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The Effort Near Mandan

Our meetings south of Mandan have been going on since October 16, and at the present time we have a definite report to give.

Although things seemed rather dark at first because of the unfavorable weather, we kept right at it in faith, believing that God had called us here for a specific purpose—to present the truth for this time.

For five weeks our meetings went on without any disturbance whatsoever. We were kept very busy with choir work, giving two and three Bible studies a day and having services in the evening. On Sunday evening, November 26, the topic, "Present Truth," was presented. God worked on the hearts of the people, and when the call was made, to a large audience, four families arose and manifested their desire to accept the truth. Another family decided the next day. We are thankful for these five families, and have faith to believe that others will accept the message later.

As I stated before, there was no opposition to our work thus far, but the manifestation of these dear people aroused the wrath of the enemy. Tuesday evening of that same week we had a happy surprise. When we stepped into the church we noticed that two Lutheran ministers and many other people who had never been there before, were present. Elder Gaede, who had joined me by this time, had the sermon for that evening, and God helped him to present it. After the service the other ministers wanted to speak, and the request was granted. The first one branded me as a "wolf," "false prophet," "thief," etc. The second one attacked the Spirit of Prophecy, reading from Canwright's book. After they were through I asked for a chance to reply, and with the Word showed to the audience who were wolves and false prophets. It was also shown to the people why the Spirit of Prophecy was attacked. (Rev. 12:17.) We stayed

at it till about 11:30, and arranged for a debate the next evening. The topic to be debated was, "Which Is the Biblical Baptism?"

The next evening the church was packed to its doors. We were glad to have Elder Oswald with us on that occasion. Although he did not enter the debate the second evening, I was glad to have him there to assist. Things moved rather slowly because the Lutheran minister spoke about the nature of man and the new birth the second evening. Not having finished the topic, we appointed the following evening to continue the subject, and on this evening the opponent requested that we allow his fellow minister to assist him. This request was granted on the condition that he would allow Elder Oswald to assist me. So we were all lined up—two on each side. We agreed to have thirty minutes each, with five minutes for rebuttal. The debate was very interesting, and toward the close took on much color which cannot be described in few words. Suffice it to say, the truth won the victory. After the debate I announced that five families want-

ed to obey the truth, and this caused no small disturbance.

Because of this demonstration by our enemies it seemed best to leave the church, and now we are continuing the meetings in the homes. Although there are many that did not accept the message, we are glad that they support us, and we believe that God will yet lead things in such a way that they, too, will accept.

We know that many of our North Dakota people have been praying especially for these meetings, and we know your prayers have been answered. We ask you to continue praying especially for those who have decided to live the truth.

We will be leaving in about a week, but are glad that Elder Gaede is here to continue instructing these people.

R. R. BIETZ.

Minnesota Conference

A. H. Rulkoetter, President

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A Two-Fold Opportunity

THE Week of Prayer brings a two-fold opportunity and responsibility; the first is the spiritual phase, the second the material. The former involves our private and public devotions wherein we give a more thorough study to our spiritual blessings and needs; we spend more time in meditation, prayer, and public devotion. In the earnestness and intensity of the former, let us not overlook the latter, for God is depending on us to support His cause and finish His work on earth. As this special season comes to a close, let us renew our covenant with Him by sacrifice in the gift of our annual offering. Before the heavenly records close for the year 1932, let us give as the obedient, faithful, loving child of God ought to give.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Austin, Winona, Faribault, St. Paul

IT WAS my privilege to visit the Austin, Winona, Faribault, and St. Paul churches recently in company with Elder

Our Offerings

"THE free-will offerings of the humble, contrite heart, He will receive, and will reward the giver with the richest blessings. He receives them as the sacrifice of grateful obedience. He requires and accepts our gold and silver as an evidence that all we have and are belongs to him. He claims and accepts the improvement of our time and of our talents, as the fruit of His love existing in our hearts. 'To obey is better than sacrifice.' Without pure love, the most expensive offering is too poor for God to accept."—*Vol. II, p. 653.*

May our offerings be acceptable to God on the last day of the Week of Prayer, and on our part may it be an evidence of our sacrifice and service to God.

J. F. PIPER.

L. E. Christman, associate secretary of the home missionary department of the General Conference. In each of these places the presence of the Spirit of God was felt and appreciated. A desire on the part of the members to dedicate their lives more fully to the finishing of the work was evident. Elder Christman's sermons were much appreciated.

In the four places just named above, we presented a budget plan whereby to provide means for a strong literature program through the year 1933. The plan is that each member pay twenty-five cents a month to the home missionary fund, this money to be used by the church to pay for a club of *Signs*, secure *Present Truth*, tracts and other literature for missionary purposes. The brethren liked and adopted the plan, and we sincerely believe it will prove a great blessing. If some members cannot pay twenty-five cents a month, they could be encouraged to pay less, ten or even five cents. Each member should now have a definite part in the giving of the message. We hope all of our churches will give thought to their needs and provide a budget to take care of the home missionary program.

We greatly appreciate the effort put forth by the churches to give to their friends and neighbors the message of a crucified, risen, and soon coming Saviour.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

Missouri Conference

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The Morning Watch

THE Chinese have a proverb, "It's the first hour of morning that gives color to all that follows."

We read in Volume I, page 55, of the pioneers who were looking for the return of the Master: "Every morning we felt that it was our first work to secure the evidence that our lives were right before God."

Sometimes during the chilly weather of winter some prefer to lie in bed as long as possible. Are you utilizing the precious moments of morning for prayer and Bible study? The Morning Watch should be observed in winter as well as in summer. Do not allow the cold weather to chill your devotion and service for God. Let the morning hour be God's hour.

MELVIN OSS.

"Prayer is the switch, so to speak, that turns on God's limitless power in our lives."

Elder Gilbert at Kansas City

FROM Friday, November 25, to Thursday, December 1, Elder F. C. Gilbert, of the General Conference, gave a series of studies on the 2,300 days. There was a good attendance each night. After hearing Elder Gilbert expound to us the importance of this prophecy, and the seriousness of this message, one cannot help sense the nearness of the end. Truly we can repeat the words as found in 1 Peter 4:7, "But the end of all things is at hand, be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." Elder Gilbert stirred our hearts when he brought out the meaning of the prophecy of the 2,300 days. Many made the remark that they have heard this subject many times, but never before had they sensed the significance and the importance of it. Elder Gilbert has certainly left a profound impression upon our minds, which shall not be forgotten.

AL COSETTA.

Missouri News Notes

ELDER MELVIN OSS visited the churches at Jefferson City and Columbia over the week-end and reports that he found all the members of good courage in God. At the former place the church election for 1933 was held. The report of the nominating committee was adopted in full unanimously. The church at this place has had nearly a hundred trucks of soil hauled on their church yard, constructed an eighty dollar side walk, and built a near wire barrier around the yard. Brother Hertel has done most of the work himself and has supervised the rest.

Some have informed us about completing reading their Bible through. Those who have finished reading it in 1932 and desire a certificate should inform the Missionary Volunteer secretary, Brother Oss. Those who are members of a Missionary Volunteer society should notify their local secretary, who will forward a list of those entitled to Bible Year certificates.

Elder F. C. Gilbert, field secretary of the General Conference, recently held a series of meetings with the Kansas City Memorial church. He spent nearly a week there, beginning Friday evening, November 25. His talks were nearly all on the sanctuary service and were very interesting and instructive. The mid-week evening attendance was good and increased each night until the close, when there was almost a Sabbath audience in size. Elder Gilbert also spoke on Sabbath afternoon to the Beacon Light church. These meetings were greatly appreciated by our people.

Brother R. G. Campbell, our conference field secretary, is attending the bookmen's convention at Mountain View, Calif., which will close the 8th of December. This is a very important meeting, and we trust that the actions taken there will result in greatly increasing the circulation of our truth-filled literature.

Brother and Sister A. M. Ragsdale and Marylou were welcome visitors to Clinton on Thanksgiving Day. They also attended the Missionary Volunteer convention that was held in the Kansas City Memorial church on Sabbath, November 26.

On Sabbath, November 26, Elder Gordon Smith met with the Kansas City Memorial church at an afternoon meeting and also in the evening in the interests of the Missionary Volunteer work. He also met with the Beacon Light church during his visit to the city. The meetings were very helpful and instructive and much appreciated, especially by the young people and their leaders.

The Training Course

ELDER MELVIN OSS, our Sabbath school secretary, has completed the 1932 Sabbath School Training Course. He says that he is expecting a large number to enrol for the 1933 course. Our isolated members who have a special interest in Sabbath school work are encouraged to join.

The course consists of the *Sabbath School Worker* articles and the excellent book, "The Making of a Teacher." A large supply of the books has just been received. The regular price is \$1.50, but we are offering it to those who take the course for only 95 cents. The price of the *Sabbath School Worker* is 90 cents. Order from the Missouri Book and Bible House.

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Interesting Items

You are invited to attend the home missionary convention to be held in College View, December 19-22. Every church worker, every minister, and all interested in the progress of the third angel's message will be greatly benefited by this meeting. It is called primarily to study with the conference home missionary secretaries for instruction and further working out of the ten-day revival meetings voted at the recent Fall Council. However, Elder Shadel is anxious to have as many representatives of our churches present as possible. If you must come to Lincoln during this month, plan to come so you can attend these meetings. This is particularly addressed to the local church elders, and the missionary secretaries.

During these times our colporteurs are not finding it easy to get along financially, and some may be inclined to get discouraged. But the experiences of Brother Starr, in Grand Island, show that the returns in souls is not suffering from the depression in any way. After working in Grand Island about a year, he would mention occasionally interested people he had met. We planned to spend some time here looking these up, and so far we have six homes in the city asking for Bible studies. The studies have been begun in some of these, and the people are very much interested. Two have been keeping the Sabbath for some time. Brother Pence, who also is selling books in Grand Island when he finds time to do so, has also some whom he has found. Surely now is the best time of all to sow the gospel seed and to spread everywhere the pages of eternal truth.

We trust that many are planning to attend the colporteur institute which will be held in the latter part of January in the Nebraska Conference. Write us at the office for further information.

Some Harvest Ingathering figures may be interesting. We do not have all the figures for November yet, but we find the cash receipts in the office for the year so far total \$7,288. Without doubt that is not all that will come in for November. This makes us an average per member of a little over \$3.00. This is very encouraging when we find that we have twelve churches that have received per member less than \$1.00. There are twelve churches also that have received in Harvest Ingathering between \$1.00 and \$2.00

per member. And there are ten churches that have received between \$2.00 and \$3.00 per member. This means that we have thirty-four out of our fifty-two churches that have received considerably less per member than the average for the whole conference. Which group is your church in, dear reader? Do not your feelings turn to God in praise for those who have so loyally led out in supporting the missionaries in the Harvest Ingathering work? Can you not still do something to swell the loud cry? It is going! Are you with it?
R. J. ROY.

District VII

DISTRICT VII in Nebraska has been severely struck this year with the draught. Many of the people with farms and also homes in town are losing all they have.

Nevertheless, I am glad to report that our people are still of good courage in the Lord, and the work is onward.

Sabbath, December 3, we had an all-day service at the McCook church, at which time eight precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

We solicit the prayers of our people for the work in this district.

M. B. BUTTERFIELD.

Kansas Conference

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Attention, Isolated Youth of Kansas

EVERY junior and youth in Adventist homes in the Kansas Conference may have the privilege of being a member of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer society. In our churches these societies are well organized. Yet there are scores of youth of Adventist parents who do not live near our churches, or who are in churches with insufficient numbers of youth to make the Missionary Volunteer organization practical. Provision has been made for a Conference Missionary Volunteer society to provide membership for every young person who is not near an active Missionary Volunteer society.

This new society, which will be made up of members all over the state of Kansas, will be known as the Kansas Missionary Volunteer Pioneer Society. The work of the society will be promoted by a periodical news letter, which will be sent out from the office the last of December.

Every junior or youth of Adventist parents is invited, yes, even urged to join

this society if there is no church society in your neighborhood. There are no fees or dues. The only membership requirement is that the applicant for membership be willing to subscribe himself to the aim, motto, and pledge of the Missionary Volunteer organization. If you wish to become a member of this new society for isolated youth, simply send your name, address, date of birth, grade in school, and state whether or not you are a baptized member of the church. Baptized youth, over sixteen years of age, may become senior members. Youth over sixteen who are not baptized may become associate members. Juniors from ten to sixteen years of age may become junior members. Who of you will become the first members? Send your application to me at the office address, Box 605, Topeka, Kans.
A. M. RAGSDALE.

Enterprise Academy

THE girls gave their annual reception Saturday evening, December 10.

For the month of October the Enterprise Academy dairy herd stood 5th in a group of twenty-nine herds in the average butter fat produced per cow.

The annual Thanksgiving Day flag hunt was won by the sophomore class.

Elder Gordon Smith and Brother A. M. Ragsdale visited at the academy, November 27 and 28.

The following persons were on the honor roll for the second six weeks period: Alice Anderson, Avery Dick, Frederick Harder, Ethel Mason, LaVona Pogue, Leslie Reeve, Eileen Rose, Fern Veniga, and Marjorie Minear. To be on the honor roll means to have gotten no grade below 90.

Plan to be at Enterprise the second semester. There will be sufficient subjects beginning and subjects that you may enter to fit your need.

Miss Barbara Myers gave the second number of the lecture course. The program consisted of readings.

Kansas Notes

BROTHER A. M. RAGSDALE, our educational, young peoples, and Sabbath school secretary, is visiting among the churches in the southeastern part of the state. Sabbath, December 10, he will spend with the Oswego church. He will also visit some of the other churches in that section during the Week of Prayer. Mrs. Ragsdale is with him on this trip.

Elder C. S. Wiest is visiting the churches during the Week of Prayer in the western part of the state. He expects to return to the office shortly after the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer.

Mr. Edwards, of Manhattan, died in one of the hospitals in Topeka Sunday, December 4. Elder A. C. Griffin had charge of the funeral on Wednesday. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Sister Edwards and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Davis, Mrs. Velma Ham, Miss Estella J. Hull, and Mrs. P. W. Schwab, of Manhattan, stopped a few minutes at our office Wednesday while in Topeka attending the funeral of Mr. Edwards.

Have you received your copy of the new Home Missionary Calendar? If not, send 25 cents to the Book and Bible House and a copy will be sent to you immediately.

The new 1933 Reading Course books are now in stock. The senior set is composed of four books, price \$4.15; junior set has three books, price \$1.85; and the primary is composed of two books, price, \$1.25. These sets contain exceptionally good books this year, and will make splendid holiday gifts for the young people and juniors.

Elder F. L. Peterson, secretary of the Negro department of the General Conference, and Elder T. H. Allison, pastor of the Kansas City colored church, met with the Topeka colored church one day last week. While here they also visited the office.

Elder T. H. Allison will spend the first part of the Week of Prayer with the Topeka colored church. The last half he will spend with the churches at Atchison and Kansas City.

Sister J. H. Thompson, of Horton, writes that she and Sister McLean have now each reached their \$10 Harvest Ingathering goal. She said they were just \$2.60 short the first of the week, but that they went out and called on a few more places and made up the full amount. We are confident that what these two sisters have done, others no doubt could have done.

Iowa Conference

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Mt. Pleasant

AVAILABLE funds for sufficient workers at present seem to present a formidable obstacle to meet the call of greater evangelism. God works in various ways, and He will help in this program. He will not foresake His own, neither will he allow efforts made for the furthering of His cause to pass by unnoticed.

In accordance with the plan for greater

efforts toward evangelism in the home field, Elder A. L. Miller and the writer joined in a two weeks' effort, November 11-27, in the Mt. Pleasant church. We found the church of a very cooperative spirit, which of course aided in all that was done. The hindrance so often stated, that a series of meetings held in one of our church buildings never gets the response that it would if held in some hall, was not so in this meeting. People came regardless of its being in our own church building. And despite the fact that two other revival meetings were going on at the beginning of our meetings, we had a fair crowd and a steady one.

We are happy to report that on Sunday night, November 27, which was the night of the last meeting, that six people took their stand to live according to the commandments given in Holy Writ. There were others who were convinced, but not ready to make their decision yet.

The members of the Mt. Pleasant church are going to keep in touch with these new believers and lead them along the way with Bible readings and such admonition as they can give. This spirit of prayerful home missionary endeavor should characterize the efforts of all our churches. Only occasionally does a worker visit Mt. Pleasant, so this effort on the part of the members is to be the stabilizing influence so necessary to those who are new in the way of life.

May this spirit of evangelism extend to the laity and throughout the ranks of our people, and great will be the harvest of souls for His kingdom.

W. A. HOWE, JR.

Office Notes

MANY are taking advantage of the special offer for the *Youth's Instructor*, eight months for \$1.00. Surely many more will want to take advantage of this offer while it lasts. Ordinarily a six months' subscription costs \$1.00. This gives you two months free. This special offer lasts only until December 31, so be sure and get your order in before that time.

We hope each family in the conference received one of our special holiday price lists. These were sent out to each family where the address was known. Look these over carefully and we are sure you will want some of these good books at the reduced holiday prices.

Do not forget the special offer on sets of "Testimonies" and "Conflict" series. The offer of 25 per cent discount on full sets of these holds good until December 31. Take advantage of this offer while they can be secured at these greatly reduced prices.

Do you observe the Morning Watch? If so be sure and order your Morning Watch calendar so as to have it on hand before January 1. We have these in the plain cover at 5 cents and the gift edition at 15 cents.

The Home Missionary Calendar is very attractive, and contains many new helpful features, including the sunset table. The price is 25 cents.

IOWA BOOK AND BIBLE HOUSE.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
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Seven Baptized

ON NOVEMBER 21 Elder Meyer arrived at Mobridge to hold a few meetings, and as the interest kept growing, we persuaded him to continue for two weeks. As a result of his efforts, on the evening of December 6 he had a baptismal service in the Baptist church, and seven candidates were baptized. Several more are thinking very seriously of taking this important step.

H. B. TOWNSEND.

South Dakota Notes

NEARLY every mail brings in orders for supplies, books at the special holiday prices that we are offering, or Home Missionary Calendars. Do not fail to get your order in for a Home Missionary Calendar, as there is only a limited number printed this year. We also have the Reading Course books for next year in stock, and can fill your orders promptly.

Word has been received from Elder Hein that he closed his series of meetings at Long Lake Sunday night, December 4. The last evening he had the largest attendance of any time. He plans to go back a little later.

Sister Bell Thornton, of Elk Point, reports two new Sabbath keepers. She is also giving studies to another family. She requests the prayers of our people that the honest in heart may take their stand.

Elder Oss spent just a few hours in the office the evening of the 5th, and went back to Colman again, where he and Brother McKinley are holding a series of meetings. He reports a very good interest and a good attendance. The little church building is filled nearly every

evening. They are planning a baptism for Sabbath, the 10th.

Sister B. W. Harvey, of Orton, reports that they are having cottage meetings and studying with friends and neighbors who are coming in.

Brother J. A. Estey writes that the interest at Buffalo is still good and the attendance has been increasing from night to night.

Brother and Sister A. A. Klein, of Arlington, were visitors at the Watertown church Sabbath, the 3rd. We were glad that Brother and Sister Klein could be with us, and welcome them back again.

The special offer of a 25 per cent discount on full sets of the "Testimonies" and "Conflict of the Ages" series closes with December 31. Be sure and avail yourself of this offer.

Colorado Conference

Jay J. Nethery, President
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The Annual Offering

WHENEVER we mention the annual offering we think of faithful missionaries in many lands in their successful soul-saving work.

Of course they think of us at home holding the ropes. We are not going to fail them when the annual offering is taken.

Dollars do much in times like these. We have been giving through the years. Thank God we may give again. Let us be liberal.

JAY J. NETHERY.

Colorado Notes

ALL mail intended for the Colorado Conference or Book and Bible House should be addressed to 1081 Marion Street, Denver, instead of 1118 Kalamath Street.

Elder Gordon Smith, of the union Missionary Volunteer department, was in Denver this past week-end. He spoke in the North Denver church Friday night, December 2, and on Sabbath afternoon a union Missionary Volunteer meeting of all the Denver societies was held in the West Denver church, at which time Elder Smith had charge. These meetings were greatly enjoyed by the young people of Denver. We trust Elder Smith can be with us again soon.

Word has just been received at the office that Mrs. B. M. Grandy, wife of Elder B. M. Grandy, of the Western

Slope, is ill and has been taken to the Boulder Sanitarium for treatment. We sincerely trust that Mrs. Grandy will soon regain her normal health.

Elders Charles Thompson and E. L. Pingenot met with the Boulder church on Tuesday and Thursday nights of last week. Elder Thompson spoke at the chapel hour at Campion on Wednesday and at Ft. Collins Wednesday night. On Friday morning, Elder Pingenot had charge of the chapel exercises at Campion, and Elder Thompson spoke at the vesper services.

Elders C. E. Grant and Charles Thompson met with the Greeley English church in Greeley on Sabbath morning and with the Greeley German and La Salle churches Sabbath afternoon. Elder C. E. Grant has just recently settled in Greeley and will have charge of that district.

Professor C. W. Marsh was in Denver last week. He spoke at the parent-teachers' meeting on Tuesday night at Denver Junior Academy.

It is reported that the Porter Sanitarium has been enjoying a good patronage during the past several weeks.

The junior glee clubs, under the direction of Miss Lura Wilbourn, gave a short program at the Parent-Teachers' Association meeting on Tuesday night, December 6. We greatly appreciate the work of our glee club organization and hope to hear from our boys and girls real often in the future.

Elder Pingenot spoke at the eleven o'clock hour at Campion Sabbath morning.

The Ft. Collins Sabbath school reports over \$115 Investment funds received to date. A number of schools are reporting good returns from this branch of the Sabbath school work. It is hoped that every Sabbath school will urge every member to take some part in this activity.

Elder E. L. Pingenot left the office Monday to meet with the Trinidad church Tuesday afternoon and evening to assist them in the Week of Prayer meetings, and also to help them in several church problems.

At the time of Elder Nethery's visit at Wray, Brother Alger Johns was ordained local elder of the Wray church.

Elder S. T. Shadel was suddenly taken ill while at Hutchinson, Kans., and was immediately taken to the Boulder Sanitarium, where his condition has greatly improved under the treatment received there.

Miss Juanita Paxton, of Ft. Collins, recently visited Misses Thelma Josselyn and Irene Johnson, of the office. Miss Paxton is teaching the Ft. Collins school this year.

Union College

M. L. Andreasen, President
Lincoln - - - - - Nebr.

Union College Seminar

THE college seminar was organized soon after the beginning of the first semester of the college, and has functioned successfully ever since. The nature of the work it expects to achieve is expressed in its delineated name: Gospel Workers and Ministerial Seminar. Both young men and young women participate.

The seminar meetings every Friday evening from 7:00 to 7:45 are always well attended. The programs, consisting of special music and singing, together with a discussion of theological subjects, are well rendered. Two speakers present the theme; then opportunity is given for general criticism or supplementary remarks. The meetings are very interesting and instructive.

Aside from these regular meetings, the seminar serves a number of near-by churches every other Sabbath morning or afternoon. The churches greatly appreciate the help of these young workers, and are cooperating nicely in inviting friends to the preaching service. Through this harmonious cooperation between the seminar and the churches an encouraging harvest of souls for Christ is expected by the end of the school year.

Several of the young women have planned to conduct Bible readings among inquirers in Lincoln.

The officers of the seminar are deeply interested in their work. They are putting forth every effort to make it a success, and are succeeding very satisfactorily.

J. H. SCHILLING.

W C A J Broadcast

Dec. 14, 3:30 p. m.

Dr. E. N. Dick

"Frontier Life on the Plains"

Union College Snap Shots

ELDER F. C. GILBERT spent December 2-5 in College View holding a series of meetings. At the chapel hour on Friday and Monday he gave some very inter-

esting talks on archeology and the Bible.

Wallace Nethery gave a program of readings at the College View junior high school assembly on Friday afternoon, December 2.

A number of the members of the seminar visited local churches Sabbath, December 3. Cree Sandefur and Paul Miller had charge of the services at Beatrice; Alten Bringle spoke at Nebraska City; A. K. Phillips, at Seward; Ralph Cash, at Fremont; Ernest Hanson and Elmer Robertson had charge at York; and Lester Trubey gave Bible readings at Weeping Water.

Six students from the department of expression gave a studio recital Sunday afternoon, December 4. Those who took part were Jeannette McKibben, Florence Lucille Terry, Ruth Wiest, Lucile Marker, Fonda Campbell, and Marjory Miller.

The Week of Prayer at Union College commenced December 9 and will close Sabbath, December 17. Elder W. H. Branson, vice-president of the General Conference for North America, is in charge of the principal services.

The Union College orchestra, under the direction of Professor C. C. Engel, will give a program in the college chapel on the night of December 17.

Walter Specht, assisted by Clyde Bushnell, has charge of the programs given at the state reformatory every Thursday evening. This project is under the supervision of the seminar.

Mrs. E. M. Long, who for many years was a resident of South Hall and supervisor of the Union College laundry, has recently presented to the college a beautifully framed panel containing the pictures of Elder James White, Mrs. E. G. White, and Elder Uriah Smith. These pictures are steel engravings which Mrs. Long has had in her possession for many years. The panel is to hang in the president's office.

The faculty seminar meets every Tuesday from five to six for the study and discussion of the problems of higher education.

Obituaries

PIERCE.—Lerlow J. Pierce was born in Frederica, Iowa, Dec. 21, 1862; and died at Willmar, Minn., Aug. 30, 1932. In 1926 he united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, remaining a beloved member until his death. He leaves to mourn, his devoted wife, ten children, and two sisters.
C. EDWARDSON.

HOCHSTETLER.—Paulina Hochstetler was born Feb. 17, 1857, in New Vernon, Penn., and died Nov. 12, 1932, at Wichita, Kans. She was the mother of twelve children, and is survived by her husband and four children. Sister Hochstetler lived a consistent Christian life and was faithful to the end.
F. S. CHOLLAR.

STROM.—Mrs. August Strom was born in Sweden in 1877. She came to America in 1900, and one year later was married to August Strom, of Hartington, Nebr. To this union were born three children, one daughter and three sons. In 1910 Mrs. Strom and her husband embraced the third angel's message. She fell asleep in Jesus at her home Sunday, November 20, in the hope of hearing her Master call in the first resurrection. To mourn their loss, she leaves her husband, three children, and many friends. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.
T. M. LANGBERG.

ARNOLD.—Mrs. Flora Bell Arnold, born at Maxwell, Ind., April 12, 1862, died at the home of her son, W. Maxwell Arnold, Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 3, 1932. Her death was from heart failure after a very short illness.

She was married to Ira Tallmage Arnold in 1884. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Anna Hansen, wife of Elder L. A. Hansen, of Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.; her son, and one grandson.

Mrs. Arnold was a devout Seventh-day Adventist, being a member of the Linwood Avenue church in Kansas City, Mo.

N. J. AALBORG.

NASH.—Josiah Harkness Nash was born in Wisconsin July 22, 1862, and passed away at his home near Headlee, S. Dak., Nov. 22, 1932. In his infancy the family moved to Minnesota, living in that state for thirty-five years. He was married to Miss Lilius Genette Emerson on Nov. 1, 1884. In 1902 he with his family moved to North Dakota, living in and near Jamestown for a number of years. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for about forty years.

The deceased leaves to mourn, his wife, two sons, his aged mother, two brothers, and one sister. He lived in the hope of his soon-coming Saviour. Interment was at Wanblee, S. Dak.

BROCK.—Mrs. Lettie Brock, née Santee, was born in Hornell, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1851; and died at Oswego, Kans., Nov. 20, 1932. March 7, 1871, she was united in marriage to Alfred Brock. Four children were born to them, three of whom preceded her in death. In 1877 she moved with her family to near Oswego, Kans., and has resided there continuously from that time. She was reared in the Advent faith and remained faithful to it to the time of her death. Sister Brock was a charter member of the Oswego church, and has always been active in church work. She has read her Bible through each year for the past forty years. She will be greatly missed by the church membership at Oswego.
F. S. CHOLLAR.

HILL.—Mrs. J. R. Hill, née Cox, was born October 11, 1856, near Princeton, Mo., and passed peacefully away at her home near Harris, Mo., on Oct. 18, 1932.

She was united in marriage to J. R. Hill on Dec. 7, 1873, who survives her. To this union eleven children were born, all of whom are living.

She united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Half Rock, Mo., in 1877, and lived a faithful Christian life. Although she was ill for several months, she was always patient, and even when she was suffering most thanked the Lord for His wonderful goodness to her. She was a good wife and mother.

Words of comfort were spoken by V. F. Walker, the Baptist minister at Princeton, Mo.

MRS. MARTHA J. WILSON.

NASH.—Samuel A. Nash, born June 20, 1862, in McHenry County, Illinois, passed away peacefully Nov. 25, 1932, after prolonged illness.

Brother Nash was married to Addie B. Atkins at Traer, Ia., on Dec. 20, 1886. To this union eight sons were born, two of whom died in infancy. The family moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and resided at their present address for thirty-two years. Brother Nash was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church, and remained faithful until he fell asleep. He is survived by his widow and six sons. Funeral services were conducted by the writer at our church in Sioux Falls, and burial was made in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery.
A. W. KUEHL.

PRESSNALL.—Mrs. Jane Pressnall was born March 3, 1853, and passed away in the hospital in Mankato, early Nov. 29, 1932. She leaves to mourn, her aged husband, two daughters, one son, three sisters, and five brothers. In early life Sister Pressnall gave her heart to God, whom she loved and served to the last. About fifty years ago she heard and accepted the third angel's message, and became a member of the church at Eagle Lake. The hope of a soon coming Saviour was precious to her. We laid her to rest believing that God will call her to life and immortality in the resurrection of the just.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, assisted by Rev. Renike, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church.

A. A. DIRKSEN.

BOSANCO.—John Bosanco, son of Samuel and Elizabeth Bosanco, was born in Platville Wis., in September, 1852. In his later life he left Platville and went to Sioux City, Iowa, where he was married to Lucy Northway on August 21, 1883. To this union fourteen children were born, of whom seven have preceded their father in death.

Leaving Sioux City, they went to Minnesota, and in the year 1909 they came as early residents to Mott, N. Dak., where he has resided ever since. He passed away November 28.

Those left to mourn his departure are his wife, five sons and two daughters, two sisters, eleven grandchildren, and a host of friends.
H. WENTLAND.

MILLER.—Helen M. Miller, nee Clark, was born Jan. 18, 1850, in McHenry County, Illinois, and died in Emporia, Kans., Oct. 17, 1932. May 31, 1881, she was married to Alexander F. Miller. To this union two children were born. She is survived by one daughter. Sister Miller was a faithful member of the Wichita church. Interment was made in Wichita, Kans. She rests in the hope of the first resurrection.
F. S. CHOLLAR.

ASTNER.—Susanna Pudliner-Astner was born at Klein, Lomnitz, Hungary, in December 1890; and died at Clinton, Mo., on Nov. 21, 1932.

At the age of sixteen, she came to this country and settled at Allentown, Penn., but later went to Cleveland, Ohio, where she was united in marriage to M. Astner. In 1918 they came to Clinton, Mo. Seven children were born to this union, one dying in infancy. In addition to her husband and six children, she is survived by one sister in Cleveland, Ohio, and two brothers in Fullerton, Penn.

In the 1912 the deceased accepted the religious view of Seventh-day Adventists and united with the church at Cleveland, Ohio, and at the time of her death was a faithful member of the Clinton German church of Seventh-day Adventists. She was a faithful Christian. We believe that she rests in hope of the resurrection at the return of the Life-giver.

H. C. HARTWELL.

PANCAKE.—Mrs. Mary Maudella Pancake, nee Brower, was born in Center County, Pa., April 30, 1860; and died at her home near Forest City, Minn., Nov. 20, 1932. She moved to Meeker County, Minn., with her parents in 1867, and was united in marriage to George Pancake in 1877. Ten children were born to this union, eight of whom survive, who with their father are left to mourn. Sister Pancake died in the blessed hope, wishing to meet her loved ones in the resurrection morning.
C. EDWARDSON.

BRAATEN.—Mrs. Henriette Braaten, nee Olsen, was born at Halden, Norway, April 11, 1869; and died at Superior, Wis., Nov. 4, 1932. She came to America and was united in marriage to Andrew Braaten in 1891, residing at Superior, Wis., ever since. In 1915 Sister Braaten accepted present truth, and remained a faithful and beloved member of our church till death. She leaves to mourn, her devoted husband, three sisters and a nephew. A mother in Israel is laid to rest, but her influence continues.
C. EDWARDSON.

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WE HAVE a sister in the Nebraska Conference who has five children whom she desires to be in church school. She has a six-room cottage located on six lots at Hartington, Nebr., which she would like to exchange for a small place near one of our schools. Correspond with us for further particulars. F. W. Schnepfer, 1115 W. Charles St., Grand Island, Nebr. 41

COLPORTEURRS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 3, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	21	4	10.00	5.00	15.00	9.00
W. A. Burton	DR	13			3.00	3.00	40.50
Beulah Des Mukes	OT	24	9	45.00	4.75	49.75	.....
Marguerite Des Mukes	OT	24	13	64.00	3.00	67.00	5.00
Mrs. L. Erickson	RJ	14			6.25	6.25	2.75
Henry Harlow	BR	5	1	4.50	1.05	5.55	.50
J. L. Haddock	OD	15	4	10.00		10.00	13.75
W. E. Helt	PP				1.50	1.50	.....
Sallie Holmes	HW	26	6	23.00	9.25	32.25	4.25
Georgia Kemp	HP	12			.50	.50	.50
Luvada Lockhart	HP	9	3	18.50		18.50	.....
Floyd Mathews	BR	40	3	15.00	2.00	17.00	.....
S. A. Minear	RJ						32.00
Maynard Walker	HW	1					2.50
Mrs. J. Gardner	Mag.				28.85	28.85	28.85
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	8			4.55	4.55	4.55
Total		212	43	190.00	69.70	259.70	144.15
MINNESOTA: M. H. Odegard, Field Missionary Secretary							
Karl A. Evenson	BR	32	4	24.00	85.60	109.60	1.50
Evelyn Middag	HW	5			2.25	2.25	.....
Clare G. Rust	Misc.	31			16.13	16.13	16.13
*P. M. Vixie	RJ	57	9	28.00	19.55	47.55	49.80
Total		125	13	52.00	123.53	175.53	67.43
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
M. A. Wyman	RJ	18	1	3.00	7.25	10.25	62.00
Glenn Shelton	BR	41	10	46.00	7.50	53.50	.....
Carl Edwards	RJ	19			6.25	6.25	43.50
H. G. Biggers	M	15			10.75	10.75	40.75
Elmer Cox	OD	39	6	24.00	4.25	28.25	3.50
Robert Garber	RJ	36			23.75	23.75	4.50
Elva Wilcox	OD	2			1.80	1.80	19.25
Anna Hanson	BR	27	1	6.00	4.70	10.70	4.05
A Colporteur	Misc.	19			5.25	5.25	6.75
Total		216	18	79.00	71.50	150.50	184.30
NEBRASKA: R. J. Roy, Field Missionary Secretary							
*Chivela Jorstad	DR	75	5	18.75	16.20	34.95	26.75
*Abel Larson	RJ	57	3	9.00	8.70	17.70	3.40
John Ogren	OD	33	5	12.50	3.75	16.25	.25
†Charlotte Lewis		107	2	5.00	10.75	15.75	.50
G. R. Starr	HP	23	1	4.00	3.00	7.00	1.50
Total		305	16	49.25	39.40	88.65	32.40
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
H. L. Canfield	BR	28	1	1.50	7.80	9.30	.....
Ernest Harper	HP	35			3.25	3.25	9.75
Anna S. Hayer	HP	10			2.50	2.50	2.50
Lucy Hill	BPS	8			2.00	2.00	.50
P. M. Jenkins	BPS	18			1.00	1.00	10.00
Sarah McGrew	BPS	28	2	6.00	19.35	25.35	8.05
H. R. Prentice	BR	29	3	13.50	7.25	20.75	7.25
Albert Priest	HP	58	1	6.50		6.50	92.75
Jacob Reuber	BPS	24			4.75	4.75	9.00
Mrs. Willett	Mag.	11	1		1.00	1.00	3.50
Total		249	8	27.50	48.90	76.40	144.05
KANSAS: E. H. Meyers, Field Missionary Secretary							
Ralph S. Moore	BR	40	2	13.50		13.50	.....
J. T. North	GC	39	3	15.00	9.75	24.75	.....
T. R. Torkelson	BR	59	4	19.50	2.25	21.75	.....
Total		138	9	48.00	12.00	60.00
Grand Total		1,245	107	445.75	365.03	810.78	572.33

*Two Weeks.
†Three Weeks.

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"They Call Us"

YES, they call us, and the call comes long, loud, and clear from heathen lands today! And there is an urgency in that call now that we have never known before in all of our missionary history.

Frequently we sing, in our Sabbath school and church service, the refrain:

"From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Africa's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand,
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain."

As we sing this grand old missionary hymn, do we sense its real significance, or has it become just a part of formal worship? Would you know how fully it represents the appeal of sin darkened hearts, who, with tears, beg for the light of truth at this time? Then listen as we recite to you herewith just one or two recent appeals which have come to us in our division. And as you read these, permit me to say that they represent many, many such calls lodged with our missionaries at the present time which they are unable to answer, due to a shortage of men and means.

Elder J. N. de Beer, of Cancele Mission, East Griqualand, Cape Province, writes: "A company of five have just come to visit our tent. They walked a distance of fifty miles. Two of the party were women and it required three days for the journey. They had heard that the Sabbath truth was being taught at the tent, so they had been sent to investigate."

After some conversation with Elder de Beer regarding points of doctrine, they stated further, "We represent a company of fifty keeping the true Sabbath. We want you to come and be our missionary and instruct us further."

When our good brother asked how they had learned of the Sabbath truth, one of the men drew from his pocket an old worn pamphlet, which proved to be one of our publications, "The Restoration of the Sabbath," in their (Xosa) language.

Brother de Beer closes his letter by saying, "These people made a most earnest appeal for us to come over into their section and teach them. O, how it made me wish I could send some one at once, but I have no one to send."

This is but one of the six urgent requests recently placed with this missionary. He can answer none of them this year, due to a cut budget and his present work being so heavy.

Then Elder H. M. Sparrow, superintendent of North Rhodesia, writes: "We are having splendid camp meetings this year. There has been a record breaking attendance at all of these meetings. At the Sala meeting three hundred twenty people gave \$10,000, as well as ten bags of grain, two oxen, and numerous smaller gifts, all of which represented unusual sacrifice. During our meetings this year we have had no less than seventeen calls to open work where an interest has sprung up. But we have no one to send."

Here is how one of these interests came into being near the town of Livingstone. "It appears that nine years ago a boy from the Parish Mission Society opened work at this place. The people began to learn to read and write. Not long ago, one of these people got hold of a copy of our baptismal manual in his own language. From this he began to teach the people. The result is that twenty-seven are already keeping the Sabbath. These people are calling for a worker to come and help them, but they will have to carry on as best they can, for we have no one to send, nor any money with which to send a teacher even if we had one ready to go."

Brother Sparrow, in closing his letter, says: "The prospects are the brightest I have ever seen in this field. To see men and women born into the truth from raw heathenism is one of the most modern miracles of modern times. The Lord is going before us in every possible way. But the problem is, How shall we answer these many calls pressing in upon us?"

Well, dear brethren and sisters, this is the problem we face in every section of our division field. "They call us!" O, how long must we delay in answering these calls? To delay long in this matter seems nothing short of a tragedy.

J. F. WRIGHT, President,
South African Division.

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AT THIS time of the year many are asking, "What can I give that will be of interest to my friends, and yet worth while and inexpensive?" Here is the answer: A special gift subscription to the

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"Exiled" is the title given to a thrilling story of the Armenian deportation during the World War. It is written by one of our own Seventh-day Adventist girls who, with her mother and four brothers and sisters, was driven from a comfortable family home and with thousands of their fellow-countrymen began that gruesome march to the desert and death, urged on by heartless soldiers with threatening guns and bayonets. One by one her loved ones either starved before her eyes or were left dying by the roadside. She alone was saved by the providence of an ever-watchful heavenly Father, after being sold as a slave to an Arab merchant.

In "I Remember" the *Instructor* readers will be offered the rare opportunity of sharing in the reminiscences of one who passed the thrilling days of 1861-1865, and will read of the experiences with soldiers and bushwhackers, and sweet potatoes and corn bread, and also of the beginning of tent efforts, and colporteurs, and the Battle Creek College.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers" is advice from the good Book familiar to all of us. In the story, "Rosemary and Rue," Ruth Lees Olsen gives real experiences of real young people who have thought their own way was better than God's way.

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