I saw a large snake coming on; and—" Wouldn't you like to read the rest of it? This book is brim full of such stories. Only 50 cents postpaid. Order yours now.

The Watertown church went over the \$10-per-member goal in the Harvest Ingathering Monday, Oct. 3. Several trips have been made to the surrounding towns. There is still some energetic work going on. Their church goal was set considerably over the \$10-per-member goal, and they hope to reach it soon.

### Iowa Conference

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### Iowa Notes

ELDER C. F. McVAGH spent Sabbath, October 1, at Winterset and Peru.

Elder Stemple White reports a baptismal service at the Cedar Rapids church on Sunday evening, October 2, when six were immersed.

J. H. Cochran, of the Pacific Press office, stopped at the Nevada office on Wednesday of last week. While on his way to the Fall Council at Battle Creek, Mich., he is improving the opportunity to stop at various places along the way.

Mrs. Harold Davenport, of the Grove Chapel Sabbath school, says, "Our Sabbath school is gaining in interest every day and we are improving too. We have our Investment farm, and we have high hopes of going over our goal. We believe that the Lord is blessing our interest."

G. A. Nystrom, secretary-treasurer of the conference, went to Hawarden on Friday, Sept. 30, to join the workers at Hawarden in their colporteur rally. Brother Knecht returned with him on Monday.

Elder D. E. Collins, of the Central Union Conference, joined Brother Knecht at Council Bluffs on Wednesday, September 28, and they visited the western part of the state in the interests of their work. They were at Council Bluffs, Exira, and Hawarden. At this last named place, not only Sabbath meetings were well attended, but Elder Collins had the Sunday night meeting, and a large number of those with whom Brother Skadsheim has been studying took their stand for the message for the first time. As you look at the colporteur list from time to time, remember these faithful workers at the throne of grace.

Elder J. C. Nixon and family were at Boone on Sabbath, October 1. The regular service was held in the forenoon, and in the afternoon a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fenner, who lives in the country east of Boone, and is not able to meet with them regularly.

### Kansas Conference

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### Good Interest at Galena

I WAS very much pleased to attend the Galena effort Sabbath, October 1, and Sunday, the 2nd. We had an all-day meeting on Sabbath. A number of the surrounding churches came in to enjoy the day's gathering.

At this place, as already has been announced in the REAPER, we are having a tent effort. The effort is being conducted by Elder R. E. Griffin, F. C. Clark, and W. F. Surber; and Brother Hooper, from Ketchum, Okla., is with them acting as chorister. I was pleased to find a splendid

interest prevailing with the possible hope of from thirty to fifty converts. A goodly number of new Sabbath-keepers were in attendance on the day that I was present, and constantly new Sabbath-keepers are being found as the workers get in personal touch with them.

The tent was filled on Saturday night, and Sunday night they again had an overflow crowd. I was glad to hear from the citizens of Galena, who have expressed themselves very freely concerning the impression that is being made by this effort upon the citizens of Galena. In fact, one person said there never had been anything that measured up with this evangelistic effort. The laborers of this company are working hard and constantly. They solicit our prayers that these earnest hearts who are struggling with the truth may choose for the right. We are expecting a good harvest from this endeavor.

On Sunday night I was pleased to meet with the Chaunte church, which is in the district over which Brother Aalborg has charge. Quite a few outside folks were present at the services. Brother Aalborg informs me that they are working strenuously in the Harvest Ingathering. When this campaign is over he will give himself more definitely to continuing meetings for those not of our faith.

C. S. WIEST.

### Work of Students from Oakwood Junior College

Two young Negro students from the Oakwood Junior College spent their vacation months at Wichita. We are pleased to learn of the good work done from June 29 to September 28. During this time they conducted 129 services. Some of these were held in other churches than our own. A community service was held every Sabbath afternoon with a very good attendance. There are five keeping the Sabbath. There were four young men who came to Kansas. A. G. Thompson and R. T. Hudson were at Wichita, and F. B. Slater and H. T. Saulter went to Atchison.

C. S. WIEST.

### Special Offering for the "Reaper"

I AM sure that every member of the Kansas Conference does enjoy the weekly visitor that comes into your home, the CENTRAL UNION REAPER. It brings to you the activities of the Kansas Conference and also of the entire Central Union. It conveys the news and keeps you in touch with the work in this union family. We all are pleased to read the

program of the work in our local conferences. So we have the UNION REAPER. This has been sent to you free, and yet it costs us about 90 cents a subscription annually.

We know that many of our people will be glad to help to meet this expense by way of an offering. Therefore, Sabbath, November 5, has been appointed for this special offering toward the free distribution of the CENTRAL UNION REAPER. Give your offering through your local church, and if isolated send it to the office. Thank you. C. S. WIEST.

### Galena Baptismal Service

A BAPTISMAL service will be held in connection with the series of tent meetings now being conducted in Galena, Kans., on Sabbath, October 22. All nearby churches are invited to come in the morning, prepared to remain for an all-day meeting on that date.

The meetings have continued with a good interest, and on Sunday night, October 2, about 600 were present to hear the subject, "Why So Many Churches?"

We were pleased to have Elder Wiest present on Sabbath, October 1. His morning and afternoon sermons were appropriate and of help to those just taking hold of the Sabbath truth.

Pray for these who are halting between two opinions. Many are under conviction. Come October 22, if possible.

F. C. CLARK.

### Watch the Date and Place

THE regular Kansas colporteur institute will be held in December. December will soon be here. All who feel called to the colporteur work should communicate with me. Do not put it off.

We have a surprise in reserve for those who will attend the Kansas colporteur institute this year. Watch for the date and place which will be announced a bit later. E. H. MEYERS.

### Kansas Notes

BROTHER A. M. RAGSDALE, our educational, Sabbath school, and Missionary Volunteer secretary, is spending a few weeks in the southeastern part of the state, visiting Chanute, Iola, Fort Scott, Thayer. Independence, and other churches in that section. While he is down there, he will also work in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

At the close of the month of August we found we had a substantial gain in our Harvest Ingathering work over the same period of last year. But after the churches were all totaled we find that we

are \$500 behind at the close of September compared with last year of the same period.

Wednesday, October 5, Elders Wiest and Meyers made a special visit to the home of W. A. Hoover, one of the members of the Holton church, who is very critically ill.

Tuesday evening, October 4, at 7:00 o'clock, the wedding ceremony of Miss Ellen Stacey and Mr. Russell Olson was solemnized by Elder C. S. Wiest at the Topeka church. Mrs. Olson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward R. Stacey, of Farmington, Kans. She has been a missionary in Japan for several years, and has traveled quite extensively. Mr. Olson is a successful young farmer of Joplin, Mo., where they will make their home.

### No. Dakota Conference

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### Faithful Stewards

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"HONOR the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine." Proverbs 3:9, 10.

We have now come to the time when we are to render to the Lord that part which is His. We are but stewards here upon the earth and the Lord asks that we be faithful in our stewardship. "Moreover it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." It is not the amount that the Lord considers, but the faithfulness and loyalty manifested in little things, for he that is faithful in little things will also be faithful in greater things. The Lord says, "All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's." It is holy unto the Lord. God has given man nine-tenths of his income, but the tenth of whatever his income may be belongs to the Lord. It is holy unto Him. Men have robbed God in withholding from him the tithe and offerings, and thus they have defiled the earth. "They have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, and broken the everlasting covenant."

When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, they were tested as to whether or not they would be loyal. They manifested in partaking of the tree that they did not fear the Lord, their Creator and Maker. Consequently, they had to leave a beautiful home and go out and labor and toil under difficulties and

perplexities, but the test was not removed, for when the Lord spoke through Moses to the children of Israel, he said, "Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year . . . the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks, that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always." Truly, men do manifest as to whether or not they fear the Lord in bringing their tithe. It is a test to try us, and may we be loyal in the test.

Most of the brethren have threshed their crops. Many are holding their grain for better prices, but, dear brethren, let us not gamble with the part that belongs to God. If you desire to hold your grain, that is within your jurisdiction and rights, but the tenth load of whatever you thresh, or the tenth bushel, belongs to the Lord and you should not hold it, but haul it to the market and sell for whatever the price may be and send the returns to the treasury. This part is holy unto the Lord and the wise man says, "It is a snare to the man that devoureth that which is holy." Please remember this and give consideration and study to what it means for any individual to withhold from God the tithe which is holy unto him.

I trust that our dear people in the North Dakota Conference will take to heart the significance of being loyal and true and faithful in serving God. The Lord will reward faithfulness. Let us all be faithful.

E. H. OSWALD.

### Harvest Ingathering Experiences

THERE are exciting things happening these days in our cities, and the way to find it out is to go Harvest Ingathering. As Elder D. K. Olson and the writer started out in the city of Grand Forks this year, we approached a large department store in which we knew was a manager who was not so favorable to our work. As we came to his office he addressed us politely and asked us point blank if we were in favor of prohibition. We told him frankly that we were very much interested in it and were doing all in our power to assist in promoting it. He then stated that he was the president of the state dry forces, and asked us to present our literature at the county meeting the following day. He gave us a donation and the next day we had the splendid opportunity of presenting before ministers, professors, and business men our *Signs of the Times*, "Wet or Dry?" and *Present Truth*. This gave us wonderful prestige, and in several days we had over \$100 in the Harvest Ingathering.

Another thing that impressed us in the cities is the fact that the Chinese and Greeks are interested in our campaign and give liberally when approached for this work. We are impressed the way the Lord is working in this campaign by the peculiar incidents that happen. The president of the largest bank in the city gave us \$5.00 and told the cashier to make out the check. The cashier was not pleased with this, and when asked to put his name upon the solicitor's prospectus, he stamped the name very lightly so that you could hardly see it, but this did not hurt us, as the banker was with us and our work proceeded splendidly. When men's hearts are touched to give to this work, no one can stand in the way. Let us go out boldly and with prayer, and finish this work. B. A. SCHERR.

### Experiences Near Mandan

EARLY last spring it was the writer's privilege to start Sunday services in a Lutheran church ten miles south of Mandan. This came about because of the acquaintance that Brother and Sister Illchen, of Bismarck, had formed with these people. Through the suggestion of Brother Illchen we went and visited the people, and they kindly invited me to come out and hold services in their church every Sunday. Gladly I consented to do this, as at that time we were still living in Bismarck. The first Sunday we had a fair attendance, the second Sunday more were present, and so the attendance kept on growing. After our second meeting the Lutheran pastor from the Mandan city church called on me at Bismarck. He was very positive in informing me that I was preaching in his territory and that my best place was to be at home. It was made quite plain to him that the meetings were conducted there because the people desired them, and that it was up to the people there to stop the meetings if they were proving harmful.

After about an hour of conversation as to the rights of a preacher, we parted. He determined to visit all the people and warn them against me. I determined to keep right on unless told otherwise by the three trustees of the church with whom arrangements were made. He visited the families that had been coming and others who had no intentions of coming. Having had a meeting announced for the next Sunday, we went out again. During the week we had prayed much for these people, and as we came to the church and saw it packed, we realized that our prayers were answered. The preacher was the best and least expensive adver-

tisement that could be used. Since that time two other ministers have tried to stop us, but with no results. The church does not belong to the synod, and for that reason no one can stop the meetings but the people themselves.

These meetings started as young people's meetings, but is was not long till the old folks were just as interested as the young ones. There is a nice group of young people, and many are bringing their Bibles along for the studies. We have organized a choir and do as much as possible along that line.

This summer we visited this church once a month to keep up the interest. Last Sunday we made final arrangements for holding a series of meetings there. We plan to start on October 16.

There are many churches that I haven't visited as yet since being called to head the Missionary Volunteer department, and I hope that you will be patient till these meetings at Mandan are over. I believe every Missionary Volunteer is interested in getting more Volunteers. After all, the greatest thing is that of winning young people for the Cross and cause. If you know of other places where such meetings could be started, feel free to let me know.

God only knows what the outcome will be at Mandan. We believe that the preaching of God's word and much prayer will result in a victory for the cause. Feeling unable to do the work alone, as it takes more than human wisdom to conduct a series of meetings in their own church, we solicit the earnest prayers of all those that are interested in winning precious souls for Him.

MR. AND MRS. R. R. BIETZ.

### Investments

WE TRUST that all our churches have held their Investment program, and, if not, we hope they will have it very soon. I am sure the readers of this article would have been impressed if they could have been at the Jamestown Investment program held last Sabbath in the Sabbath school. Mrs. E. H. Oswald, superintendent, had worked out a very impressive program. One of the dialogues, representing the different countries appealing to America, was very ably presented by the young people of the church; and while the junior choir sang an appropriate song, the hearts of our people were touched and the response was a very fine Investment offering which had been brought in as a result of their Investment endeavors. Let us hear from your Investment program. B. A. SCHERR.

### People Willing to Give

WE HAVE just received word from Elder F. F. Schwindt stating that Goodrich, Hurdsfield, Chaseley, Denhoff, Lincoln Valley, McClusky, Turtle Lake, Coal Harbor, Garrison, and Underwood have brought in \$305 in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. He says that never before were people more willing to give than this year, and almost 100 per cent of the business people of the towns worked gave donations. Some of the firms gave as high as \$15. Surely God is doing His work, and we must be hard at work now or never. We are sure that our people will be pleased to know that God is in this Harvest Ingathering campaign.

B. A. SCHERR.

### North Dakota Items

BROTHER ORTNER is assisting E. H. Chappell in his delivery this week.

Elder and Mrs. Oswald and Miriam left Wednesday morning for Harvey, where Miriam will attend the academy this winter.

Brother D. J. Rau, the home missionary secretary of the New Home church, called at the office to get some supplies for the church one day this week.

Brother Jacob Leno called at the office, bringing with him the Streeter church remittance, during the week.

Elder Scherr spent a few days in the office this week before returning to the field in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work.

### Obituaries

SANBORN.—Mrs. Etta May Sanborn, age 60 years, died in Los Angeles, Calif. (sojourning with her sons, for health), Sept. 14, 1932. She was a member of the Central Seventh-day Adventist church, St. Louis, Mo. The funeral was conducted by Elder Richards, on September 16, and she was buried in Englewood cemetery. Mrs. Sanborn was the wife of Chas. E. E. Sanborn, Hill Crest Sanitarium and Treatment Rooms, 2707 Edgar Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

STONER.—Ruth Naomi Stoner was born in Independence, Mo., June 27, 1915; and died in Kansas City, Mo., September 8, 1931. After being stricken with typhoid fever, Ruth lived but thirteen days. Two years ago she became a baptized

follower of the Lord Jesus, whom she served until death. She leaves in sorrow, her father, mother, four sisters, five brothers, other relatives, and a host of friends.  
O. T. GARNER.

BURNS.—Mary M. Burns was born in Chicago, Ill., Aug. 21, 1847; and died at Austin, Minn., September 22, 1932. In 1881 she was united in marriage at Aberdeen, So. Dak., to George F. Burns, who preceded her in death June 20, 1903. Since 1927 the deceased has been a faithful member in the Seventh-day Adventist faith until called by death. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. Sincere sympathy is extended to those who mourn her loss.

A. H. RULKOETER.

BUNCE.—Roberta Jane Rogers was born at Cuba, Iowa, Oct. 29, 1858; and died at West Union, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1932. She has been a member of the S. D. A. church for about 21 years. Her last days were spent at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Led Ford, of West Union, Iowa.

In 1887 she was married to T. J. Polard. To this union were born three children. After the death of her husband she was married to Marcus Bunce in 1926.

Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Isaiah 66: 13 was made the text around which were grouped suggestions concerning the comfort offered to God's children in time of sorrow.

T. H. JEYS.

GREGERSON.—Minnie Thompson Gregerson was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany, Aug. 17, 1870; and died at Nevada, Iowa, Sept. 20, 1932. She spent her girlhood in Flensburg, and came with her parents to America in 1890 and settled in Audobon County, Iowa.

She was married to C. L. Gregerson, March 15, 1892, in Audobon County, where they lived until 1897 when they moved to a farm near Ute, Iowa. The last six years the family home has been in Ute.

Brother Gregerson died in 1910, leaving her with eight children, seven of whom survive her. She also leaves two sisters and one brother.

Brother and Sister Gregerson united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1906 under the labors of Elders Broderston and Bergerson. Sister Gregerson was a faithful and loyal Seventh-day Adventist. When left alone with her eight children she filled the place of both father and mother to them, and nobly and faithfully did she do her part. It is a pleasure to know that she has reared and kept all the children with her in the faith, for she ever sought, by precept and example, to guide them in the faith that she loved. In all the activities of the church she was a faithful worker. Like Lydia of Joppa, she will be missed for the good which she did.

The funeral service was held in the

### COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, <i>Field Missionary Secretary</i>							
E. C. Aaby .....	OD	37	21	56.00	5.25	61.25	1.25
Ward Adair .....	DR	14	10	52.50	5.00	57.50	.....

W. A. Burton	DR	41	8	40.00	5.05	45.05	21.85
Beulah Des Mukes	OT	32	9	39.00	2.10	41.10	1.30
Harry Duff	RJ	35	2	8.00	13.50	.....	.....
Mrs. Harry Duff	RJ	29	4	17.00	13.00	.....	.....
Sallie Holmes	HW	30	39	148.00	60.00	208.00	10.50
Beulah Lane	RJ	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.25
Elmer MaGee	OD	25	6	16.00	6.75	22.75	.....
Floyd Mathews	BR	43	4	19.50	3.75	23.25	.....
S. A. Minear	RJ	40	26	85.00	19.50	104.50	1.00
W. M. Thomas	OT	38	7	28.00	.....	.....	.....
J. W. Gardner	Mag.	20	.....	.....	15.00	15.00	15.00
Total		390	136	509.00	148.90	657.90	62.65

WYOMING: D. W. Gahaqan, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Anna Covey	DA	30	7	33.25	3.75	37.00	5.75
Mary Covey	BP	32	19	42.00	7.35	49.35	7.65
Ivan Daniel	BR	50	12	64.50	11.00	75.50	2.50
Orpha Edqerton	BP	32	9	24.00	2.25	26.25	3.00
Margarett Jarrett	DA	32	6	28.50	24.50	53.00	2.00
M. Pitchford	DR	46	4	18.00	7.95	25.95	3.00
Charles Roberts	RJ	36	7	22.00	3.75	25.75	.50
H. I. Smith	BR	45	10	42.00	4.25	46.25	2.00
Total		308	74	274.25	64.80	339.05	28.40

MINNESOTA: M. H. Odegaarde, *Field Missionary Secretary*

B. O. Engen	GC	40	.....	.....	16.28	16.28	9.45
Karl A. Evenson	BR	41	10	57.50	83.75	141.25	10.00
Mrs. Chas. Moyer	Signs	65	.....	.....	22.75	22.75	22.75
Carrie E. Powers	Signs	35	.....	.....	10.10	10.10	10.10
Clare G. Rust	Misc.	27	.....	.....	14.93	14.93	14.93
P. M. Vixie	BR	38	4	19.50	19.10	38.60	1.10
Total		200	14	77.00	166.91	243.91	68.33

IOWA: L. P. Knecht, *Field Missionary Secretary*

H. G. Biggers	Misc.	38	.....	.....	26.50	26.50	2.25
Carl Edwards	GC	39	.....	.....	23.50	23.50	1.50
W. J. Coutts	BR	25	2	14.00	1.25	15.25	1.25
J. R. Sovey	BR, RI	25	1	5.50	3.00	8.50	.....
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	21	.....	.....	7.75	7.75	.....
R. Wise	BP	16	1	3.00	4.50	7.50	.75
Elva Wilcox	OD	33	.....	.....	6.15	6.15	5.30
Anna Rasmussen	RJ, GC	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.75
Catherine Menefee	.....	20	.....	.....	20.75	20.75	.....
F. L. Smith	Mag.	.....	.....	.....	10.00	10.00	10.00
L. P. Knecht	Crisis	.....	.....	.....	7.00	7.00	7.00
Anna Hanson	BR	18	.....	.....	3.05	3.05	1.55
Glenn Shelton	BR	41	4	18.00	22.00	40.00	.....
H. Milliet	Misc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23.65
Total		283	8	40.50	135.45	175.95	70.00

COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Ernest Harper	HP	21	.....	.....	1.25	1.25	.75
Lucy Hill	HW	7	.....	.....	.50	.50	.50
Mrs. P. M. Jenkins	HP	29	.....	.....	3.50	3.50	5.75
H. R. Prentice	BR	36	3	13.50	4.00	17.50	1.75
Albert Priest	HP	32	12	88.25	1.75	90.00	1.75
Mrs. J. Reeves	Mag.	15	.....	.....	6.00	6.00	6.00
P. E. Shakespeare	Crisis	15	.....	.....	32.50	32.50	32.50
Mrs. Willett	Mag.	4	.....	.....	1.50	1.50	1.50
Totals		159	15	101.75	51.00	152.75	50.50

NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Abel Larson	RJ	29	.....	8.25	12.00	20.25	12.00
Charlotte Lewis	BTS	35	.....	6.00	6.50	12.50	2.00
C. A. Pence	OD	31	.....	.....	3.50	3.50	2.25
*Elizabeth Stack	BTS	58	.....	19.00	.....	19.00	.....
Lois Stack	BTS	30	.....	5.00	2.75	7.75	.....
G. R. Starr	HW	29	2	7.00	2.00	9.00	.....
*Lucille Wallace	BTS	58	.....	20.00	.....	20.00	.....
Total		270	2	65.25	26.75	92.00	16.75

KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, *Field Missionary Secretary*

Tennys Ingram	BR	8	.....	.....	.25	.25	1.25
J. T. North	BC	48	4	36.00	7.50	43.50	.....
G. D. Raff	Mag.	17	.....	.....	8.90	8.90	.....
T. R. Torkelson	BR	106	4	18.00	1.50	19.50	141.95
L. W. Welch	BR	37	.....	.....	4.50	4.50	196.05
Total		216	8	54.00	26.65	80.65	339.25

Grand Totals		1826	257	1121.75	620.46	1742.21	634.88
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\*Two weeks.

Ute church on the afternoon of Sept. 23, and she was laid to rest, to come forth, we trust, "When the Lord shall claim his own."  
E. L. SHELDON.

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FOR RENT.—To family desiring school privileges, a three-room house, quarter mile from good S. D. A. tenth grade school. Filtered cistern, some down wood with plenty to cut on shares. \$4.00 per month until close of school in May. Mrs. Anna Wilson, Route 2, Rogersville, Mo. 32

FOR SALE.—Excellent lignite coal. Can ship in carload lot for \$1.70 per ton, f. o. b. Havelock, N. Dak. A. H. Indergard, New England, N. Dak. 32

FOR SALE.—Well improved 320 acre grain and stock farm at \$32 per acre. A. W. Christensen, Oakes, N. Dak. 32-3

NEBRASKA SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL, 1509 South 23, Lincoln, Nebr. Fully equipped treatment rooms. Sulphur steam baths. A. B. Dunn, M. D. 32-45

WANTED.—Mature girl for office and treatment room work. Permanent position. 2228 Jones St., Omaha, Nebr. M. A. Kani, M. D. 32

FOR SALE.—Fifty-eight acres improved land. Half mile from highway 14. Plenty of fruit—apples, peaches, plums, grapes, etc. Good well and spring. S. D. A. church and school on land. Cash \$800. Terms \$250 down payment, balance in yearly payments \$50 each. John Borton, Ava, Mo. 32

WANTED.—S. D. A. man to work on ranch for board and small wages. Must milk cows and handle horses. Describe self. L. E. Johnson, Ringgold, Nebr. 32

WANTED.—S. D. A. girl to do common house work for room and board. Could give a little spending money. Mrs. W. V. Pimberton, Valentine, Nebr. 32

QUILT taken by mistake from Enterprise camp grounds. Owner send description. 1430 Colorado St., Manhattan, Kans. 32

WANTED.—To get in touch with Seventh-day Adventist man needing work or place to stay for winter. Corn husking commencing at once. Must be experienced and willing worker. T. R. Jewell, Weeping Water, Nebr. 32

FOR SALE.—Inter-Mountain Academy upper and lower farms, consisting of approximately 120 and 180 acres respectively, at Rulison, Colo. Two farm cottages and other buildings; chapel seats, school desks, office furniture and equipment, school and dormitory furnishings and supplies; horses, cattle, and farm implements. Also small building and lot and office equipment at Grand Junction, Colo. If interested in bargains, correspond with Elder B. M. Grandy, 122 South 8th St., Grand Junction, Colo.

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### Union College Campus Notes

THE Missionary Volunteers have organized for active work, the different bands having met at the chapel hour Friday for organization. We are pleased to see a spirit of earnestness permeating the school, which bespeaks spiritual success to Union.

While a number of college students have been working in the church singing bands, the college bands were not organized until last week and have only spent an hour at work. We expect a good report of their work soon.

The Welsh Imperial Singers will give the first number of the college lyceum course on the evening of October 22. This is one of the very finest ensembles of male voices, and we are more than pleased to have been able to secure this excellent attraction.

Our next campus project is to be a rose garden, and we should greatly appreciate slips and small bushes from your own roses. Please send to Miss Pearl L. Rees, North Hall, Union College, Lincoln, Nebr.

Elder A. V. Edwards and family, from Helderberg College, South Africa, visited us October 1-3. We appreciated the excellent talks and the visit of these good missionaries. They brought greetings from Professor Milton Robison, former director of the department of education in Union College, now president of our college in South Africa.

Thursday, October 13, is to be Harvest Ingathering day at Union. At this time school will be dismissed, and at an early hour twenty-five or thirty automobile loads of students will be hurrying from the college in every direction to solicit for missions and leave a message of good cheer in many a home. We earnestly ask for your prayers as we take up this work.

The death of Mrs. J. H. Morrison occurred at the home of her son, Professor H. A. Morrison, in Washington D. C., on October 5. After funeral services in Washington, the remains were brought

here and interment was made in Wyuka Cemetery, where a short service was held at the grave at 2:30 Monday afternoon. Professor Morrison and his sister, Mrs. V. J. Johns, accompanied the body. We extend most sincere sympathy to these sorrowing friends.

### Progress of the Literature Ministry in the Central Union

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the screen to a very dignified old lady, and practically given up hope. Then after pausing a minute, he spoke again of our hope for the literal and soon coming of the Saviour. The lady suddenly exclaimed, "If that is the kind of book you have, it will make a good birthday present for my husband." She paid three dollars down.

One colporteur says he prayed in the morning that Friday might be a good day. When he came in at noon, he had made five calls with a sale at each place; and learned that Elder Griffin, with whom he was staying, had also prayed in the



morning that that day would be a good one for him. In the afternoon he went out and just repeated the morning's experience. Prayer does change things.

Another colporteur says the week ran along until Friday, and he had made very little progress. He sought the Lord in a very special way Thursday night and Friday morning. As a result, he took orders to the value of over twice as much as all the four preceding days put together.

The accompanying picture of Elder Meyers and two of his colporteurs, Brother Dick and Brother Torkelson, had these words written on the back of it: "Ready to lower the plow-shares into the fallow ground of Kansas. We believe in the work we are doing and in the firm we are working for. In God we trust."

In a union of nine conferences there is no time for breathing spells, so one must learn to catch things on the run. Since August 28 we have followed out itineraries in four states, held two rallies, and one seven-day institute. In Wyoming it was almost a day and night program for ten days. Many in the churches who had

missed the way were encouraged to return to the "old paths where is the good way, and walk therein." If you could have seen the joy and happiness registered on the faces of those who returned to the "good way," it would be easier to believe Jeremiah when he says by so doing "Ye shall find rest for your souls."

At the institute in Cheyenne fourteen set their goals in hours ranging from thirty-five to forty-five a week. They left the institute "with a heart set to gather them in," believing that "sales means souls." This same experience was repeated in Colorado, except only a rally was held there. Not a few are laying plans to enter the work soon, and the regular colporteurs left the rally determined to carry the work forward.

This was followed by a very profitable rally at Springfield, Mo. More than twenty colporteurs attended. Many of them said it was the best rally they ever attended. Also many of the church members acknowledged that they found the way to Christ again. All resolved before leaving the rally that they would be more faithful in service. Following this, Brother Knecht and I spent five days together in Iowa visiting the churches at Exira, Council Bluffs, and Hawarden. Our last service was for those who filled the church at Hawarden Sunday night. About one-half of the people present were not of our faith. Some of them took their stand for Christ and this message for the first time. A real interest on the part of a few was manifested in helping to finish the work of the literature ministry. All over the Central Union a great interest is being shown in the distribution of the printed page. We expect our winter institutes to be well attended. We are praying the "Lord of the harvest to send forth reapers." If you hear the still small voice, do not fail to heed its call. We hope you will join us in prayer for the speedy finishing of the work.

D. E. COLLINS.

### Central Union Winter Institutes

THE suggestive dates for the joint colporteur institutes in the Central Union Conference are as follows: Kansas and Missouri, Dec. 25, 1932, to Jan. 8, 1933; Colorado and Wyoming, Jan. 8, 1933, to Jan. 22, 1933; Iowa and Nebraska, Jan. 22, 1933, to Feb. 5, 1933; Minnesota, Feb. 5, 1933, to Feb. 19, 1933; North and South Dakota, Feb. 19, 1933, to Mar. 5, 1933. The dates for the eight school institutes will be given later.

Write the field secretary of your conference and make arrangements to be with us.

D. E. COLLINS.