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Gifts at Christmas Time

ONE of the most pleasant memories of our youth is the joyous anticipation of Christmas with a new supply of books for the family table which it invariably brought. The other modest presents were properly enjoyed, but the lasting thrill was provided by the books which helped to make the long winter evenings rich with enjoyment. Every member of the family received his or her quota of books, and by means of interchange all would read through the family supply. Those were the days when the evening hours were the time for the family conclave; with the members of the household grouped about at various vantage places and representing various ideas of comfortable posture,—and each one with a book. But indications are that today the book-reading habit is on the wane.

In the *Review and Herald* of December 11, 1879, Mrs. E. G. White wrote the following regarding the importance of presenting books as Christmas gifts:

"There are many who have not books and publications upon present truth. Here is a large field where money can be safely invested. There are large numbers of little ones who should be supplied with reading. The 'Sunshine Series,' 'Golden Grain Series,' 'Poems,' 'Sabbath Readings,' etc., are all precious books, and may safely be introduced into every family. The many trifles usually spent in candies and useless toys, may be treasured up with which to buy these volumes.

"Children need proper reading which will afford amusement and recreation, and not demoralize the mind or weary the body. If they are taught to love romance and newspaper tales, instructive books and papers will become distasteful to them. Most children and young people will have reading matter; and if it is not selected for them, they will select it for themselves. They can find a ruinous quality of reading anywhere, and they soon learn to love it; but if pure and good reading is furnished them, they will cultivate a taste for that."

The re-establishment of the book-reading habit deserves every stimulus that we can supply. We can help in building up a healthy cultural and spiritual background for our children and young people

by putting our books at the head when making up our gift lists. In order to encourage our young people to read the right kind of literature Reading Courses are selected from year to year, and the books making up these courses will be found most ideal for Christmas and New Year's gifts. The books for 1933 are as follows:

Senior	
"In the High Andes"	\$1.25
"Jean's Victory"	1.25
"Facing North"	1.50
"Our Presidents"	1.00
Course price, postpaid, \$4.15	

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No. Dakota Conference

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Week of Prayer

ANOTHER year has passed. The coming of the Lord is nearer now than it was when we believed. Sin is prevalent on every hand. Wickedness abounds, but in the midst of it all, the dear Lord is preparing a people to see Him without sin. We are living in the day of His preparation. The judgment scene is on. Characters are formed for eternity. The Lord has been gracious to His people. In spite of the depression, sorrow, grief, and perplexity, none of God's people in North Dakota have suffered hunger nor starvation. The ear of the Lord is inclined unto the prayers of His people. He bids us to come and ask in faith and He will not disappoint us.

The Week of Prayer is right upon us. The official date is December 10 to 17. The message of Joel should be heeded in every church: "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children. . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

During the time appointed for prayer and supplication, let us take heed of the message given by the Lord: "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." If there is sin in anyone's heart, let him put it aside by the grace of God and purify his life through obeying the truth. The apostle James says, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." God's people stand in need of spiritual healing. I trust that the annual feast prepared for God's people shall find us all at the throne of grace laying aside sin, making confessions where necessary, forgiving one another and ceasing to criticize God's people and His cause. God will have a pure church. His members are sanctified and cleansed with the washing of water by the Lord.

It will be impossible for us to provide each church and company with ministerial help. Therefore we appeal to the people to get together and unitedly seek God for a cleansing that will enable them to face the Lord when He comes to gather His saints. The message of the prophet Jeremiah reads, "Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Let us come back to the old ways, serving the Lord in simplicity of faith and walking humbly before Him, practicing love and kindness towards the brethren and our fellow men.

We hope and trust that this week of prayer shall find every child of God praying with the Psalmist, "Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." This Week of Prayer will be just what we make it. God stands ready to bless, to forgive, and to sanctify us. The truth has not lost its power. The gospel still is the power of God unto every one that believeth. In faith and confidence, let us look unto our heavenly Father who stands ready and prepared to shower upon us blessings and mercies for the solemn and important time in which we live.

E. H. OSWALD.

North Dakota Items

Two of the church conventions that were planned have been held. One was at Streeter over the week-end of November 12, which was conducted by Elder Oswald, Elder Scherr, and Elder S. T. Shadel, home missionary secretary of the Central Union Conference. All the meetings were well attended. The following week-end a series of meetings was held at New Home, conducted by Elder Oswald, Elder Scherr, and Elder J. J. Reising, the secretary of the department of miscellaneous languages of the General Conference. Over the week-end of November 26, meetings are planned to be held at the Lincoln Valley church, which are to be conducted by the same group of men that conducted the New Home convention.

A letter received from Brother R. R. Bietz, who is holding a series of meetings at Mandan, informs us that one family has definitely decided to take their stand for the truth. Others are interested, and it is hoped that several families will take their stand before the effort closes.

Do you know that one dollar will pay for an eight months' subscription to the *Youth's Instructor*, if sent in before December 31, 1932? This price applies to new subscriptions and renewals. If you are getting the paper now, you may send in a dollar and have your subscription extended eight months. An eight months' subscription to the *Youth's Instructor* would make a splendid gift to some young person.

Brother Christ Lang was a caller at the office one day last week. He informs us that Elder W. B. Ochs held two meetings at Cleveland, which were well attended by our people as well as people not of our faith.

Quite often requests are received for some of our papers to be used for missionary purposes. A letter received from the publishers informs us that back copies of *Life and Health* may be had for one cent a copy and the *Liberty* for two cents a copy. This is a very low price for these splendid magazines and the articles in them are as good as ever, so we trust that there may be quite a few orders come in for these magazines.

Complete sets of the "Testimonies" or sets of the "Conflict of the Ages" series may be bought between now and December 31 at a 25 per cent discount. This is an exceptionally low price, and we hope those of our people who do not have these sets will avail themselves of this opportunity to obtain the same at a low cost.

Kansas Conference

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Progress of the Work

I HAVE just finished a very interesting, and I believe also a very profitable trip through the western part of the state. Elder Frederick Lee, who is on furlough from the China field, has been with us for about ten days. His visit has been greatly appreciated. I wish it had been possible for every believer in the state of Kansas to listen to the interesting experiences of this missionary, but because his time was limited we were able to visit only a few centers.

He began his itinerary at Kansas City and finished his work in our field in a general meeting at Bison, visiting eleven centers and churches in the state. From this point he went on to Boulder, and I visited other churches, including Turon, where Mrs. Wiest and I assisted the believers in the Harvest Ingathering. We were glad to receive the favorable response of those whom we have had opportunity to see from year to year.

We then made our way to Spivey and visited with the church Friday night and Sabbath morning. In the afternoon we had a meeting at Medicine Lodge. From this point we visited isolated believers on our way back to Topeka.

I am greatly pleased to note the spirit of loyalty and courage among our people, and the sincere desire for getting right with the Lord. The conditions of the present day create an awakening among a goodly number that we are rapidly drawing to the climax of this world's history. This is also more fully realized when we listen to the reports brought directly from the mission fields. The text of Matthew 24:14 says that this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached for a witness to all nations, and then the end will come. When we hear a report as has been given by Elder Lee, who has informed us that there is a living witness in every province throughout China, we can but feel that we are drawing near the end of the fulfilment of the above text. Twenty-three years ago we operated in but three provinces. Thus in the last twenty years a wonderful progress and change has come to pass in this division.

I find that people have confidence in Seventh-day Adventists handling the mission money. One prominent business man told me in the presence of others that he believed Seventh-day Adventists are the best qualified people to carry forth the mission program, and that money given

in their hands will be well used. Another leading business man standing by gave assent to this expression. Another man in this same town thought that we were a bit late in our Harvest Ingathering, and felt that perhaps we passed him by, but rejoiced to see me come into his store. He said as he opened up the Harvest Ingathering conversation never to pass him by in our Harvest Ingathering work, and he handed me over a \$5.00 bill.

So I might go on with other experiences, but there are people scattered everywhere who have faith and confidence in the work Seventh-day Adventists are carrying on. These days which we are facing afford us great opportunity to talk with the people and turn their attention to the coming of Christ.

C. S. WIEST.

Galena Membership Doubled

TWELVE more new Sabbath-keepers were baptized on Sabbath afternoon of November 12, and on the Saturday night following, which marked the closing service of the series of meetings conducted by Elder R. E. Griffin and his company in Galena, they were received into church fellowship.

As a result of these ten weeks' meetings, in all there were forty-five baptisms. Several baptized will join near-by churches. But of those baptized, together with others who joined on profession of faith, there is a total of forty-six new Sabbath-keepers who have been added to the Galena church. This more than doubles its former membership, which is the cause of great rejoicing to all concerned, particularly to Brother J. S. Tindall, a merchant layman of Galena, who is financially largely responsible for this splendid series of meetings, defraying all expenses connected therewith, except the salaries of workers under conference direction. His example is well worthy of imitation of others who are able to make

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possible similar efforts for the salvation of souls. He says he plans to do the same thing over again next year if arrangements can be made.

Financially, conferences cannot now do all they would like in evangelistic efforts. Possibly the time has come when many of our church membership will, like Brother Tindall, rally and make possible the fulfillment of that timely statement in the Spirit of Prophecy, Volume 9, page 117, which says, "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." There is still considerable interest, and a few others are keeping the Sabbath who have not yet united with the church.

After a short visit and rest among relatives in his native Southland, Elder Griffin and family will return to Galena for a three-day week-end meeting, which will be held in the hall the first door north of the post office. The date for these meetings will be December 2, 3, and 4. Those living near by are cordially invited to attend. Elder Griffin will then go on to Kansas City, where he will again resume his duties as pastor of the Kansas City, Kans., church.

Brother W. F. Surber, who has given much valuable service during the entire effort, both as a personal worker and Bible worker, plans to leave November 23 for Thayer, Kans. After visiting the church at Thayer, he will take time to visit several other churches on his way to his home in Wichita.

For some time the writer will give his attention largely to the Galena church. He will hold meetings on Sunday, Wednesday, and Friday nights, and do all possible to establish the new Sabbath-keepers and to foster the interest that has been aroused. Kindly remember the work here in your prayers.

F. C. CLARK.

Kansas Notes

ELDER E. H. MEYERS, our field missionary secretary, has been assisting Brother W. J. Morris in the colporteur work here in Topeka. They have met with fair success.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nies and Virginia left Topeka Wednesday noon for Turon, where they spent Thanksgiving Day with their aunt, Mrs. Rose Nies, and cousins. They returned Sunday.

We have received word from the publishers that they have back numbers of *Life and Health* and *Liberty*. They are offering *Life and Health* at one cent a

copy and *Liberty* at two cents a copy. These prices are good as long as the present stock lasts.

Elder C. S. Wiest met with the Topeka colored church Sabbath, November 26.

Misses Ruth Wiest and Mildred Shannon, who are attending Union College, and Miss Martha Doris MacElvain, who is employed as a critic teacher there, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with their parents in Topeka.

We received another nice order of books from Theodore Torkelson for his December 5 delivery.

Brother A. M. Ragsdale visited the Kansas City church school Wednesday, November 23. Mrs. Ragsdale and Mary Lou accompanied him. They spent Thanksgiving Day in Clinton, Mo., and returned to Kansas City, Mo., for the Kansas-Missouri Missionary Volunteer convention, November 25 and 26. Brother Ragsdale and Elder Gordon Smith went from there to Enterprise Academy for a meeting Sunday evening, and were in Topeka Monday evening.

Iowa Conference

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Rejoicing in Heaven

"LIKEWISE, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." Luke 15:10. By this we can see that the heavenly universe is greatly concerned and interested in fallen man and in each one individually, for the Lord has told us the very hairs of our head are all numbered. Should not we, His sons and daughters, be just as concerned regarding the upbuilding of His kingdom, for we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ? Therefore there rests upon us an equal responsibility for the finishing of His work.

I wish you could have witnessed the heavenly joy in the face of one of our newly baptized members. One of our conference workers handed me her name sometime ago, thinking she would be interested in the evangelistic colporteur work. When I explained the work to her, she said, "Oh, I would like to do that." And think of it; for twelve years she has followed Christian Science very closely, but now is redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. How? One of our colporteurs passed her way this spring, sold her two small books, invited her to the meeting being held, and today she rejoices in this grand third angel's message. Did it

pay? I am thoroughly convinced it did, and could you see her, hear her story, witness the joy and satisfaction expressed, there would come an overwhelming desire in your heart to go out into the highways and byways and compel them to come in, for such is the commission of God, given to each one of us.

One colporteur writes under date of August 3, 1932: "Mrs. ——— is now ready to be baptized." Dear readers, if you have never brought a soul to Jesus, you cannot begin to understand the joy that comes in soul winning. Would you not like to join with these workers for the finishing of God's work? Do not delay. Tomorrow may be too late. The Master is soon to say, "It is finished," and lay off His priestly robe. Then the heavens will blaze with the glory of God. Men will be crying for the rocks and mountains to fall upon them and hide them from the face of Him that sitteth upon the throne. Others with agonizing voices will point to those who have known the truth, crying, "Oh, why didn't you tell us; you knew it was coming." Dear brother, sister, what will your answer be in that great day?

Our institute date is January 12-21, ten days of training. Plan to be with us. For particulars, write the undersigned at 734 Main St., Nevada, Iowa.

L. P. KNECKT.

How Cedar Rapids Went Over

First of all we in Cedar Rapids expected to do it, planned to do it, and instead of putting it off, never let up until we "put it over." We anticipated it would be much harder this year than last year, but the lions in the way did not deter us from going right on, cheerfully, prayerfully, and hopefully, making more contacts, working more surrounding towns, and receiving many more smaller offerings than in 1931.

In addition to that splendid "holding the ropes" chart for the local church, we used the bands' goal chart, and the individual check-up chart. Eighty per cent of our members took part. The 20 per cent included mostly the aged, infirm, and non-resident. Several in training for baptism took an active part in the singing band.

The business sections of Cedar Rapids, Marion, and Anamosa were properly and mutually assigned and promptly worked. Two automobile loads visited numerous other towns and tactfully combed the business sections.

Among the larger donations was a \$50 check, four \$10 ones, and twelve \$5.00 bills. An invalid solicited by telephone and received a check for \$5.00. Dollar

bills, halves, quarters, dimes, nickels, and numerous pennies played their part in the finals. The singing band brought in over \$160, which was more than last year during the same period of time, in spite of depression, which minus the *de* and *i* spells *press on*.

The six weeks' campaign is over, but 1932 closes December 31. So let us *press on* in such a time as this, and may every believer still take some active part in "the help of the Lord against the mighty."
STEMPLE WHITE.

Iowa Notes

ELDER L. E. CHRISTMAN, of the General Conference office, spoke at the Nevada church on Sunday night, November 20. He spoke of the times and their meaning, of a soon finished work, and our responsibility at this time.

Elder Gordon Smith, of the Central Union office, was in Nevada the evening of November 23, and was associated with Elder J. C. Nixon in conducting the investiture service at the Oak Park Academy chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Howe came to Nevada from Mt. Pleasant, where a series of meetings is being held, to be present at the Missionary Volunteer special service held on Tuesday evening of last week.

Miss Gladys Searle, of the conference office, spent Thanksgiving and the week-end with her parents at St. Paul, Minn.

G. A. Nystrom, conference secretary-treasurer, was again at his work at the office last week, after spending ten days at the sanitarium, where he made excellent recovery from a surgical operation.

Miss Alice LaBonte, of the conference office, spent the Thanksgiving week-end with her aunt, Mrs. L. C. Christofferson and other relatives at Council Bluffs.

Colorado Conference

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Special Offer on "Youth's Instructor"

THE board of directors of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, which publishes the *Youth's Instructor*, have decided to renew their special offer of eight months' Subscription to the *Instructor* for \$1.00. The readers of the REAPER will recall that this offer was in force sometime ago for a limited time. It has been renewed and will be in effect from now un-

til the end of 1932. Any of our readers desiring to avail themselves of this special offer may send \$1.00 to the Book and Bible House and their subscription will be entered for eight months if a new subscription, or will be extended for eight months if a renewal. We hope that many of our readers will take advantage of this special offer.

COLORADO BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE.

Colorado Western Slope Notes

ELDER NETHERY and Elder Charles Thompson recently made a flying visit to the Western Slope. They spoke Sabbath, November 19, in Grand Junction, Palisade, and Rulison. Their visit and messages were greatly appreciated.

Sale bills are out announcing the public sale at the Inter-Mountain Academy farm, November 29. While much of the school property has been sold at private sales, there still remain many articles to be disposed of. Several inquiries have come regarding the farms and buildings, but as yet they have not been sold.

Some much needed improvements have recently been made on the Grand Junction church. From two to eight men have worked almost continuously for four weeks. Two of the most faithful workers are not members of the church. The sisters in the church have prepared the dinners for the workers. As a result of this work, extensive repairs have been made on the roof. The church has been painted both inside and out, also repapered. One hundred of the chapel seats from the academy have been purchased and installed. The church yard has been graded and covered with Redlands gravel. About \$250 in money has been expended, most of which has been provided for.

Among the teachers who recently attended the public school institute at Grand Junction were a number of Adventist teachers. These were Professor Westermeyer and Professor Knowlton, of Silverton; Mrs. Ples. Watson, of Montrose; and the Misses Esteline, Helen, and Beatrice Lude, of Colbran.

Elder B. M. Grandy recently suffered two falls, the first while helping to shingle the Grand Junction church, when he dislocated his left shoulder; the other occurred three weeks later at the academy, when his right shoulder was dislocated. Elder Grandy is painfully anxious that no more such accidents occur.

The supply of books formerly carried by the Inter-Mountain Conference was purchased by the Wyoming Mission. F. H. McNeil, our former secretary-treasurer, came after the books by truck. He made the round trip in three days, so his

visit in Grand Junction with old friends was rather brief.

All pledges made at the Inter-Mountain camp meeting should be paid to the Colorado Conference office direct, or through the church treasurers.

Colorado Items

SPECIAL NOTICE: All our people in Colorado who have occasion to write to the conference office or the Book and Bible House should take note that the office address is now 1081 Marion Street, Denver, Colo., instead of 1112 Kalamth Street.

We have moved into our new location, and are almost through with the straightening process. Business will soon be resumed as usual. We appreciate the patience of those of our people who have had orders delayed due to the confusion of the moving of the office and stock of books.

Elder Charles Thompson is spending some time in the Colorado Conference. We were glad to have him spend the last week-end in Denver. Following that, he and Elder Nethery spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Grand Junction, Palisade, Rulison, and Canon City churches. Elder Thompson is now at La Junta, conducting meetings.

A very splendid program was given by the teachers and students of the Denver Junior Academy Tuesday night, November 22. Plays and songs depicting the spirit of Thanksgiving were very nicely rendered.

Elder Pingenot has been spending a few days with the La Junta church. He is also visiting the churches at Rocky Ford and Pueblo.

Professor Mathews is just recovering from an attack of the "flu."

Elder Meiklejohn conducted the Week of Prayer services at Campion Academy, November 12 to 19.

Mr. Shakespeare just returned from Boulder, where he has been working with the colporteurs of that place. He will be leaving soon for the bookmen's convention in California.

Minnesota Conference

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Getting Ready

UGHT we to make ready for the Week of Prayer, or is there nothing we can do? Is prayer and its benefits entire-

ly spontaneous? We take hours to make material preparation for an approaching camp meeting; we mend and prepare our clothes; we make a list of the things we will need in our tents, and carefully collect these items in one place; the grounds are groomed and accommodations made ready for the event. Perhaps we give too much attention to our material needs for such occasions, and leave the more weighty things to inspirational chance, a course which may prove to be a costly mistake.

Ought we to prepare for the Week of Prayer? Can we? Can we draw closer to God in the days previous or must the first half of the week be taken to make the necessary mental adjustments? Can we give thought to our inspirational needs, draw near to God and cleanse the King's highway for that special season when we shall give careful study to our soul's needs? If the Week of Prayer is to mean more to us than the reading of or hearing read some good articles from the *Review*, or the mechanical routine of going to church every night, we will have to give thought to preparation. If this approaching season, December 10-17, is to mean much to us, we must prepare. Let us cleanse the neglected corners of our hearts, make confession to God and man, and thus not only make ready for the Week of Prayer, but for the great judgment day which will soon follow.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Minnesota Week of Prayer Schedule

L. S. MELENDY: December 9, Morgan, 7:30; December 10, Morgan, 11:00; December 11, Pipestone, 2:00; December 12, Avoca, 10:30; December 13, Worthington, 3:00; December 14, Sherburn, 7:30; December 15, Fairmont, 10:30; December 15, Wells, 7:30; December 16, Albert Lea; December 17, Wells, A. M.

T. F. WIJK: December 10, Minneapolis Swedish; December 10, 11, Rock Creek; December 12, 13, Braham; December 14, 15, Grandy; December 16, 17, Minneapolis Swedish.

H. M. HIATT: December 10, St. Cloud; December 11, Bethel and Anoka; December 12, Dodge Center; December 13, Dodge Center; December 14, Rochester; December 15, Faribault; December 16, Faribault; December 17, Princeton and Anoka.

B. C. MARSHALL: December 10, Mora, Sabbath A. M.; December 10, Hinckley, Sabbath P. M.; December 11, Sunnybrook, Sunday P. M.; December 17, Stillwater.

W. B. PONTYNYEN: December 10, Hib-

bing; December 10, Blackberry; December 11, Deer River; December 11, Remer; December 12, Hibbing; December 13, Bear River; December 13, Chisholm; December 14, Virginia; December 15, Virginia; December 15, Tower; December 16, International Falls; December 17, Little Fork; December 17, International Falls.

M. H. ODEGAARD: December 17, St. Cloud.

AUGUST ANDERSON: December 10, Duluth Scandinavian, 10:00; December 10, Duluth English, 11:15; December 10, Moose Lake, 3:00 P. M.; December 11, Bruno, 11:00 A. M.; December 11, Duluth Scandinavian, 3:00 P. M.; December 12, Duluth English, 8:00 P. M.; December 12, Wright, 3:00 P. M.; December 13, Mahtowa, 8:00 P. M.; December 13, Duluth Scandinavian, 7:30; December 14, Duluth English, 8:00; December 15, Duluth Scandinavian, 7:30; December 16, Duluth English, 8:00; December 17, Duluth Scandinavian, 10:00; December 17, Duluth English, 11:15; December 17, Mahtowa, 3:00.

C. EDWARDSON: December 10, Litchfield, A. M.; December 10, Willmar, 2:00 P. M.; December 11, Willmar, 2:00 P. M.; December 12, Gilchrist, 7:45; December 13, Gilchrist, 7:45; December 14, Glenwood, 2:00 P. M.; December 15, Artichoke, To be set; December 16, Artichoke; December 17, Artichoke.

VARNER J. JOHNS: Minneapolis English.

H. L. HALSWICK: December 10, Minneapolis, A. M.; December 10, St. Paul, P. M.; December 11, Minneapolis; December 12, St. Paul; December 12, Minneapolis; December 13, Minneapolis; December 14, St. Paul; December 14, Minneapolis; December 15, Minneapolis; December 16, Bath; December 17, Owatonna; December 17, Faribault.

J. L. TUCKER: December 9, 10, Winona; December 11-13, St. Paul English; December 14, Stillwater; December 15-17, St. Paul English.

A. A. DIRKSEN: December 10, Detroit Lakes, 10:00 A. M.; December 10, Lake Eunice, 12:00 A. M.; December 11, Lake Eunice, 11:00 A. M.; December 11, Detroit Lakes, 2:00 P. M.; December 12, Richville; December 13, New York Mills; December 14, Wadena; December 15, Eagle Bend; December 16, Hewitt; December 17, Staples.

CHAS. THOMPSON: December 10, St. Paul English; December 11, Stillwater; December 12, St. Paul English; December 13, Minneapolis English; December 14, Anoka; December 15, Minneapolis English; December 16, Minneapolis Danish-Norwegian; December 17, Minneapolis Danish-Norwegian.

HENRY PETERSON: December 10, Donaldson, A. M.; December 10, Roseau, P. M.; December 11, Williams; December 12, Worroad; December 13, Warren; December 14-17, Gatzke.

THOMAS DOKKEN: December 10, Middle River; December 10, Gatzke; December 11, Gatzke; December 15-17, Red Lake Falls.

A. J. HAYSMER: December 10, Barnesville; December 11, Barnesville; December 12, Fergus Falls; December 13, Fergus Falls; December 14, Sauk Centre; December 15, Glenwood; December 16, Grey Eagle, 1:30; December 16, Sauk Centre, 8:00; December 17, Sauk Centre.

M. E. HAGEN: December 10, Anoka; December 17, Maple Plain.

Maplewood News Notes

THE ten honored students who received the highest grades for the first six weeks period of school work were: Alice Croak, Gertrude Jepson, Luana Guy, Nina Dahl, Vernice Peterson, Orvel Hanson, Eunice Kelly, Elmer Martinson, Lorraine Pettit, and Dwayne Johnson.

Saturday evening, November 5, Doctor Martinson gave an instructive talk in chapel on "The Dangers of the Tobacco Habit." His talk was illustrated by a number of interesting reels of film.

Mr. W. A. Scott, who has been a missionary in India and who is now on his way to China to take up the printing work there, was here Sabbath, November 12, and spoke at the Missionary Volunteer meeting.

Brother M. H. Odegaard and Brother D. E. Collins, literature evangelists, were here last Monday, November 14. Brother Collins spoke to the student body during the chapel period on "The Call of God."

Thanksgiving vacation and skating time are both here. Both make this a joyful season for Maplewood students. The river furnishes ice now, but expect soon to be able to use the rink on the academy campus, thanks to the Wooden Club. We do have happy times at Maplewood all the time, and we do wish that you, prospective student, wherever you are, could be here with us.

THE AMERICAN HISTORY CLASS.

ON the evening of November 7, at the home of Christ Johnson, Mankato, Minn., were gathered many relatives and friends to witness the marriage of Mr. William Nelson, of St. Peter, Minn., and Miss Florence Johnson, daughter of Christ Johnson. Elder O. W. Wolfe read the marriage lines. We wish the couple a happy life together.

Missouri Conference

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St. Louis Berean Meetings

NOVEMBER 17 to 20 was a time of a great spiritual feast in the St. Louis Berean church. It was the first general meeting in this church since the arrival of the new pastor, Brother C. E. Moseley, Elders Piper, Smith, Allison, and Shadel, of the union; Elders Hartwell, Oss, and Brother Campbell from the conference, and Professor Peterson from the General Conference, and Brother Ford from Hinsdale gave very timely counsel and instruction.

At the close of the regular session, after the various branches of our work had been considered, a special program was given by the sisters of the church on Sunday night, with a good attendance. Several remarked that the meetings have been a great blessing to the church, and the members are of good courage.

Missouri Notes

A VERY interesting and profitable Missionary Volunteer convention was held in St. Louis, November 19 and 20, in the Central church. Elder Gordon H. Smith and our local conference secretary, Elder Melvin Oss, were in charge. The South Side and Beacon Light churches were also invited. The importance of the youth for youth and Progressive Junior movements was emphasized.

The young people of the St. Louis churches are planning on starting out the new year in the right way. Already they are making plans to cooperate with the pastor, Elder W. K. Smith, in reclaiming members who have ceased coming to church. They plan to review the church records for the last ten years in order to ascertain the names of those in need of help.

Have you read "Master Men," by Elder Robert Bruce Thurber? It is one of the best gift books ever published. It is an intensely interesting, inspirational work on character building. Several Bible characters are considered, showing their weak points, as compared with the symmetrical Jesus Christ. Every reader, both young and old, will be uplifted by reading this book. It contains 134 pages, silk marker, and is packed in a dainty box. Special holiday price, postpaid \$1.18. Order one today from Missouri Book and Bible House.

Helping One Another

A HARD winter faces many people. Among them are some of our own. We can help. In most homes are garments, shoes, etc., that have been outgrown or for some reason are not in use. Let us take an inventory of what we have and see if there is not something that can be spared for some one in need, and then send it to the office at Watertown. We will endeavor to distribute it properly.

These clothes should be clean and, if possible, in repair. The sisters of the Watertown church will help with this. Address all correspondence to Brother Schlotthauer so there will be no delay. If anything can be spared for children and others that are actually suffering from cold, do it today.

Some who read these lines may be in need of help; and they should write to Brother Schlotthauer, stating matters, giving ages, sizes, etc. Let us all help one another in these trying times to which we have come.

GORDEN OSS.

South Dakota Notes

THE workers' meeting that was held during the week ending November 19 was a successful one. Every worker expressed himself as having been helped by the discussions and round-table talks. Elder Piper was with us one day and gave us some very helpful counsel.

The new Home Missionary Calendar for 1933 is in stock. Several new features have been added this year. Every Seventh-day Adventist home should have one of these beautiful calendars. Price 25 cents, postpaid.

Our church school teachers' institute will be held at Aberdeen November 25 to 28. Elder C. W. Marsh is expected to be here, and we are sure his valuable counsel will be appreciated.

The publishers are offering a special subscription to the *Youth's Instructor* of eight months for the price of six, or \$1.00, until December 31, 1932. This offer will apply to renewals as well as to new subscribers.

Elder Oss and Brother McKinley began a series of meetings in the Colman church Friday evening, November 25.

If you wish back numbers for missionary work, you may have *Life and Health*

at one cent a copy, and the *Liberty* at two cents a copy. The messages in these papers are just as good today as when the magazines were printed. Send all orders through the conference Book and Bible House.

Brother Archie Churchill, of Doland, So. Dak., will sponsor a program of devotional music and song over radio station KGDY, of Huron, S. Dak., on December 11, at 4:15 p. m. We invite you

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From the Office Viewpoint

WE HAVE just received word from the publishers that from now until December 31 a special subscription offer is being made to the *Instructor* of eight months for \$1.00. This offer will apply to renewals as well as to new subscriptions. This special offer gives two additional months for the price of a regular six-month subscription, and should be taken advantage of by all our people.

Our special Bible is here, and everywhere it has been shown it is being received with enthusiasm. Order through your missionary secretary, who has been sent a sample copy, or send us 99 cents plus 10 cents postage and we will mail you a copy. Remember, if it is not entirely satisfactory, you have the privilege of returning it within ten days and receiving your money back.

We have sold a number of copies of "In the Amazon Jungles." This is a very interesting account of the missionary experiences of Elder Stahl in the Amazon region of South America. Why not send us your order for one at once? It will make a very fine holiday gift.

Those who do not have sets of the "Testimonies" or the "Conflict of the Ages" series in their homes should certainly take advantage of the special 25 per cent discount which is being given on these during the months of November and December. Write us for further particulars, as we have an extra special offer which we are making.

F. W. SCHNEPPER.

Obituaries

ENGBERG.—Eva Mae, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gust Engberg, of Detroit Lakes, was born August 2 and died

November 18. The loss of this their only child came as a severe blow, yet they sorrow not as they who have no hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

McLAUGHLIN.—Mrs. McLaughlin died at her home at York, Nebr., early in October, at the age of 87 years. She had been a faithful Adventist since girlhood. For the past thirteen years she had been bedfast. She was always cheerful, and expressed her faith in the blessed hope. Her son before his death had been a United States Congressman from Nebraska.

Funeral services were conducted at her home in York by the writer, assisted by Paul Porter, pastor of the United Brethren church, and J. R. Overmiller, president of the United Brethren College at York.

G. E. HUTCHES.

COVINGTON.—Martha Virginia Covington was born in Illinois, February 27, 1846, and died at her home in Minden, Nebr., Nov. 19, 1932. She has been a faithful Adventist for many years, and has been a liberal contributor to the cause. Among her gifts is the canning factory at Shelton Academy.

She leaves to mourn their loss, a son, William, and a daughter, May. Her husband preceded her in death twenty-five years ago. Funeral services were conducted at the home in Minden by the writer, assisted by Brother H. J. Welch.

G. E. HUTCHES.

PARKS.—Joseph Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Parks, was born near Kirkville, Iowa, Oct. 9, 1857. His home during all of his life was in Wapello County, Iowa. For fifty years he was a teacher in the public schools. He served three terms as county superintendent. On January 6, 1885, he was united in marriage to Minnie J. Hoyt.

In early life Brother Parks was affiliated with the Methodist church. Upon hearing the message of present truth, he accepted the same, and on Oct. 15, 1932, passed away in that faith. He leaves to mourn, his wife, two brothers, and two sisters.

Services were conducted at Ottumwa, Iowa. We laid him to rest until the summons of the Saviour.

A. L. MILLER.

HANSON.—Mrs. Bengta Hanson was born in Ramsosa, Sweden, Jan. 26, 1846, and passed away in her home at Rock Creek, Minn., Nov. 13, 1932. She was united in marriage to John Hanson, of East Herrestad, Sweden, Jan. 23, 1877. In 1892 they came to Valley City, N. Dak., and remained there for just a short time, moving to Rock Creek, Minn., which was her home until her death. Mrs. Hanson was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at Rock Creek for many years. She leaves three sons to mourn.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, after which she was laid to rest by the side of her husband, who died less than three months ago.

AUG. S. ANDERSON.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 19, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	12			2.75	2.75	42.75
W. A. Burton	DR	21	10	51.50	11.00	62.50	11.50
Bennice Des Mukes	OT	28	19	95.00	.25	95.25	12.95
Marguerite Des Mukes	OT	28	18	90.00		90.00	.25
Louise Erickson	Misc.	30	1	6.00	5.00	11.00	1.25
J. L. Haddock	OD	2	1	2.50		2.50	33.50
Henry Harlow	BR	40					
W. E. Helt	PP	4			1.50	1.50	12.50
Sallie Holmes	HW	24	1	4.00	1.50	5.50	1.75
Henry L. Lane	BR	40	6	27.00	13.50	40.50	2.25
Elmer Magee	OD	8			.50	.50	26.25
Floyd Mathews	BR	45	4	21.00	2.00	23.00	
S. A. Minear	RJ	18	8	24.00		24.00	29.00
Maynard Walker	HW	21	8	10.25	4.00	14.25	1.25
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	11			5.05	5.05	5.05
Total		332	76	331.25	47.05	378.30	180.25
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
Mrs. Curtis	HW	25			16.25	16.25	16.25
Ernest Harper	HP	30	1	5.50	5.25	10.75	.25
Anna S. Hayer	HP	10			9.00	9.00	12.05
Mr. Irwin	Crisis	50			25.00	25.00	25.00
Mrs. P. M. Jenkins	BP	31			11.25	11.25	9.00
Mrs. Mae Keele	HW	15			15.00	15.00	15.00
Mrs. S. McGrew	HW	25	2	8.50	10.00	18.50	6.75
Ella Porterfield	Mag.	10			6.50	6.50	6.50
H. R. Prentice	BR	30	2	9.00	14.25	23.25	.50
Albert Priest	HP	27					42.50
Jacob Reuber	BPS	35			9.50	9.50	4.00
Mrs. Willett	HW	22		3.00		3.00	7.55
Misc.					37.00	37.00	37.00
Total		310	5	26.00	159.00	185.00	182.85
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
W. A. Wyman	RJ	35	5	15.00	13.75	28.75	
Carl Edwards	RJ	20	1	3.00	17.25	20.25	37.00
Elmer Cox	OD	34	4	11.00	8.00	19.00	2.50
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	27			18.00	18.00	15.00
Anna Hansen	BR	26	1	6.00	5.40	11.40	5.15
Anna Rasmussen	RJ						43.75
Elva Wilcox	OD	39	1	2.75	3.85	6.60	5.35
Mrs. A. Snovel	BR	18			6.00	6.00	.75
Total		200	12	37.75	72.25	110.00	116.25
MINNESOTA: M. H. Odegaard, Field Missionary Secretary							
B. O. Engen	GC	27			10.80	10.80	8.70
Karl A. Evenson	BR	4			24.35	24.35	19.85
Evelyn Middag	HW	8	1	1.25	1.25	2.50	
Clare Rust	Signs	20			9.86	9.86	9.86
P. M. Vixie	RJ	30	4	11.50	21.75	33.25	5.50
Total		89	5	12.75	68.01	80.76	43.91
NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary							
Abel Larson	RJ	14			.70	.70	.95
*Elizabeth Stack	BTS	16½		4.25		4.25	3.50
Elsie Stack	BTS	4		3.25		3.25	
*Lois Stack	BTS	12		9.00	.25	9.25	
Mrs. J. Tolles	BR	25					4.50
†G. R. Starr	HP	83	3	20.30		20.30	12.00
Lucille Wallace	BTS	23½		1.25		1.25	
Total		158	3	38.05	.95	39.00	20.95
Grand Total		1089	101	445.80	347.26	793.06	544.21
				*Two Weeks.			
				†Three Weeks.			

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Wyoming Teachers' Institute

IN THE Wyoming Mission a fine interest in Christian education has been evident for many years, and schools have been successfully conducted in a number of churches, often under difficult circumstances. We are glad to report that this year is no exception. Church schools are in operation at Casper, Upton, Big Trails, Ten Sleep, and Sheridan, with two teachers in each of the two latter places. At Newcastle a home school is being conducted at Brother Stenberg's, as has been the custom for several years.

Over the week-end, November 18-21, the teachers from these schools enjoyed the privilege of an institute at the Sheridan church, where, with the union educational secretary present, three days were spent in considering ways and means of improving the efficiency of the school work. Special consideration was given to the character building and spiritual aspects of the work.

The teachers returned to their tasks with renewed enthusiasm and understanding, feeling that with God's help their work of the year would be truly successful.

Elder Purdom was present during a part of the meeting, as was also Brother McNeil, the Wyoming Mission secretary.

The teachers greatly appreciated the privileges extended by the Wyoming Mission and the kind hospitality of the members of the Sheridan church, who opened their homes to the delegates. We trust that the fine spirit prevailing in the field may continue, and that the fruits of the church school efforts may increase from year to year.

C. W. MARSH.

Maintaining the Work Where It Is Established

UNCOMFORTABLY near is the alarming fear that the shortage in mission funds will necessitate retrenchment in the mission fields. In these days our eyes are fixed upon our precious mission stations and the work that has been established in more prosperous days. Retreat from any place would be a tragedy. Think of

the result of closing up a mission station, a school, a hospital, treatment rooms, or a printing plant, or the withdrawing of our evangelist from a multitude waiting to hear of the true God and His message for this time!

In the past our hearts have thrilled to the cry for new workers and the opening up of new work. We may have lost sight of the fact that holding what we have is of far greater importance than extending the work into new places. Maintaining the work where it is will be the means of extending the work beyond where it now is, by the blessing of God. Retreating from any station is most disastrous, for in such case we lose what we have, and make natural extension impossible. In these days none should center their efforts upon expansion, while the necessity for generous support of the established work is passed by with a degree of indifference.

Let us rally to the support of our faithful brethren and sisters who are endeavoring through much sacrifice to maintain the work where they are. Our missionaries now in the various stations have the language of their field—a great asset; they have a knowledge of the people, acquired by personal contact; they have passed the period of experiment in methods of work; they have become acclimated to the country, and have adapted themselves to their environment; the chances are that they have made at least a few friends among the officials of that government; if they are suffering severe opposition or persecution, their withdrawal would mean victory for the enemies of truth.

We lose much every year in the unavoidable return of our missionaries from foreign fields. Broken in health, they come creeping back, the victims of climatic or unsanitary conditions, or perhaps of overwork or excessive nervous strain, and their places must be filled. In addition to this loss to the fields, we cannot but cry out with alarm against a still greater loss, and a still greater source of discouragement—the withdrawing of our missionaries because of an impoverished mission treasury.

What a blessed privilege is given to our Sabbath schools to sound the rally cry, clear and strong, "No Retreat from Mission Fields." By every possible means Sabbath school members should endeavor to "make good" on Sabbath school goals. Our obligation is great, for we have been giving more than one-half the money for missions that is given in this country. If retrenchment is made in a single instance, more than one-half the responsibility of the failure to maintain that work is at our door. How happy our Sabbath

schools should be to enable our missionaries to "hold the fort" in each location. Let us give and give again that our goals may be reached, and the crisis safely met.

L. FLORA PLUMMER.

On the Up-Grade

WHILE we all recognize that our sales are a long ways from what we would like to see them, yet there is a very encouraging feature that I wish to call attention to. This is the third consecutive month that the Central Union is able to show an actual gain in sales from the Branch office. The figures are as follows:

	1931	1932	Gain
September	\$7185.00	\$8406.40	\$1221.00
October	1803.23	3138.45	1335.22
November	3239.14	4063.50	824.36

Total Gain \$3,380.58

While the gains in each instance are small, yet the fact that we have been able to hold our own in spite of present economic conditions and add a gain should be a real encouragement to each one of us. To me this is an indication that not only books can be sold, but that they are being sold, and with more success than twelve months ago.

We take this opportunity to thank each one of our workers in the Central Union who has had some part in making this report possible. With renewed courage and cooperation, there is no reason why December and the year 1933 should not continue to show gains, and thus return the publishing work to the success it rightly deserves and has enjoyed during these many years.

H. W. SHERRIG.

Christmas Gifts

(Continued from page one)

Junior	
"Beautiful Joe"	\$.50
"Mary Jones and Her Bible"60
"Camping With the J. M. V.'s"	1.00
Course price, postpaid, \$1.85	
Primary	
"Bluebirds and Their Neighbors"	\$1.25
"Bedtime Stories, No. 8"25
Course price, postpaid, \$1.25	

Let us make the coming Christmas season a time for placing in the hands of our young people and children these good books. If such an effort were made and carried out on wide-spread proportions in all of our churches it would do much to provide an antidote to the moral and spiritual poison that is disseminated by the prevailing pastimes and amusements of the day.

Let us do all that we can do to win our young people for the cause of truth.

C. LESTER BOND.