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* Tithes and Offerings

EACH one present is, no doubt, very familiar with the subject of tithes and offerings; and yet it is one which is of primary importance, and which I am inclined to think is too much neglected by us as ministers and leaders.

The Bible texts in connection with this subject of tithe paying are familiar to us all: "And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. . . . But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Thus speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe." This is a quotation from Numbers 18, verses 21 and 24-26, which sets forth God's plan for the support of those who were the leaders in the religious life of His ancient people, and which states definitely that not only the people, but also the Levites themselves were to pay tithe.

In Leviticus 27:30 we have the following statement: "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord." This places the tithe on the same basis as the Sabbath, for it is called holy, and the Lord states that it is His.

Not only in the Old Testament, but in the New we have clear evidence that God wishes this principle of tithe paying to be recognized, and Christ himself in Matthew 23:23, when rebuking the Pharisees, makes the following statement: "For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." And again in I Cor-

inthians 9:13, 14, the same principle is enunciated as follows: "Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

The principle of tithe paying is introduced in the Bible long before Israel became a people, and Jacob himself when a young man fleeing from the jealous anger of his brother, made a definite covenant with God on the morning after his vision of the ladder which reached from heaven to the place where he had been lying,

A Thank Offering

"God loveth a cheerful giver," and those who love him will give freely and cheerfully when by so doing they can advance His cause and promote His glory. The Lord never requires His people to offer more than they are able, but according to their ability He is pleased to accept and bless their thank-offerings. Let willing obedience and pure love bind upon the altar every offering that is made to God; for with such sacrifices He is well pleased, while those that are offered grudgingly are an offense to Him. When churches or individuals have no heart in their offerings, but would limit the cost of carrying forward the work of God, and gauge it by their own narrow views, they show decidedly that they have no living connection with God. They are at variance with His plan and manner of working, and He will not bless them."—Vol. 5, p. 269.

Surely as we approach the new year we will want to make a thank-offering to God for His blessing for the past year, and the coming thirteenth Sabbath affords a good opportunity.

J. F. PIPER.

and in summing up his promise to God he said, "And of all that thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee." Genesis 28:22.

Going back years before this into the experience of Abraham, we find in Genesis 14:17 that when coming from the slaughter of the kings, he was met by Melchizedek, king of Salem, who blessed Abraham, and it is stated that Abraham "gave him tithes of all." This Melchizedek to whom Abraham paid tithe is called in verse 18 "the priest of the most high God," and in commenting on this in Hebrews, chapter 7, Paul says in verses 4-6: "Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: but he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises." The apostle evidently is using this argument to show that the Melchizedek priesthood supersedes and is much greater than the Levitical priesthood.

This is further illustrated by verses 9 and 10: "And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him"; also verses 14-17: "For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testifieth, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec."

Hence it is easy to prove that Christians who pay tithe are not following merely the ceremonial law as given to Israel under the Levitical priesthood, but are carrying out a principle which was recognized under the Melchisedec priesthood and which was doubtless represented by the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the garden of Eden. Evidently God saw that it was necessary for man to

*This paper was read at the recent home missionary council in College View.

recognize God's ownership of everything, and to help him to keep this in mind He placed this one tree under a restriction. It belonged to God and they were not to touch it, and their failure to recognize God's ownership in this case brought ruin to the world.

It is stated in Proverbs 25:25, "It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy," and those who do use the tithe for their own purposes are definitely called robbers in the third chapter of Malachi—not merely robbers of their fellow men, but they are accused of robbing God, and for this sin God states, "Ye are cursed with a curse." He then admonishes His people to bring all the tithe into the storehouse. He invites His people to prove Him, and promises them an overwhelming blessing for faithfulness in returning to the Lord His own.

In order for the work of God to be carried on strongly by officers and ministers, it is vitally important that there be a good adequate stream of tithe pouring into the conference treasury, as otherwise the working force of any conferences will have to be small, and the funds for meeting the expense of evangelistic efforts will have to be greatly limited.

The Lord has recognized that there would be negligence on the part of the leaders in His cause in bringing this matter frequently and prominently to the attention of our church members, and so he gives us the following admonition:

1. "Presidents of our conferences, do your duty; speak not your words, but a plain thus saith the Lord. Elders of churches, do your duty. Labor from home to home that the flock of God shall not be remiss in this great matter, which involves such a blessing or such a curse. . . Every man who bears the message of truth to our church must do his duty by warning, educating, rebuking. Any neglect of duty which is a robbery toward God, means a curse upon the delinquent."—Taken from "Special Testimonies to Ministers."

2. "Let the church appoint pastors and elders who are devoted to the Lord Jesus, and let these men see that officers are chosen who will attend faithfully to the work of gathering in the tithe. If the pastors show that they are not fitted for their charge, if they fail to set before the church the importance of returning to God His own, if they do not see to it that the officers under them are faithful, and that the tithes are brought in, they are in peril. They are neglecting a matter which involves a blessing or a curse to the church. They should be relieved of their responsibility, and other men should be tested and tried. The Lord's messengers should see that His requirements are

faithfully discharged by the members of the church."—*Supplement to the Review and Herald of December 1, 1886.*

3. "If all who profess the truth will come up to the claims of God in giving the tenth, which God says is His, the treasury will be abundantly supplied with means to carry forward the great work for the salvation of man."—*Vol. 3, p. 395.*

4. "If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the store-house, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in its various departments."—*Vol. 4, pp. 474, 475.*

What is said here in these quotations regarding the tithe applies with almost equal importance to the matter of offerings, although I think as workers we are more inclined to emphasize the offerings than we are the tithe. There is no doubt but that the tithe income of our conferences could be materially increased if greater efforts were put forth by ministers and church officers to promote this cause frequently before our people. It would seem as though it might not be out of place for the pastor of a church to preach on this subject once a quarter, or at any rate, if it did not seem best to make this subject occupy the whole period of the morning discourse, it could be given a prominent place in the sermon, and a little study and planning would enable any minister in a tactful way to keep this matter before the minds of his people

almost every Sabbath. It is useless to hope for large city efforts involving any considerable outlay of means at the present time unless we can greatly increase our tithe income.

In addition to the regular mission offerings of the church, there is a phase of this subject which every evangelist should consider and study carefully. It should be the aim of every evangelist to make his efforts self-supporting as nearly as possible. In order to do this, it will be quite necessary to encourage regular and liberal offerings. Some evangelists seem to feel apologetic about asking for donations. I think this is a serious mistake. Audiences expect to give when they attend evangelistic meetings, and if the matter is presented in a tactful way with sufficient enthusiasm, the donations received in evangelistic meetings can be greatly increased. It is perfectly proper to take an offering every evening when an evangelistic service is held, and those who fail to do this lose an opportunity to help make their work self-supporting.

We are naturally inclined to feel that dollars and cents are something that is foreign to spiritual things, but God has made it very clear in His word that faithfulness in tithe paying and liberality in the giving of offerings are clear indexes of spirituality on the part of His people. Just as the sin of Achan brought a curse on ancient Israel, so today our work is doubtless hindered more than we realize

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Central Union Home Missionary Council

THE council for local conference home missionary secretaries, conference presidents, and pastors of our larger churches, held in the assembly room of the men's dormitory at Union College, opened on December 19 at 7:30 P. M., and closed Wednesday evening, the 21st.

The counsel given by Elder E. F. Hackman, associate home missionary secretary of the General Conference, was greatly appreciated. Mr. Lyndon Skinner, circulation manager of the *Watchman* magazine, brought before the council very convincingly the new plan for a hundred thousand circulation of the *Watchman* in the United States in 1933. Mr. H. W. Sherrig, representative of the Omaha Branch of the Pacific Press, was also a guest of the council, besides Elder J. F. Piper with his staff of union secretaries.

The following were present from the various conferences: Colorado: Elder Jay J. Nethery, president; E. L. Pingnot, home missionary secretary; A. J. Meikle-

john, G. T. Vore, and C. E. Grant, local pastors.

Iowa: Elder C. F. McVagh, president; J. C. Christenson, home missionary secretary; Elder C. H. Miller, pastor.

Kansas: Elder C. S. Wiest, president;

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South Dakota: Elder Gordon Oss, president; Leslie McKinley, home missionary secretary; Elder C. D. Hein, and Elder A. G. Youngberg.

Wyoming: Elder C. A. Purdom.

The meetings throughout were characterized by a very earnest desire to arrive at the best plans enabling the entire church membership to find the work assigned to each individual. The pastors of the churches rendered efficient help by passing on to us the plans in operation in their respective churches.

Elder J. F. Piper, our union conference president, spoke in the opening meeting on the "Layman's Missionary Movement, the Key to Our World-Wide Program." He said in part, "Every problem has its key. We have the key to the kingdom of heaven, which is the Word of God, which must be accompanied by the Holy Spirit. The key to the hearts of men as exemplified in the life of Jesus was His sweet, sympathetic love for souls. He interested Himself in the things in which they were interested. Souls is our great objective." He then suggested a goal of souls for our union of 2,100 for 1933.

Elder Charles Thompson gave a very inspiring study at the first devotional meeting Tuesday morning on the subject of "God's Program for Every Church." He opened his remarks by reading John 20:21, 22. "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." "The 'so' and 'as' someone has said are a pair of apothecary's balances, and are used a number of times in the Bible. 'As' it was in the days of Noah, 'so' shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 'As' my Father hath sent me, even 'so' send I you. Whatever is the responsibility of the church as a whole is the responsibility of every

member of the church. 'Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the plan of redemption.'—*Vol. VII, p. 222.* One forfeits his spiritual assets in turning his back upon his tasks, and the church that refuses to do the work of God forfeits its right to the Holy Spirit."

One entire evening was given over to the subject of personal work, and from time to time in these columns we will pass on some of the very interesting experiences which were given.

While two days were spent in solid work studying God's program for the church to carry this message to its neighbors and friends, the recommendations were very conspicuous by their absence, since we have sufficient recommendations to carry the program to every man's door if we will follow what we already have on record. It was felt that nothing should be passed on to the church except plans in which the church could consistently participate; therefore, as these plans come to the church, we hope and pray that you will give earnest consideration to that which we believe is the blue print given to us by our Heavenly Father for the finishing of the great task before us.

S. T. SHADEL.

Announcement

A JOINT colporteur institute for the Missouri and Kansas Conferences will be held at the Kansas city, Mo., church, at Charlotte and Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Mo., beginning Wednesday, December 28, and lasting until January 8, 1933. The first meeting will begin at 7:45. All are welcome.

We urge all who are interested in becoming a worker for God, and who desire to train themselves to do efficient work as soul winners, to plan to attend this important meeting. God is calling for men, strong men, to go out and represent this message to the world. Will you enlist at this time? Get in touch with your field missionary secretary and make arrangements at once.

Minnesota Conference

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Appreciation

AS THE curtain drops on the events of 1932, I take this occasion of thanking our workers, our church officers, and our people for their cooperation throughout the past twelve months. Whatever has been accomplished for advancement in God's

cause through the state has been with the help of the workers, the officers, and the members. May God bless our united efforts of the past, and may our consecration be such that He may lead us into greater fields of service during the year 1933.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Starting and Finishing

MOSES had little difficulty in getting the people started from the land of Egypt, but he had plenty of trouble before he led them to the border of the land of promise. The Bible gives us no memorial for the birth of Christ, but it gives us two memorials for His death. At this time of the year quite a few people are busily engaged in giving thought to turning over a new leaf at the beginning of 1933, but not very many are giving thought as to how they will finish 1932. Instead of directing all of our energy and thought as to how the new year is to begin, ought we not to give some real serious thought to what we should do to make our record right before 1932 closes? A few days still remain before the records will be eternally sealed. Let us make confession and restitution, for this is necessary. May God help us to close the year right.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

AT the home of Brother and Sister Wm. Miller, in Wadena, evening after the Sabbath, December 17, 1932, was solemnized the ceremony that united for life Mr. Ervin J. Foster and Miss Della K. Miller. Mr. Foster and his bride are well known in Minneapolis; both are members of the Minneapolis English church, loved and respected by those who best know them. We bespeak for them many best wishes from their host of friends. Miss Miller worked in the Northern Union Conference as stenographer for some time. Mr. Foster lives on a farm near Minneapolis, where the young couple will make their home.

Iowa Conference

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Delay Is Fatal

IN THE gospel of Luke, chapter 14, the Saviour gives us a parable of a certain man that made a great supper and sent his servant to them that were bidden to come, for he said, "All things are now ready." Then in the 18th verse, we read, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." One was a successful

farmer and had just bought more land. One had bought five yoke of oxen, and one had just gotten married. Now I know you will agree with me that there is nothing wrong in buying land or oxen, or even in getting married. Why the parable then? Why did the Saviour of men speak it, and why was it recorded by holy men? Is it not that the Lord, knowing the hearts of men, has tried to keep us from the pitfall of putting the temporal ahead of the spiritual? I am sure that there would be hundreds in the work where there is now but one if it were not for these earthly bonds. Have not you heard the call of God to service and yet turned a deafened ear when the still small voice of God spoke to you, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it"? How solemn are the words, "For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." Verse 24. We are told that a great multitude followed Him and He said, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

It is fatal to delay, for the Lord sent His servant out into the highways and hedges and the house was filled, but none of them that were first bidden were at that supper. In view of the fact the servant of God has told us that the canvassing work is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time, and that we cannot too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning, do you not think it would be well to talk it over with the Lord and say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And as you hear the call of God to service, do as Isaiah of old. Send back the answer, "Here am I, send me."

The servant of God was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place—a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act. They must take hold of work themselves and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves.

The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe. See Volume 1, page 261. May I add again, to delay is fatal.

At the convention just held at Mountain View, some changes were made in our institute dates, so that we might have the best help possible. Elder Franklin, of the General Conference, will be with us most a week, and Elder Collins all the way through, besides our local help. Be sure to write at once and make arrange-

ments. Time is short; do not forget the date, January 19-29. The Lord said unto His servant, "Bid them to come, compel them to come that my house may be filled."

Are you coming? If so, write at once. My address is 734 Main Street, Nevada, Iowa.
L. P. KNECHT.

Investment Reports

ELDER McVAGH was present at the Hawarden Investment program on November 26, and he reported a full attendance and as fine a program as he had ever seen presented. Their offerings reached \$108, and they are hoping that it will reach \$120 before the close of the year. Every member had a part in this effort. Old and young assisted in the program and many visitors were present at the service.

Mrs. Edd Elias, superintendent of the Forest City Sabbath school, which has held such a fine one-hundred-percent record in Investment for several years, reports their program held November 19, when \$56.01 was added to previous returns in the effort. Every member invested something, and from reports the Lord has taken good care of all investments made. The two acres of corn pledged brought more than the average. One lady said she would give all the odd color chickens, and when they began to feather out it looked as though they were all going to be in that class. Already she has turned in \$10.81. Not all the products have been sold, but when all is in they are hoping to reach one hundred dollars.

Mrs. J. D. Palmer, superintendent of the Grinnell Sabbath school, has written that they had their program on November 26. All worked together in unity. The parts were perfectly prepared, and there were many visitors. All seemed to enjoy the program and said it was "wonderful." Every member of the school invested something for missions, and they had \$33.32, which is a gain of \$12.02 over the previous year. They had both "self-denial" and "good-deed" boxes and these added \$6.63. They have started to fill these boxes already for the year 1933. They hope to have them full to running over before the close of that year's work. They are planning for the thirteenth Sabbath program and a chart is being prepared for the first quarter of the new year.

In Volume 9, pages 157 and 158, we read: "The small sums saved by deeds of sacrifice will do more for the upbuilding of the cause of God than larger gifts will accomplish, that have not called for denial of self." So you see the self-denial idea

is a very important one, and evidently our giving is not measured by how much we give, but by what it costs us to give it. This should lead every one to give all he possibly can, knowing that the spirit of sacrifice is what counts.

Mrs. George Juhl, superintendent of the Smithland school, says: "We are only a little school, just like a family, but we have the best Sabbath schools and seasons of worship together." And with only six members they had \$50.06 Investment returns. One siter sold red raspberries which brought \$23.10 and gave it all. Wire, chickens, birds, flowers, gooseberries, and cottage cheese helped.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

Iowa Notes

WILL the one who wrote early in the third quarter about having her class make scrap books for children in Formosa, please send her name and address to the conference Sabbath school secretary? Thank you.

Elder McVagh spent Sabbath and Sunday, November 26, 27, with the church at Hawarden. Evening meetings were held each day, and while there Brother M. S. Skadsheim was ordained as local elder of the church.

Elder J. C. Nixon spent the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer with the Boone church. He was at Nevada until Wednesday, when he went to Harlan, then held a meeting at Audubon on Thursday, at Harlan on Friday, and was at Lake City for the service on Sabbath, December 3.

Elder J. C. Christenson and Professor C. W. Marsh, Central Union educational secretary, had appointments for the same places, Lake City and Fort Dodge, on Sabbath, December 3, and the association was mutually enjoyed. At Lake City all members were present, and the annual election was held.

An unusually large number of *Sabbath School Worker* subscriptions expire with the January number. We hope that none will miss a number, but that subscriptions will be promptly renewed. Remember that you do not have to pay for the whole year at one time, either for Memory Verse cards, Picture Rolls, *Instructor*, or *Worker*. They can be ordered by the year at the Book and Bible House and be paid for by the quarter, which will make it more convenient for many schools.

Mrs. R. R. Figuhr, Sabbath school secretary in the Philippine Union Mission, has written expressing appreciation for

the Picture Rolls that are being sent to them after being used in the schools here. They would be very happy to receive any of our papers, *Little Friend*, *Instructor*, *Signs*, or *Present Truth*, and Memory Verse cards, to be used in the work there. The postage rate is two ounces for one cent. She assures us that every thing that is sent will be used. Address, M. F. Wiedemann, P. O. Box 813, Manila, P. I.

Remember that until midnight of December you can order the *Instructor* of the Book and Bible House and receive it for eight months for \$1.00. This would be a fine gift to young people.

Brother L. P. Knecht returned, December 20, from the bookmen's convention held in Mountain View, Calif. He reports that meeting a great success. There was no note of discouragement from any field. Great records were not discussed, but the Spirit of God reigned supreme. He feels that the help gained at this convention is going to make 1933 a banner year in Iowa, and asks that we remember the colporteurs in our prayers. Through the courtesy of Brother and Sister R. G. Campbell, of the Missouri Conference, Mrs. Knecht accompanied them to the Coast, and they consider the trip both profitable and enjoyable.

THE REAPER thanks its many readers who have so kindly sent letters of appreciation, and it wishes all a happy and prosperous new year, with constant blessings from the Lord.

No. Dakota Conference

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Appointment Notice

THE Fargo M. V. society has been busily working for the Friend requirements, and January 6 has been appointed for an investiture service. It will be the first service of its kind in North Dakota. Those who will be honored on that evening are: Richard Wilkerson, Edward Shade, Earl McGill, Kathleen Colehour, Joyce Romig, Warren McGill, Elliton McGill, Alton Colehour, Pauline Lemke, Orlee Fox, Mrs. Bunnell (Leader), Dorothy Hume, Myrna Schade, Pricilla Fox, Flora Peterson, Fern Camp (Secretary), Jesseman Colehour, Miss Gidding (Assistant Leader).

We hope other societies will gather a group of juniors about them and start a Progressive class. Start the year out right.

We are glad that Elder Gordon Smith will be with us on this evening, and we know it will be an inspirational evening for old and young.

R. R. BIETZ, M. V. Sec.

Sacrifice at Keene Church School

WORD comes from Sister Anna Peterson, a church school teacher at Keene, N. Dak., that their small school of nine pupils has gathered \$8.79 during the Week of Sacrifice. She goes on to say, "The children were not all able to reach the 25-cent goal, but all gave something. Wilson did not know for a while where he was going to get his; but he thought about a pair of new mittens he had been promised. He asked to be allowed to have the money for the Week of Sacrifice and wear the old mittens. When he brought his envelope with thirty-six cents in it he said, 'It surely does make a person feel good to be able to sacrifice for Jesus.'"

Wilson is a boy of about ten years. I wonder whether we older ones are willing to sacrifice to such an extent.

R. R. BIETZ, Ed. Sec.

North Dakota Items

ELDER OSWALD, Elder Scherr, and Brother Bietz left Jamestown early Sunday morning, December 18, for Lincoln, Nebr., to attend a ministerial institute.

Elder A. A. Leiske met with the Jamestown English church Friday night and Sabbath at the end of the Week of Prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bietz returned to Jamestown Thursday, December 15, after an absence of eight weeks. During their absence Brother Bietz has been holding meetings at Mandan with good success.

Elder Gordon Smith, the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Central Union, spent the Week of Prayer in North Dakota, and his help was very much appreciated. He and Brother Bietz spent several days at Sheyenne River Academy, and the rest of the time was spent in visiting the churches at Bismarck, Bowdon, and Fargo.

In the early part of December Brother Eli Wentland, of Pettibone, brought his wife to Jamestown, and a diagnosis revealed the necessity of an operation. She was taken to the Trinity Hospital in Jamestown and was operated on. We are glad to report at this time that Sister Wentland has gotten along splendidly, and at this writing is leaving Jamestown for her home. We hope that she will soon recover entirely from her operation.

Brother S. E. Ortner spent one day in Fargo last week, auditing the Fargo church books. He stopped over with the Valley City church for the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer.

We are glad to report a good sale on Home Missionary Wall Calendars. The orders have far exceeded our expectations, and we have had to re-order several times. This leads us to believe that our people are beginning to appreciate more than they ever have before the benefits derived from having our own calendars hung up in their homes. We hope many more who have not ordered one of these fine calendars, will do so right away so that they may have it throughout the entire new year.

Mrs. John Thorn, who has spent considerable time in Jamestown the last month, and also passed through an operation at the Trinity Hospital, is improving and hopes to be able to go home within a day or two.

It has been gratifying to note the many payments that are being made on the camp meeting pledges signed up during the time of our camp meeting. We find, however, that there are quite a goodly number that have not been paid and we trust that all who possibly can will meet their pledge so that they will not have to be carried over into the new year. Lists have been furnished to all the treasurers of the churches, whose members signed pledge cards, and anyone who may have forgotten the amount of his pledge will be able to obtain this information from the treasurer of the church.

S. R. A. News Notes

DURING the past Week or Prayer several of the faculty members visited different churches in the vicinity of the academy. Professor Newman was at Sheyenne the first week-end. During the week he visited the Harvey church and the last week-end he assisted in the meetings at Hurdsfield. Professor Winter went to Manfred the first week-end, to Harvey during the week, and to Sheyenne the last week-end. Professor Michalenko spent the first week-end at Hurdsfield and the last part of the week at Manfred.

We were glad to have Elder Oswald as our visitor last week, even if he could only be with us for a short time.

In chapel Monday Mrs. Zumbaum told us of a few striking facts concerning table manners. We all enjoyed the talk very much. Miss Peterson told us of two kinds of gold; namely, pure gold and fool's gold. Let us ask God to show us what is real gold and help us learn to

discern it and appreciate pure gold in whatsoever things are lovely, pure, just, honest, true, and of good report, with man and God. Professor Winters emphasized the importance of selecting good friends, not only in our associations but also in our books. Of all the books we have to read, the most important and the truest and most steadfast friend is the Holy Bible. Surely we should all spend more time cultivating the acquaintances of this friend.

Kansas Conference

C. S. Wiest, President
J. H. Nies, Secretary
Box 605 - - - - - Topeka

Kansas Items

IN talking with the Book and Bible House secretary, he informs us that there would be nothing that would please him more than to get all the outstanding Book and Bible House accounts in before he closes the records for the year on December 31. It is very nice to please people, and we would therefore suggest that all those who owe, pay their accounts now.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ragsdale returned Sunday, December 18, from the southern part of the state, where they spent the Week of Prayer among the churches. Brother Ragsdale had a touch of the "flu" and consequently has not been at the office since he returned. No doubt by the time this item is read he will be about his work again.

Brother N. S. Kemper, one of the charter members of the Topeka Seventh-day Adventist church, passed away Monday night, December 19. Brother Kemper will be greatly missed by the Topeka church. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Sister Kemper and her family in this hour of sorrow.

Elders C. S. Wiest, A. C. Griffin, and E. H. Meyers attended the home missionary convention held at Lincoln, Nebr. They returned to Topeka Thursday morning, December 22.

In last week's issue of the REAPER it was reported that Brother A. A. Ragan, elder of the Wellington church, who is in the Santa Fe Hospital, was getting along nicely. Since then he has had a relapse and is not doing so well as it was hoped. We hope by the time this item is read he will be greatly improved.

We are planning on closing the conference books January 5 and 6. We hope that all the treasurers will have their reports in by that time, as well as the Sab-

bath schools and isolated believers. We would like to have all the funds in that should come in for this year before the records are closed. Your promptness in this matter will be appreciated.

Enterprise Academy

BECAUSE of illness Paulena Conness left for her home in Salina, Kans., December 14. Paulena expects to return after the holiday vacation.

Lester Albee, Virgil Mohr, and Eldon Marshall are back in school after an enforced vacation caused by an encounter with the chicken pox.

The average butter fat production of the academy herd for the last month was 34.5 per cow.

The second semester begins January 9, 1933. Plan to be one of the Enterprise Academy family.

Missouri Conference

H. C. Hartwell, President
I. H. Harrison, Secretary
616 So. Second St. - - - Clinton

Missouri News Notes

ELDER O. T. GARNER, of Kansas City, met with the Kingsville church for one of the meetings of the Week of Prayer.

Elder Melvin Oss met with the Springfield, Oak Grave, and Ava churches during the Week of Prayer.

Elder Hartwell, Elder Oss, and Brother Moseley left Sunday, December 18, for Lincoln, Nebr., where they are attending a home missionary institute and ministerial convention.

Brother and Sister R. G. Campbell arrived back in Clinton from the bookmen's convention Monday, December 19. They report a very profitable convention held in the interest of our publishing work at Mountain View.

Have you read the wonderful book by Vesta J. Farnsworth, "Stories Mother Told"? This book consists of forty-one stories such as small boys and girls like to hear—stories that are not only interesting, but that will be helpful in making children better, stronger, and happier. They can be told in the family circle, and even the older members of the family like to hear them. They are real stories of real people. It has 176 pages, illustrated. Special holiday price, only \$1.25 postpaid. Order a copy today from the Missouri Book and Bible House.

Have you secured your copy of the new 1933 Home Missionary Wall Calendar? The calendar this year contains a number of new features. Have you seen the eight choice recipes for simple and delicious foods contributed for this calendar by Seventh-day Adventist wives and mothers? One recipe alone would be well worth the price of the 1933 calendar, but there are eight of them. The price of the calendar is only 25c. Order your copy today.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 586 - - - Watertown

Mobridge

SOMETIME ago the writer was asked by the South Dakota Conference to spend some time with the church at Mobridge, and after having had meetings for two weeks with the church near Leola, I arrived here on the 22nd of November, and the meetings began the following evening. The attendance was good from the start but kept on increasing, and some evenings some could not get in because every seat was taken.

On December 6 we had a delightful baptism, when seven precious souls made the covenant with their Lord. One of these was a young married woman who had spent thirteen years in a Catholic convent. We can certainly rejoice when such people come into the full light of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The interest at Mobridge is good, and we hope that several other families will soon take their stand for the glorious truth of our God.

H. J. MEYER.

Obituaries

ALTMAN.—Martin Augustus Altman was born in Chesire, Allegan County, Mich., May 22, 1869; and fell asleep during the evening of December 11, 1932. His childhood and youth were spent in Pemberville, Ohio. At the age of 19 he was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. The following year he moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., and has lived there for varying periods since that time.

On January 21, 1894, he was married to Leah Ellen Vandermark, of Denver, Colo. In the year 1897, while laboring in the Colorado Conference, he was ordained to the gospel ministry, and the remainder of his active life was devoted to the faithful pursuit of this high calling. He served in various parts of the United

States, as well as in the British Isles, South Africa, and the Bahama Islands. It was in the latter place that his health failed, necessitating his return to Colorado in 1925.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Roger Martin Altman, now in Colorado Springs, and Stanley Reuben Altman, of Bellevue, Ky.; a sister, Mrs. Edith Clare Harris, of Fair Oaks, Calif.; and one grandson.

He was a devoted husband, a kind and understanding father, a wise pastor, a true shepherd of the flock committed to his care. His years of public ministry made him beloved by hundreds. He awaits the call of the Life-giver.

Funery services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder C. F. Lickey. JAY J. NETHERY.

BERGIN.—Charles Gustaf Bergin was born Sept. 11, 1866, in Stockholm, Sweden, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Martinson, in Mayzata, Minn., Dec. 1, 1932.

He came to America in 1883, finally going to North Dakota, where he married Clara Lundquist, March 26, 1891. Four children were born to this union. In 1901 his wife died and Dec. 16, 1903 he was married to Josephine Bostrom. Two children were born to this union. He united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1901. He was a man of deep spiritual convictions, and the cause of God was dear to him. He held positions of trust in the church.

In the colporteur work he earned two scholarships for his two daughters, and helped other young people get a Christian education. He was business and farm manager at Sheyenne River Academy in 1906 and 1907. He was also a member of the North Dakota Conference committee for a number of years.

Besides his companion, he is mourned by three daughters, one son, and six grandchildren, and other relatives and friends. Funeral service was held at the Lake Eunice church, near Detroit Lakes, Minn., Elder M. L. Andreassen and the writer officiating. R. N. NELSON.

ANDERSON. — Minerva Anderson was born Sept. 8, 1844, in Peoria, Ill., and died Dec. 19, 1932, in Omaha, Nebr., where she had lived for many years. She reared a family of ten children, and in all her responsibility was a devoted Christian. Left to mourn are five children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was laid to rest in the Forest Lawn Cemetery to await her Master's call. T. M. LANGBERG.

FOR SALE. — California Dried Fruit. Sterilized, graded, 10-lb. net in box, satisfaction guaranteed. Prices express prepaid to points west of the Mississippi: 50-60 Santa Clara prunes, \$1.20; extra choice apricots, \$1.60; fancy peaches, \$1.40; Thompson's seedless raisins, 25-lb. box only, \$2.60. Other dried fruits, honey, nuts, and olives, at low prices also. Agents to sell from house to house wanted. Address C. N. Lake, Mountain View, Calif. 43,4

FOR SALE.—40 acres located 16 miles south of South Sioux City, in Nebraska. Equipped for bees, chickens, and cows. 8 acres chicken tight; 10 acres alfalfa; balance in two pastures. Large three-room house; cement cellar; cistern well. Fruit 4 chicken houses; honey house 14 x 22. Full basement. Will sell bees, 11 head of stock, chickens, hay, grain, amchinery, etc. Wish to locate near academy and canvass. Communicate if interested with Ernest Jordan, Winnebago, Nebr. 42,3

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Iowa: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
Glenn Shelton	BR	40	9	40.00	3.00	43.00	.....
A Colporteur	Crisis	21	.....	.....	27.50	27.50	10.50
C. E. Jensen	DR	.....	1	7.50	33.75	41.25	23.75
Carl Edwards	RJ	21	5	16.00	6.75	22.75	16.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	21	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	38.25
M. A. Wyman	RJ	35	.....	.....	11.00	11.00	20.50
Elva Wilcox	OD	21	.....	.....	2.95	2.95	12.65
Elmer Cox	OD	22	1	2.50	4.25	6.75	3.25
Anna Hanson	BR	23	1	6.00	1.00	7.00	2.75
Mrs. Snovel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Total		204	17	72.00	97.70	169.70	128.90

COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
V. Arnell	HW	10	.....	.....	5.50	5.50	5.50
H. L. Canfield	BR,BPS	30	6	12.00	13.00	25.00	3.75
Mrs. Curtis	HW	30	.....	.....	18.80	18.80	18.80
E. Harper	HP	8	.....	.....	.25	.25	2.50
Anna Hayer	HP	20	1	5.50	3.00	8.50	3.75
Mrs. Jenkins	BP	34	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	37.00
Sarah McGrew	HW	11	.....	.....	3.40	3.40	12.20
Mrs. Ownbt	HW	.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	3.00
H. R. Printice	BR	13	.....	.....	.75	.75	32.25
Albert Priest	HP	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.50
Jacob Reuber	BP	69	1	6.00	22.00	28.00	36.50
Mrs. Willett	HW	23	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	4.00
Mrs. Morrow	HW	10	.....	.....	3.75	3.75	3.75
W. R. Zollinger	BP	9	.....	.....	.50	.50	.50
Total		323	8	23.50	83.95	107.45	192.00

MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.25
W. A. Burton	DR	9	2	10.00	7.20	17.20	25.50
Bennice DesMukes	OT	15	3	15.00	.....	15.00	.20
Marguerite DesMukes	OT	17	4	19.00	1.50	20.50	.....
Mrs. L. Erickson	RJ	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00
Henry Harlow	BR	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.30
W. E. Helt	PP	17	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	.....
Georgia Kemp	HP	9	1	5.50	.75	6.25	7.50
Henry L. Lane	BR	23	1	4.50	4.50	9.00	3.00
Floyd Mathews	BR	40	3	16.50	.....	16.50	.....
Maynard Walker	HW	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	17	.....	.....	8.75	8.75	8.75
Total		154	14	70.50	26.70	97.20	70.50
Grand Total		681	39	166.00	208.35	374.35	391.40

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR ELEVEN MONTHS (FORTY-EIGHT WEEKS) ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1932

	Member-ship	Amt.\$28.80 Per Memb.	Amount Received	Amount Short	Per Member-1932	1931
Colorado	3233	93110.40	41383.91	51726.49	.267	.329
Iowa	2522	72633.60	28155.56	44478.04	.233	.298
Kansas	2506	72172.80	20403.22	51769.58	.170	.217
Minnesota	3310	95328.00	33440.19	61887.81	.210	.302
Missouri	2141	61660.80	24430.76	37230.04	.238	.267
Nebraska	2400	69120.00	27561.05	41558.95	.239	.344
North Dakota	2158	62150.40	13178.04	48972.36	.127	.163
South Dakota	1468	42278.40	15986.96	26291.44	.227	.320
Wyoming	320	9216.00	5432.51	3783.49	.354	.399
Union	20058	577670.40	209972.20	367698.20	.218	.283

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Campaign Extended

THERE has come to the publishers from the General Conference Home Missionary Department and from a number of local conferences an earnest request that the time for the special discount sale on the writings of Mrs. E. G. White be extended. A surprising interest has been manifested in this two months' sale, and it has revealed the fact that many Adventist homes do not now have the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. One of our oldest conferences entered heartily into this campaign and in a single month secured orders for 57 sets of the "Testimonies" and 55 sets of the "Conflict of the Ages" series. In previous years hundreds of sets of these books were sold in this same conference. This is a clear indication of the fact that there is a real need, and what can be accomplished by energetic effort.

In order to meet the need and to comply with requests that have come, the publishers have consented to extend the time for this special discount sale to April 1, 1933. Write your Book and Bible House for prices and full information.

The Home Missionary Calendar For 1933

THE great clock of the universe keeps accurate time, and is about to usher in another year of opportunity. One of the necessities in keeping step with the onward march of time and the denominational endeavor for the advancement of the third angel's message in 1933, is the Home Missionary Calendar. While hundreds of these calendars have found their place on the walls of home, office, and school, there are still many vacant places waiting to be filled by this beautiful art production, with its items of information and practical suggestions applicable for every day in the year. If you do not already have this calendar, you can secure a copy within a few days by ordering from your Book and Bible House. Be sure to get one of the few remaining on the shelves at this time.

The cover page of the calendar presents a very realistic picture of Christ in a home of poverty, and before Him

lies a helpless lad on a mat of straw, while the boy's mother appears in a most beseeching attitude, asking help for her child. The grandmother is also there. The scripture themes for the year present the "Wonderful Names of Our Saviour" and "Exceeding Great and Precious Promises." The complete calendar of the denominational programs and special days is furnished, and every church member will find this indispensable. A new feature is the "Bible Memory Test," stimulating interesting the minds of young and old to find the answers to the questions asked, pertaining to birds, rivers, mountains, cities, children, etc., mentioned in the Scriptures. For the aid of parents in making this feature of the calendar helpful in morning worship in the home, a key to the questions is furnished. "Emergency Treatments," "Helpful Hints for the Home Maker," and "Eight Favorite Recipes" are also new features of the calendar this year. In comparison with the great amount of information given, the price of 25 cents per copy is indeed very small. This calendar should be placed in every Seventh-day Adventist home, school, sanitarium, and place of business. It is a silent and effective preacher of the truth. No better investment of 25 cents is possible.

L. E. CHRISTMAN, Associate Sec.,
Gen. Con. Home Missionary Dept.

The Making of a Teacher

"A TEACHER in a public school in an eastern city one afternoon found one of her pupils fast asleep. She wakened him rather roughly, and bade him attend to his lessons. The next day she found him asleep again. She gave him a sound shaking, and said, 'If this happens again, you go to the principal for punishment.' It did happen again, and the boy was sent to the principal with a note from the teacher explaining his conduct, and declaring that the boy was too stupid to remain in school. The principal, after reading the note, looked at the boy and said, 'My lad, tell me why you sleep in school.' The boy hung his head and made no reply. The principal called the boy to his side and said, 'I am sure there is a reason for this. Surely no boy would sleep in school unless he had good cause to do so, and I assure you that I will be glad to aid you if I can. Come, tell me all about it.' Assured by this kindly treatment the boy said, 'Well, if I must tell you, I will. I have no father. My mother washes every day to earn bread for us, and to pay the rent. My little sister is sick now, and mother can't go out to wash. So, to help her, I get up at four o'clock and carry the morning papers to the houses in our end of the city. I get

home late in the morning, cold and hungry. We haven't much to eat. Then I come to school and along in the afternoon I get so sleepy I just can't keep awake. The teacher scolded me and sent me up here. That's all there is about it.' The principal put his hand on the boy's head and said, 'You're a brave fellow. I do understand, my boy, and if I can I mean to help you. Help your mother, come to school, never mind what the teacher said. She didn't know.' What the principal said to that teacher you may conjecture. Be assured it was good pedagogy. If we knew the facts, we would not so harshly and so hastily judge."

The foregoing paragraph is an excerpt from the 1933 Sabbath School Workers' Training Course book, "The Making of a Teacher." It is a fair sample of the interest and value of this publication, which was revised by the General Conference Sabbath School Department for the special use of our people in preparing themselves for better service as leaders and teachers in the Sabbath school. Harper and Brothers, the publishers, are selling the book to the public at \$1.50 but are allowing us to buy it from our Book and Bible Houses at 95 cents. Thus it is truly at bargain.

Together with the *Sabbath School Worker*, "The Making of a Teacher" constitutes the basis of our Training Course studies during 1933. Every Sabbath school of any size should organize a Training Course class, with a regular teacher, and meet weekly at that time and place most convenient to the largest number. If it seems impossible to hold a frequent meeting, the officers and teachers can study the course privately; a leader can keep a record of the progress being made by each one, and can encourage all to keep abreast of the monthly assignments as given in each number of the *Sabbath School Worker*; then occasional meetings can be called by this leader for discussion and counsel.

The course begins early in January, 1933. One should begin on time and be sure to finish. Remember that "efficient Sabbath schools provide for the Training Course; progressive leaders take it."

J. C. THOMPSON,
General Conference S. S. Department.

Tithes and Offerings

(Continued from page 2)

by the unfaithfulness of many in our churches who are robbing God and are hiding God's holy tithe among their own stuff, or are using it to purchase goodly Babylonish garments or other things of this world that they covet.

H. C. HARTWELL.

Elder A. C. Griffin, pastor; Elder E. H. Meyers, field missionary secretary.

Minnesota: Elder A. H. Rulkoetter, president; Elder A. A. Dirksen, home missionary secretary; Elder J. L. Tucker, pastor.

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North Dakota: Elder E. H. Oswald, president, and wife; Elder B. A. Scherr, home missionary secretary; R. R. Bietz, educational and Missionary Volunteer secretary.

South Dakota: Elder Gordon Oss, president; Leslie McKinley, home missionary secretary; Elder C. D. Hein, and Elder A. G. Youngberg.

Wyoming: Elder C. A. Purdom.

The meetings throughout were characterized by a very earnest desire to arrive at the best plans enabling the entire church membership to find the work assigned to each individual. The pastors of the churches rendered efficient help by passing on to us the plans in operation in their respective churches.

Elder J. F. Piper, our union conference president, spoke in the opening meeting on the "Layman's Missionary Movement, the Key to Our World-Wide Program." He said in part, "Every problem has its key. We have the key to the kingdom of heaven, which is the Word of God, which must be accompanied by the Holy Spirit. The key to the hearts of men as exemplified in the life of Jesus was His sweet, sympathetic love for souls. He interested Himself in the things in which they were interested. Souls is our great objective." He then suggested a goal of objects for our union of 2,100 for 1933.

Elder Charles Thompson gave a very inspiring study at the first devotional meeting Tuesday morning on the subject of "God's Program for Every Church." He opened his remarks by reading John 20:21, 22. "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." "The 'so' and 'as' someone has said are a pair of apothecary's balances, and are used a number of times in the Bible. 'As' it was in the days of Noah, 'so' shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 'As' my Father hath sent me, even 'so' send I you. Whatever is the responsibility of the church as a whole is the responsibility of every

member of the church. 'Every addition to the church should be one more agency for the carrying out of the plan of redemption.'—*Vol. VII, p. 222.* One forfeits his spiritual assets in turning his back upon his tasks, and the church that refuses to do the work of God forfeits its right to the Holy Spirit."

One entire evening was given over to the subject of personal work, and from time to time in these columns we will pass on some of the very interesting experiences which were given.

While two days were spent in solid work studying God's program for the church to carry this message to its neighbors and friends, the recommendations were very conspicuous by their absence, since we have sufficient recommendations to carry the program to every man's door if we will follow what we already have on record. It was felt that nothing should be passed on to the church except plans in which the church could consistently participate; therefore, as these plans come to the church, we hope and pray that you will give earnest consideration to that which we believe is the blue print given to us by our Heavenly Father for the finishing of the great task before us.

S. T. SHADEL.

Announcement

A JOINT colporteur institute for the Missouri and Kansas Conferences will be held at the Kansas city, Mo., church, at Charlotte and Linwood Boulevard, Kansas City, Mo., beginning Wednesday, December 28, and lasting until January 8, 1933. The first meeting will begin at 7:45. All are welcome.

We urge all who are interested in becoming a worker for God, and who desire to train themselves to do efficient work as soul winners, to plan to attend this important meeting. God is calling for men, strong men, to go out and represent this message to the world. Will you enlist at this time? Get in touch with your field missionary secretary and make arrangements at once.

Minnesota Conference

A. H. Rulkoetter, President
B. C. Marshall, Secretary
1854 Roblyn Ave. - - St. Paul

Appreciation

AS THE curtain drops on the events of 1932, I take this occasion of thanking our workers, our church officers, and our people for their cooperation throughout the past twelve months. Whatever has been accomplished for advancement in God's

cause through the state has been with the help of the workers, the officers, and the members. May God bless our united efforts of the past, and may our consecration be such that He may lead us into greater fields of service during the year 1933.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

Starting and Finishing

MOSES had little difficulty in getting the people started from the land of Egypt, but he had plenty of trouble before he led them to the border of the land of promise. The Bible gives us no memorial for the birth of Christ, but it gives us two memorials for His death. At this time of the year quite a few people are busily engaged in giving thought to turning over a new leaf at the beginning of 1933, but not very many are giving thought as to how they will finish 1932. Instead of directing all of our energy and thought as to how the new year is to begin, ought we not to give some real serious thought to what we should do to make our record right before 1932 closes? A few days still remain before the records will be eternally sealed. Let us make confession and restitution, for this is necessary. May God help us to close the year right.

A. H. RULKOETTER.

At the home of Brother and Sister Wm. Miller, in Wadena, evening after the Sabbath, December 17, 1932, was solemnized the ceremony that united for life Mr. Ervin J. Foster and Miss Della K. Miller. Mr. Foster and his bride are well known in Minneapolis; both are members of the Minneapolis English church, loved and respected by those who best know them. We bespeak for them many best wishes from their host of friends. Miss Miller worked in the Northern Union Conference as stenographer for some time. Mr. Foster lives on a farm near Minneapolis, where the young couple will make their home.

Iowa Conference

C. F. McVagh, President
G. F. Nystrom, Secretary
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Delay Is Fatal

IN THE gospel of Luke, chapter 14, the Saviour gives us a parable of a certain man that made a great supper and sent his servant to them that were bidden to come, for he said, "All things are now ready." Then in the 18th verse, we read, "And they all with one consent began to make excuse." One was a successful

farmer and had just bought more land. One had bought five yoke of oxen, and one had just gotten married. Now I know you will agree with me that there is nothing wrong in buying land or oxen, or even in getting married. Why the parable then? Why did the Saviour of men speak it, and why was it recorded by holy men? Is it not that the Lord, knowing the hearts of men, has tried to keep us from the pitfall of putting the temporal ahead of the spiritual? I am sure that there would be hundreds in the work where there is now but one if it were not for these earthly bonds. Have not you heard the call of God to service and yet turned a deafened ear when the still small voice of God spoke to you, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it"? How solemn are the words, "For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper." Verse 24. We are told that a great multitude followed Him and He said, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

It is fatal to delay, for the Lord sent His servant out into the highways and hedges and the house was filled, but none of them that were first bidden were at that supper. In view of the fact the servant of God has told us that the canvassing work is the very work the Lord would have His people do at this time, and that we cannot too highly estimate this work, for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning, do you not think it would be well to talk it over with the Lord and say, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" And as you hear the call of God to service, do as Isaiah of old. Send back the answer, "Here am I, send me."

The servant of God was shown God's people waiting for some change to take place—a compelling power to take hold of them. But they will be disappointed, for they are wrong. They must act. They must take hold of work themselves and earnestly cry to God for a true knowledge of themselves.

The scenes which are passing before us are of sufficient magnitude to cause us to arouse, and urge the truth home to the hearts of all who will listen. The harvest of the earth is nearly ripe. See Volume 1, page 261. May I add again, to delay is fatal.

At the convention just held at Mountain View, some changes were made in our institute dates, so that we might have the best help possible. Elder Franklin, of the General Conference, will be with us most a week, and Elder Collins all the way through, besides our local help. Be sure to write at once and make arrange-

ments. Time is short; do not forget the date, January 19-29. The Lord said unto His servant, "Bid them to come, compel them to come that my house may be filled."

Are you coming? If so, write at once. My address is 734 Main Street, Nevada, Iowa. L. P. KNECHT.

Investment Reports

ELDER McVAGH was present at the Hawarden Investment program on November 26, and he reported a full attendance and as fine a program as he had ever seen presented. Their offerings reached \$108, and they are hoping that it will reach \$120 before the close of the year. Every member had a part in this effort. Old and young assisted in the program and many visitors were present at the service.

Mrs. Edd Elias, superintendent of the Forest City Sabbath school, which has held such a fine one-hundred-percent record in Investment for several years, reports their program held November 19, when \$56.01 was added to previous returns in the effort. Every member invested something, and from reports the Lord has taken good care of all investments made. The two acres of corn pledged brought more than the average. One lady said she would give all the odd color chickens, and when they began to feather out it looked as though they were all going to be in that class. Already she has turned in \$10.81. Not all the products have been sold, but when all is in they are hoping to reach one hundred dollars.

Mrs. J. D. Palmer, superintendent of the Grinnell Sabbath school, has written that they had their program on November 26. All worked together in unity. The parts were perfectly prepared, and there were many visitors. All seemed to enjoy the program and said it was "wonderful." Every member of the school invested something for missions, and they had \$33.32, which is a gain of \$12.02 over the previous year. They had both "self-denial" and "good-deed" boxes and these added \$6.63. They have started to fill these boxes already for the year 1933. They hope to have them full to running over before the close of that year's work. They are planning for the thirteenth Sabbath program and a chart is being prepared for the first quarter of the new year.

In Volume 9, pages 157 and 158, we read: "The small sums saved by deeds of sacrifice will do more for the upbuilding of the cause of God than larger gifts will accomplish, that have not called for denial of self." So you see the self-denial idea

is a very important one, and evidently our giving is not measured by how much we give, but by what it costs us to give it. This should lead every one to give all he possibly can, knowing that the spirit of sacrifice is what counts.

Mrs. George Juhl, superintendent of the Smithland school, says: "We are only a little school, just like a family, but we have the best Sabbath schools and seasons of worship together." And with only six members they had \$50.06 Investment returns. One siter sold red raspberries which brought \$23.10 and gave it all. Wire, chickens, birds, flowers, gooseberries, and cottage cheese helped.

MRS. FLORA V. DORCAS.

Iowa Notes

WILL the one who wrote early in the third quarter about having her class make scrap books for children in Formosa, please send her name and address to the conference Sabbath school secretary? Thank you.

Elder McVagh spent Sabbath and Sunday, November 26, 27, with the church at Hawarden. Evening meetings were held each day, and while there Brother M. S. Skadsheim was ordained as local elder of the church.

Elder J. C. Nixon spent the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer with the Boone church. He was at Nevada until Wednesday, when he went to Harlan, then held a meeting at Audubon on Thursday, at Harlan on Friday, and was at Lake City for the service on Sabbath, December 3.

Elder J. C. Christenson and Professor C. W. Marsh, Central Union educational secretary, had appointments for the same places, Lake City and Fort Dodge, on Sabbath, December 3, and the association was mutually enjoyed. At Lake City all members were present, and the annual election was held.

An unusually large number of *Sabbath School Worker* subscriptions expire with the January number. We hope that none will miss a number, but that subscriptions will be promptly renewed. Remember that you do not have to pay for the whole year at one time, either for Memory Verse cards, Picture Rolls, *Instructor*, or *Worker*. They can be ordered by the year at the Book and Bible House and be paid for by the quarter, which will make it more convenient for many schools.

Mrs. R. R. Figuhr, Sabbath school secretary in the Philippine Union Mission, has written expressing appreciation for

the Picture Rolls that are being sent to them after being used in the schools here. They would be very happy to receive any of our papers, *Little Friend*, *Instructor*, *Signs*, or *Present Truth*, and Memory Verse cards, to be used in the work there. The postage rate is two ounces for one cent. She assures us that every thing that is sent will be used. Address, M. F. Wiedemann, P. O. Box 813, Manila, P. I.

Remember that until midnight of December you can order the *Instructor* of the Book and Bible House and receive it for eight months for \$1.00. This would be a fine gift to young people.

Brother L. P. Knecht returned, December 20, from the bookmen's convention held in Mountain View, Calif. He reports that meeting a great success. There was no note of discouragement from any field. Great records were not discussed, but the Spirit of God reigned supreme. He feels that the help gained at this convention is going to make 1933 a banner year in Iowa, and asks that we remember the colporteurs in our prayers. Through the courtesy of Brother and Sister R. G. Campbell, of the Missouri Conference, Mrs. Knecht accompanied them to the Coast, and they consider the trip both profitable and enjoyable.

THE REAPER thanks its many readers who have so kindly sent letters of appreciation, and it wishes all a happy and prosperous new year, with constant blessings from the Lord.

No. Dakota Conference

E. H. Oswald, President
S. E. Ortner, Secretary

Box 1491 - - - Jamestown

Appointment Notice

THE Fargo M. V. society has been busily working for the Friend requirements, and January 6 has been appointed for an investiture service. It will be the first service of its kind in North Dakota. Those who will be honored on that evening are: Richard Wilkerson, Edward Shade, Earl McGill, Kathleen Colehour, Joyce Romig, Warren McGill, Elliton McGill, Alton Colehour, Pauline Lemke, Orlee Fox, Mrs. Bunnell (Leader), Dorothy Hume, Myrna Schade, Pricilla Fox, Flora Peterson, Fern Camp (Secretary), Jesseman Colehour, Miss Gidding (Assistant Leader).

We hope other societies will gather a group of juniors about them and start a Progressive class. Start the year out right.

We are glad that Elder Gordon Smith will be with us on this evening, and we know it will be an inspirational evening for old and young.

R. R. BIETZ, M. V. Sec.

Sacrifice at Keene Church School

WORD comes from Sister Anna Peterson, a church school teacher at Keene, N. Dak., that their small school of nine pupils has gathered \$8.79 during the Week of Sacrifice. She goes on to say, "The children were not all able to reach the 25-cent goal, but all gave something. Wilson did not know for a while where he was going to get his; but he thought about a pair of new mittens he had been promised. He asked to be allowed to have the money for the Week of Sacrifice and wear the old mittens. When he brought his envelope with thirty-six cents in it he said, 'It surely does make a person feel good to be able to sacrifice for Jesus.'"

Wilson is a boy of about ten years. I wonder whether we older ones are willing to sacrifice to such an extent.

R. R. BIETZ, Ed. Sec.

North Dakota Items

ELDER OSWALD, Elder Scherr, and Brother Bietz left Jamestown early Sunday morning, December 18, for Lincoln, Nebr., to attend a ministerial institute.

Elder A. A. Leiske met with the Jamestown English church Friday night and Sabbath at the end of the Week of Prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Bietz returned to Jamestown Thursday, December 15, after an absence of eight weeks. During their absence Brother Bietz has been holding meetings at Mandan with good success.

Elder Gordon Smith, the Missionary Volunteer secretary of the Central Union, spent the Week of Prayer in North Dakota, and his help was very much appreciated. He and Brother Bietz spent several days at Sheyenne River Academy, and the rest of the time was spent in visiting the churches at Bismarck, Bowdon, and Fargo.

In the early part of December Brother Eli Wentland, of Pettibone, brought his wife to Jamestown, and a diagnosis revealed the necessity of an operation. She was taken to the Trinity Hospital in Jamestown and was operated on. We are glad to report at this time that Sister Wentland has gotten along splendidly, and at this writing is leaving Jamestown for her home. We hope that she will soon recover entirely from her operation.

Brother S. E. Ortner spent one day in Fargo last week, auditing the Fargo church books. He stopped over with the Valley City church for the last Sabbath of the Week of Prayer.

We are glad to report a good sale on Home Missionary Wall Calendars. The orders have far exceeded our expectations, and we have had to re-order several times. This leads us to believe that our people are beginning to appreciate more than they ever have before the benefits derived from having our own calendars hung up in their homes. We hope many more who have not ordered one of these fine calendars, will do so right away so that they may have it throughout the entire new year.

Mrs. John Thorn, who has spent considerable time in Jamestown the last month, and also passed through an operation at the Trinity Hospital, is improving and hopes to be able to go home within a day or two.

It has been gratifying to note the many payments that are being made on the camp meeting pledges signed up during the time of our camp meeting. We find, however, that there are quite a goodly number that have not been paid and we trust that all who possibly can will meet their pledge so that they will not have to be carried over into the new year. Lists have been furnished to all the treasurers of the churches, whose members signed pledge cards, and anyone who may have forgotten the amount of his pledge will be able to obtain this information from the treasurer of the church.

S. R. A. News Notes

DURING the past Week of Prayer several of the faculty members visited different churches in the vicinity of the academy. Professor Newman was at Sheyenne the first week-end. During the week he visited the Harvey church and the last week-end he assisted in the meetings at Hurdsfield. Professor Winter went to Manfred the first week-end, to Harvey during the week, and to Sheyenne the last week-end. Professor Michalenko spent the first week-end at Hurdsfield and the last part of the week at Manfred.

We were glad to have Elder Oswald as our visitor last week, even if he could only be with us for a short time.

In chapel Monday Mrs. Zumbaum told us of a few striking facts concerning table manners. We all enjoyed the talk very much. Miss Peterson told us of two kinds of gold; namely, pure gold and fool's gold. Let us ask God to show us what is real gold and help us learn to

discern it and appreciate pure gold in whatsoever things are lovely, pure, just, honest, true, and of good report, with man and God. Professor Winters emphasized the importance of selecting good friends, not only in our associations but also in our books. Of all the books we have to read, the most important and the truest and most steadfast friend is the Holy Bible. Surely we should all spend more time cultivating the acquaintances of this friend.

Kansas Conference

C. S. Wiest, President
J. H. Nies, Secretary
Box 605 - - - - - Topeka

Kansas Items

IN talking with the Book and Bible House secretary, he informs us that there would be nothing that would please him more than to get all the outstanding Book and Bible House accounts in before he closes the records for the year on December 31. It is very nice to please people, and we would therefore suggest that all those who owe, pay their accounts now.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ragsdale returned Sunday, December 18, from the southern part of the state, where they spent the Week of Prayer among the churches. Brother Ragsdale had a touch of the "flu" and consequently has not been at the office since he returned. No doubt by the time this item is read he will be about his work again.

Brother N. S. Kemper, one of the charter members of the Topeka Seventh-day Adventist church, passed away Monday night, December 19. Brother Kemper will be greatly missed by the Topeka church. We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Sister Kemper and her family in this hour of sorrow.

Elders C. S. Wiest, A. C. Griffin, and E. H. Meyers attended the home missionary convention held at Lincoln, Nebr. They returned to Topeka Thursday morning, December 22.

In last week's issue of the REAPER it was reported that Brother A. A. Ragan, elder of the Wellington church, who is in the Santa Fe Hospital, was getting along nicely. Since then he has had a relapse and is not doing so well as it was hoped. We hope by the time this item is read he will be greatly improved.

We are planning on closing the conference books January 5 and 6. We hope that all the treasurers will have their reports in by that time, as well as the Sab-

bath schools and isolated believers. We would like to have all the funds in that should come in for this year before the records are closed. Your promptness in this matter will be appreciated.

Enterprise Academy

BECAUSE of illness Paulena Conness left for her home in Salina, Kans., December 14. Paulena expects to return after the holiday vacation.

Lester Albee, Virgil Mohr, and Eldon Marshall are back in school after an enforced vacation caused by an encounter with the chicken pox.

The average butter fat production of the academy herd for the last month was 34.5 per cow.

The second semester begins January 9, 1933. Plan to be one of the Enterprise Academy family.

Missouri Conference

H. C. Hartwell, President
I. H. Harrison, Secretary
616 So. Second St. - - - Clinton

Missouri News Notes

ELDER O. T. GARNER, of Kansas City, met with the Kingsville church for one of the meetings of the Week of Prayer.

Elder Melvin Oss met with the Springfield, Oak Grave, and Ava churches during the Week of Prayer.

Elder Hartwell, Elder Oss, and Brother Moseley left Sunday, December 18, for Lincoln, Nebr., where they are attending a home missionary institute and ministerial convention.

Brother and Sister R. G. Campbell arrived back in Clinton from the bookmen's convention Monday, December 19. They report a very profitable convention held in the interest of our publishing work at Mountain View.

Have you read the wonderful book by Vesta J. Farnsworth, "Stories Mother Told"? This book consists of forty-one stories such as small boys and girls like to hear—stories that are not only interesting, but that will be helpful in making children better, stronger, and happier. They can be told in the family circle, and even the older members of the family like to hear them. They are real stories of real people. It has 176 pages, illustrated. Special holiday price, only \$1.25 postpaid. Order a copy today from the Missouri Book and Bible House.

Have you secured your copy of the new 1933 Home Missionary Wall Calendar? The calendar this year contains a number of new features. Have you seen the eight choice recipes for simple and delicious foods contributed for this calendar by Seventh-day Adventist wives and mothers? One recipe alone would be well worth the price of the 1933 calendar, but there are eight of them. The price of the calendar is only 25c. Order your copy today.

So. Dakota Conference

Gorden Oss, President
B. L. Schlotthauer, Secretary
Drawer 586 - - - Watertown

Mobridge

SOMETIME ago the writer was asked by the South Dakota Conference to spend some time with the church at Mobridge, and after having had meetings for two weeks with the church near Leola, I arrived here on the 22nd of November, and the meetings began the following evening. The attendance was good from the start but kept on increasing, and some evenings some could not get in because every seat was taken.

On December 6 we had a delightful baptism, when seven precious souls made the covenant with their Lord. One of these was a young married woman who had spent thirteen years in a Catholic convent. We can certainly rejoice when such people come into the full light of the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The interest at Mobridge is good, and we hope that several other families will soon take their stand for the glorious truth of our God.

H. J. MEYER.

Obituaries

ALTMAN.—Martin Augustus Altman was born in Chesire, Allegan County, Mich., May 22, 1869; and fell asleep during the evening of December 11, 1932. His childhood and youth were spent in Pemberville, Ohio. At the age of 19 he was converted and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. The following year he moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., and has lived there for varying periods since that time.

On January 21, 1894, he was married to Leah Ellen Vandermark, of Denver, Colo. In the year 1897, while laboring in the Colorado Conference, he was ordained to the gospel ministry, and the remainder of his active life was devoted to the faithful pursuit of this high calling. He served in various parts of the United

States, as well as in the British Isles, South Africa, and the Bahama Islands. It was in the latter place that his health failed, necessitating his return to Colorado in 1925.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Roger Martin Altman, now in Colorado Springs, and Stanley Reuben Altman, of Bellevue, Ky.; a sister, Mrs. Edith Clare Harris, of Fair Oaks, Calif.; and one grandson.

He was a devoted husband, a kind and understanding father, a wise pastor, a true shepherd of the flock committed to his care. His years of public ministry made him beloved by hundreds. He awaits the call of the Life-giver.

Funery services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder C. F. Lickey. JAY J. NETHERY.

BERGIN.—Charles Gustaf Bergin was born Sept. 11, 1866, in Stockholm, Sweden, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Martinson, in Mayzata, Minn., Dec. 1, 1932.

He came to America in 1883, finally going to North Dakota, where he married Clara Lundquist, March 26, 1891. Four children were born to this union. In 1901 his wife died and Dec. 16, 1903 he was married to Josephine Bostrom. Two children were born to this union. He united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in 1901. He was a man of deep spiritual convictions, and the cause of God was dear to him. He held positions of trust in the church.

In the colporteur work he earned two scholarships for his two daughters, and helped other young people get a Christian education. He was business and farm manager at Sheyenne River Academy in 1906 and 1907. He was also a member of the North Dakota Conference committee for a number of years.

Besides his companion, he is mourned by three daughters, one son, and six grandchildren, and other relatives and friends. Funeral service was held at the Lake Eunice church, near Detroit Lakes, Minn., Elder M. L. Andreassen and the writer officiating. R. N. NELSON.

ANDERSON. — Minerva Anderson was born Sept. 8, 1844, in Peoria, Ill., and died Dec. 19, 1932, in Omaha, Nebr., where she had lived for many years. She reared a family of ten children, and in all her responsibility was a devoted Christian. Left to mourn are five children and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was laid to rest in the Forest Lawn Cemetery to await her Master's call. T. M. LANGBERG.

FOR SALE. — California Dried Fruit. Sterilized, graded, 10-lb. net in box, satisfaction guaranteed. Prices express prepaid to points west of the Mississippi: 50-60 Santa Clara prunes, \$1.20; extra choice apricots, \$1.60; fancy peaches, \$1.40; Thompson's seedless raisins, 25-lb. box only, \$2.60. Other dried fruits, honey, nuts, and olives, at low prices also. Agents to sell from house to house wanted. Address C. N. Lake, Mountain View, Calif. 43,4

FOR SALE.—40 acres located 16 miles south of South Sioux City, in Nebraska. Equipped for bees, chickens, and cows. 8 acres chicken tight; 10 acres alfalfa; balance in two pastures. Large three-room house; cement cellar; cistern well. Fruit 4 chicken houses; honey house 14 x 22. Full basement. Will sell bees, 11 head of stock, chickens, hay, grain, amchinery, etc. Wish to locate near academy and canvass. Communicate if interested with Ernest Jordan, Winnebago, Nebr. 42,3

COLPORTEURS' REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 17, 1932

	Bk.	Hrs.	Ord.	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
IOWA: L. P. Knecht, Field Missionary Secretary							
Glenn Shelton	BR	40	9	40.00	3.00	43.00	.....
A Colporteur	Crisis	21	.....	.....	27.50	27.50	10.50
C. E. Jensen	DR	.....	1	7.50	33.75	41.25	23.75
Carl Edwards	RJ	21	5	16.00	6.75	22.75	16.25
H. G. Biggers	Misc.	21	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	38.25
M. A. Wyman	RJ	35	.....	.....	11.00	11.00	20.50
Elva Wilcox	OD	21	.....	.....	2.95	2.95	12.65
Elmer Cox	OD	22	1	2.50	4.25	6.75	3.25
Anna Hanson	BR	23	1	6.00	1.00	7.00	2.75
Mrs. Snovel	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Total		204	17	72.00	97.70	169.70	128.90
COLORADO: P. E. Shakespeare, Field Missionary Secretary							
V. Arnell	HW	10	.....	.....	5.50	5.50	5.50
H. L. Canfield	BR,BPS	30	6	12.00	13.00	25.00	3.75
Mrs. Curtis	HW	30	.....	.....	18.80	18.80	18.80
E. Harper	HP	8	.....	.....	.25	.25	2.50
Anna Hayer	HP	20	1	5.50	3.00	8.50	3.75
Mrs. Jenkins	BP	34	.....	.....	2.50	2.50	37.00
Sarah McGrew	HW	11	.....	.....	3.40	3.40	12.20
Mrs. Ownbt	HW	.....	.....	.....	3.00	3.00	3.00
H. R. Printice	BR	13	.....	.....	.75	.75	32.25
Albert Priest	HP	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	28.50
Jacob Reuber	BP	69	1	6.00	22.00	28.00	36.50
Mrs. Willett	HW	23	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	4.00
Mrs. Morrow	HW	10	.....	.....	3.75	3.75	3.75
W. R. Zollinger	BP	9	.....	.....	.50	.50	.50
Total		323	8	23.50	83.95	107.45	192.00
MISSOURI: R. G. Campbell, Field Missionary Secretary							
E. C. Aaby	OD	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.25
W. A. Burton	DR	9	2	10.00	7.20	17.20	25.50
Bennice DesMukes	OT	15	3	15.00	.....	15.00	.20
Marguerite DesMukes	OT	17	4	19.00	1.50	20.50	.....
Mrs. L. Erickson	RJ	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00
Henry Harlow	BR	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11.30
W. E. Helt	PP	17	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	.....
Georgia Kemp	HP	9	1	5.50	.75	6.25	7.50
Henry L. Lane	BR	23	1	4.50	4.50	9.00	3.00
Floyd Mathews	BR	40	3	16.50	.....	16.50	.....
Maynard Walker	HW	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00
Mrs. A. F. Myers	Mag.	17	.....	.....	8.75	8.75	8.75
Total		154	14	70.50	26.70	97.20	70.50
Grand Total		681	39	166.00	208.35	374.35	391.40

CENTRAL UNION CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF SIXTY-CENT-A-WEEK FUND FOR ELEVEN MONTHS (FORTY-EIGHT WEEKS) ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1932

	Member-ship	Amt.\$28.80 Per Memb.	Amount Received	Amount Short	Per Member-1932	1931
Colorado	3233	93110.40	41383.91	51726.49	.267	.329
Iowa	2522	72633.60	28155.56	44478.04	.233	.298
Kansas	2506	72172.80	20403.22	51769.58	.170	.217
Minnesota	3310	95328.00	33440.19	61887.81	.210	.302
Missouri	2141	61660.80	24430.76	37230.04	.238	.267
Nebraska	2400	69120.00	27561.05	41558.95	.239	.344
North Dakota	2158	62150.40	13178.04	48972.36	.127	.163
South Dakota	1468	42278.40	15986.96	26291.44	.227	.320
Wyoming	320	9216.00	5432.51	3783.49	.354	.399
Union	20058	577670.40	209972.20	367698.20	.218	.283

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Campaign Extended

THERE has come to the publishers from the General Conference Home Missionary Department and from a number of local conferences an earnest request that the time for the special discount sale on the writings of Mrs. E. G. White be extended. A surprising interest has been manifested in this two months' sale, and it has revealed the fact that many Adventist homes do not now have the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy. One of our oldest conferences entered heartily into this campaign and in a single month secured orders for 57 sets of the "Testimonies" and 55 sets of the "Conflict of the Ages" series. In previous years hundreds of sets of these books were sold in this same conference. This is a clear indication of the fact that there is a real need, and what can be accomplished by energetic effort.

In order to meet the need and to comply with requests that have come, the publishers have consented to extend the time for this special discount sale to April 1, 1933. Write your Book and Bible House for prices and full information.

The Home Missionary Calendar For 1933

THE great clock of the universe keeps accurate time, and is about to usher in another year of opportunity. One of the necessities in keeping step with the onward march of time and the denominational endeavor for the advancement of the third angel's message in 1933, is the Home Missionary Calendar. While hundreds of these calendars have found their place on the walls of home, office, and school, there are still many vacant places waiting to be filled by this beautiful art production, with its items of information and practical suggestions applicable for every day in the year. If you do not already have this calendar, you can secure a copy within a few days by ordering from your Book and Bible House. Be sure to get one of the few remaining on the shelves at this time.

The cover page of the calendar presents a very realistic picture of Christ in a home of poverty, and before Him

lies a helpless lad on a mat of straw, while the boy's mother appears in a most beseeching attitude, asking help for her child. The grandmother is also there. The scripture themes for the year present the "Wonderful Names of Our Saviour" and "Exceeding Great and Precious Promises." The complete calendar of the denominational programs and special days is furnished, and every church member will find this indispensable. A new feature is the "Bible Memory Test," stimulating interesting the minds of young and old to find the answers to the questions asked, pertaining to birds, rivers, mountains, cities, children, etc., mentioned in the Scriptures. For the aid of parents in making this feature of the calendar helpful in morning worship in the home, a key to the questions is furnished. "Emergency Treatments," "Helpful Hints for the Home Maker," and "Eight Favorite Recipes" are also new features of the calendar this year. In comparison with the great amount of information given, the price of 25 cents per copy is indeed very small. This calendar should be placed in every Seventh-day Adventist home, school, sanitarium, and place of business. It is a silent and effective preacher of the truth. No better investment of 25 cents is possible.

L. E. CHRISTMAN, Associate Sec.,
Gen. Con. Home Missionary Dept.

The Making of a Teacher

"A TEACHER in a public school in an eastern city one afternoon found one of her pupils fast asleep. She awakened him rather roughly, and bade him attend to his lessons. The next day she found him asleep again. She gave him a sound shaking, and said, 'If this happens again, you go to the principal for punishment.' It did happen again, and the boy was sent to the principal with a note from the teacher explaining his conduct, and declaring that the boy was too stupid to remain in school. The principal, after reading the note, looked at the boy and said, 'My lad, tell me why you sleep in school.' The boy hung his head and made no reply. The principal called the boy to his side and said, 'I am sure there is a reason for this. Surely no boy would sleep in school unless he had good cause to do so, and I assure you that I will be glad to aid you if I can. Come, tell me all about it.' Assured by this kindly treatment the boy said, 'Well, if I must tell you, I will. I have no father. My mother washes every day to earn bread for us, and to pay the rent. My little sister is sick now, and mother can't go out to wash. So, to help her, I get up at four o'clock and carry the morning papers to the houses in our end of the city. I get

home late in the morning, cold and hungry. We haven't much to eat. Then I come to school and along in the afternoon I get so sleepy I just can't keep awake. The teacher scolded me and sent me up here. That's all there is about it.' The principal put his hand on the boy's head and said, 'You're a brave fellow. I do understand, my boy, and if I can I mean to help you. Help your mother, come to school, never mind what the teacher said. She didn't know.' What the principal said to that teacher you may conjecture. Be assured it was good pedagogy. If we knew the facts, we would not so harshly and so hastily judge."

The foregoing paragraph is an excerpt from the 1933 Sabbath School Workers' Training Course book, "The Making of a Teacher." It is a fair sample of the interest and value of this publication, which was revised by the General Conference Sabbath School Department for the special use of our people in preparing themselves for better service as leaders and teachers in the Sabbath school. Harper and Brothers, the publishers, are selling the book to the public at \$1.50 but are allowing us to buy it from our Book and Bible Houses at 95 cents. Thus it is truly at bargain.

Together with the *Sabbath School Worker*, "The Making of a Teacher" constitutes the basis of our Training Course studies during 1933. Every Sabbath school of any size should organize a Training Course class, with a regular teacher, and meet weekly at that time and place most convenient to the largest number. If it seems impossible to hold a frequent meeting, the officers and teachers can study the course privately; a leader can keep a record of the progress being made by each one, and can encourage all to keep abreast of the monthly assignments as given in each number of *Sabbath School Worker*; then occasional meetings can be called by this leader for discussion and counsel.

The course begins early in January, 1933. One should begin on time and be sure to finish. Remember that "efficient Sabbath schools provide for the Training Course; progressive leaders take it."

J. C. THOMPSON,

General Conference S. S. Department.

Tithes and Offerings

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by the unfaithfulness of many in our churches who are robbing God and are hiding God's holy tithe among their own stuff, or are using it to purchase goodly Babylonish garments or other things of this world that they covet.

H. C. HARTWELL.